

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***SEPTEMBER 19, 2021***

***17<sup>TH</sup> AFTER PENTECOST***

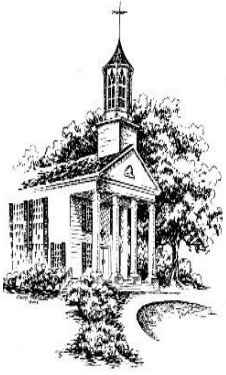
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<b>CHIMING OF THE HOUR</b>		Michael Williams
<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b>“Fairest Lord Jesus”</b>	ST. ELIZABETH
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Ray Crouse
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup></b>		Ray Crouse
L: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.		
<b>C: God’s ways are just and merciful.</b>		
L: Those who follow God’s ways are continually nourished in faith.		
<b>C: In all that they do, they prosper.</b>		
L: Come, let us open our hearts to God’s compassionate love.		
<b>C: Let us celebrate God’s mercy and justice. AMEN.</b>		
<b>OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup></b>		Eric Dusa
Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. AMEN.		
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885</b>		Ray Crouse
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>		GREATOREX
<b>*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 126 (verses 1 &amp; 4)</b>	<b>“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”</b>	MIT FREDUDEN ZART
<b>MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>REFLECTIVE HYMN</b>	<b>“Lonely the Boat” (follow silently UMH 476)</b>	BAI
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>James 3: 1-18</b>	
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>“Does of the Word with Power”</b>	Pastor Debra
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 159</b>	<b>“Lift High the Cross”</b> 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.		
<b>*POSTLUDE</b>	<b>“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”</b>	AUSTRIA
<b><i>*If you are able, please stand.</i></b>		

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3077>

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

***The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of the anniversaries of Betty Ann and Jimmie Crawford, and Peggy and Charlie Meacham by Marianne and Jim Crawford.***



# 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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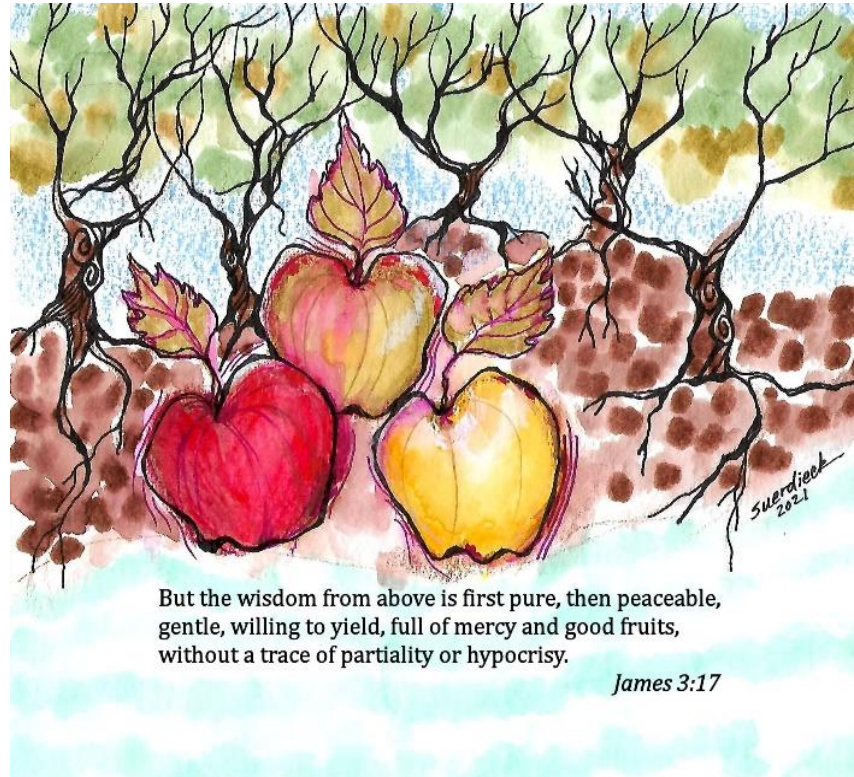
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## *A Few Words from the Pastor...*

In our travels through the first two chapters of the book of James, we are continually challenged by him to examine our actions and words to be certain that they reflect the one we serve, our Lord Jesus. James insists that the response to our salvation through Jesus is good works that are evidence of our faith and that bring honor and glory to God. He reminds us that it is with our works of mercy that our faith comes alive. James then urges us to remove all discrimination and partiality. Instead, we are to love our neighbors as ourselves caring for the poor, for orphans and for widows.

This week in chapter three we will be compelled to use our self-control to tame our tongues. We will also explore the difference between earthly and Godly wisdom. We all must have power and wisdom from on high to successfully be doers of the Word! Looking forward to seeing you Sunday!

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But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

*James 3:17*

*Pastor Debra*

# SAFETY PROTOCOLS UPDATED



COVID-19

The Covid-19 Safety Team met Sunday, September 12, 2021 and updated the safety protocols for First United Methodist Church. These three changes will begin on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of these changes is to help keep safe the most vulnerable among us. They are needed because of the current high case count and high-risk levels for getting this virus in Chesterfield County. Once the count and risk levels decrease to safer numbers, we will return to our current protocols. Please help us love our neighbors and care for the least of these!

**Choir not to practice or sing.**

**Maintain social distance.**

The pews have been marked with yarn to help us know where to sit. Please sit in a pew that has not been marked.

**Wear a mask inside.**

If you do not have a mask or forget yours, masks are available at the entrances to the church.

**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), Margaret Stanton, Nicole Johnson (Joey Mill's acquaintance). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**



**For bank account and credit card giving, we use Vanco**

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### **What is Vanco?**

Vanco is an online giving service endorsed by the South Carolina Annual Conference. Once you create your account you will be able to give 10 seconds or less. You can access the giving portal at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR20>.

### **Need Help?**

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

**CHARGE CONFERENCE:** The Charge Conference will be on Sunday, October 3 immediately following the worship service.

**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](http://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 19, 2021

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship in Sanctuary  
5:00pm Nominations Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### Monday, September 20, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

### Tuesday, September 21, 2021

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

### Wednesday, September 22, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm September 26 Bulletin Deadline

### Thursday, September 23, 2021

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

### Sunday, September 26, 2021

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship in Sanctuary  
6:00pm Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Weekly amount needed for budget:** \$5,797.85  
**Amount received for week of September 5:** \$6,393.62  
**Amount received for week of September 12:** \$8,307.28  
**Sunday School Attendance, September 5:** 41  
**Sunday School Attendance, September 12:** 40  
**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Canned vegetables  
**Greeter:** Jed and Choles Reid  
**Nursery Workers:** Kelly & Hollis Dusa  
**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Rhett Butler

**Amount needed year to date:** \$214,520.45  
**Received year to date:** \$214,711.55  
**Worship Attendance, September 5:** 60  
**Worship Attendance, September 12:** 69  
**McArn Items:** Juice boxes  
**Head Usher:** Todd Becker  
**Acolyte:** Bryson Hunter

### FUMC STAFF

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