

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

OCTOBER 31, 2021

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Michael Williams
PRELUDE	“Share His Love”	SULLIVAN (Reynolds)
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Lib Norton
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Lib Norton
L: We are called to be the people of God’s kingdom.		
C: In God’s realm we will find healing and hope.		
L: We are called to be people who love as God has loved us.		
C: In God’s world, we will reach out with God’s love to all God’s people.		
L: We are called to be those who would serve.		
C: Lord, be with us as we serve you by helping those in need. AMEN.		
OPENING PRAYER²		Lib Norton
Lord Jesus, you command us to remember that the first commandment is to love God with all that we are, our hearts, souls, minds and spirits. The second is equal to this in that this love is to be extended to our neighbors. We are to love as we wish to be loved. Help us to internalize these commandments so that when we encounter times of difficulty, we are again reminded of your everlasting love for us. AMEN.		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885	“A Modern Affirmation”	Lib Norton
*GLORIA PATRI		GREATOREX
*OPENING HYMN NO. 384	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	BEECHER
MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
REFLECTIVE HYMN	“The Gift of Love” (follow UMH 408)	GIFT OF LOVE
SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 12: 28-34	
SERMON	“No Debate Needed”	Pastor Debra
CLOSING HYMN NO: 566	“Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love”	EVAN
*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 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.		
*POSTLUDE	“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”	MESSAGE

**If you are able, please stand.*

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8468>

²ibid.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Charles D. White, Jack Rushing, and Delbert Welch, and in honor of Jack Wyatt Rushing by Jackson and Zenda Rushing.



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 time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy. Philippians 4:3-4 NLT

The church in Philippi was precious to the Apostle Paul. The people held a special place in his heart. I have a similar deep abiding love for the people of First United Methodist Church. I want you to know that I go through the directory and pray for you and your families. I pray for you when the Lord brings you to mind even if it is not your scheduled day. I pray for you celebrating your triumphs and I pray for you when you are facing trials and tribulations. I pray for our children, our shut-ins, and our widows. I pray with those to come to our church needing and finding assistance and hope. And all my prayers are filled to overflowing with joy!

My prayers lately have been filled with thanksgiving for the church with a heart in the heart of Cheraw that continues to love and serve Jesus no matter what we face. I raised my hands with joy and praise that the youth car wash raised enough funds for a Gaga Ball Pit. I danced with joy that I was able share my call story with our United Methodist Women. I rejoiced over visits with shut-ins. I sang praises to God for work of the church and the scouts that enabled the success of the United Methodist Men's Barbeque. I praised God that we will be celebrating the lives of those who have gone on before us on All Saints Sunday, November 7th. I could go on and on about the joys y'all bring into my life, the lives of our church members, and our community.

I invite you to be on the lookout to see the ways the church with a heart is in action serving our Lord Jesus no matter what! Then I encourage you to offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God! We are so blessed to be part of the Kingdom of God here at 117 Third Street. To God be the Glory! Let the church say Amen!

Pastor Debra



Revisions to Our Safety Protocols

- ❖ The Choir will resume practice and provide choral music in worship following safety protocols.
- ❖ Groups of 25 or less may have refreshments or meals together in the fellowship hall.
- ❖ We will continue to practice social distance. The pews are marked with yarn to help us know where to sit. Please sit in a pew that has not been marked.
- ❖ The Nursery will be open beginning November 7th.
- ❖ Wearing a mask is optional but strongly encouraged. If you do not have a mask or forget yours, masks are available at the entrances into 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), Beth Bell (Kim Williamson's friend), Dennis Presley (Jenny Keefe's friend). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH:

The chancel choir will resume gathering on Tuesdays at 6 pm starting this Tuesday, November 2nd. We will equip our group with singer's masks and plan musical anthems for upcoming Sunday worship, as well as commence plans to practice our Christmas program with the children to be given during Sunday service time on December 19. Looking forward to a fruitful and safe time of fellowship and practice.

Michael Williams



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.**

HOW YOU CAN PACK A SHOEBOX!

Pick up information from the table in the hallway.
Donate money and we will shop for you.
Pack a box online at Samaritanpurse.org

Ages and gift ideas can be found on the table and online. Happy Packing!!

OFFICE HOURS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8-11, 2021: The church office will be open on Monday, November 8 through Wednesday, November 10. We will be closed on Thursday, November 11. We will resume regular hours on Tuesday, November 16.

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.



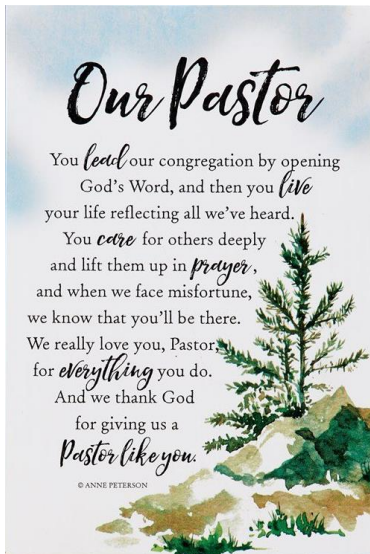
TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY AT FUMC: Our Nurture and Care team at First United Methodist Church will provide rides to individuals to doctor's or other medical appointments. If you need a ride, please contact the church office at 843-537-7002.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WOMEN'S BAKE SALE

The bake sale 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.



Set your clocks back one hour



Beloved people of First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for this beautiful plaque. You will find it hanging above the thermostat in my office. I appreciate so much your cards, e-mails, texts, and gifts this October for Pastor Appreciation Month. Thanks most of all for loving and caring for me. First United Methodist Church truly is the church with a heart! I am so blessed to be serving Jesus with you. I love you, and every one of you!

Pastor Debra

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.



**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 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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

November 1 Alanna Leviner
 November 2 Charlie Ruffner
 November 3 Norma Cobb
 November 4 Cameron Eddins
 November 6 Dannie Lee
 November 9 Mason Tomberlin, Randell Rumph
 November 11 Jake Keefe
 November 12 Joyce Quick, James Keefe
 November 13 Patricia Turner
 November 15 Betty Canipe
 November 18 Carole Hennessee, David McLean
 November 19 Caroline Crouse
 November 21 Nathan Rogers
 November 24 Gwen Sullivan, Eric Dusa
 November 25 Kim Roddy
 November 26 Bonnie Cundiff, Jeff Kollitz
 November 27 Martha A. Griggs
 November 28 Thomas McKinnon
 November 29 Shep Straughn

ANNIVERSARIES

November 6 M&M Woody Rogers
 November 17 M&M Keith Smith
 November 24 M&M Jay Lewis

GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

November 7 Henrietta Kollitz
November 14 Jack & Kay VanDeman
November 21 Ray & Mary Crouse
November 28 Patty Fisher

LITURGIST FOR NOVEMBER

November 7 Susan Marsh
November 14 Jenny Keefe
November 21 Sammy Quick
November 28 Ray Crouse

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

November 7 & 14 OPEN
November 21 Dusas
November 28 Pointsettia

HEAD USERS FOR NOVEMBER

Eric Dusa

ACOLYTE FOR NOVEMBER

Nancy Wagnon

MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF JOHN MOORE
Robert & Helen Elder, Mary Ruth Hambrick



BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS: The Red Cross ended up collecting a total of 25 pints of blood—impacting up to 75 local patient lives during one of our nation's worst blood shortages since 2015. WOW!!! The Red Cross can't thank First United Methodist church enough for your continued support and commitment.

BBQ SAUCE: There are a few bottles of bbq sauce left. If you would like to get a bottle they are available in the church office for \$2.00 each.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 31, 2021

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

Monday, November 1, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

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

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm November 7 Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Youth/Children Special Events
Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, November 4, 2021

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

Sunday, November 7, 2021

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

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85
Amount received for week of October 27: \$1,503.50
Sunday School Attendance, October 24: 38
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Peanut butter
Greeters: Chase & Lesley Jean Watson
Acolyte: Zenda Rushing
Flowers next Sunday: OPEN

Amount needed year to date: \$249,307.55
Received year to date: \$243,465.67
Worship Attendance, October 24: 50
McArn Items: Breakfast bars
Head Usher: Jed Reid
Liturgist for next Sunday: Susan Marsh

FUMC STAFF

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