

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***FEBRUARY 6, 2022***

***5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/HOLY COMMUNION***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE***

<b>CHIMING OF THE HOUR</b>		Michael Williams
<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b>“Let Us Break Bread”</b>	arr. Cindy Berry
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Sammy Quick
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>i</sup></b>		Sammy Quick
L: All creation proclaims the greatness and love of God.		
<b>C: God's love permeates even the deepest darkness.</b>		
L: The light of God shines on us with new hope.		
<b>C: We are called to be people of compassion and justice.</b>		
L: Open our hearts, O Lord, to see your light and live in your hope.		
<b>C: Prepare us for service to all your people and to this world. AMEN.</b>		
<b>OPENING PRAYER<sup>ii</sup></b>		Sammy Quick
Your word of light and hope floods into our lives, O God. We have lived in darkness, in despair and fear, doubt and strife. But on this day of celebration, you remind us that we are marked by you to be witnesses of your light and to stand firm in our faith. <b>AMEN.</b>		
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 880</b>	<b>“Nicene Creed”</b>	Sammy Quick
<b>INSTRUMENTAL HYMN</b>	<b>“All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded”</b>	MICHAEL
<b>MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>OFFERTORY PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>CHORAL ANTHEM</b>	<b>“Higher Ground” Johnson Oatman Jr.</b>	Choir
<b>*SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 15: 1-11</b>	
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>“Living Light: Stand Firm”</b>	Pastor Debra
<b>INSTRUMENTAL HYMN</b>	<b>“Become to Us the Living Bread”</b>	GELOBT SEI GOTT
<b>SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>		
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>*POSTLUDE</b>	<b>“And Can It Be that I Should Gain”</b>	SAGINA

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

<sup>i</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3490>

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid

***The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of John Moore on his birthday by the Moore Family.***

## *Holy Communion*

### *Invitation<sup>1</sup>*

Christ invites to this table all who are ready to move beyond the limitations of the past, all who are eager to move into the “new thing” that God is doing in our midst, all who are willing to let go of the pain that’s gone. And so this is an open invitation to come and receive the bread that will sustain us as we stand firm in faith with our Lord Jesus. All are invited to receive the sweetness of the cup as a sign of God’s promise of abundant possibilities. To prepare, let us now confess our sins before God and one another.

### *Confession and Assurance of Pardon<sup>2</sup>*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings and the remembrance of them is grievous to us. Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, most merciful Father. Forgive all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life to the honor and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners: that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen**

### *The Great Thanksgiving<sup>3</sup>*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts in this new day.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Creator and Renewer of all life. Time and again you seek us out, breathing again the breath of life into the deflated places of our lives. And so, we come to your table again to praise you and taste yet again what your steadfast love can do.

**In faith we’ll gather round the table to taste and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.<sup>4</sup>**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. He healed the sick, fed the hungry and ate with those others considered unworthy. He revealed the light to the Apostle Paul on the Damascus Road and empowered him to be a mighty servant of the Lord. Through our Lord Jesus, faith and hope were born again for so many.

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<sup>1</sup> © [worshipdesignstudio.com](http://worshipdesignstudio.com).

<sup>2</sup> United Methodist Book of Worship, © 1992 The United Methodist Publishing House, pg. 35, 44-45.

<sup>3</sup> © [worshipdesignstudio.com](http://worshipdesignstudio.com).

<sup>4</sup> United Methodist Hymnal, © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House, pg.383.

**For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.<sup>5</sup>**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks for you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, as we remember these words and acts of Jesus, we offer our own lives, leaving behind what we do not need, seeking new paths full of risen life in you. As followers of Christ, we proclaim and live out this holy mystery:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may be for the world the body of Christ, breaking ourselves open to your future. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever! **Amen**

And now the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:<sup>6</sup>

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Breaking the Bread & Pouring the Cup<sup>7</sup>*

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

*Giving the Bread & Cup<sup>8</sup>*

The body of Christ, given for you

**Amen**

The blood of Christ, given for you

**Amen.**

*After all have been served we pray together:<sup>9</sup>*

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> United Methodist Book of Worship, © 1992 The United Methodist Publishing House, pg.38.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid, pg 39.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid.



# 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 Pastor Debra...*

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*

Psalm 139: 23-24 NLT

It has long been the mantra of churches of every denomination that “we must do something because our church is dying.” This is usually followed by a statement of what has to be done to make the speaker, another person, or some group happy, so they won’t leave the church. Questions that are rarely asked are: what can we do to please God; or what does God want us to do to help revive our church. Only in a few instances have people prayed and ask God’s guidance for revival in their church.

For the past several weeks, the Wednesday evening Bible study has been examining scriptures on revival and renewal. We have been using Thom S. Rainer’s book, *The Anatomy of a Revived Church*, as a discussion guide on church revival. We learned that the most critical factor for renewal in revived, healthy, and thriving churches is consistent, persistent prayer.

In some cases, it took years and other’s months of constant prayer for churches to be revived. In all cases, it required that the congregations make changes to align themselves with how God was already at work in their congregations and in the communities where they lived. If we truly want to see our church and our denomination revived, we must make commitments to pray diligently for revival daily and be open to change.

I invite you to join me in prayer. First, pray for God to have God’s way with you. Psalm 139:23-24 quoted above is one of example of that kind of prayer. Then join our Bible study in our daily prayer based on Ezekiel 37:9, Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breath into First United Methodist Church so we may live.

We are in search of a prayer warrior to lead a prayer ministry at FUMC. If the Lord has put that calling on your heart, please come and talk with me.

*Pastor Debra*



**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, Keith Burr Family (Jack Van Deman’s friend), George Adams, Rachel Smith (Brenda Rayfield’s friend), Nancy Chestnut (Michelle Rohde’s mother), Pat Barnham. **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](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.

**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.

**MEMORIALS:**

***IN MEMORY OF JOHN L. MELTON***

Rhett & Marcia Butler

***IN MEMORY OF JEFFREY FOSTER***

Rhett & Marcia Butler, Edith Quick, John & Nancy Wagnon, Ginny Nichols, George D. Rush, III, Wannamaker Drug, Jeff & Shannon Johnson, Paul & Kay Wood, Larry & Kay Spears

***IN MEMORY OF JERRY AND SARAH MARGARET***

***THERRELL***

Thomas and Sharon McKinnon

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

Jeff & Shannon Johnson

***IN MEMORY OF JOYCE QUICK***

Jeff & Shannon Johnson

***IN MEMORY OF LARRY HARSEY***

Keith & Sally Smith

***IN MEMORY DR. JOIE NEWSOM***

Keith & Sally Smith

***IN MEMORY FRANCES STUBBS PURYEAR***

Keith & Sally Smith

**UPDATED  
COVID -19  
PROTOCOLS**

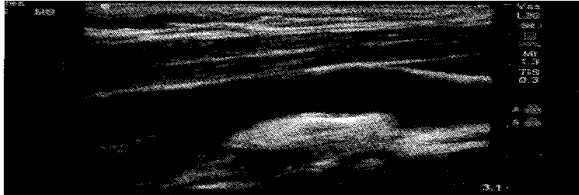
All are welcome to worship with us and have their usual meetings. Masks are optional but strongly encouraged. We are not having congregational meals or singing at this time. The choir will practice and supply congregational music wearing masks and social distancing. We hope this variant passes soon and that we can return to congregational meals and singing in weeks rather than months. We urge patience and understanding as we continue to seek the best ways to continue to make First United Methodist Church a safe place to worship and to share the love of Christ by caring for one another.

# Take a step toward staying Healthy & Active

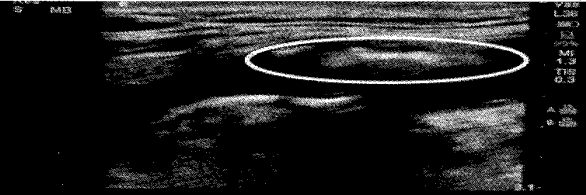
Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health.

**Be Smart: Do More For Your Cardiovascular Health**

## No Plaque Buildup



## Plaque Buildup



Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup. That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors.\*

Adults age 50+ and those 40 and older with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease should be screened.  
\*Key Risk Factors include: \*High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

We are coming to your neighborhood.

**Where: Cheraw - First United Methodist Church**

**When: Tuesday, March 1, 2022**

To register for your appointment please call **1-888-653-6450** or visit <https://llsa.social/HSC>

## Trusted by Hospitals Nationwide.

Life Line Screening has partnered with over **100 hospitals** across the country and has conducted over **10 million screenings** since 1993.



### **Carotid Artery (Plaque) Screening**

Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries that screens for buildup of fatty plaque — one of the leading causes of strokes.



### **Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)**

A quick and easy test using a 6-lead EKG placed on the arms and legs to identify the presence or absence of an irregular heartbeat.



### **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening**

Ultrasound screening for an abdominal aneurysm (enlargement) that could lead to a ruptured aorta.



### **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening**

Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease (PAD) in the lower extremities, which increases the risk of cardiovascular disease.<sup>1</sup>



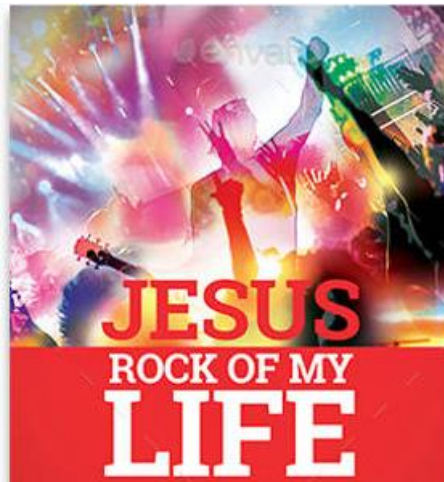
### **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment**

Ultrasound screens the shin bone for bone mass density. Osteoporosis is painless and silent in its early stages.

**5 Screenings for Only \$139**  
**Special Package Pricing**

<sup>1</sup> No single screening can detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Screening results are provided to you in about 14 days. We direct all participants with abnormal results to take the report to their physician. Appropriate modification of risk factors (including high blood pressure, smoking, heart disease, diabetes and poor diet) is also necessary for cardiovascular disease prevention. Our screenings cannot detect all forms of stroke risk or cardiovascular disease. All tests are for screening purposes only. You should consult with your personal physician regarding your screening results. Price does not include any applicable review fees. Insurance Note: Life Line Screening does not participate in the Medicare program and the cost of our screening services is not covered or reimbursable by Medicare. Life Line Screening does not file insurance claims nor provide referrals to any physician's group or hospital. If you are unable to attend the screening for any reason whatsoever, we will issue a gift card for the full amount to be used by you, or anyone you choose, for future screening services.

**FUMC**  
**Calling You to Join**  
**YOUTH SOUND OF JOY**



**Inviting all youth between ages of 10 and 17  
who can play instruments and/or would like to sing.**  
**When: February 09, 2022**  
**Time: 6:00PM till 7:00PM (Every Wednesday)**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, February 6, 2022**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, February 7, 2022**

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

**Tuesday, February 8, 2022**

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
3:00pm UMW Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

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

**Thursday, February 10, 2022**

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

**Sunday, February 13, 2022**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Weekly amount needed for budget:** \$5,769.24

**Amount received for week of February 2:** \$4,426.00

**Sunday School Attendance January 30:** 30

**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Canned vegetables

**Greeter:** Renie Seel

**Acolyte:** Bryson Hunter

**Nursery Workers:** Nancy Wagnon & Michelle Rohde

**Video Technicians:** John Wagnon and Bryson Hunter

**Amount needed year to date:** \$28,846.20

**Received year to date:** \$16,576.65

**Worship Attendance January 30:** 58

**McArn Items:** Chef Boyardee bowls

**Head Usher:** Keith Smith

**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Ray Crouse

**Flowers next Sunday:** OPEN

**Soundssystem Operator:** Jackson Rushing

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