

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***OCTOBER 17, 2021***

***21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

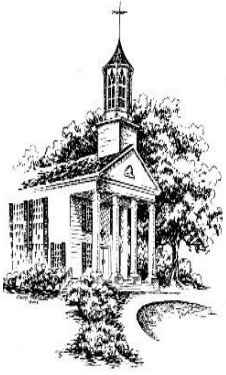
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<b>CHIMING OF THE HOUR</b>		Michael Williams
<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b>“I Come with Joy”</b>	DOVE OF PEACE
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Shannon Johnson
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup></b>		Shannon Johnson
L: We come before God as equal in God’s sight.		
<b>C: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.</b>		
L: None of us is perfect and without blemish.		
<b>C: Yet God has called us God’s children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.</b>		
L: We are called to joyful obedience in God’s realm.		
<b>C: Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours God’s abundant love on us. AMEN.</b>		
<b>OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup></b>		Shannon Johnson
Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. <b>AMEN.</b>		
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885</b>	<b>“A Modern Affirmation”</b>	Shannon Johnson
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>		GREATOREX
<b>*OPENING HYMN NO. 103 (verses 1 &amp; 3)</b>	<b>“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”</b>	ST. DENIO
<b>MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>REFLECTIVE HYMN</b>	<b>“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” (refer to UMH 175)</b>	ST. AGNES
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>Mark 10: 35-45</b>	
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>“Seating Arrangements”</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 sign. 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>“At Calvary”</b>	CALVARY (Towner)
<b><i>*If you are able, please stand.</i></b>		

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3135>

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

***The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God.***



# 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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## FUMC'S New Vanco Mobile App Is Live!

Mobile giving is now an option at First United Methodist Church. Our giving multiplies the church's impact as a vessel of love and service in our church, our local community, and the world. No gift is too great or too small. There are several ways to give:

### ► TRADITIONAL OFFERING

During every worship service, some people prefer the act of placing something in the offering plate. Offering plates are located at the doors just outside the sanctuary.

### ► ONLINE GIVING

Go to our website at [www.cherawfirstumc.org](http://www.cherawfirstumc.org) click on the tab in the top right corner that says "*FUMC On-Line Giving*" to begin.

### ► THE VANCO MOBILE ENGAGEMENT APP

Download from your app store, the Vanco Mobile Engagement App. Enter First United Methodist Church Cheraw in the search box, and then download the app on to your phone. Open the app to begin.



# 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.

**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, Nancy Chestnut (Michelle Rohde's mother), Anthony Carraway (Christy Ruffner's friend), Brian Meares (Jane Rumph's son-in-law). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

It's that time once again to pack shoeboxes for children. Our goal this year is 100 boxes. Information and boxes are available in the lobby and in the narthex.

The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.



**American  
Red Cross**



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

117 Third Street, Cheraw -- Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021**

**1:00PM – 6:00PM**

Come to give in October and receive a link by email for a free Zaxby's Signature Sandwich or a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice. Terms and conditions apply, see [rcblood.org/zax](http://rcblood.org/zax).

To make an appointment contact Angie Smith at 843-537-7002 or [fumcangiesmith@gmail.com](mailto:fumcangiesmith@gmail.com) or [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.

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## 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](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.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WOMEN'S BAKE SALE

The bake sale has been cancelled since the BBQ is drive-thru this year. The UMW still need the money that comes from selling baked goods that everyone has gratefully made in the past to sell. The selling of bake goods goes to the UMW budget so they can help where help is needed. The UMW are graciously asking for monetary donations instead of you having to bake items to sell. With everyone's help by donations they hope to reach their goal of \$1000 or more which is what they made in the past with the bake sale. Please make checks payable to "UMW" and put bake sale on the "for line". The UMW are also selling Rada Knives which make great gifts. Please let one of the UMW members know or come by the office to place an order for knives.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, October 17, 2021

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

### Monday, October 18, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

### Tuesday, October 19, 2021

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

### Wednesday, October 20, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm October 24 Bulletin Deadline

### Thursday, October 21, 2021

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

### Sunday, October 24, 2021

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

**Weekly amount needed for budget:** \$5,797.85  
**Amount received for week of October 13:** \$8,341.08  
**Sunday School Attendance, October 17:** 45  
**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Canned vegetables  
**Greeters:** Lesley Jean & Chase Watson  
**Acolyte:** Peyton Taylor  
**Flowers next Sunday:** OPEN

**Amount needed year to date:** \$237,711.85  
**Received year to date:** \$239,665.91  
**Worship Attendance, October 17:** 60  
**McArn Items:** Peanut butter cups  
**Head Usher:** Jed Reid  
**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Joey Mills

### FUMC STAFF

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