

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 28, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

LITURGICAL COLOR: BURLAP

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Jackson & Zenda Rushing

PRELUDE

"My Tribute" Andraé Crouch

Ruth Ann Jones

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER

Psalm 22: 23-31 NRSV

P: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

C: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

P: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

P: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

C: and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

P: For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

C: Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

P: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

C: and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17: 1-7 & 15-16

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.

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN	"The Heart of Worship" Phillips, Craig, & Dean	Words in Bulletin
NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING	Romans 4: 13-25	Pastor Debra
SERMON	"Walk Before Me"	Pastor Debra
HYMN	"Take Up Thy Cross" Beth Meir, Pre-recorded on the organ	Words in Bulletin
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	"Written in Red" By Gordon Jensen	Ruth Ann Jones

Second Sunday of



"The Heart of Worship"

Phillips, Craig, & Dean

When the music fades
And all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring
Somethin' that's of worth
That will bless your heart

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're lookin' into my heart

I'm comin' back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You
It's all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You
It's all about You, Jesus

King of endless worth
No one could express
How much You deserve oh
Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is Yours
Every single breath

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required yeah
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're lookin' into my heart yeah

I'm comin' back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You
(All about You)

It's all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You
(All about You)
It's all about You, Jesus

(It's all about You)
I'm comin' back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You
(All about You)
It's all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You
(All about You)
It's all about You, Jesus

(It's all about You)
I'm comin' back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You
(All about You)
It's all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You
(All about You)
It's all about You, Jesus

It's all about You
(It's all about You)
It's all about You
(I'm comin' back)
(I'm comin' back)

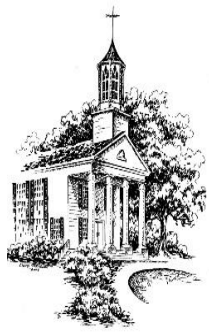
It's all about You
(It's all about You)
It's all about You
(I'm comin' back)
(I'm comin' back)

I'm comin' back
I'm comin' back oh oh

“Take Up Thy Cross”

Charles W. Everest

1. "Take up thy cross," the Savior said,
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me."
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.
4. Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.



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...

"My family and I will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:14:15 CEB

We are entering into our third week of the Lenten season. This is a season of reflection, penitence, and prayer, as we journey once again to the cross of our Lord Jesus and beyond that cross. This scripture invites us to consider whom we serve. Joshua and the Hebrew people were facing an identity crisis. They were confused who they were to serve. Joshua rose among them and encouraged them to choose to serve the Lord faithfully.

This is a very appropriate question for us in our day and age as well. The world we live in encourages us to choose to serve ourselves above all others. We are constantly pulled by the culture around us to please ourselves and grab whatever we desire; anything that makes us feel good. This is especially true as we struggle with a global pandemic. Yet, our Lord Jesus calls us to a different way of life. A life with a clean heart that is faithful to Jesus.



On the night before Jesus was arrested he removed his robe and took on the role of a servant washing his disciples' feet. After he washed their feet, Jesus told the disciples, "I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do." (John 13:13 CEB) Jesus showed us whom we are to serve and how to do that by caring for others.

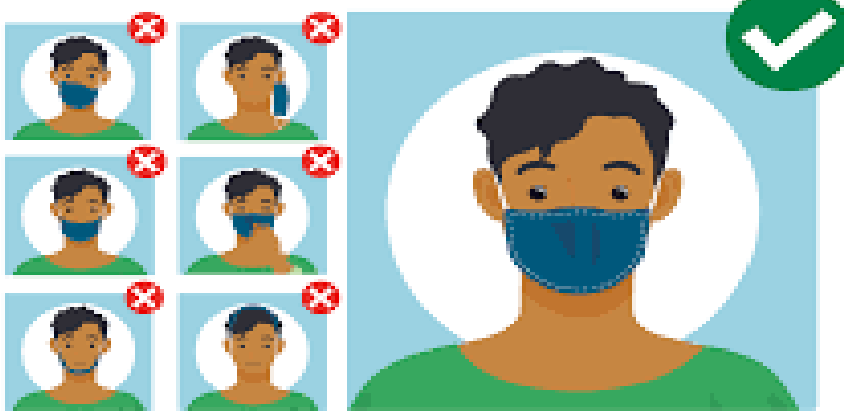
This week let us examine where we spend our energy, our time, our money, and our thoughts as individuals and as a church. Whom do they say we serve?

Pastor Debra



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 Thraikill, Jim Bennett, Phillip Caulder, Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Christy Moore (Sally Smith's friend), Becky Thompson, Judy Quick (Sally Smith's friend), Mary Lomas, Scott Tomberlin, The Family of Lloyd Coren (Courtney Eubanks' dad), Dallas Keefe, Charlotte Crosby, Syble Sanderson. **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 cantered 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!

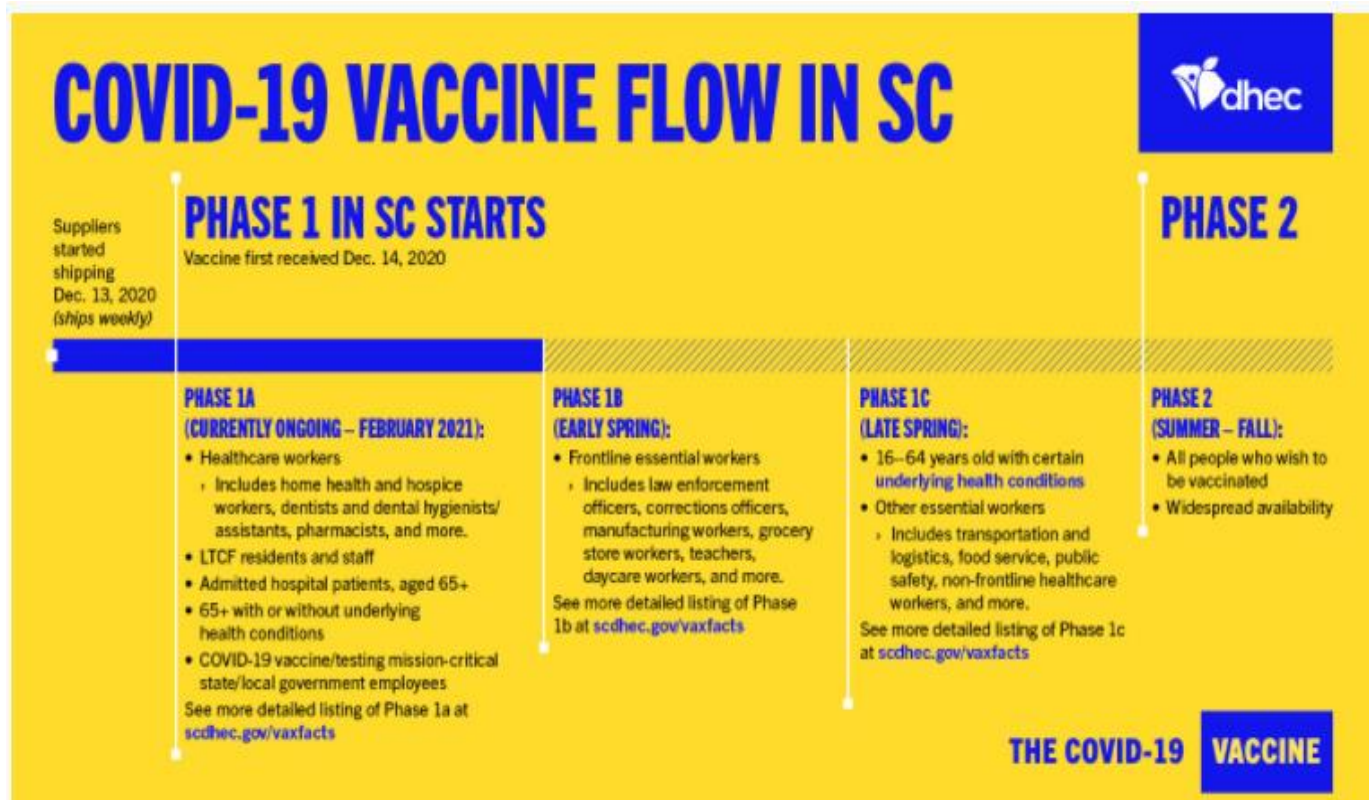
We do not currently have a person on staff to provide music for worship. Volunteer musicians are providing the music for the prelude and postlude each Sunday. We are using recordings of hymns. If you can play the guitar, piano, organ we need your help to provide music for our worship service in this 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 (March 1 and forward/Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)
 Appointments available based on vaccine allocation and staffing availability. 843-623-5080

McLeod Health (Cheraw) @ Fisher Hill Community Baptist Church
 4282 W. Market Street, Cheraw SC 29520
 February 26 **2ND DOSE ONLY** 8:00am-1:00pm, No voucher Required.

Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center (Hospital)
 Accepting Phase 1a and people 65+ Years
 1304 W. Bobo Newsom Hwy., Hartsville, SC 29550 843-656-0101



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



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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

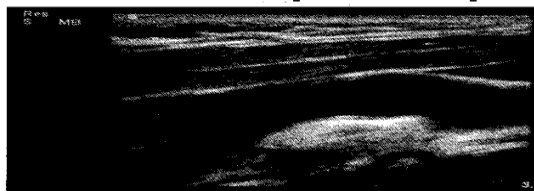
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Plaque Buildup



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

Malloy & Catherine Evans, J.L. Hughes, Robert & Cynthia Smith, Sloan Baker, Joel & Candice Ledbetter, Maurice & Pranee Banks, Gailya Wilson

In Memory of Jane Mayhew

Ellison Outen, Gailya Wilson,

In Memory of Billy Wicker

Gailya Wilson

In Memory of Sarah Margaret Therrell

Mary Lomas

In Memory of Jerry & Sarah Margaret Therrell

Gailya Wilson

In Memory of Billy and Sarah Wicker

In Memory of Pete Baker

Patty Fisher, Taylor & Kate Fisher, Mary Lomas, Gailya Wilson

In Memory of Anne Bryan

Gailya Wilson

In Memory of Amy Smith

Patty Fisher, Taylor & Kate Fisher, Gailya Wilson

In Memory of Henry Brasington

Mary Lomas, Gailya Wilson

In Memory of Walker Laney

Gailya Wilson

In Memory of Shannon Laney

Gailya Wilson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 28, 2021

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

Monday, March 1, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

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

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm March 7 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, March 4, 2021

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

Sunday, March 7, 2021

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



...but
as for me &
MY HOUSE,
We will serve
THE LORD.
Joshua 24:15

McArn Items: Canned meats
Head Usher: Keith Smith
Ash Wednesday Attendance February 17: 41
Attendance February 28: 44

Year to Date Received: \$36,692.04
Year to Date Expenses: \$41,208.73
Meal backpacks: \$150.00

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Now Hiring! - Music Director