

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Michael Williams
PRELUDE	"I Know Whom I Have Believed"	EL NATHAN
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rhett Butler
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Rhett Butler
L: Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.		
C: God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.		
L: We struggle and worry.		
C: God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.		
L: Listen for God's call to you.		
C: Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. AMEN.		
OPENING PRAYER²		Rhett Butler
Lord of joy and mercy, be with us this day as we seek your voice and your guidance. Remove the obstacles that block our commitment and help us to truly be your disciples; for we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885		Rhett Butler
*GLORIA PATRI		GREATOREX
*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 529 (verses 1&2)	"How Firm a Foundation"	FOUNDATION
MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
REFLECTIVE HYMN	"Rescue the Perishing" (see UMH 591)	RESCUE
SCRIPTURE READING	James 5: 13-29	
SERMON	"Doers of the Word with Community"	Pastor Debra
*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	"We Are One in the Spirit"	Peter Scholtes
<i>*If you are able, please stand.</i>		

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3097>

²Ibid.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Elaine and JK Motley and Doris and James Keefe by Jenny and Dallas Keefe.



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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SUNDAY MORNING REFLECTION

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Reverend Telley L. Gadson, District Superintendent and Chief Missional Strategist
Hartsville District

Good Morning, Good Morning, Good Morning! I decree and declare that today is the perfect day for a miracle. We are alive to see another day - a day we have never seen before and one we will never see again. Isn't it a blessing to know that our names were on "God's Wake-Up List" for today...AMEN and HALLELUJAH!

One of the things that sets my day in motion is an intentional time of devotion. This allows me to center my thoughts on the things of God, because the things of this world can be so very distracting. I try my best to claim this sacred space before I start the to-do-list of the day. Before I look at my text messages, check email, or begin posting inspirations on social media; I want to reverence God with thanksgiving for His grace and mercy, celebrate the joy of Jesus, and claim the presence and power of the Holy Spirit as my guidepost for what is to come.

Each day, I use these words to begin my time with God:

"Dear God, please grant me the serenity to accept the things I can not change, the courage to change the things that I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Could it be that the American theologian, Reinhold Niebuhr, wrote these words as a testimony of God's peace that passes all understanding? Could it be that the words of his mouth and the meditations of his heart were putting him in direct contact with God's promise to never leave or forsake His children? Could this prayer-writer have possibly known that his supplication would become a "steel magnolia" for recovery staples, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, and other Addictions Anonymous? Could it be that the driving force for this go-to-talk with God was that Niebuhr came to terms with God's sovereignty and the limitations of humanity to resolve that God, and only God, was powerful enough to give strength, courage, and wisdom in the same meditative prescription? I believe it was all of the above, and I thank God for these words that inspire me daily to let go more and more of my cares and concerns in exchange for God's purpose and protection...thanks be to God!

So, to each of you, my Partners in the life and work of our beloved HEART-warming HARTSVILLE District, I share this musing to encourage you on this day the Lord has made. Let's go ahead and rejoice in it, because God is already at work in the things we can't control, and has given us the tools and "the keys" to handle what we can control. Life is not an exact science and it never will be, but what is sure, consistent, and constant is God's omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence...and that my Sisters and Brothers, is enough to get through just one more day!

Remember, I love you and there is nothing you can do about it! Have an amazing day and an awesome week!

Steadfast in Prayer and Faith...
Much LOVE and GRACE (MLAG),
Pastor T

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 19th. 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.

Nursery not provided.

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), Joey & Trina Mills. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF JOHN MOORE

M&M Ray Crouse

IN MEMORY OF SAM EUBANKS

M&M Jeff Johnson

IN MEMORY OF BEULAH THREATTE

M&M Jeff Johnson

IN MEMORY OF MELANIE BENNETT

M&M Jeff Johnson

IN MEMORY OF JOE REID

M&M Jeff Johnson

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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.



Looking For a Few Good Techs

First Methodist is seeking to train a small staff of two or three individuals to assist with the weekly video recording of Sunday worship services and other church activities. No prior experience with video equipment is required although basic computer skills would be useful. The time required would be about one Sunday per month from 10:45 am to 1:30 pm following three Sundays of training (total of six hours) and close supervision until you are comfortable with the equipment and tasks. If you are at least 14 years of age and would like to serve your church while learning interesting and technical life-skills, contact Angie at 537-7002 to get your name on the list.

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.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: FUMC will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from 1:00-6:00pm in the fellowship hall. To make an appointment please call or email Angie at 843-537-7002, fumcangiesmith@gmail.com or go online to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.

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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

October 1 Jerry Tucker
October 4 Sharon McKinnon
October 7 Amber Nicole Morgan
October 8 Mary Burr, Shannon Johnson
October 9 Brantley Butler Reames
October 10 Pal Moore
October 12 William Lee
October 13 Edith Quick
October 15 Rhett Butler, II
October 17 Lyle Coffy
October 20 Curtis Jones
October 21 Julia Tucker
October 22 Zach, Joel & Seth Keefe
October 23 Doug Carabo
October 27 Betty Hurst, Andrew Lewis
October 28 Alex Lewis
October 30 Sara Sanderson
October 31 Tony Harris, III

ANNIVERSARIES

October 2 M&M David McLean
October 4 M&M Heath Ruffner
October 6 M&M Jap Roddy
October 8 M&M Jeffrey Furr
October 15 M&M Phillip Shepard
October 16 M&M Keith Stubbs

GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

October 3 David and Jean McLean
October 10 Jap and Kim Roddy
October 17 Heath and Christy Ruffner
October 24 Gini Eddins
October 31 Chase and Lesley Jean Watson

FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

October 3 Jim Bennett
October 10 Kollitz
October 17, 24 and 31 OPEN

LITURGIST FOR OCTOBER

October 3 Greg Sanderson
October 10 Bonnie Cundiff
October 17 Shannon Johnson
October 24 Joey Mills
October 31 Lib Norton

HEAD USERS FOR OCTOBER

Jed Reid

ACOLYTE FOR OCTOBER

Zenda Rushing

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 26, 2021

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

Monday, September 27, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

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

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm October 3 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, September 30, 2021

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

Sunday, October 3, 2021

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship in Sanctuary
Charge Conference in Sanctuary
immediately following worship

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85
Amount received for week of September 19: \$5,776.75
Sunday School Attendance, September 19: 40
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Dry cereal
Greeter: Penny Quick
Acolyte: Bryson Hunter

Amount needed year to date: \$220,318.30
Received year to date: \$220,488.30
Worship Attendance, September 19: 63
McArn Items: Pop tarts
Head Usher: Todd Becker
Liturgist for next Sunday: Greg Sanderson

FUMC STAFF

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