

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

16TH AFTER PENTECOST/GRANDPARENTS DAY/EPWORTH SUNDAY

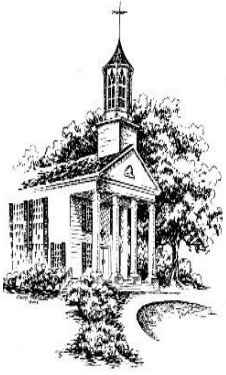
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CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Michael Williams
CHORAL INTROIT	“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”	MONKLAND
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Ray Crouse
RECOGNITION OF GRANDPARENTS		Pastor Debra
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Ray Crouse
L: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.		
C: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.		
L: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.		
C: Lord, help us to work for you.		
L: Lord, make us ready to serve.		
C: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love. AMEN.		
OPENING PRAYER²		Ray Crouse
Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion, and we are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in His Name. AMEN.		
*HYMN NO. 400 (verses 1 & 3)	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	NETTLETON
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885		Ray Crouse
*GLORIA PATRI		GREATOREX
MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE	“In the Lord, I’ll be Ever Thankful” ©Ateliers et Presses de Taize	Chancel Choir
*HYMN NO. 432 (verses 1, 3 & 5)	“Jesu, Jesu”	CHEREPONI
SCRIPTURE READING	James 2: 1-17	
SERMON	“Doers of the Word with Mercy”	Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 463 (verses 1 & 5)	“Lord, Speak to Me”	CANONBURY
*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	“God of the Sparrow God of the Whale”	ROEDER

***If you are able, please stand.**

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3057>

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...

But prove yourselves doers of the word [actively and continually obeying God's precepts], and not merely listeners [who hear the word but fail to internalize its meaning], deluding yourselves [by unsound reasoning contrary to the truth]. James 1:22 AMPV

Last week we began a sermon series on the letter from James to the churches dispersed throughout Asia-Minor. The series will continue through September as we focus on being doers of God's word and not just listeners of God's word.

One of the greatest challenges of our Christian Journey can be discerning how we live out our faith in the world. Martin Luther and John Wesley had discussions about this pesky letter from James. The issue for Luther was that we are saved by faith and not by works. John Wesley agreed but also insisted, as the Apostle James does, that true faith is alive with good works.

It is absolute truth that we are saved by grace through faith. We cannot earn our way to eternal life by the good works we do. Salvation is by faith in our Lord Jesus, period! However, that does not mean that we are off the hook about good works.

Good works are a response of our gratitude to God for our salvation. We are doers of the word because we want to let God and the world around us know how grateful we are for the gift of salvation that we have freely received. Jesus explains the purpose of our good works in Matthew 5:16, "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." James encourages us to do this too.

James explains that we accomplish this by how we act in our daily interactions with each other and by acts of mercy towards others.. He urges us to exercise self-control with anger, pridefulness, speech, and spending. Then, with pure hearts we are to do good works to care for the downtrodden, the poor, and to help widows, and orphans.

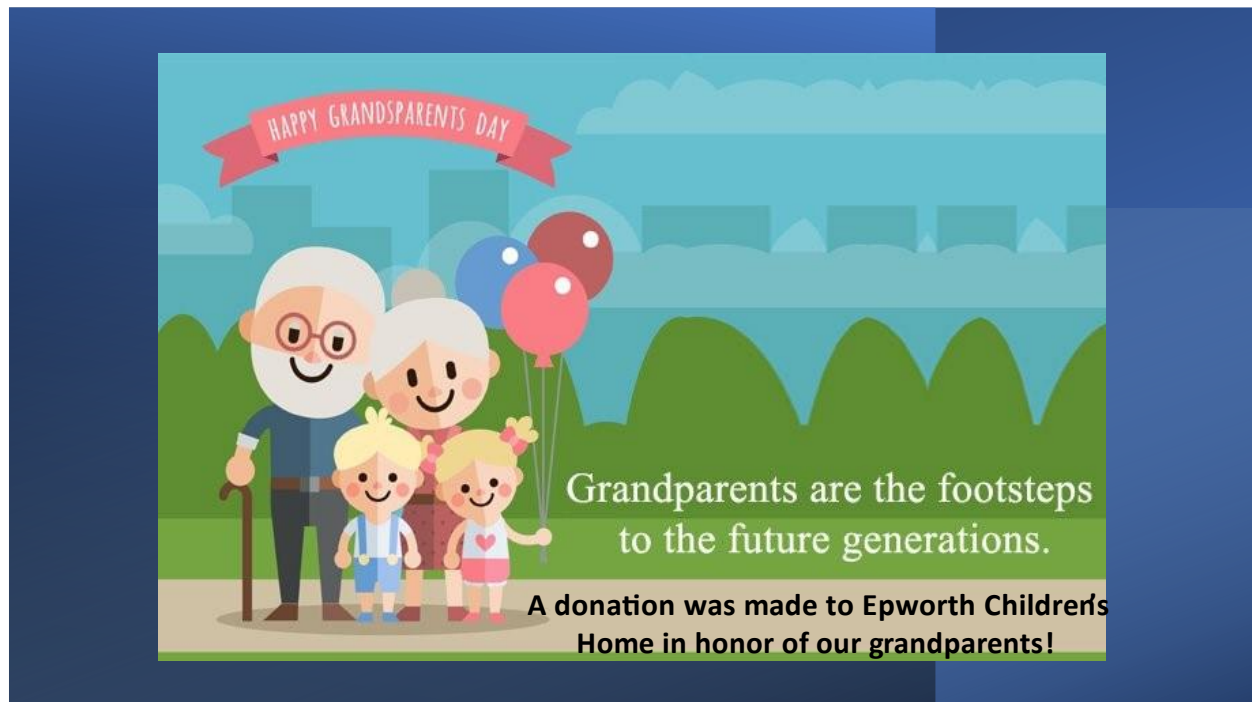
I look forward to continuing our journey together with the book of James. May we always listen carefully and then be doers of God's word together here at FUMC.

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.**



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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.

TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING! Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to invest in the comprehensive care we are called by God to provide for the children at Epworth Children's Home, our church's ministry to God's children. Please find information about Epworth and the Work Day Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive apportionment dollars from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation.

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.

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.

GREAT NEWS

It's Bar-B-Que time at FUMC

In conjunction with The SC Jazz Festival held in Cheraw

“The Dizzy Festival”

First United Methodist Church
Boy Scout Troop 655
Cub Pack 653

FALL BAR-B-QUE

Saturday, October 16, 2021
11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Pork or Chicken
Drive-Thru Only

DONATION \$10

Volunteer Opportunities

<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Choppers and Pickers	BBQ Shed	Keith Smith
Take Out Preparers	Fellowship Hall	Scott Eddins
Drive Thru Crew	Portico	Susan Marsh
Clean Up	BBQ Shed	Sammy Quick
Clean UP	Fellowship Hall	Scott Eddins
“Pan the Beans”	Positions Filled	
Slaw Makers	Positions Filled	
Grill Cleaners leading up to BBQ weekend		Gregory Sandesron

TURNING 90 OR ABOVE: We have a church member who will turn 90 or above this month. If you would like to send a card to this individual the address is listed below.

Mrs. Katie Chapman (September 29)
201 Willow Road
Cheraw, SC 29520

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 12, 2021

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

Monday, September 13, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

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

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm September 19 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, September 16, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
6:00pm Nominations Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 19, 2021

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

FUMC Food Pantry Item: Canned vegetables

Greeters: Cindy & Greg Sanderson

Nursery Workers: Allison & Sawyer Becker

Liturgist for next Sunday: Eric Dusa

McArn Items: Juice boxes

Head Usher: Todd Becker

Acolyte: Bryson Hunter

FUMC STAFF

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