

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***SEPTEMBER 5, 2021***

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

***LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN***

<b>CHIMING OF THE HOUR</b>		Michael Williams
<b>CHORAL INTROIT</b>	<b>“Good Gifts” James 1: 17</b>	(used by permission, Ken Bible)
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Sammy Quick
<b>REMEMBERING THOSE WE LOST ON 9/11 AND THE AFGHANISTAN WAR</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup></b>		Sammy Quick
L: Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God’s love for us.		
<b>C: Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.</b>		
L: Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.		
<b>C: Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.</b>		
L: Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.		
<b>C: Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace. AMEN.</b>		
<b>OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup></b>		Sammy Quick
Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus’ Name, we pray. <b>AMEN.</b>		
<b>*HYMN NO. 152 (verses 1 &amp; 2)</b>	<b>“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”</b>	FOREST GREEN
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885</b>		Sammy Quick
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>		GREATOREX
<b>MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE</b>	<b>“In the Lord, I’ll be Ever Thankful” ©Ateliers et Presses de Taize</b>	Chancel Choir
<b>*HYMN NO. 410 (verses 1 &amp; 3)</b>	<b>“I Want a Principle Within”</b>	GERALD
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>James 1:17-27</b>	
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>“Doers of the Word with Truth”</b>	Pastor Debra
<b>*HYMN NO. 430 (verses 1 &amp; 4)</b>	<b>“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”</b>	MARYTON
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 159</b>	<b>“Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER</b>	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>“The Ash Grove”</b>	Welsh folk tune
<b><i>*If you are able, please stand.</i></b>		

<sup>1</sup><https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3027>

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.



# 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...*

Every Sunday morning I receive an e-mail greeting from our District Superintendent, Reverend Talley Gadson. "Pastor T" as she is affectionally called gave us the go ahead to share some of her writings with our congregation. One that brought for a true Barnabas moment for me and that I have read several times, I share with you. May it encourage all of us on the journey as we seek to live as doers of God's Word in our day and age.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Debra*

### **"What It Means to be Encouraged"**

A Reflection by Reverend Telley Lynnette Gadson

"PASTOR T"

Sunday Morning Greetings on July 11, 2021

Exactly what does it mean to be encouraged? In the life of the church, I mean the churchy-church, we have our code-language, those clichés of the day where we say things that we sometimes aren't really living ourselves, but it sounds nice, it sounds like a good churchy thing to say, and it just might be encouraging to someone else's heart even when ours is doubtful, dismayed, and dilemma-ed!

Have you ever told someone, "**Be Encouraged**" and you weren't feeling encouraged yourself? Have you testified that you are "**Blessed and Highly Favored**" while you were really bothered and highly agitated? Have you ever testified about what you got just to be one up on someone else's F.O.G. – you know Favor of God? Come on tell the truth...How many of us have ever had to tangle with that envious spirit because the very thing we prayed for was delivered to someone else's door and we think they didn't even pray for that blessing?

Well, if you are believer in Jesus, who is the Christ, then you, like me, are living in this world as a spiritual being having a natural experience; and if we truly plan to make heaven our home, in order to get there, we need help that comes from being encouraged! We really need Jesus more and more each and every day!

So, what does it mean to be encouraged? Well, it doesn't mean to live in denial of what your problems are. It doesn't mean to lie to yourself that you are perfect, and the sun rises at your request. It doesn't mean to ignore the realities of the carnalities. It doesn't mean that God owns you or me anything, or that God is our genie in a bottle to make us happy, keep us happy, and never let a raindrop fall on our heads!

I believe to be encouraged is to know that trouble comes to everyone's door, but it is the way you answer trouble that makes the difference. I believe to be encouraged is to be clear that into each life some rain must fall, but know where the umbrella of hope is at all times. I believe to be encouraged is to learn how to celebrate the victories of others, knowing that you are practicing for your own victory party! I believe to be encouraged is to let nothing or no one speak negatively into your ear or your airspace! I believe to be encouraged is to make the decision to be in the space of courage – courage to smile when tears are ever-present, courage to dance even if you have no rhythm, courage to love your enemies and pray for the ones who don't love you, courage to sing a new song even when the only keys you can carry are in your pocket, courage to pray when you can't hear anybody else praying, courage to preach when you don't feel like taking a text, courage to journey on when you want to give in to being weary in well-doing, courage to say, "**I don't understand but I know God has the plan!**" To be encouraged is to know that the joy of the Lord is your strength everyday – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday!

Be Encouraged...and remember you are loved  
and there is nothing you can do about it!

## 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.**

**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](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.

**VACATION:** Angie will be on vacation September 7-9. Volunteers will be in the office during this time.



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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.

**DON'T FORGET THE WORK DAY OFFERING FOR EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME IS NEXT SUNDAY!** Next Sunday is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades to when Methodists were challenged to **"Give a Day's Pay"** to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them, and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who are served by Epworth. Epworth does not receive apportionment dollars from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, please visit [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

# YOUTH CARWASH AND HELPING AT A MEMBER'S HOME



## 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

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### 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

**MEMORIALS:**

***IN MEMORY OF TAVENER AND BEULAH THREATTE***  
*Bert & Martha Dawkins*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

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

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021**

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

**Monday, September 6, 2021**

Happy Labor Day  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

**Thursday, September 9, 2021**

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

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

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

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

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

**Weekly amount needed for budget:** \$5,797.85  
**Amount received for week ending August 29** \$2,553.50  
**Sunday School Attendance, August 29:** 54  
**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Canned meats, stews  
**Greeter:** Michelle Rohde  
**Nursery Workers:** Renie Seel & Payton Taylor  
**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Ray Crouse

**Amount needed year to date:** \$202,924.75  
**Received year to date:** \$200,010.65  
**Worship Attendance Sunday, August 29:** 63  
**McArn Items:** Animal cookies  
**Head Usher:** Todd Becker  
**Acolyte:** Bryson Hunter

**FUMC STAFF**

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