

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***APRIL 18, 2021***

***3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

Renie Seel & Peyton Taylor

**PRELUDE**

**“Morning Has Broken”**

arr. Pethel

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>i</sup>**

P: Doubt and fear are gone!

**C: Light and hope abound!**

P: Where we once felt alone and lost;

**C: Christ has come to walk again with us.**

P: Hallelujah!

**C: Hallelujah! AMEN.**

**OPENING PRAYER<sup>ii</sup>**

O God, who chased the gloom of the disciples with the gospel of Easter and drowned their desert of despair in a sea of grace, surprise us this day. Take from us the presumption that leans on our strength instead of yours, that mistakes our wisdom for yours, and equates our will with yours. Assure us once again that our Lord's promise to be with us always still holds good. And be present with us now, as in the days of Jesus, to make us whole and to make us holy. **Amen.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885**

**GLORIA PATRI**

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**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 20: 19-22**

**MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN NO. 306**

**“The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done”**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 24: 36-49**

Pastor Debra

**SERMON**

**“The Upper Room Dance Part One”**

Pastor Debra

**HYMN NO. 632**

**“Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether”**

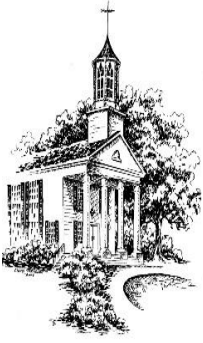
**BENEDICTION**

<sup>i</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2565/worship-connection-april-18-2021>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5916/worship-elements-april-18-2021>

***The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in memory of F. Garland Streete and Elizabeth King Streete Traynham by the Lib Streete Traynham Estate.***





# 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...*

*Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! Psalm 149:3*

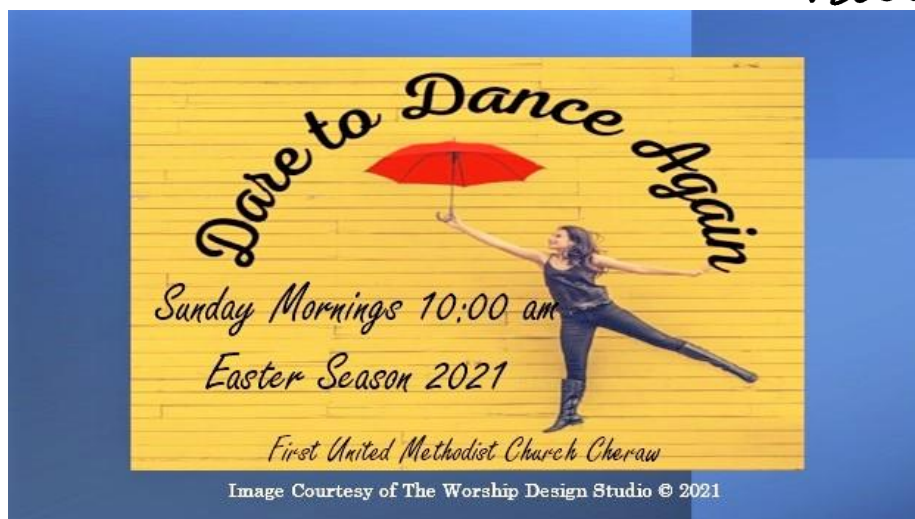
The chorus of the song, *I Hope You Dance*, concludes with the words, “when you get the choice chance to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance.” Often in life circumstances set us back and we do not feel much like dancing. The pandemic we are still living through certainly creates fear, shock, and loss for us and for people all over the world. Close dancing was snuffed out by necessary social distancing and dance parties are just not a wise choice with the risk of spreading the virus.

Even so, hope of new life is all around us. Spring is here. People are getting vaccinated and the case count in our county is down. Jesus is risen! Those are all reasons to dance. The first dance step is to acknowledge our loss but not be restricted by it. The next step is to accept the challenge to find new ways to dance. In Psalm 149:3 we are encouraged to praise God with dancing, tambourine, and lyre. We can make melodies that praise God by moving our limbs, tapping a rhythm instrument, and strumming a string instrument. This Psalm 149 dance requires changes in our usual dance moves.

The disciples had trouble changing their dance moves too. When Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene, the women, and the two disciples on the Emmaus Road they were still dancing a funeral dance. Their sorrow and pain still had to be worked through before they could accept the new resurrection dance Jesus came to teach them. Jesus knew that and helped them so they could dare to dance a new dance.

Jesus is walking with us as we travel through the changes in how we do life together as the church. It is requiring us to let go of some things so that we can learn a new dance. As we move into a new normal together, let us dare to dance again! Let us meet Jesus on the dance floor and allow him to teach us some new dance moves.

*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 Thrailkill, Jim Bennett, Phillip Caulder, Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Judy Quick, Dee Dee Crocker, Terry Crocker, Scott Tomberlin, Charlotte Crosby, Syble Sanderson, Sam Eubanks, Betty Board, Margaret Stanton, Emily Marsh, Manfred Kollitz family, Tavener Threatte Family, Jennifer Vaughn Helms Family (Michael Williams' cousin), Dare Marsh. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**SYMPATHY:** FUMC would like to extend its sympathy to the family of Jennifer Vaughn Helms, who is Michael Williams' cousin.

**THANK YOU NOTES:** Thank you to everyone who said yes without hesitation to me every time I asked you to play the prelude and postlude for Sunday worship. I greatly appreciate your willingness to serve your church and our Lord. Thanks, Jenny Keefe.

Dear FUMC Members,

On behalf of the students and staff of Cheraw Intermediate School, I want to thank you for your support of the Backpack (Weekend) Food Program. Your generous contribution will provide nutrition for our students for almost 6 months! That is awesome!

Many (approximately 84%) of the families CIS serves live in poverty and face daily challenges and issues that we just take for granted, and the pandemic has only caused more hardships for these families as well as the rest of us. However, it is in times of trials that one's true character is revealed, and your donation is validation that FUMC truly has a heart for sharing and is committed to serving the community.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Scott Eddins, Principal



### **CHOIR MEETING**

Our new Music Director, Michael Williams, would like to meet briefly with the choir this Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall immediately following worship.

**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.

**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.



Jack Wyatt Rushing

April 10, 2021 10:16 a.m.

7 lbs. 3 oz.  
20 inches

Parents: Harley and  
Chandler Rushing

Grandparents: Jackson  
and Zenda Rushing

## REVISED FUMC COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS



- ❖ Please enter through the Fellowship Hall Entrance for Sunday School and Worship
- ❖ Ushers will direct people to the pews.
- ❖ Families may sit together in the same pew.
- ❖ Friends who have had vaccines may sit in the same pew.
- ❖ Properly wear a mask when you are in the church buildings.
- ❖ Maintain social distance in the classrooms, hallways, and sanctuary.
- ❖ Keep traffic flowing smoothly by visiting with others outside buildings.
- ❖ Exit Sunday School classrooms at the direction of the Sunday School leaders.
- ❖ Exit worship through the doors at the back of the sanctuary at the direction of the ushers.



## Transportation Ministry at FUMC

Our Nurture and Care team at First United Methodist Church will provide rides to individuals to doctor's or other medical appointments. If you need a ride, 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.



Not able to be here for in-person worship? Then join us online! To worship online, go to our website [www.cherawfirstumc.org](http://www.cherawfirstumc.org). Click on the tab at the top of the page that says video sermon archive. The most recent worship service will be the first service listed. Worship services are available on our website by 2:00 p.m. on Sundays.

## MEMORIALS

### ***In Memory of Harold Lomas***

*Becky Thompson, Pam & Rebecca Baker*

### ***In Memory of Manfred Kollitz***

*Cathy & Geroge Martin, Jay & Frankie Hughes, Robbie & Lisa Baker Douglas, Elaine Leggett Craft, John & Mary Maloch, Becky Thompson, M&M Glenn Marsh, M&M Henry Moore, M&M Keith Smith, M&M Paul Miles, M&M David McLean, M&M John Moore, Pam & Rebecca Baker*

### ***In Memory of Pete Baker***

*Becky Thompson*

### ***In Memory of Tavener Theatte***

*M&M John Moore, Darlene & Tommy Wright, Pam & Rebecca Baker*

### ***In Memory of Debbie Butler***

*Pam & Rebecca Baker*

### ***In Memory of Shannon Laney***

*Pam & Rebecca Baker*

### ***In Memory of Anne Bryan***

*Pam & Rebecca Baker*

### ***In Memory of Margie Wannamaker***

*Pam & Rebecca Baker*

### ***In Memory of Jane Mayhew***

*Pam & Rebecca Baker*

We have some needs for our food pantry. It is helpful to have items that have pull-top lids. Food for the pantry may be dropped off at the church on Sundays or Tuesday – Thursday during office hours. Items needed at this time are:



Canned meat  
Canned vegetables  
Spaghetti noodles and sauces  
Low sugar nutritious cereal  
Peanut butter  
Pancake mix/syrup

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, April 18, 2021

9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Worship in Sanctuary  
11:00am Choir Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30-7:00pm UMYF

### Monday, April 19, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

### Tuesday, April 20, 2021

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

### Wednesday, April 21, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm April 25 Bulletin Deadline

### Thursday, April 22, 2021

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

### Sunday, April 25, 2021

9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Worship in Sanctuary  
5:30-7:00pm UMYF

**Weekly amount needed for budget:** \$5,797.85  
**Amount received for week ending April 14:** \$10,914.93  
**Meal backpacks Total:** \$2,083.05  
**Attendance Sunday, April 11:** 57  
**McArn Items:** Pop tarts  
**Head Usher:** Jeff Johnson

**Amount needed year to date:** \$86,967.75  
**Received year to date:** \$86,549.03

**Sunday School Attendance, April 11:** 42  
**Greeters:** M&M Rhett Butler  
**Acolyte:** Norma Cobb

#### FUMC STAFF

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