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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW. A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JULY 11, 2021

7TH AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

CHORAL INTROIT "For the Fruit of All Creation" AR HYD Y NOS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rhett Butler

CALL TO WORSHIPⁱ Rhett Butler

L: God scatters the seeds of reconciliation and love, and waits....

C: So much of it lands on flat pathways or rocky roads and won't take root....

L: God scatters the seeds of healing and hope, and waits....

C: Shallowness and fear claim the seeds and they cannot live.

L: God scatters the seeds of redemption and peace, and waits....

C: These are the places of deep growth where the seed will cast down strong roots.

L: Welcome this day to a seed-scattering station!

C: May our hearts be the rich soil in which God's love takes root. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYERⁱⁱ Rhett Butler

Lord, you know us so well. We thank you for your presence in our lives, even when we don't recognize it. This day we have gathered, coming from a week of unexpected happenings and events which have surprised us. Make us ready to become stronger witnesses for your love as we receive your word and find our spirits and lives healed. **AMEN**.

| *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881 | Rhett Butler |
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*GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Debra

*HYMN NO. 163 "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" HENDON

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 4: 1-20 Pastor Debra

SERMON "Kingdom Glimpses: Sower & Soil" Pastor Debra

*HYMN NO. 399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be" MESSIAH

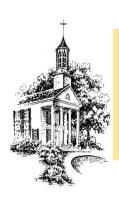
*BENEDICTION Pastor Debra

*POSTLUDE "Bringing in the Sheaves" Knowles Shaw (1834-1878)

i https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8281/worship-connection

[&]quot; Ibid

^{*}If you are able, please stand.



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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Welcome to Our New Hartsville District Superintendent Reverend Telley Gadson!



Rev. Gadson, senior pastor of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Taylors since 2013, began serving the Hartsville District as it's District Superintendent on July 1, 2021. Rev. Gadson was born in Hollywood, South Carolina, and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, minoring in religious studies.

She was ordained in 2002, after her graduation in 1999 from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University with a Master of Divinity degree with certification in black church studies. In addition to her appointment to St. Mark UMC, Rev. Gadson has served St. Matthew UMC in Taylors, and Mount Zion and St. Mark UMCs in Sumter.

In addition to Rev. Gadson's work in local churches, she has served in many ways, including as a member of the Conference Board of Ordained

Ministry and the Greenville District Board of Congregational Development. She has served as chairperson of the Hartsville District Committee on the Superintendency and as a mentor for the Hartsville District Committee on Ordained Ministry.

Rev. Gadson has been a member of the national Black Clergy Women of The United Methodist Church, serving as its president from 2013 to 2017, and is the author of "African-American History Month 2016," a book of daily devotions published by Abingdon Press. She also has served on the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina United Methodist Advocate.

Rev. Gadson enjoys traveling and spending time with her family and friends. She is the daughter of Herbert Gadson, the first black mayor of Hollywood, South Carolina, and Linda D. Gadson, former executive director of Rural Mission Inc.¹

¹https://www.umcsc.org/bishop-holston-appoints-gadson-as-new-district-superintendent/

REVISED 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.

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, Jimmy Duffy, Betty Thrailkill, Theodore Burns, Mondell Brasington (Debbie Adams' mother), John Moore Family, Patsy Keith Family. **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: Thank you to my church family for your presentation of The Roy Smith Humanitarian award. Mr. Roy was one of my favorite people and I am certainly humbled and honored to receive this award. I am thankful to you all for your love and support over the years. I honestly do not know how people survive without the love and support of a church family. I am also thankful to share any talents that God has given me to help others as you all are. Love and Blessings, Pam

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

July 11 and July 25 at 9:00am August 15 and August 29 at 9:00am

LOIS G. MCARN COMMUNITY MINISTRY JOB OPENINGS: Currently the Lois G. McArn Community Ministry has two positions open they are both part time positions, one is director and the other is facility and food associate. For more information on these positions, please see the information page on the board in the office lobby.

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.

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. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 11, 2021
9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, July 12, 2021 6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, July 13, 2021
8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
6:00pm – Children/Youth/Special Event
Committee Meeting (Fellowship
Hall)
6:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, July 14, 2021 8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open 12:00pm July 18 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, July 15, 2021 8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open

Sunday, July 18, 2021 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship in Sanctuary

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85 Amount received for week ending July 7: \$6,911.30

Sunday School Attendance, July 4: 26 FUMC Food Pantry Item: Pancake mix/syrup

Greeter: Amy Lewis

Nursery Workers: Kelly & Hollis Dusa Liturgist for next Sunday: Lib Norton

Amount needed year to date: \$156,541.95

Received year to date: \$143,584.81 Attendance Worship Sunday, July 4: 54

McArn Items: Rice crispy treats
Head Ushers: Eric Dusa/Rhett Butler

Acolyte:

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