

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Create in me
a clean heart,
O God,
and put a new
and right
spirit
within me.**

Psalm 51:10

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

LITURGICAL COLOR: BURLAP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER

Psalm 25: 1-10 NRSV

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

Let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Response:

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before me.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Response:

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before me.

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end, Amen, Amen.

HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

Words in Bulletin

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 9: 8-17

Pastor Debra

SERMON

“This Is the Sign”

Pastor Debra

HYMN

“Promises Never Fail” By Bethel Music

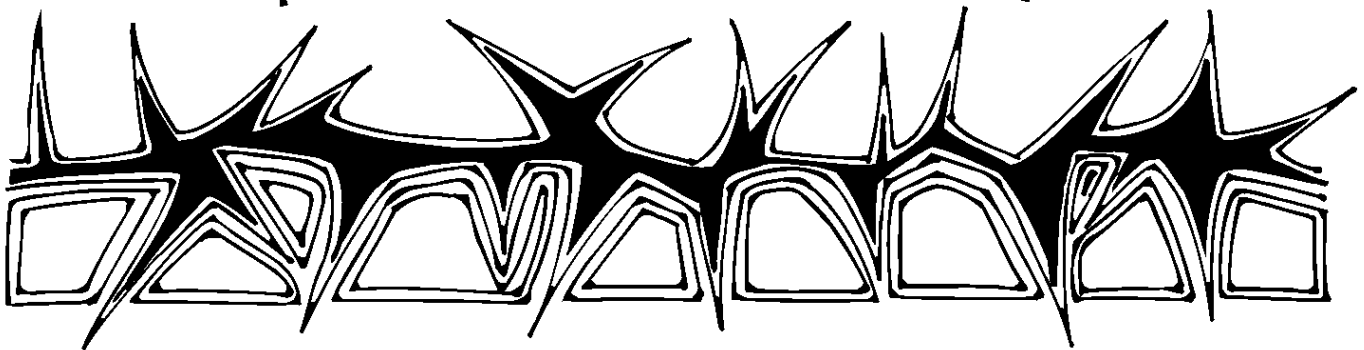
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of Sammy Quick on his birthday by Christie, Andrew, Sallie, Jack and Alice McLeod and Rob Stewart.

First Sunday of Lent



“Be Thou My Vision”

Mary E. Byrne, Eleanor H. Hull, Carlton R. Young

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

"Promises Never Fail"

Bethel Music

You are with me
What can separate us
You are for me
What can stand against us
Your love, it won't let go
I know it won't

Darkness, shadows
Have no power over me
Fear is empty
Shame has no authority
Your love, it won't let go
I know it won't

I know Your thoughts
Your plans for me are good
And I know You hold
My future and my hope
Your promises never fail
Your promises never fail

Healing and freedom
As You speak favor over me
Faith is breaking all impossibility
Your name has overcome
Your name alone

For I know Your thoughts
Your plans for me are good
I know You hold
My future and my hope
Your promises never fail
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I am standing on every promise that
You make
I will see it come to pass in Your
name, in Your name

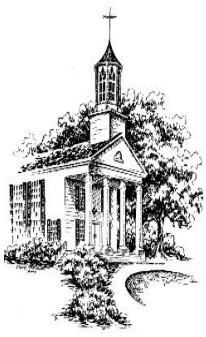
Jesus, I will trust every word I hear
You say
I will see it come to pass in Your
name, in Your name

I am standing on every promise that
You make
I will see it come to pass in Your
name, in Your name
Jesus, I will trust every word I hear
You say
I will see it come to pass in Your
name, in Your name
In Your name

You're the God who makes a way for
miraculous things
Oh I believe, I believe

I am standing on every promise that
You make
I will see it come to pass in Your
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THE CONNECTION

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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...

“Loss hurts. It’s tough to go through, and painful to watch.”¹

As we approach the throne of God’s grace this Lenten season, it can be a time to mourn our losses. There has been too many of those this past year. In an article on webhealing.com, TG writes in an article entitled, *Taking the Grieving Heart Seriously* that “we are all grieving or know someone who is.”²

Right now, we are grieving as of community of faith at First United Methodist Church and as individuals. We are mourning the loss of a way of life we enjoyed both in our individual and corporate lives. We are mourning the loss of stability and the constant change required just to stay safe during this pandemic. We are mourning the deaths of too many of our church and personal family members by natural causes and the coronavirus. There are other losses that people are mourning too. The key word loss just seems inadequate to describe the heart-breaking, debilitating sorrow many people feel these days. Grief hurts. It is difficult to go through. Grief is painful to watch in others.

Grief is a process that we work through. It is important to have others who are willing to walk with us through the pain and the sorrow. Ignored or suppressed grief will not go away. It can be the thing that hardens the heart and destroys the soul. But there is hope in the power of the one who bore the cross and rose from the grave to save us. Our healer, Jesus, was no stranger to grief. Jesus showed it with his tears and the comfort he offered the sisters at the grave of Lazarus in John 11. Breaking open a heart and allowing ourselves to walk through grief to healing is a process that takes time and support.

If grief is the obstacle that is keeping the healing love of God from cleaning your heart and restoring your soul, know that you are not alone. God is present with you and there are others taking this same journey who are willing to help you. Feel free to call Pastor Debra for pastoral counseling. Check out webhealing.com for articles, book suggestion and support from others traveling this road. Open your heart and let the healing begin.

Pastor Debra



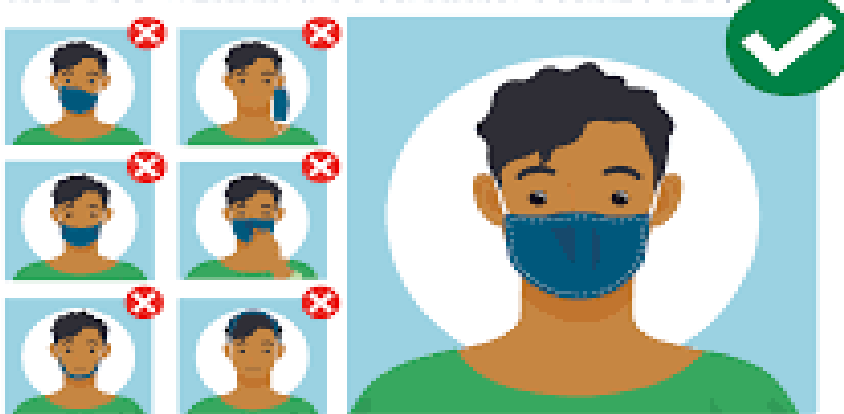
¹ Roe, Gary, *Please Be Patient I’m Grieving*, self-published, © 2016, pg. 1

² TG, *Taking the Grieving Heart Seriously*, www.webhealing.com, May 2016



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 Campbell, Jeff Foster, Mabel Foster, Betty Thrailkill, Jim Bennett, Margaret Stanton, Dare Marsh, Phillip Caulder, JoAnne Morgan, Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Randy Butler, Christy Moore (Sally Smith's friend), Sam Eubanks, Becky Thompson, Judy Quick (Sally Smith's friend), Mary Lomas, Scott Tomberlin, Lloyd Coren (Courtney Eubanks' dad), Dallas Keefe, Charlotte Crosby, Jane Mayhew Family, Harold Lomas 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.

MEAL BACKPACK MINISTRY: FUMC's Mission Committee has teamed up with Cheraw First Baptist to support the Meal Backpack Ministry for children in need at Cheraw Intermediate School. Each backpack contains enough food for a child to eat over the weekend. If you would like to donate to this ministry you may do so by mailing your check made FUMC and marked for Meal Backpack Ministry or by putting your money in the backpack that will be on a table in the lobby every Sunday during Lent.

FLOWER CALENDAR: The 2021 flower calendar has been placed in the lobby area. If you would like to sign up for a special Sunday, please sign up on the calendar on Sunday or call the church office and Angie will put your name on the calendar for you.

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

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.

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.



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.



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.

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.



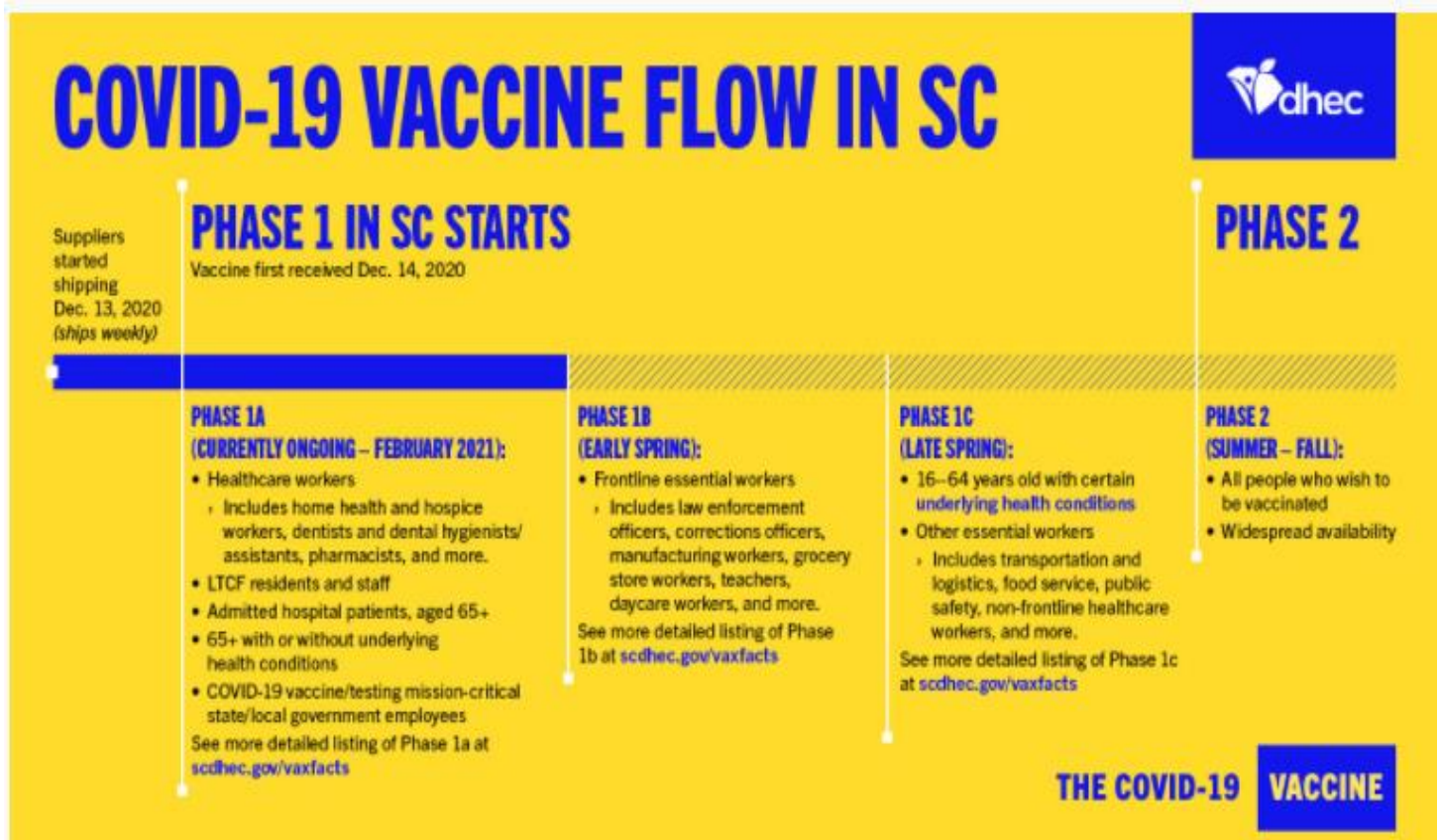
Your Help Needed!

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.

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION: Below find the information where the COVID-19 Vaccine is being given. Also below is a chart that shows the phases of this vaccine and when they are expected to begin.

CareSouth Carolina-Chesterfield (Public health provider-Federally Qualified Health Center)
 204 Perry Wiley Way, Chesterfield, SC 29709
 843-623-5080

Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center (Hospital)
 Accepting Phase 1a and people 70+ Years
 1304 W. Bobo Newsom Hwy., Hartsville, SC 29550
 843-656-0101



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

117 Third Street, Cheraw -- Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9
1:00PM – 6:00PM**

**COVID-19 Antibody testing will be done on each
donation.**

Angie Smith 843-537-7002 or fumcangiesmith@gmail.com or
www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw

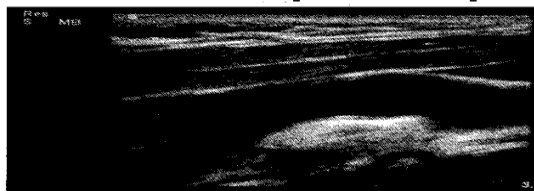
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Be Smart: Do More For Your Cardiovascular Health

No Plaque Buildup



Plaque Buildup



Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup. That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors*

*Key Risk Factors include Age 55+, High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, Diabetes, Obesity, tobacco usage, family history of CVD or stroke

We are coming to your neighborhood.

Where: Cheraw - First United Methodist Church
When: Thursday, March 11, 2021
Pre-registration is required. Call: 1-888-653-6450

To register for your appointment and to receive a special \$10 discount, please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners

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Carotid Artery (Plaque) Screening —
Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries that screens for buildup of fatty plaque — a leading cause of strokes.



Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation) —
A quick and easy test using EKG electrodes placed on the arms and legs to identify the presence or absence of an irregular heartbeat.



Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening —
Ultrasound screening for an abdominal aneurysm (enlargement) that could lead to a ruptured aorta.



Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening —
Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease (PAD) in the lower extremities, which increases the risk of heart disease.



Osteoporosis Risk Assessment —
Ultrasound screens the heel for bone mass density. Osteoporosis is painless and silent in its early stages.

PACKAGE 1

Plaque, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package — 4 tests for only \$139!

PACKAGE 2

Add an Osteoporosis Screening for only \$10 more — 5 tests for only \$149!
A \$181 savings!

Screening results are provided to you in 21 days. We direct all participants with abnormal results to take the report to their physician. Carotid Artery and PAD screenings help identify the presence of Atherosclerosis, and if found, can be an early warning for higher risks of stroke and coronary artery disease. Such early warning information can help you and your doctor take important steps to reduce your risk for more serious health issues. If necessary, steps may include lifestyle and diet, medical therapies, and even more thorough follow-up testing and evaluation of your heart function. Appropriate modification of risk factors (including high blood pressure, smoking, heart disease, diabetes and poor diet) is also necessary for cardiovascular disease prevention. Our screenings cannot detect all forms of stroke risk or cardiovascular disease. All tests are for screening purposes only. You should consult with your personal physician regarding your screening results. Insurance Note: Life Line Screening does not participate in the Medicare program and the cost of our screening services is not covered or reimbursable by Medicare. Life Line Screening does not file insurance claims nor provide referrals to any physician's group or hospital. Screenings in California are provided by Life Line Mobile Screening, a physician owned practice. Screenings in Kansas are performed by Life Line Screening of America, Ltd. on behalf of Life Line Screening Physicians, P.A. Screenings in New Hampshire, New Jersey and New York are performed by Life Line Medical Screening, LLC (Dr. Andrew Manganaro, 70 Niagara Street, Buffalo NY, 14202). Life Line Screening does not engage in the practice of medicine in those states. This information is not intended to induce referrals by Life Line Screening to Life Line Medical Screening, LLC for any professional medical service. Texas residents: Physician authorization is required. A Life Line Screening affiliated physician will provide authorization for you if you qualify. Cancellation Policy: A full refund is issued if you call to cancel at least two days prior to your appointment. If less than two days' notice is given, we will issue a Gift card for the full amount to be used by you, or anyone you choose, to purchase future screening services.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Harold Lomas

M&M Keith Smith, M&M Manfred Kollitz, M&M John Moore, The Andersons & Sonco Technology, Furr Grading & Paving, Inc., Rick & Elizabeth Carter, Frank & Ernestine Schray, M&M Clyde Cobb, Betty Thrailkill, Ellison Outen, Brenda Rayfield

In Memory of Jane Mayhew

M&M Keith Smith, M&M Manfred Kollitz, M&M John Moore, Brenda Rayfield

In Memory of Billy Wicker

M&M Doug Marsh, Lib, Craig and Derek Norton, Ellison Outen

In Memory of Sarah Margaret Therrell

M&M Doug Marsh, Lib Norton, Lyall & Jimmy White, M&M Jim Crawford, M&M Jeff Johnson

In Memory of Jerry & Sarah Margaret Therrell

M&M Manfred Kollitz, Ellison Outen

In Memory of Billy and Sarah Wicker

M&M Manfred Kollitz

In Memory of Pete Baker

M&M Doug Marsh, M&M Manfred Kollitz, Lib Norton, Ellison Outen, Brenda Rayfield, M&M Jeff Johnson

In Memory of Anne Bryan

M&M Doug Marsh, M&M Jim Crawford, M&M Jeff Johnson

In Memory of Amy Smith

Lib Norton, Lisa Baker Douglas

In Memory of Henry Brasington

Lib Norton, M&M Jeff Johnson

In Memory of Michele Staat Rainwater

Lib Norton

In Memory of Wilma Chapman

Lib Norton

In Memory of Margaret Thurman

Lib Norton

In Memory of Shannon Laney

Lib Norton, M&M Jim Crawford

In Memory of Sam McCuen

Lib Norton

In Memory of Sara M. Stanton

M&M Jim Crawford

In Memory of Jess Penegar

M&M Jim Crawford

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 21, 2021

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

Monday, February 22, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

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

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

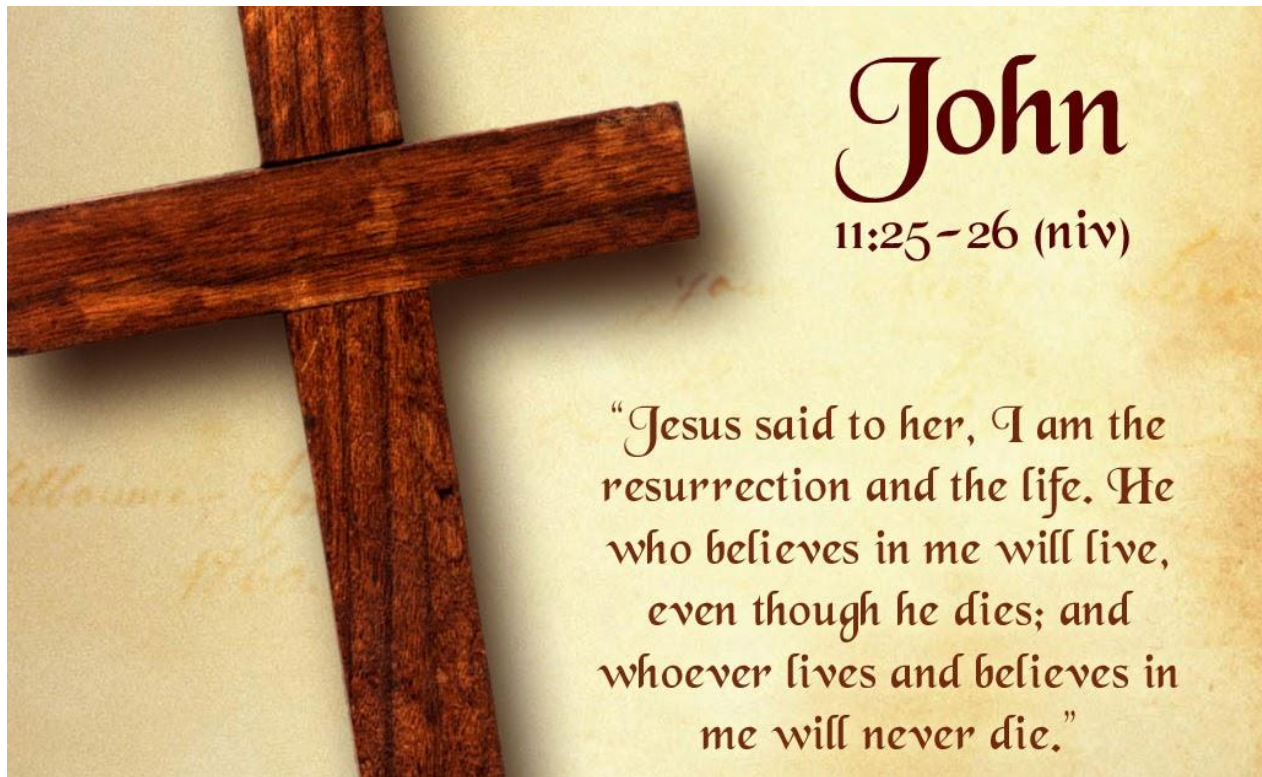
8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm February 28 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, February 25, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
4:30pm Online Lenten Bible Study

Sunday, February 28, 2021

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



McArn Items: Corn meal mix

Head Usher: Keith Smith

Attendance February 7: 56

Attendance February 14: 45

Year to Date Received: \$35,234.00

Year to Date Expenses: \$41,208.73

FUMC STAFF

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

Now Hiring! - Music Director