

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Michael Williams
PRELUDE	“Holy Ground”	Geron Davis
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rhett Butler
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Rhett Butler
L: Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.		
C: Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.		
L: Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.		
C: Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.		
L: Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.		
C: Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you. AMEN.		
OPENING PRAYER²		Rhett Butler
Lord, it seems so long ago that we heard your words at Jesus’ baptism. You reminded us that he is your beloved Son with whom you are well pleased. Again, today we hear your words that we are to listen to him, to pay attention. Open our hearts this day, Lord, to hear the words of Jesus, to follow in his footsteps, and to serve You. For we ask this in Christ’s Name. AMEN.		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 880	“Nicene Creed”	Rhett Butler
INSTRUMENTAL HYMN NO.	“Christ Is the World’s Light”	CHRISTE SANCTORUM
MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Debra
GOSPEL ANTHEM	“Jesus, Take Us To The Mountain” Carl Schalk Words are printed in the bulletin on the next page	Choir
*SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 9: 28-36	
INSTRUMENTAL HYMN NO.	“O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair”	WAREHAM
SERMON	“Living Light: Transformed”	Pastor Debra
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”	RATISBON

**If you are able, please stand.*

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3554>

² Ibid

JESUS, TAKE US TO THE MOUNTAIN

Carl Schalk

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John, we are dazzled by Your glory, light as blinding as the sun. There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do You want us to see there, that Your close companions saw? Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe. Clothed in flesh like ours You go matched to meet our deadliest Foe.

What do You want us to hear there, that Your dear disciples heard? Once again the Voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word: "Listen, listen, ev'ry one, This is my beloved Son!"

Take us to that other mountain where we see You glorified, where You shouted "It is finished!" where for all the world You died. Here the stunned centurion: "Truly This was God's own Son!"

We who have beheld Your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"

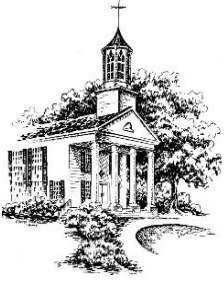
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OUR PRAYER LIST – Our President, our Congress, all Governors, Mayors, State, County, and Local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, all who defend our nation, all who make decisions for our nation, Jane Campbell, Mabel Foster, Jim Bennett, Phillip Caulder, Scott Tomberlin, Tony Thrailkill, Theodore Burns, Margaret Stanton, Mary Snookie Lomas, Nancy Chestnut (Michelle Rohde's mother), Pat Barham, Dan Ellenburg (Patty Fisher's brother-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.**

FLOWER CALENDAR: A flower calendar for 2022 is in the lobby by the fellowship hall. Please take a moment to go by and sign up for a Sunday or two to put flowers in the church.

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.

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.



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...



God, give me mercy from your fountain of forgiveness! I know your abundant love is enough to wash away my guilt. Because your compassion is so great, take away this shameful guilt of sin. Forgive the full extent of my rebellious ways and erase this deep stain on my conscience. Psalm 51:1-2 TPT

Psalm 51:1-2 is our guiding verse this Lenten Season. The sermon series during Lent will be: *Good Enough: Embracing Faith and Life.*¹ A great devotional for Lent this year is Kate Bowler's and Jessica Richie's book, *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection.*

Too often in this life we find ourselves climbing ladders never even pausing to celebrate, enjoy, and feel satisfaction with the steps we did reach. The world tells us we must have more! More food. More money. More achievements at work or school. There is no end! Where we are is never good enough and we have to keep climbing.

God has a different plan. God's abundant love is good enough! No steps to climb. Just our God given faith and life to embrace.

We will also have a Bible Study during Lent on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. using Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Witness at the Cross.* We will travel to Holy Friday looking at the events of Jesus passion focusing on those who were eyewitnesses to these events.

Be sure to join us for special worship opportunities that will be offered on Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday.

Pastor Debra



¹ www.worshipdesignstudio.com/goodenough

MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF BOBBY & JAMES MCCALL

Ronnie & Bonnie Cundiff

IN MEMORY OF BRIAN BURCH

Ronnie & Bonnie Cundiff

IN MEMORY OF JOHN L. MELTON

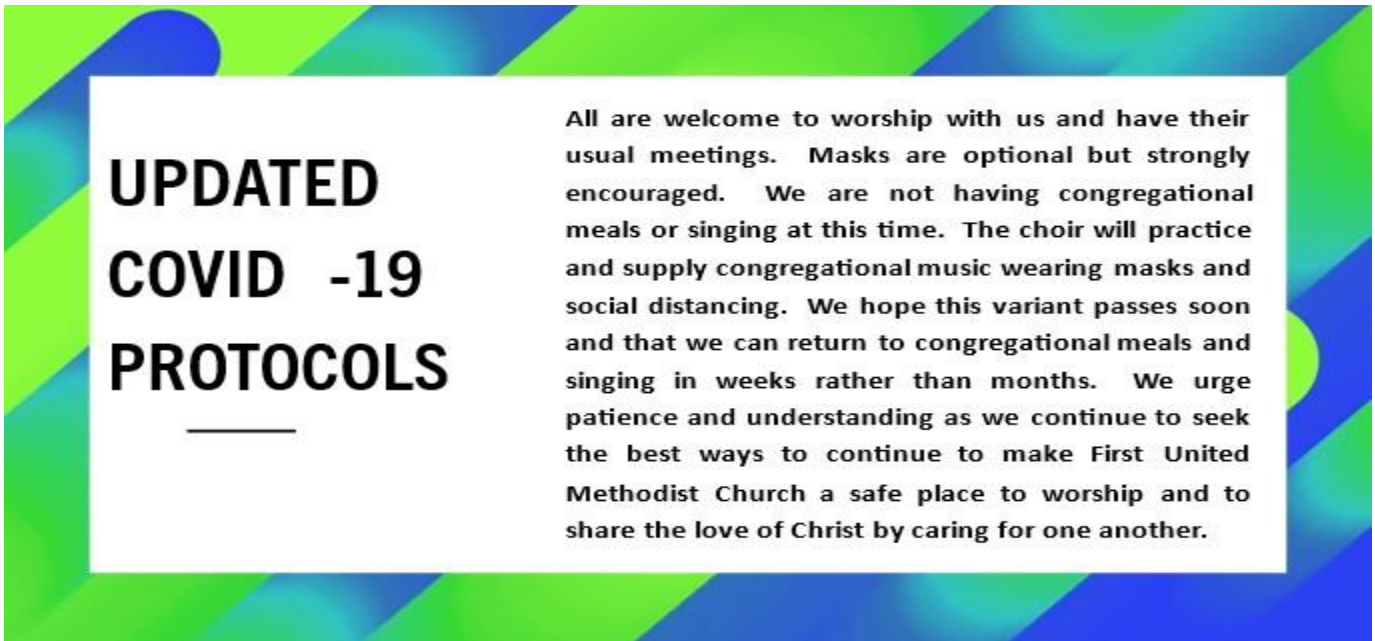
Ronnie & Bonnie Cundiff

IN MEMORY OF JEFF FOSTER

Thomas & Sharon Pearson McKInnon

IN MEMORY OF TAVENER & BEULAH THREATTE

Thomas & Sharon Pearson McKInnon



LIFELINE SCREENING: Have you ever thought about the following? I want to see my grandchildren grow up; I want to continue living independently; I don't want to be a burden on my family. Preventive screenings can help and we have partnered with Life Line Screening to provide these valuable screenings.

The mission of Life Line Screening is to provide advance, yet affordable and convenient health screenings that supplement your traditional healthcare.

They can help make you aware of a previously silent, unrecognized problem that can now get treated at an early stage, or confirm that you are on the right path and should continue your healthy habits.

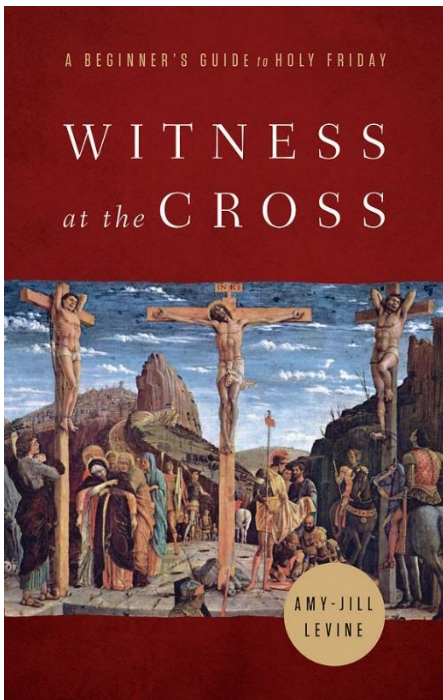
Don't let heart disease and stroke get in your way of the life you love. Call toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word, "circle" to 797979 or online at <https://lisa.social/HSC> to schedule your health screening.

A package of 5 vital screenings is offered for only \$139.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: FUMC will host a Red Cross Blood drive on Thursday, March 3 from 1:00pm-6:00pm. **Join Team Red Cross. Give Blood.** No matter what team you root for, be a part of Team Red Cross! [Schedule your next blood, platelet or plasma donation appointment today.](#)

Thanks to our partners at Fanatics, you can score a \$10 e-gift card when you come to give blood, platelets or plasma in March!* Treat yourself or a sports aficionado friend to official fan gear on us. PLUS, you'll also automatically be entered for a chance to **win a trip for two to the 2022 MLB® All-Star Game® in Los Angeles, California**, when you come to give March 1-31, 2022.** The package includes two tickets to 2022 MLB® All-Star Sunday, the 2022 Home Run Derby, and the 2022 MLB® All-Star Game®, round-trip airfare to Los Angeles, four-night hotel accommodations (July 16-20, 2022), plus a \$750 gift card for expenses. Team Red Cross needs more players, and we're looking to fill the roster with volunteers like you. No special training is required to be an all-star donor, and there is no better time to get in the game.



Lenten Bible Study

Witness at the Cross by Amy-Jill Levine

February 23 - April 13, 2022

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

(Bible Study will not meet on Ash Wednesday March 2, 2022)

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter this Lenten Season by looking at the witnesses who were at the cross. This seven-week Bible study by internationally renowned teacher and scholar Amy-Jill Levine will view the crucifixion of Jesus from the eyes of those who watched Jesus die. Simon of Cyrene, the bystanders and scoffers, the other crucified victims, the soldiers, the Beloved Disciple, the women, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, and God and Nature all have perspectives that will transform our views of Holy Week and Easter.

Books are available in the church office. The cost is \$13.50. Sign up by contacting the church office at 843-537-7002 or fumcangiesmith@gmail.com.

GREETERS FOR MARCH

March 6 Keith & Sally Smith
March 13 Jerry & Julia Tucker
March 20 Amy Lewis
March 27 Harrison & Amy Goodwin

FLOWERS FOR MARCH

February 6, 13, 20, & 27 OPEN

NURSERY FOR MARCH

March 6 Erika & Gretchen Kollitz
March 13 Lesley Jean & Chase Watson
March 20 Kelly & Hollis Dusa
March 27 OPEN

LITURGIST FOR MARCH

March 6 Bonnie Cundiff
March 13 Lib Norton
March 20 Shannon Johnson
March 27 Greg Sanderson

HEAD USER FOR MARCH

ACOLYTE FOR MARCH

Penny Quick

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

March 2 Jake Crouse
March 4 Trina Mills
March 5 George Adams
March 8 Alice Seel
March 14 Ashton Becker
March 20 Mabel Foster
March 21 Paul Miles
March 22 Margaret Stanton
March 23 Leighton Becker
March 24 Laura Adams McGriff
March 26 Jackson Rushing, Gabriel Watson
March 27 Kathryn Johnson
March 30 Sandra Barbour

ANNIVERSARIES

March 17 M&M George Adams,
M&M Ronnie Cundiff
March 18 M&M Vincent Prevatte
March 21 M&M Doug Carabo
March 27 M&M Jimmy Outen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 27, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (Scout Sunday)
12:00pm UMYF Leaders Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, February 28, 2022

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
Life Line Screening

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline
6:00pm Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 3, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
1:00pm-6:00pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
5:30pm Trustee's Meeting (Parlor)

Sunday, March 6, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
5:30-7:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut & Fellowship Hall)
5:30-7:00pm Fireflies (Kids Nook & Fellowship Hall)

TURNING 90 OR ABOVE: We have a church member who will turn 90 or above this month. If you would like to send a card to her the address is listed here.

Margaret Stanton (March 22)
Rehabilitation of Cheraw
1150 State Road
Cheraw, SC 29520

2022 Lenten Events



March 2 nd	Ash Wednesday Service	6:00 p.m.
March 9 th	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
March 16 th	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
March 23 rd	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
March 30 th	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
April 6 th	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
April 10 th	Palm Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
April 13 th	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
April 14 th	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 p.m.

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,769.24
Amount received for week of February 23: \$20,152.03
Sunday School Attendance February 20: 36
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Canned meats/stews
Greeter: Norma Cobb
Acolyte: Bryson Hunter
Nursery Workers: Kelly & Hollis Dusa
Video Technicians: Bryson Hunter

Amount needed year to date: \$46,153.92
Received year to date: \$50,075.39
Worship Attendance February 20: 80
McArn Items: Pop tarts
Head Usher: Keith Smith
Liturgist for next Sunday: Bonnie Cundiff
Flowers next Sunday: OPEN
Soundsystem Operator: Jackson Rushing

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