

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MAY 2, 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Martha Starling and Judy Dixon

PRELUDE

“There’s Something About That Name”

GAITHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

CALL TO WORSHIPⁱ

L: Sing praises to God, O faithful people!

P: Shout of God’s power and mercy!

L: The Lord has heard our cries!

P: The Lord has redeemed our souls!

L: Praise be to God!

P: Hallelujah! AMEN.

OPENING PRAYERⁱⁱ

Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus’ Name, **AMEN.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885

GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

MORNING PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN NO. 318

“Christ Is Alive”

TRURO

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21: 1-14

Pastor Debra

SERMON

“Dancing at the Sea”

Pastor Debra

HYMN NO. 344

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

BENEDICTION

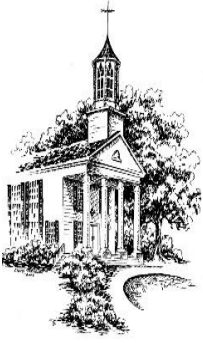
POSTLUDE

“Reprise-Tú Has Venido”

PESCADORE DE HOMBRES

ⁱ Townsend, Nancy, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2342/worship-connection>

ⁱⁱ Townsend, Nancey, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2640/worship-connection>



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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*One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Do not stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. **Mark 10:13-14 NLT***

Julie was 13 when she arrived on Epworth's campus with her older brother. Both had been removed from their home and each sent to a different foster home. They missed each other and, in their grief, exhibited behaviors that were not conducive to a prosperous future. They both appeared to give up on a life with a good future. After some time, a decision was made to reunite them. That is when they came to Epworth to live. After a short period of adjustment, they both began to participate in campus activities, including worship and tutoring. Their grades began to reflect their efforts to learn. As their stay at Epworth lengthened, they participated in counseling, received family visits, played basketball, and enjoyed shopping trips with their cottage mates and staff members. One day Julie exclaimed, "My brother and I had almost lost all hope, but now we know we have a future." Julie, her brother Daniel, and many others are children we United Methodists have "adopted", and with whom have become "Partners of Hope". We form this partnership in order to provide a safe place to live, and to provide food, shelter, clothing, educational, medical, emotional health, and recreational opportunities for our children.¹

Thank you for giving generously this Mother's Day, Sunday May 9th!

Did You Know?

196
Number of children who lived at Epworth last year, each one from our own communities in SC.

73
Number of children served through Epworth's Foster Care Program

100%
Of your Mother's Day Offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. Mother's Day is your opportunity to support

¹ Article provided by Epworth Children's Home © 2021

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, Jim Bennett, Phillip Caulder, David Marsh, Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger’s son), Judy Quick, Scott Tomberlin, Charlotte Crosby, Sam Eubanks, Emily Marsh, Dare Marsh, John Moore, Beth Bell (Jimmie & Kim Williamson’s friend). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

THANK YOU: Our family wants to thank our church family for all the calls, prayers, visits, and food when Manfred died. The love shown to us at this time brought great faith and support. Thank you and please keep us in your prayers. Blessings to you, Henrietta, Mark and Jeff.

GRADUATE INFORMATION NEEDED: If you have a child that will be graduating from high school or college this year, please send a picture and their information to Angie at fumcangiesmith@gmail.com.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers to work in the church nursery on Sunday mornings. If you are willing to work, please contact Michelle Rohde by TEXT to 843-337-6123 or Email at rohdemichelle1967@gmail.com.

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.



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.

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.



Not able to be here for in-person worship? Then join us online! To worship online, go to our website 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.

BIBLE STUDY: A new six-week Bible Study Dancing in the Waters of Galatians, Ephesians, and Philipians will be offered on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. These studies will be in person at the church in the fellowship hall. Books are \$10. You can register for the study and order a book by contacting the church office.



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, May 2, 2021

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

Monday, May 3, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

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

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm May 9 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, May 6, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
6:30pm Bible Study

Sunday, May 9, 2021

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

NOTE OF APPRECIATION: The following note of appreciation was placed in the United Methodist Advocate for the month of May by the SPRC.

“Rev. Debra Armstrong, Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to us. May we all continue to “ease on down the road.” We love and appreciate you! Your members at FUMC Cheraw.”

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Harold Lomas

M&M Joey Mills, M&M Curtis Jones

In Memory of Manfred Kollitz

*Bun & Susan Stubbs, Nell & Preston Huntley, Marion Anderson, M&M Joey Mills, Patty Fisher,
M&M George Adams, Richard & Sharon Young, FUMC Kinsey Mulloy Sunday School Class,
M&M Curtis Jones*

In Memory of Tavener Theatte

M&M Curtis Jones

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Therrell

FUMC Kinsey Mulloy Sunday School Class

In Memory of Edward Jim White

M&M Rhett Butler

In Memory of Pete Baker

M&M Curtis Jones

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85
Amount received for week ending April 28: \$4,224.20
Sunday School Attendance, April 25: 44
McArn Items: Individual size cereal boxes
Head Usher: Doug Carabo
Nursery Workers: Lesley Jean and Chase Watson

Amount needed year to date: \$98,563.45
Received year to date: \$96,008.83
Attendance Worship Sunday, April 25: 64
Greeters: Angela Holliday
Acolyte: Renie Seel

FUMC STAFF

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