

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

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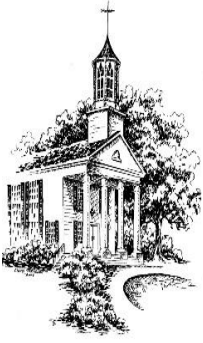
12TH AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Michael Williams
PRELUDE	“Abbot’s Leigh”	C.V. Taylor, b. 1941
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Susan Marsh
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Susan Marsh
	L: Come, give thanks to the Lord with all your heart and soul!	
	C: We come, rejoicing over God’s many blessings poured out on us!	
	L: God’s works are great!	
	C: We delight in learning about them.	
	L: Respect for God and all that God offers to us is the beginning of wisdom.	
	C: With gratefulness, we shall praise and honor God all our lives. AMEN.	
OPENING PRAYER²		Susan Marsh
	Lord of life and hope, we gather this day seeking nourishment for our souls and healing for our spirits. Give to us your living Spirit, that having been nourished in soul and spirit, we may be witnesses to your transforming love. Through the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we offer this prayer. AMEN.	
*HYMN NO. 2001 (The Faith We Sing)	“We Sing to You, O God”	DARWALL’S 148th
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885		Susan Marsh
*GLORIA PATRI		GREATOREX
CHORAL ANTHEM	“Spirit of God” (DOVE SONG)	Chancel Choir
MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
CHORAL RESPONSE	“Fragrance of Christ” II Corinthians 2: 14-15	Chancel Choir
*HYMN NO. 332	“Spirit of Faith, Come Down”	BEALOTH
SCRIPTURE READING	Ephesians 5:15-20	
SERMON	“Walk Like an Ephesian: Spirit Empowered”	Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 648	“God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”	HYFRYDOL
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Debra
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 159	“Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER	Congregation
	Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sing. The hosts of God in unity combine. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.	
*POSTLUDE	“Mit Freuden Zart” (with Tender Joy) Kirchengesänge Bohemian Brethren, 1566	
	*If you are able, please stand.	

¹<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2995>

²Ibid.



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...

Financial advisor and job coach Robert Dickie III in articles and at workshops highlights the things employers and Jesus are looking for on a resume. Dickie insists that the character Jesus advocates is the same character employers are looking for in their potential employees.

So, what are these character traits? Mr. Dickie maintains that a willingness to work hard, hands-on experience in public service, and charitable giving are components on a good resume that will give people job hunting a leading edge.

The job coach offers scripture as a measure for these character traits. Citing Proverbs 14:23, *"All hard work brings profit mere talk leads only to poverty,"* Dickie points out that employers want workers who not only have the skills to do the job but also the work ethic to do the job well. As we often say, in our Christian circles, they want people who are going to walk the walk and not just talk the talk.

This first character trait was not a big surprise to me but the other two were. I did not realize employers were looking for public service and charitable giving on resumes but Richard Dickie's explanation for these makes sense. The rationale is that in the workforce today many jobs require teamwork. People who have given of themselves to others in public service and charitable giving are more likely to lift up others and work well together on team projects. Additionally, companies are becoming more involved in service projects and charitable giving and want employees who are already involved.

It was not a surprise that the scriptural standard given for these character traits was from Matthew 25 where Jesus says, *"I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in; naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me."* (Matthew. 25:35-37). While it is a blessing that our Christian character may be of help to us in the job market, it is how we are called to live by our Lord Jesus. May this good news inspire us to continue to offer a helping hand in our church and our community doing all the good we can, as often as we can, wherever we can!

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, Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Judy Quick, Scott Tomberlin, Charlotte Crosby, Jimmy Duffy, Betty Thrailkill, Theodore Burns, Mondell Brasington (Debbie Adams' mother), Joe Reid Family, Esther Furr Family, Beulah Threatte Family. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE: It was a GREAT SUCCESS!!! With 20 scheduled appointments and 18 participating donors, we were able to collect **16 pints of blood (2 power reds)**— making a lasting impact on up to **48 patient lives** and their families!

SUMMER MISSION PROJECT COMES TO A CLOSE: There is life after domestic violence, and New Beginnings Transitional Shelter has been blessed by your generosity. Two SUV's, packed to the brim, delivered your gifts this week. The needed items will be used at the shelter, and when a family leave, items will be provided for their new home. Thank you FUMC for your part in helping these survivors as they leave a traumatic past and look forward with hope and a future. "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" Jeremiah 29:11

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

August 15 and August 29 at 9:00am

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.

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.


TURNING 90 OR ABOVE: We have several of our church members who will turn 90 or above this month. If you would like to send a card to these their addresses are listed below.

Druie Walker August 7
600 Robin Hood Drive
Cheraw, SC 29520

Betty Thrailkill August 14
122 Lakeway Drive
Cheraw, SC 29520

ADDRESS: Jimmy Duffy is at Cheraw Healthcare receiving physical therapy for several weeks. If you would like to call or send him a card, here is his information.

Cheraw Healthcare
Attention: Jimmy Duffy
400 Moffat Road
Cheraw, SC 29520
843-320-7410

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Coming up Sunday, August the 29th, we will mark this fifth Sunday by celebrating with a scripture and song service at our 11 o'clock gathering.

We ask you to email, text, or call in your song requests to:

email - fumcmusic01@gmail.com

call/text - 704-294-4510



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Need Help?

If you have a further questions that we didn't answer, please feel free to email fumcangiesmith@gmail.com or call the church office at 843-537-7002.

MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF JOE REID

M&M Keith Smith, M&M Rhett Butler, Betty Thrailkill, M&M Jack VanDeman

IN MEMORY OF JOHN MOORE

M&M Curtis Jones, , M&M Jimmie Williamson, M&M Chase Watson

IN MEMORY OF BEULAH THREATTE

M&M Curtis Jones

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 15, 2021

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship in Sanctuary
5:00-7:00pm Back to School Party (Cheraw
Country Club) (Everyone is
invited)

Monday, August 16, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

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

Wednesday, August 18 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm August 22 Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Children/Youth/Special Events
Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, August 19, 2021

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

Sunday, August 22, 2021

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship in Sanctuary

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85
Amount received for week ending August 8 \$10,440.50
Sunday School Attendance, August 8: 58
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Peanut butter
Greeters: Todd & Allison Becker
Nursery Workers: Erika & Gretchen Kollitz
Liturgist for next Sunday: Joey Mills

Amount needed year to date: \$185,531.20
Received year to date: \$193,053.46
Worship Attendance Sunday, August 8: 71
McArn Items: Instant grits
Head Usher: Rhett Butler
Acolyte: Penny Quick

FUMC STAFF

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