

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

***25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/VETERAN'S SUNDAY/BLESSING OF OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES***

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Michael Williams
PRELUDE	“This Is My Song, O God of All the Nations”	FINLANDIA
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Jenny Keefe
RECOGNITION OF VETERANS		
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Jenny Keefe
L: Come worship the Lord who is in our midst today.		
C: There is no Holy One like our God.		
L: We prepare to listen and learn with open hearts and open minds.		
C: There is no Source of knowledge like our God.		
L: We trust that righteousness will come on the heels of God’s judgment.		
C: There is no Justice like our God.		
L: May the Son of God lead us into faith.		
C: There is no Savior like the Son of God.		
L: Come worship the Lord who is in our midst today.		
C: We worship the Lord with the confidence of our salvation. Amen.		
OPENING PRAYER²		Jenny Keefe
Holy One, there is no God like you. In praise and thanksgiving, we come before you ready to learn of your power, ready to follow your path for our lives. Through days of jubilation as well as dejection, help us realize your influence in the world. We ask simply for ears to hear, eyes to see, and minds to comprehend the blessings you bestow. Amen.		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881	“Apostles Creed”	Jenny Keefe
*GLORIA PATRI		GREATOREX
*OPENING HYMN NO. 158 (vss 1&2)	“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”	SPANISH HYMN
MORNING PRAYER		Pastor Debra
BLESSING OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES		
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
DOXOLOGY NO. 95		OLD 100TH
CHORAL ANTHEM	“My Hope Is Built”	MELITA
SCRIPTURE READING	Hebrews 10:11-14 & 19-25	
SERMON	“Dwelling Places: Confidence”	Pastor Debra
CLOSING HYMN NO: 369 (vss 1&3)	“Blessed Assurance”	ASSURANCE
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Debra

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Blessed Assurance” ASSURANCE

Congregation

Blessed Redeemer, Savior, Friend. Come Holy Spirit, Revive us again. Teach us to walk in God’s perfect love. Wiser than serpents, harmless as doves. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long

***POSTLUDE**

“Blow Ye the Trumpet Blow”

LENOX

**If you are able, please stand.*

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/6364>

²Ibid.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of R.E. and Jane Mayhew and Joan Easterling by the Mayhew Family

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, 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), Jerry Leach Family, Vincent McLean Family (David McLean’s brother). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**



1st Sunday of Advent
November 28th
11:00 a.m.
Hanging of the Greens

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 5th
11:00 a.m.

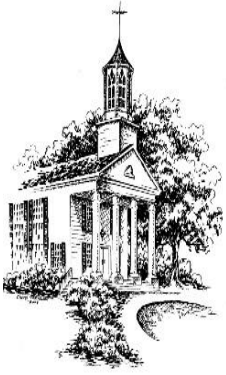
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 12th
11:00 a.m.

4th Sunday of Advent
December 19th
11:00 a.m.
Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Communion Service
6:00 p.m.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:

Two choirs from Coker University will perform a Christmas Concert at First Presbyterian Church, Cheraw, on Sunday, November 28 at 4:00pm. The audience will have the opportunity to sing Christmas carols with the choirs. Of course, the choirs will sing anthems, too. Masks are required by request of Coker University.



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...

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.” Revelation 21:3 NRSV

Last Sunday we began a three-week sermon series that focuses on the places we dwell with our God. These places are sometimes physical locations by not always. Each week we will have a key word that helps us to pause and spend some time with God. Our first key word was HOPE. We have hope in all circumstances because we have abundant and eternal life in Jesus. We were invited to reflect on the ways the great cloud of witness that has gone on before us strengthens our faith and blesses us with hope.

The key word for week two is CONFIDENCE. We will look at Hebrews 10 and ponder the confidence we have to enter the sanctuary as the children of God. Jesus is our great priest and through him we have access to God 24/7. Because we have confidence we are able to remain faithful to our calling by meeting together, doing good deeds together, and uplifting one another. With confidence in our Lord, we will recognize our veterans and bless the Operation Christmas Child boxes.

The final Sunday of this series, we will focus on the Key word THANKSGIVING. Looking at Psalm 100 we will rejoice in all the blessings that God has bestowed upon us individually and as a church. We have so much to be grateful for and from that gratitude flows our commitments to continue to serve God through FUMC with



our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. We will bless our gifts of food for the McCarn food bank and offer our commitment cards to Christ during this celebration of Christ the King Sunday.

Be sure to join us each Sunday and dwell with us in the house of the Lord.

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Pastor Debra



Reminder from the Stewardship Team – Commitment Sunday November 21st

Even amid a global pandemic and many challenges in our lives...God has provided everything that we needed. Though our church life may have again felt a little different this year, our participation in God's mission continues. Even when our building doors were closed, the *Church* was always open! Over the past two years, the global health crisis presented us new opportunities to reimagine the church...and explore how we can continue mission and ministry in new ways. Cheraw FUMC has proven that we are up to the challenge!

Tithing ensures that our needs will be met and gives back to God what was always His. God is honored when we are faithful. When we acknowledge that God is the true owner and giver of all that we have, we will be rewarded in countless ways. Tithing supports the needs of our pastor, our staff, church buildings and the work of the local church. Tithes help pay staff salaries, keep the church's lights on, support programming, fund ministries, grow new digital services, and meet the needs of the community.

We now all prayerfully consider how we may give generously to FUMC Cheraw...as we acknowledge how generous the Lord has been to us, our families, and our church. Please complete the commitment card mailed to your home and bring it with you to worship on November 21st. You can also mail or drop your card off at the church office.

It takes all of us giving our first and best to God so that our church can actively participate in the great commission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

As a reminder, we offer multiple options for giving:

- *Traditional offering during worship services*
- *By mail to or drop off at our church office*
- *Direct deposit*
- *Online via our church website www.cherawfirstumc.org*
- *Vanco...our mobile engagement app*



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church™



- ❖ 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 is open.
 - ❖ 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.

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.

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.



Have you considered what your special offering will be this Thanksgiving and Christmas to support the mission of making disciples of Jesus through First United Methodist Church? Please consider and pray about what you will generously give to demonstrate your gratitude to God.

**AT FUMC WE PROVIDE MULTIPLE OPTIONS
FOR YOUR GENEROUS 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.

► MAIL OR BRING YOUR OFFERING TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

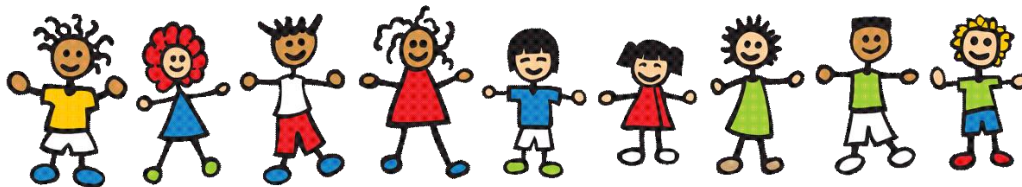
Drop your offering in the mail to the church office or bring it by the office Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 8:30 -Noon or 1:00-4:30. You may also put it in the mail slot when the office is not open.

► GIVE ONLINE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE

Go to FUMC's website at www.cherawfirstumc.org and click on the tab in the top right corner that says FUMC On-Line Giving to begin.

► USE 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.



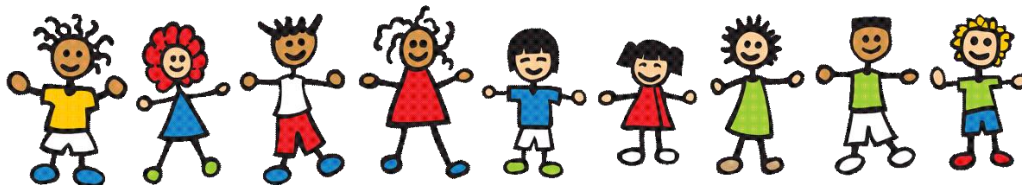
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Sunday, November 14

3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Speaker Renay Sellers

Department of Social Services Child Protective Services Investigator





FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Presents



The Best Old-Fashioned Christmas Play Ever

Sunday, December 19th

FUMC Requesting Volunteers of "All Ages"

Rehearsal Place: FUMC

Rehearsal Dates:

November 21st 4:30 PM till 5:30 PM
December 5th 4:30 PM till 5:30 PM

December 12th 4:30 PM till 5:30 PM
December 18th 10:00 AM till 12:00 PM (Dress Rehearsal)

Call Angie Smith @ 843-537-7002 if interested in playing a part in the Christmas Play, by noon on November 18.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 14, 2021

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

Monday, November 15, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
2:00pm Surviving the Holidays (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm November 21 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, November 18, 2021

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

Sunday, November 21, 2021

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship in Sanctuary
4:30-5:30pm Christmas Play Practice

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85

Amount received for week of November 9: \$4,386.76

Sunday School Attendance, November 7: 50

FUMC Food Pantry Item: Canned vegetables

Greeters: Jack & Kay VanDeman

Acolyte: Nancy Wagnon

Flowers next Sunday: Dusas

Amount needed year to date: \$260,903.25

Received year to date: \$251,062.46

Worship Attendance, November 7: 91

McArn Items: Lance or peanut butter crackers

Head Usher: Eric Dusa

Liturgist for next Sunday: Sammy Quick

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