

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JULY 18, 2021

8TH AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Angela Holliday & Bryson Hunter

CHORAL INTROIT

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

UNSER HERRSCHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lib Norton

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Lib Norton

L: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.

C: It is a small seed, but has some surprises in store for us.

L: When it is grown, it is a very large shrub.

C: Even the birds can find places in its branches for their nests.

L: God’s transforming love begins in small ways to enter our hearts.

C: Lord, plant those amazing seeds of transforming love in us that they may grow into deeds of service to others in your name. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER²

Lib Norton

Lord of mustard seeds and growth, we come to you this day, seeking your Word and will for us. Make us people who care deeply about the well-being of others. Give us courage to be seeds for the growth of hope and peace throughout the world. Open our hearts to your redeeming love, for we ask this in Christ’s Name. **AMEN.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881

Lib Norton

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Debra

*HYMN NO. 547

“O Church of God, United”

ELLACOMBE

*SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4: 26-34

Pastor Debra

SERMON

“Kingdom Glimpses: Growing Seeds and Tiny Seeds”

Pastor Debra

*HYMN NO. 540

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

ST. THOMAS

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Debra

*POSTLUDE

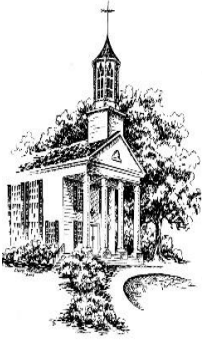
“Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices”

HARWELL

**If you are able, please stand.*

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8297>

² 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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A Few Words from the Pastor...

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10 KJV

Every Sunday we pray for Kingdom of God to come to our world and the will of God be accomplished. God's Kingdom can seem to be far away at times. Yet it is often right in front of us. Jesus taught parables about the Kingdom to give us glimpses of the inbreaking of God's Kingdom on earth. For three weeks in July, we are looking at some of these glimpses in scripture to encourage us as we join God in his Kingdom work sowing seeds of the good news of salvation through Christ Jesus.

Last week we looked at the parable of the sower and the seeds. This week we look to the growing seed and mustard seed parables. Our final glimpse will focus on the feeding of the crowd in John's gospel. This week we will also sing a good old hymn about the Kingdom.

Hymn number 540, *I Love Thy Kingdom Lord*, was written by Timothy Dwight in the 18th century. This hymn describes how Dwight envisioned the Kingdom of God as the church working in the world to plant the seeds of the gospel. This hymn was first published in a revision of Issac Watts, *Psalms and Hymns* that was completed by Dwight in 1797.¹

Timothy Dwight was the grandson of the great evangelist Jonathan Edwards. He graduated from Yale at age 17 and served as a chaplain during the American Revolution. After the war he was a pastor, farmer, and representative in the Connecticut state legislature. He caught many glimpses of Kingdom growth during these adventures.²

The growth of the Kingdom that author, Kenneth Osbeck, describes as amazing occurred when Timothy Dwight was the president of Yale. Not only did Timothy improved academic standards at this institution of higher education he also inspired a spiritual revival on the campus. When he began his presidency there were very few professing Christians on campus. When he retired from the presidency the campus was full of Christians planting the seeds of the gospel at Yale and to other New England campuses.³

I invite you to join me the rest of July looking for glimpses of God's Kingdom. I will be looking in the scriptures, at church, at home, in our community for glimpses. Be sure to share where you see seeds being planted, seeds growing, and the harvest coming in for the Kingdom God on earth!

Pastor Debra

¹ Osbeck, Kenneth W., 101 Hymn Stories, *I Love Thy Kingdom Lord*, Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, 1982, pg. 106.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

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, Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Judy Quick, Scott Tomberlin, Charlotte Crosby, Jimmy Duffy, Betty Thrailkill, Theodore Burns, Mondell Brasington (Debbie Adams' mother), Melanie Bennett Family (Jim Bennett's daughter-in-law), Nancy Chestnut (Michelle Rohde's mother). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

VACATION: Angie will be on vacation July 20-July 22. Volunteers will be in the office during this time.

ATTENTION NEW CHURCH NURSERY : To any one willing to help in the nursery at 10:00am on Sunday morning during worship. August is covered! Please contact Michelle Rohde (843-337-6123) or Angie in the office know if you can help in September or be put on the rotation list to help.

We want to offer nursery but due to the lack of children we are going to be able to put a sign on the door. A chair will be set up in the hall by the door where the organ is so you can hear the service and see if anyone brings children to nurse. This will be an option for you until we can find a way to get the service where you can hear it in the nursery. Thank you for your help!

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE: You can now give online directly from your checking account or by credit card to the General Fund, other funds will be added in the future. You can make a one-time contribution or set up a reoccurring contribution. Here is the link to make your contribution <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR20>.

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

July 25 at 9:00am

August 15 and August 29 at 9:00am

SYMPATHY: FUMC's pastor, staff, and congregation extends their sympathy to the family of Melanie Bennett.

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 18, 2021

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship in Sanctuary
5:00pm Finance Committee Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm Church Council Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

Monday, July 19, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
6:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

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

Thursday, July 22, 2021

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

Sunday, July 25, 2021

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship in Sanctuary

MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF SAM EUBANKS

M&M Doug Marsh, M&M George Adams, M&M Ronald Cundiff, M&M Jack VanDeman, Patricia Turner, M&M Paul Miles, Pat Barham

IN MEMORY OF JOHN MOORE

M&M George Adams, Anne Medors, M.M. Baker, Sarra and Jeff Furr and George Coker, M&M Ronald Cundiff, M&M David McLean, Betty Thrailkill and Children, Malloy & Catharine Evans, Jim, Karen & Michael Hayes, M&M John Wagnon, M&M Glenn Marsh, Robert & Laura Townsend, Sylvia Wallace, Marvin & Wendy Murray, Bruce & Shirley Pruitt, James Moore, Linda Lind, M&M Doug Marsh, Martha Starling, M&M Rhett Butler, M&M Jack VanDeman, Patricia Turner, M&M Milton Simmons, M&M Paul Miles, Pat Barham, M&M Carl Maness, M&M Keith Littrell, M&M Jeff Johnson, William Moore, Jr., Susannah Griffin

IN MEMORY OF MANFRED KOLLITZ

M&M Mickey Sullivan, Gerrald Turner, Martha Starling, Patricia Turner

IN MEMORY OF PATSY KEITH

M&M Rhett Butler, Betty Thrailkill

IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. BILLY WICKER

Gerrald Turner, Patricia Turner

IN MEMORY OF HAROLD LOMAS

Gerrald Turner, Patricia Turner

IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. JERRY THERRELL

Patricia Turner

IN MEMORY OF AMY SMITH

Patricia Turner

IN MEMORY OF TAVENER THREATTE

Patricia Turner

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85
Amount received for week ending July 14: \$10,866.21
Sunday School Attendance, July 11: 35
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Canned meat
Greeters: Harrison & Amy Goodwin
Nursery Workers: Michelle Rohde
Liturgist for next Sunday: Bonnie Cundiff

Amount needed year to date: \$162,339.80
Received year to date: \$154,451.02
Attendance Worship Sunday, July 11: 67
McArn Items: Individual size cereal boxes
Head Ushers: Eric Dusa/Rhett Butler
Acolyte: Nancy Wagnon

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