

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***JUNE 20, 2021***

***4<sup>TH</sup> AFTER PENTECOST/FATHER'S DAY***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: RED***

<b>CHIMING OF THE HOUR</b>		Angela Holliday and Bryson Hunter
<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b>“Prière”</b>	Leon Boellmann
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Joey Mills
<b>SPECIAL PRESENTATION</b>		Jenny Keefe
<b>RECOGNITION OF FATHERS</b>		Joey Mills
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup></b>		Joey Mills
L: Who has the Lord called to serve?		
<b>C: Is it the great and mighty?</b>		
L: In whom has the Lord found favor?		
<b>C: Is it those with power and prestige?</b>		
L: In each one of us, God has found favor and called us to serve!		
<b>C: Let us serve the Lord with gladness and joy. AMEN.</b>		
<b>OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup></b>		
Lord, we have come this day, seeking your presence and healing love. Be with us as we hear the words of hope and compassion. Give us courage to learn and grow that we might serve you faithfully all of our days. <b>AMEN.</b>		
<b>AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885</b>		
<b>GLORIA PATRI</b>		GREATOREX
<b>MORNING PRAYER &amp; THE LORD’S PRAYER</b>		Joey Mills
<b>HYMN NO. 73</b>	<b>“O Worship the King”</b>	LYONS
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>Matthew 6: 9-13</b>	Reverend Dease
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>“Our Father”</b>	Reverend Dease
<b>HYMN NO. 580</b>	<b>“Lead On, O King Eternal”</b>	LANCASHIRE
<b>BENEDICTION</b>		Reverend Dease
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<b>“Lancashire (March)”</b>	Henry Smart arr. Berry

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of District Superintendent Reverend Doctor Robin Dease.*

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2857/worship-connection>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid



# 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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## *From the Organ Bench*

After 450+ days of the Coronavirus, as well as those lost in death due to both terminal illness and natural causes, there is no doubt we all have had to bid a fond farewell and face death's sting in some manner. I want to share with you an excerpt from "Ask the UMC".

**"My friend said, "When you are born, the day of your death is written in the book." What does that mean? Is our time of death predetermined?"**

There are several Scriptures that talk about a time to die and our days being numbered. The Book of Job says, "Our days are fixed, the number of our months with you, you set a statute and we can't exceed it" (Job 14:5). Psalm 139:16 and the famous verse from Ecclesiastes 3, "a time to be born, and a time to die," also point to the limited span of a human life.

The authors of those Scriptures may have been struggling with why bad things happen to good people, as in the Book of Job, or simply saying, "Life is short."

Balancing the scope of God's knowledge and human beings' free will is always a tricky thing. When we say things like, "the day of your death is written in the book," it appears to make sense based on the scope of God's knowledge. However, it may not allow for the free will of human beings, including the sin in our lives that sometimes affects our lifespan, or the lives of others. As we seek that balance, we must be careful not to say that God causes our deaths.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, had a fundamental problem with attributing evil to God, or assigning God responsibility for the bad things that happen to people, including death. As Lamentations 3:32-33 says, "Although God allows grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone."

The Bible tells us death is an enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26) and in the end will be defeated (Revelation 21:4). Jesus himself grieved the death of his friend Lazarus before reviving him (John 11:38-44). In another story, Jesus brought a little girl back to life (Luke 8:49-56). He did not welcome or accept death. He worked against it throughout his ministry and his resurrection is the "first fruits" of the age to come when death will be no more.

United Methodists do not believe God causes harm to his people or their deaths. Rather, we understand harm and death as part of this fallen, broken and sinful world. Even as we long for the day when death will be no more, we recognize God's unconditional love and presence with us during times of suffering, pain, and even death.

Whatever happens after death, we live with hope in life eternal and in the assurance that, "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"

(Romans 8:38-39).

*Michael Williams*

## NEW FUMC COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS



- ❖ Wearing a mask inside the church is optional. Masks will continue to be provided for use by medically fragile or unvaccinated individuals.
- ❖ Wash hands and use hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer will continue to be provided.
- ❖ All entrances and exits may be used for Sunday School and Worship.
- ❖ Stay home if you feel sick to prevent the spread of illness.
- ❖ Respect others who need to maintain social distance for their safety.
- ❖ Music will be provided by the choir. There will not be congregational singing inside at this time.
- ❖ Currently we are not having meals.

**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, Mary Hinson (Mary Burr'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.**

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR GRADES PRESCHOOL – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** The Summer Sunday School schedule for grades preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade is below:

June 27 at 9:00am

July 11 and July 25 at 9:00am

August 15 and August 29 at 9:00am

**PASTOR'S VACATION:** Pastor Debra and Mark will be on vacation from June 12th to June 26th. Reverend Fred McDaniel will be providing pastoral care during this time. You may reach Pastor Fred at 843-680-0423.

**ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE:** We will be offering online giving for the General Fund on our website in the near future, however, if you would like to give online until it is on the website, you can use the following link to do so. Later we will add other funds that can be contributed to on the website as well.  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR20>

**ATTENTION ACOLYTES NEEDED – ALL AGES:** There will be a brief Acolyte training session immediately following the worship service on June 27<sup>th</sup>. No experience is necessary.

**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](mailto:rohdemichelle1967@gmail.com).

**SUMMER MISSION PROJECT:** We are collecting supplies for the New Beginnings Shelter in Wallace. Items needed are: cleaning supplies, dishwasher pods, dish detergent, HE liquid laundry detergent, 13 and 8 gallon trash bags, aluminum foil, food storage containers, disinfectant wipes, Ziploc freezer bags (all sizes), bleach, paper towels, hand sanitizer, liquid hand washing soap, Lysol disinfectant spray, multicultural hair products. You may bring donated items to the church. We do have individuals willing to shop if you would prefer to give a monetary donation. Be sure to note that your donation is for the New Beginnings Shelter Mission Project.

**WORSHIP ONLINE:** 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.

**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.

## MEMORIALS

*In Memory of Manfred Kollitz  
Ellison Outen*



**American  
Red Cross**

**BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS:** FUMC collected 14 units of blood and the potential number of lives saved through those donations was 42.



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## FAMILY-FUN DAY

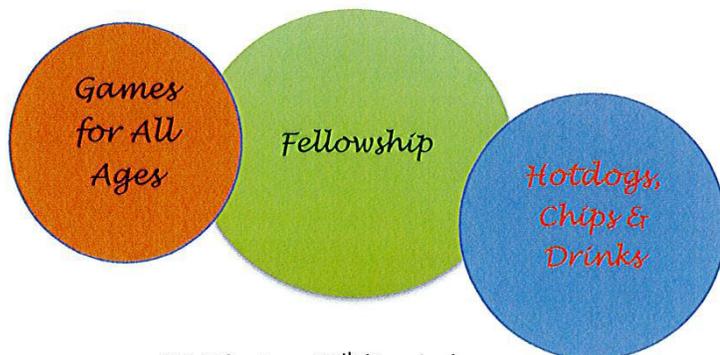
Cheraw State Park - Shelter on the Hill

Sunday, June 27, 2021

5:00PM – 7:30PM



Here's to...Good Health! Good Food! Good Fellowship! Good Fun!



RSVP by June 20<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)

Contact Angie Smith: 843-537-7002 or [fumcangiesmith@gmail.com](mailto:fumcangiesmith@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, June 20, 2021

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

### Monday, June 21, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

### Tuesday, June 22, 2021

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

### Wednesday, June 23, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm June 27 Bulletin Deadline  
6:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Thursday, June 24, 2021

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

### Sunday, June 27, 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 June 16:** \$9,104.10  
**Sunday School Attendance, June 13:** 29  
**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Spaghetti noodles & sauces  
**Greeters:** Doug & Amanda Carabo  
**Nursery Workers:** Erika and Gretchen Kollitz  
**Worship Leader:** Joey Mills

**Amount needed year to date:** \$139,148.40  
**Received year to date:** \$127,389.61  
**Attendance Worship Sunday, June 13:** 54  
**McArn Items:** Animal crackers  
**Head Usher:** Heath Ruffner  
**Acolyte:** Ashton Becker

### FUMC STAFF

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