

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

***26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY/THANKSGIVING
SERVICE/COMMITMENT SUNDAY***

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Michael Williams
PRELUDE	“We Gather Together”	arr. S. Pethel
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Sammy Quick
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Sammy Quick
L: The King of Kings is raised in glory.		
C: Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.		
L: Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.		
C: God has blessed us with God's great love.		
L: Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.		
C: Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.		
OPENING PRAYER²		Sammy Quick
We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!". AMEN.		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881	“Apostles Creed”	Sammy Quick
*GLORIA PATRI		GREATOREX
*OPENING HYMN NO. 694 (vss. 1&2)	“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”	ST. GEORGES WINDSOR
MORNING PRAYER		Pastor Debra
THANKSGIVING AND RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT NO. 52		Congregation
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
*DOXOLOGY NO. 95		OLD 100TH
ANTHEM	“God Will Be Exalted”	K. Bible
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 100	
SERMON	“Dwelling Places: Thanksgiving”	Pastor Debra
CLOSING HYMN NO: 715 (vss. 1,2&3)	“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”	DARWALL’S 148th
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Debra
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“Give Thanks” H. Smith	Congregation
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks!		
*POSTLUDE	“Count Your many Blessings”	arr S. Pethel
<i>*If you are able, please stand.</i>		

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3255>

²ibid.



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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Reminder from the Stewardship Team – Commitment Sunday November 21st

Hebrews 13:16 says “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” We thank you for your past gifts and ask each of you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute as stewards to support Cheraw FUMC this coming year. If you’ve never pledged before, we encourage you to do so. If you are a previous pledger, we ask you to consider increasing your pledge if you are able. Your pledge is important as we establish our budget for 2022. Thank you for your support of Cheraw FUMC!

Your Pledge contributes to the following areas:

- **Minister and Staff.** Our pastor and dedicated staff have served us so creatively and so faithfully, especially in these challenging times. We are very thankful for their service and commitment to keeping Cheraw FUMC strong as a community of faith.
- **Programs.** Our programs provide the backbone of our worship experience – they include Sunday School curriculum, worship materials, music, funding for our youth and numerous other ministries. We count on annual pledges to help ensure that we have what is needed to provide nurturing and theology-based experiences for our congregation and community.
- **Facilities and Operations.** Our facilities, equipment, and overall operation has allowed us to adapt and offer online experiences during the pandemic. At the same time, we continue to benefit from our building and grounds and ensure the maintenance so that these were safe and accessible for us as we returned to gathering in person. Pledging helps us meet the operational needs of today while looking to the future.

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/online giving portal – if you need help setting up a Vanco account, please call our office at (843) 537-7002*



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



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

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

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, Judy Quick, Scott Tomberlin, Tony Thrailkill, Theodore Burns, Margaret Stanton, Brian Meares (Jane Rumph's son-in-law), 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.**

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

IN MEMORY OF JERRY B. LEACH

M&M Rhett Butler, Dusa Family, Betty Thrailkill, M&M Jim Crawford, M&M Chase Watson, Bennie (Easterling) Daughtry, Frank Petersen

IN HONOR AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE PEOPLE OF FUMC

Mr. Mark and Rev. Debra Armstrong

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in celebration of Eric's birthday on Wednesday, November 24 by Kelly, Mary-Charlotte and Hollis.

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.



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 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.

SHEPHERD'S CHILD PARTY: The Shepherd's Child Party will be Friday, December 17 at 1:00pm in the sanctuary. I will have names after Thanksgiving. For those of you who want to donate money instead of choosing a child's name, donations can be made by check to FUMC denoting Shepherd's Child on the memo line. Thanks in advance for your help. Trina Mills

CANDLE RINGS: The Care and Nurture Team will be making candle rings for our shut ins on Monday, December 6 at 2:00pm. Please bring your own greenery and clippers. If anyone else would like to join us, please come.

PAINT PARTY WITH BETH MAIER: There will be a paint party with Beth Maier on Thursday, December 2 at 6:30pm. We will be painting a red truck with a Christmas tree. Beth supplies all the supplies and she donates the cost of the class to Shepherd's Child. We can have fun while raising money for Shepherd's Child. Please contact Trina Mills for additional information.

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.



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.

CALLED MULTIPLE CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

Monday, November 22, 2021

First United Methodist Church Fellowship via Zoom

6:00 p.m.

All members of the FUMC Charge Conference and all members of the FUMC Board of Trustees are asked to attend this meeting. The purpose of the charge conference will be to authorize the trustees of FUMC to cast a ballot in the bankruptcy proceedings regarding lawsuits against the Boy Scouts of America.

CALLED TRUSTEES MEETING

Sunday, December 5, 2021

First Cheraw United Methodist Church, Cheraw

3:00 p.m.

The purpose of that meeting is to receive further information about the bankruptcy proceeding and to cast the ballot on behalf of your church. All our 2021 and 2022 Trustees are asked to attend this meeting.

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)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 21, 2021

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

Monday, November 22, 2021

8:30-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline
6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

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

Wednesday, November 22, 2021

Church Office Closed

Thursday, November 23, 2021

Happy Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 28, 2021

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

OFFICE HOURS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22-26: The church office will be open on Monday and Tuesday, November 22 and November 23 from 8:30am-4:30pm, and will be closed Wednesday through Friday, November 24-26. Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85
Amount received for week of November 17: \$19,891.33
Sunday School Attendance, November 14: 45
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Dry cereal
Greeters: Ray and Mary Crouse
Acolyte: Nancy Wagon
Flowers next Sunday: Poinsettias

Amount needed year to date: \$266,701.10
Received year to date: \$270,953.79
Worship Attendance, November 14: 67
McArn Items: Chef Boyardee Bowls
Head Usher: Eric Dusa
Liturgist for next Sunday: Ray Crouse

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