

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

AUGUST 29, 2021

14TH AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Michael Williams
CHORAL INTROIT	“Alleluia, Alleluia”	D. Fishel
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Jenny Keefe
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Jenny Keefe
L: Once we were not a people.		
C: Now we are God’s people.		
L: Once we had no mercy.		
C: Now we have mercy through Jesus.		
L: Let us praise the one who made us living stones and royal priests.		
C: Praise be to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who called us out of darkness into his light. Amen.		
OPENING PRAYER²		Jenny Keefe
Gracious God, we are blessed to living stones built on the foundation of your Son. We are so grateful to be part of his church in this place and to serve as his royal priests here and in the world. We with us as we worship you and empower us by your Spirit to faithfully walk with you in the light as your faithful servants all of our days. All glory and honor is yours Holy One, now and forever. Amen		
*HYMN NO. 733 (1 st verse only with repeat of refrain) “Marching to Zion”		MARCHING TO ZION
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885		Jenny Keefe
*GLORIA PATRI		GREATOREX
MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
CHORAL RESPONSE	“Fragrance of Christ” II Corinthians 2: 14-15	Chancel Choir
*HYMN NO. 398 (Verses 1, 3 & 4)	“Jesus Calls Us”	GALILEE
SCRIPTURE READING	1 Peter 2: 1-17	
SERMON	“Living Stones and Royal Priests”	Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 2149 (The Faith We Sing)	“Living for Jesus”	LIVING
*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	Fanfare Postlude on “St. Thomas”	arr. By Douglas Wagner
<i>*If you are able, please stand.</i>		

¹Based on 1 Peter 2:1-17

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...

John Wesley encouraged us as the people called “Methodists” to do more than just practice a form of religion focused on our minds and our rituals. What makes our religion real is to live out our faith in a holistic manner that includes the heart of religion, what John Wesley called, works of mercy. James reminds us that “*religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress.*” (James 1:27 NSRV) In pure and loving faith for 125 years, Methodists in South Carolina have been following this call as we support the ministries of Epworth Children’s Home in Columbia, SC.

Epworth is currently serving 294 children and families through their Residential and Independent Living programs, statewide Foster Care program, the Epworth Center for Counseling, the Early Intervention Center, and prevention services. Each of these children have found refuge in the ministry we share as United Methodists in SC.

Epworth Children’s Home goes above and beyond providing food and shelter for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, and tragedy. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, fun activities, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children’s Home, we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives.

On Sunday, September 12th our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect, and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need in South Carolina. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children’s Home, visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

Pastor Debra

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, Tony Thrailkill, Theodore Burns, Mondell Brasington (Debbie Adams' mother), Terrence Smith (Laguana Smith, CDM worker's husband). **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 – 5TH GRADE: The Summer Sunday School schedule for grades preschool-5th grade is below:

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.



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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.

THANK YOU NOTES:

Thank you so much for making my birthday so joyous. The birthday song by the Ezer class, cards, e-mails, texts, and messages made this birthday very special. It is a joy and blessing to be serving Jesus with the people of FUMC! Y'all are truly the church with a heart in the heart of Cheraw.

Thank you for your support of the New Beginnings Transitional Shelter. Together we can and will continue to make a difference in the lives of women and children who need support in their personal journeys toward a life free from violence and abuse. Thank you for all the school supplies and household products! We really appreciate your donation and so do the residents! New Beginnings Staff

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Keegan and Mary Crawford Beckwith on the birth of their daughter, Lula Wells Beckwith, on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Proud grandfather is Bryan Crawford.

OPEN DOORS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED: Epworth Children's Home goes above and beyond providing food and shelter for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, and tragedy. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, fun activities, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home, we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. On Sunday, September 12th our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect, and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. We invite you to give generously to the children who are served by Epworth. For more information, please visit Epworth at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

September 3 Connor Thornton Ruffner, John VanDeman
September 4 Cameron Crawford Walton
September 5 Greg Sanderson, Megan Goodwin
September 6 Kim Williamson, Jeffrey Foster
September 7 Elizabeth Wagnon
September 10 Frances Anne Baker Watson, John Adams
September 11 Mike Starling
September 13 Sarah Jefferies Calhoun
September 17 Margaret Jean Harris, Lawton Harris
September 18 Nancy Wagnon, Sophia Prevatte
September 19 Ray Crouse
September 20 Joey Mills
September 22 Woody Rogers, Rebekah Williams
September 22 Steve Barbour
September 23 Annsleigh Becker
September 27 Jenny Keefe
September 28 Lauren Outen
September 29 Katie Chapman
September 30 Austin Sanderson

ANNIVERSARIES

September 17 M&M Jimmie Williamson
September 18 M&M John Goodwin, III
September 20 M&M Anthony Harris
September 27 M&M Will Smith

NURSERY FOR SEPTEMBER

September 5 Renie Seel & Payton Taylor
September 12 Allison & Sawyer Becker
September 19 Kelly & Hollis Dusa
September 26 Leslie Jean & Chase Watson

HEAD USERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Todd Becker

CHIMING OF THE HOUR FOR SEPTEMBER

Michael

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 5 Michelle Rohde
September 12 Cindy & Greg Sanderson
September 19 Jed & Choles Reid
September 26 Penny Quick

ACOLYTE FOR SEPTEMBER

To Be Announced Later

LITURGIST FOR SEPTEMBER

September 5 Sammy Quick
September 12 Ray Crouse
September 19 Eric Dusa
September 26 Rhett Butler

MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF JOE REID

Eleanor Baker

IN MEMORY OF JOHN MOORE

Avery & Barbara Dickson

IN MEMORY OF TAVENER AND BEULAH THREATTE

Eleanor Baker

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 29, 2021

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

Monday, August 30, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

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

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm September 5 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, September 2, 2021

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

Sunday, September 3, 2021

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

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85

Amount received for week ending August 25 \$3,017.68

Sunday School Attendance, August 22: 52

FUMC Food Pantry Item: Peanut butter

Greeters: Eric & Kelly Dusa

Nursery Workers: Kelly & Hollis Dusa

Liturgist for next Sunday: Sammy Quick

Amount needed year to date: \$197,126.90

Received year to date: \$197,457.15

Worship Attendance Sunday, August 22: 71

McArn Items: Chef Boyardee Bowls

Head Usher: Rhett Butler

Acolyte: Penny Quick

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