

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***OCTOBER 24, 2021***

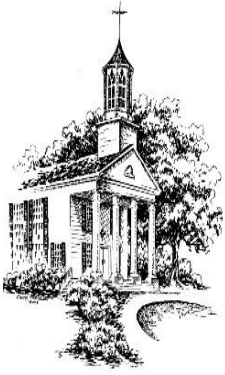
***22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN***

<b>CHIMING OF THE HOUR</b>		Michael Williams
<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b>“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”</b>	arr. by Stan Pethel
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Joey Mills
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup></b>		Joey Mills
L: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.		
<b>C: From the storms and struggles of life we come.</b>		
L: Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.		
<b>C: From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.</b>		
L: Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.		
<b>C: Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed. AMEN.</b>		
<b>OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup></b>		Joey Mills
Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. <b>AMEN.</b>		
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885</b>	<b>“A Modern Affirmation”</b>	Joey Mills
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>		GREATOREX
<b>*OPENING HYMN NO. 170</b>	<b>“O How I Love Jesus”</b>	O HOW I LOVE JESUS
<b>MISSION MOMENTS</b>	<b>Operation Christmas Child</b>	Jenny Keefe and Zenda Rushing
<b>MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>REFLECTIVE HYMN</b>	<b>“Wounded World that Cries for Healing” (follow2177 TFWS)</b>	HEALING SPIRIT
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>Mark 10: 46-52</b>	
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>“Eyes of Faith”</b>	Pastor Debra
<b>CLOSING HYMN NO: 451</b>	<b>“Be Thou My Vision”</b>	SLANE
<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>“Victory In Jesus”</b>	HARTFORD
<b><i>*If you are able, please stand.</i></b>		

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3183>

<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...*

*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:23-24 ESV*

I remember the first time I thought about grace was when I was nine or ten and at a friend's church for Vacation Bible School. Each day we sang this song that had a chorus, "grace for me, grace for you, grace for everybody." We would point at ourselves, then at our neighbor on the right, and end by making a swooping motion to include the entire circle.

One day during snack time I asked our teacher "what's grace." She told me grace was not getting something we deserve. To my young mind that sounded terrible! I wanted to know who got it if I earned it and why would that be fair. She smiled, sat down at a table with me and explained that because we sin, we deserve the punishment of death but Jesus took that care of that sin on the cross so we could live forever with him in heaven.

I remember asking if Jesus would take our punishment if we were grounded for doing something wrong at home. My teacher, of course, said no. She went on to explained that Jesus took care of our sin that led to death and gave us parents to teach us right and wrong and sometimes send us to our rooms or ground us so we would learn.

The next day we had a lesson about mercy and learned the Bible verse Lamentations 3:22, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never end, they are new every morning." Our song that day was about mercy, but I don't remember it. I do remember the teacher coming to me at snack time and asking if I had any questions about mercy. "No," I said. "I like mercy a whole lot better than grace and the next time I get in trouble I going to ask my mom for mercy." All the VBS teachers thought my answer was hilarious but when I did bring that up with my mom she was not amused.

Even though we do face the consequences of our actions in this life, God extends to us grace and mercy through his Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our belief in Jesus gives us the gift of the life eternal we do not deserve (grace) and Jesus' work on the cross atones for the consequences of our sins that we do deserve (mercy).

God's grace and God's mercy are astounding to me even today. They bring light and joy to me every day. Let's all take some time this week to think about and then thank and praise our Creator for the blessings of grace and mercy!



*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.

**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, Tony Thrailkill, Theodore Burns, Margaret Stanton, 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. **Boxes should be turned in by Sunday, November 14.**

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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### \*Fall Farm Family Fun\*

\*Everyone is invited to attend FUMC Fall Outing at McArthur Farms\*

\*Please Meet at the Church on Sunday, October 24th at 2:30pm\*



**VACINATION CLINIC AT FUMC:** There will be a DHEC sponsored Vaccination Clinic in the fellowship hall on Thursday, October 28 from 2:00pm-6:00pm. This will be the Pfizer vaccine and will be for the first, second or booster dose; this will be a walk-in clinic, so no appointment is necessary.

## 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.

**HALLOWEEN "DRIVE-THRU":** On Thursday, October 28, the Cheraw Recreation & Leisure Services Departments will have a Halloween "Drive-Thru." This event will take place at the Cheraw Community Center. Attendees can drive thru between 4:00pm-6:00pm to receive treats from the Town of Cheraw community businesses. This event is 100% contactless. Attendees will drive up with their windows down and put their bags outside the vehicle window for staff to drop goodies inside. Everyone must remain in vehicles, but feel free to wear costumes and decorate your vehicles for extra fun. Pictures will be taken and posted on the Cheraw Rec Facebook page. #CherawRec



**Set your clocks back one hour**



**GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER  
AT FUMC WE CHEERFULLY PROVIDE OPTIONS  
FOR YOUR GIVING**

► **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 FUMC's 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, October 24, 2021

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship in Sanctuary  
2:30pm Meet at church for Fall Farm  
Family Fun at McArthur  
Farms

### Monday, October 25, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

### Tuesday, October 26, 2021

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

### Wednesday, October 27, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm October 31 Bulletin Deadline  
1:00pm-6:00pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)

### Thursday, October 28, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
2:00pm-6:00pm DHEC Sponsored Vaccination  
Clinic (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, October 31, 2021

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

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

The bake sale was cancelled since the BBQ was 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 all kinds of Rada items, including party dips, cheese balls, knife/cutlery sets, and cookbooks, these make great gifts. Please let one of the UMW members know or come by the office to place an order.

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85  
Amount received for week of October 20: \$2,296.26  
Sunday School Attendance, October 24: 47  
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Dry cereal  
Greeter: Gini Eddins  
Acolyte: Zenda Rushing  
Flowers next Sunday: OPEN

Amount needed year to date: \$243,509.70  
Received year to date: \$241,962.17  
Worship Attendance, October 24: 53  
McArn Items: Fruit cups  
Head Usher: Jed Reid  
Liturgist for next Sunday: Lib Norton

### FUMC STAFF

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