

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***NOVEMBER 7, 2021***

***24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ALL SAINTS DAY***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE***

<b>CHIMING OF THE HOUR</b>		Michael Williams
<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b>“Pondering Heaven”</b>	compiled/arr. Williams
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Susan Marsh
<b>GREETING<sup>1</sup></b>		Susan Marsh
	L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!	
	C: <b>And also with you!</b>	
<b>OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup></b>		Susan Marsh
	L: Let us pray together. Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.	
	C: <b>We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.</b>	
	L: Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs, and saints.	
	C: <b>We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed, obeyed, adored you - our grateful hymn we sing.</b>	
	L: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.	
	C: <b>We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.</b>	
	L: Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died that we might be who we are, where we are--your precious children in this community of believers.	
	C: <b>We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward - accept our thankful cry.</b>	
	L: Family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help, guide, and uplift us-- children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.	
	C: <b>We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For this, your name we bless, and humbly pray anew, that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.</b>	
	L: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.	
	C: <b>We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.</b>	
	L: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,	
	C: <b>and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,</b>	
	L: looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.	
	C: <b>Amen.</b>	
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881</b>	<b>“Apostles Creed”</b>	Susan Marsh
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>		GREATOREX
<b>*OPENING HYMN NO. 711 (vss 1&amp;4)</b>	<b>“For All the Saints”</b>	SINE NOMINE
<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>HONORING OUR SAINTS</b>		
	<i>Raleigh Walker Laney</i>	<i>Harold A. Lomas</i>
	<i>Amelia Claire Smith</i>	<i>Jane Howle Mayhew</i>
	<i>William L “Billy” Wicker</i>	<i>Joan Mayhew Easterling</i>
	<i>William “Pete” Baker</i>	<i>Manfred H. Kollitz</i>
	<i>Sarah Perkins Therrell</i>	<i>Tavener Augustus Threatte</i>
		<i>Samuel Gary Eubanks</i>
		<i>John Tennyson Moore</i>
		<i>Beulah Roscoe Threatte</i>
		<i>Joseph “Joe” Reid, Jr.</i>
		<i>Ester Mae Furr</i>
<b>OFFERTORY PRAYER</b>		
<b>DOXOLOGY NO. 95</b>		OLD 100TH
<b>CHORAL ANTHEM</b>	<b>“I See the New Creation”</b>	K. BIBLE

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Revelation 21: 1-6a**

**SERMON**

**“Dwelling Places: Hope”**

Pastor Debra

**CLOSING HYMN NO: 701 (vss 1&3)**

**“When We All Get to Heaven”**

**HEAVEN**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Debra

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 701 (vs4)**

**“When We All Get to Heaven”**

HEAVEN

Congregation

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory! Onward to the prize before us! Soon his beauty we'll behold; soon the pearly gates will open; we shall tread the streets of gold. When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

**\*POSTLUDE**

**“Just Over in the Glory Land”**

**IN THE GLORY LAND**

***\*If you are able, please stand.***

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.crivoice.org/allsaints.html>

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

***The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory all our saints that we have lost this year by Mary Burr and Family.***

***SYMPATHY: The pastor, staff, and congregation offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Jerry B. Leach and Vincent McLean.***

South Carolina Advocate sets November as Music Director Appreciation Month the article below was put in the November Advocate.

We are so thankful to be blessed here at FUMC Cheraw with our music director, Michael Williams. We want to thank him for his hard work and dedication to the music ministry. His music is truly wonderful and a blessing to all. He has a deep love and appreciation for the music he plays, and it shows his love for our Lord and Savior. We appreciate his willingness and flexibility as we navigate the pandemic. We are very fortunate to have such a talented musician. Thank you for your commitment to our church And our awesome God.

Love your FUMC church family



# 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...*

A few years ago, Mark and I climbed 784 feet to the summit of Mount Royal so we could look out across the city of Montreal. The amazing vista took my breath away and filled me with wonder and awe because of its beauty. The view looked like an artist had thrown brown, red, orange, and yellow paint in every hue imaginable to cover the trees. I expected to see a magnificent view of this amazing city but received the gift of color everywhere. I knew the trees were beautiful as we climbed the trail full of them, but the bird's eye perspective and the glow of the sun made the autumn colors extraordinary.

I sat for several minutes just to enjoy the view and to rest before the journey back down to the car. Over and over again, I simply said thank you as I sat and watched. No other words came to mind. Yet, that simple outpouring of gratitude just had to be released. I was thankful for the beautiful day. I was thankful I made it to the outlook. I was thankful for the opportunity to see the wonders of nature in such a special place and spectacular way. It was a wonderful blessing and my need to rest for a minute before moving on gave me the unexpected opportunity to enjoy the blessing.

William Faulkner once said that "gratitude is a quality similar to electricity; it must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all." That describes exactly my feelings as I sat on a concrete wall looking over a God's

imprint on this metropolitan city. Although my expression of thanks was not grandiose, it was enough to discharge the electric joy I felt and pour out my gratitude to God.

This outpouring of gratitude also reminded me that Faulkner is correct, Failing to express my thanks is not gratitude. Unexpressed gratitude to God and to others for the blessings in our lives means the gratitude dies like unused electricity and must be generated all over again. This experience encouraged me to stop just a moment to express my

gratitude to God and to others for the blessings that they are in my life.

This Sunday we enjoy the blessing of remembering the great cloud of witnesses that has gone on before us in the

Christian faith. As we remember the saints, take a look around our sanctuary and give thanks to God for all that our ancestors have bestowed to us here at First United Methodist Church and the great legacy of faith we have inherited from them.

I thank God and all of you for the many blessings that occur here daily at FUMC. I invite all of you to say thank you to God and the people around you. Stop for a moment each day to express your gratitude for the great things and the small things that fill your heart to overflowing with the electric and positive current of thanks. We are all blessed when the life affirming current of gratitude flows!

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*Pastor Debra*

# 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.

**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 Thraikill, Theodore Burns, Margaret Stanton, Brian Meares (Jane Rumph's son-in-law), Beth Bell (Kim Williamson's friend), Dennis Presley (Jenny Keeffe'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.**



## **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](http://Samaritanpurse.org) (If you choose this option, please let the office know the number of boxes you did so we can add them to our goal.)

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



## The 2022 Stewardship Campaign Begins

God has given us everything we have and asks that we show our gratitude for those gifts by sharing our blessing with our church. Each of us is being asked to consider what we will return to God in 2022. A letter from Pastor Debra and the 2022 commitment cards were mailed out to you this week. Please prayerfully discern what God is calling you to give financially to support the great commission of making disciples for Jesus through the ministries of our church.

Commitment Sunday is November 21<sup>st</sup>. We will renew our covenant to support First United Methodist Church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness and give our commitments to be blessed by the Lord. If you are not able to take part on Commitment Sunday, you can mail in, bring your, or email your commitment card to the church. It takes all of us offering our first and best to God. Working together we truly are the church with a heart in the heart of Cheraw

**OFFICE HOURS FOR THIS WEEK (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. **(NOTE: BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER DEADLINE WILL BE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 12:00NOON)**

## 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](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.

**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.

**NURSERY WORKER FOR NOVEMBER**

**November 7** Allison and Sawyer Becker

**November 14** Lesley Jean and Chase Watson

**November 21** Christy and Charlie Ruffner

**November 28** Renie Seel and Peyton Taylor

**MEMORIALS:**

***IN MEMORY OF TAVENER AND BEULAH THREATTE***

*Edith Quick*

***IN MEMORY OF KATLIN CLARK SMITH***

*M&M Keith Smith*

***IN MEMORY OF LARRY JACKSON***

*M&M Keith Smith*

***IN MEMORY OF JERRY B. LEACH***

*M&M Keith Smith, Nell & Preston Huntley, M&M David McLean*

**THANK YOU:** Dear FUMC Church Family, Thanks to all you for all of your thoughts, love, and prayers during my cancer journey. I have now finished chemo and radiation and on a five year maintenance pill. I am so amazed at how well I got along and hopefully am cancer free. I also had Walter as an awesome caregiver, for which I am so thankful. I truly feel God was with me ever step of the way which was my biggest blessing of all. God is good! We miss Cheraw and especially our church family. Our love to you, Charlotte Crosby.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:**

Barbara Dickson will be a featured organist in an All Saints Concert at First Presbyterian Hartsville on Sunday, November 7 at 7:00pm. Masks are optional.

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.



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**

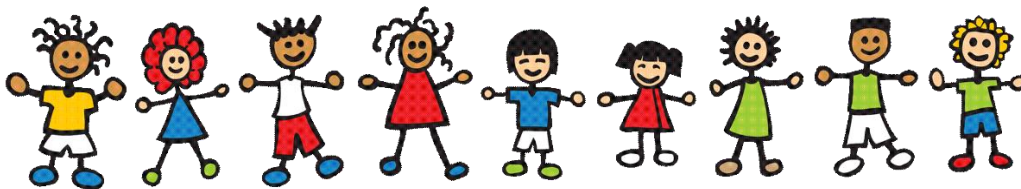
Drop your offering in the mail to the church office or bring it by the office Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 8:30 -Noon or 1:00-4:30. You may also put it in the mail slot when the office is not open.

**► GIVE ONLINE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE**

Go to FUMC's website at [www.cherawfirstumc.org](http://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**





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sunday, November 7, 2021**

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

### **Monday, November 8, 2021**

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm November 14 Bulletin Deadline  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

### **Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
6:00pm Choir Practice  
6:00pm UMW Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### **Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

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

### **Thursday, November 11, 2021**

Office Closed

### **Sunday, November 12, 2021**

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

**Weekly amount needed for budget:** \$5,797.85  
**Amount received for week of November 3:** \$3,210.03  
**Sunday School Attendance, October 31:** 45  
**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Canned meats, stews  
**Greeter:** Henrietta Kollitz  
**Acolyte:** Nancy Wagnon  
**Flowers next Sunday:** Wendy Mayhew

**Amount needed year to date:** \$255,105.40  
**Received year to date:** \$246,675.70  
**Worship Attendance, October 31:** 62  
**McArn Items:** Instant grits  
**Head Usher:** Eric Dusa  
**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Jenny Keefe

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