

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MAY 9, 2021

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER/MOTHER'S DAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Doug and Susan Marsh

PRELUDE

“Above All”

BALOCHE & LEBLAC ARR. AUSTIN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS

GREETING

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

CALL TO WORSHIPⁱ

L: The God of all shepherds has called us here.

P: We come today, celebrating God’s love for us.

L: The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

P: We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.

L: The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

P: We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYERⁱⁱ

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to feed your sheep. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885

GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

MORNING PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN NO. 327

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21: 15-19

Pastor Debra

SERMON

“Love’s Dance”

Pastor Debra

HYMN NO. 536

“Precious Name”

PRECIOUS NAME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

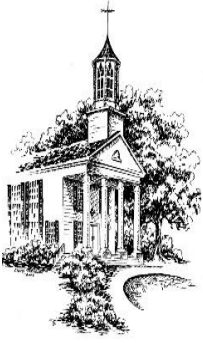
“Majesty Medley”

ARR. BY ARANT

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in memory of Annabel Bennett and Margery Bennett and in honor of all mothers by Jim Bennett.

ⁱ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2640/worship-connection>

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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...

Jesus said a third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep." John 21:17 NLT

After the resurrection, the risen Jesus continued to prepare his disciples for the task of continuing the kingdom building work he started. Jesus gives a specific mission and ministry to Peter in verses fifteen to seven-teen of chapter twenty-one of John's gospel. Three times Jesus asks Peter if he loves him. Three times Peter says he loves Jesus. Three times Jesus tells Peter to show his love by caring for the people that Jesus came to save.

Jesus refers to his followers as lambs and sheep in this passage. Most translations of the Bible use the verb "feed" to describe the work that the Lord commands Peter to do. However, if we look at this passage in the Greek language, we see that it uses three different verbs that provide a depth of meaning for these commands we often miss. The first time the verb literally means to pasture the Lord's lambs. As an expression of his love for Jesus, Peter is to care for, tend and protect the immature believers and help them grow in faith.

The second time Jesus gives his command the Greek verb is to herd, lead, and guide the sheep. Peter is not only to care for, tend and protect just immature believers. Peter is also commanded to be the shepherd of all believers. Earlier Jesus told Peter he would be the rock upon which the church was built and here Jesus makes it clear that Peter is to be the leader of the Lord's people.

The Greek verb used in the third command literally translates from the Greek as tend, graze, and feed. From the youngest lambs to the most seasoned and devoted sheep in the sheepfold of the Lord Je-sus, Peter is commanded to provide spiritual nourishment to sup-port the growth in faith of the ones entrusted to him by Jesus. The resurrected Lord will soon ascend to heaven but the mission and ministry of the Good Shepherd (John10:11) must carry on in Peter and also in those who come after him.

We may not be called to all of the tasks that Jesus gave to Peter but all of us are called to share the gifts we have been given to serve Jesus. This Sunday we have the annual Mother's Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. I know that the people in the sheepfold here at First United Methodist Church will give generously to this ministry of our church and the Lord Jesus will do amazing things as we feed his sheep. See you in the pasture!

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, 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), Alice Seel, Lamar Rabon (Christy Ruffner's father). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

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.

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.

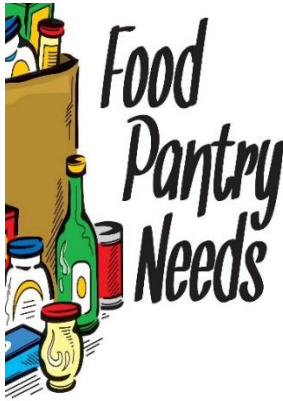


Not able to be here for in-person worship? Then join us online! To worship online, go to our website www.cherawfirstumc.org. Click on the tab at the top of the page that says video sermon archive. The most recent worship service will be the first service listed. Worship services are available on our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



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.



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 9, 2021

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

Monday, May 10, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

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

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm May 16 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, May 13, 2021

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

Sunday, May 16, 2021

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

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



**American
Red Cross**

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

117 Third Street, Cheraw -- Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

1:00PM – 6:00PM

**Each donor will receive a limited-edition Red Cross
T-Shirt**

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

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MEMORIALS

In Memory of Manfred Kollitz

*Malloy & Catharine Evans, Sarah Tolson, Marline Tolson, Amy Nash, Elizabeth Redmond,
Lib Cullinan & Family, Dusa Family*

In Memory of Tavener Threatte

M&M David McLean

In Memory of Pete Baker

Dusa Family

In Memory of Harold Lomas

Dusa Family

In Memory of Shannon Laney

Dusa Family

In Memory of Henry Brasington

Dusa Family

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85
Amount received for week ending May 5: \$2,329.75
Sunday School Attendance, May 2: 36
McArn Items: Peanut butter cups
Head Usher: Doug Carabo
Nursery Workers: Angela Holliday and Bryson Hunter

Amount needed year to date: \$104,361.30
Received year to date: \$95,036.65
Attendance Worship Sunday, May 2: 61
Greeters: Jenny Keefe
Acolyte: Renie Seel

FUMC STAFF

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Michael Williams - Music Director (fumcmusic01@gmail.com)