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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JANUARY 17, 2021

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

WORSHIP WITH BISHOP L. JONATHAN HOLSTON

WELCOME AND GREETING		Rev. Dr. Stephen Love
HYMN	“Guide Me O Thy Great Jehovah”	Carla Fleming, Sarah Mosely, Rev. Angela Marshall
OPENING PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE		Rev. Dr. Stephen Love
HYMN	“Press On”	Sarah Mosely and Rev. Angela Marshall
SERMON	“Failure Is Not An Option”	Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
HYMN	“Come to the Water” by Matt Maher	Words in Bulletin
APOSTLES CREED AND LORD’S PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Stephen Love
HYMN	“Spirit Song”	Carla Fleming, Sarah Mosely, Rev. Angela Marshall
BENEDICTION		Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

Preacher: Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Stephen Love

Accompanist: Carla Fleming

Guitarist/Vocalist: Sarah Mosely

Vocalist: Rev. Angela Marshall

Host Pastor and Church: Rev. Andrew Wolfe, St. James UMC, Spartanburg

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THE CONNECTION

The Mission of First United Methodist Church is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.
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A Few Words from the Pastor...

I have told you all this so you may have peace in me. Here on this earth, you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart because I have overcome the world. John 16:33 NLT

It seems that there is more chaos around us than peace these days. The corona virus is rampant and doing harm to people we love, violence, and threats of more violence in our country dominate the news. These are dark and troubling times for us. Many of you have shared with me your struggle to stay hopeful and positive. You've told me how impossible it is some days to be a light for Jesus, to feel his blessed peace, or to be instruments of the Lord's peace.

It is okay to be broken hearted and discouraged by what is happening. Sometimes we need Jesus' strength to just face another day. Remember that not one thing we are dealing with right now is a surprise to God. And none of these dark times can overcome the light of Christ. Chapter 16 of John's gospel begins with "I have told you these things, so you do not abandon your faith," and ends with the words above in verse 33. Jesus knew that evil and darkness would attempt to overwhelm our light for Christ and sabotage our work for peace as the children of God.

When we are ready to give up and join the darkness. Jesus reminds us to take heart because he has conquered the world. We are not alone, and we do not have to face life's challenges by ourselves. One thing that helps me keep the faith is to take time to pause and practice the living fruit that Steven Harper identifies in his book, *Five Marks of a Methodist*. They are to love God, rejoice in God, give thanks to God, pray to God constantly, and to love others.¹ Rueben P. Job in the introduction to this book says, "it is a way of living in God's gracious presence that I choose for myself."² We can choose to focus on God and live to serve the Lord when we are refueled by Jesus.

I HAVE TOLD YOU THESE THINGS
SO THAT IN ME YOU
may have
Peace
IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE
But take heart!
I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD

JOHN 16:33

Pastor Debra

¹ Harper, Steve, *Five Marks of a Methodist*, Abingdon Press, Nashville 2015

² Ibid

OUR PRAYER LIST — Our President, our Congress, all Governors, Mayors, State, County, and Local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, all who defend our nation, all who make decisions for our nation, Jane Mayhew, Jane Campbell, Jeff Foster, Mabel Foster, Betty Thrailkill, Sarah Margaret Therrell Family, Jim Bennett, Margaret Stanton, Dare Marsh, Phillip Caulder, JoAnne Morgan, Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Randy Butler, Mary-Mallete Wood, Christy Moore (Sally Smith's friend), Sam Eubanks, Harold Lomas, Pete Baker Family, Debbie Adams and Family. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

A mask worn incorrectly is not safe or effective.

ARE YOU WEARING YOUR MASK CORRECTLY?



Make sure:



Your nose, mouth, and chin are covered



Your straps should hold your mask snugly around your face without any gaps.



Thank You For Your Cooperation With Our COVID-19 Safety Protocols!

Enter Through Office Lobby
Temperature Checks
Exit Through Sanctuary Front
Doors after Worship as
Directed by Ushers
Maintain 6ft Distance
No Singing
Wear Masks Properly and
the Entire Time You Are in
the Church

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: The UMW have started purchasing catered meals for bereavement meals due to the COVID-19 restrictions. If you would like to donate to this cause, please mark your check bereavement meals and mail it or drop it off at the church on Sunday morning.

BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: All Bible Study and Sunday School classes are postponed until further notice due to the high incidence of COVID-19 in our area.

SYMPATHY: First UMC extends its sympathy to the family of Sarah Margaret Therrell family upon her death.

BOOK AVAILABLE: Copies of the book titled "Resurrection, A Pastor's Reading of the Major New Testament Resurrection Passages" by Pastor Phil Thrailkill, are available in the church office. They are \$15.00 each and the money is being donated to FUMC.

J.O.Y CLUB: The J.O.Y Club will not be meeting until further notice. Mary and Renie will advise when the first meeting will be.



Nurture and Care Ministry Reaching Hearts

First United Methodist Church's Nurture and Care ministry works extremely hard to help shut-ins stay connected with our church especially during the covid-19 pandemic. Phone calls, cards, and gifts help those who cannot attend church at this time know we love them and are thinking about them. The transport ministry has provided rides for several individuals to doctor's appointments. If you would like to be contacted by one of our ministry volunteers, or if you need a ride to a doctor's appointment, please contact the church office at 843-537-7002.

MEMORIAL GIFTS: If you would like to give an "in memory" gift to FUMC, you may designate it to any area listed below: Contingency Fund, Endowment Fund, Memorial Fund, Music Fund, Adult Exercise Class, Salkehatchie Summer Service, Bus Fund, Youth Ministries, Children's Ministries, Building Upkeep Fund, Parsonage Upkeep Fund, Grounds Upkeep Fund, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Flower Fund, Bereavement Meals, and named Scholarships. Call the church office for more information.



Join us for virtual worship when you cannot be here in person. Sunday Morning Worship Services are recorded each week in the sanctuary. The service is available by 2 p.m. on the Sunday it is recorded. To worship with us virtually go to [www.fumc.org](#). Click on the tab labeled "video sermon archive." Then click on the service you want to participate in and enjoy worshipping with your church family. The most recent sermon will always be at the top of the list



Your Help Needed!

We do not currently have a person on staff to provide music for worship. Volunteer musicians are providing the music for the prelude and postlude each Sunday. We are using recordings of hymns. If you can play the guitar, piano, organ we need your help to provide music for our worship service in this transition. Please contact Jenny Keefe at 843-601-2586 and offer to share your

God-given talents with our church.

ENDOWMENT FUND: Have you considered remembering the church in your will/bequests? The Endowment can grow through your special giving, if you would like to make a contribution to this fund, mark on the “for line” of your check Endowment Fund.

IN MEMORY OR HONOR

In Memory of Sam McCuen

M&M Rhett Butler

In Memory of Amy Smith

M&M Ronnie Cundiff, M&M Rhett Butler, Eleanor Baker, Barbara Teck, Trey Padgett

In Memory of Billy Wicker

Tressa & Philip Tuck, M&M Ronald Cundiff, M&M Glenn Marsh, M&M Greg Sanderson

In Memory of Henry Brasington

M&M Rhett Butler

In Memory of Pete Baker

M&M Rhett Butler, M&M Greg Sanderson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 17, 2021

10:00am NO Worship in Sanctuary
5:30-7:00pm NO UMYF

Monday, January 18, 2021

6:30pm NO Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm January 24 Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open

Thursday, January 21, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open

Sunday, January 24, 2021

10:00am Worship in Sanctuary
5:30-7:00pm UMYF

FUMC STAFF

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Angie Smith, Ministry Assistant (fumcangiesmith@gmail.com)

Holly Haire, Child Development Ministry Director (fccdm@yahoo.com)

Now Hiring! - Music Director

McArn Items: Drink Mixes
Head Usher: Greg Sanderson
Attendance January 10: 50

Year to Date Received: \$14,875.00
Year to Date Expenses: \$17,188.71