

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

APRIL 24, 2022

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER/YOUTH SUNDAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Peyton Taylor
PRELUDE		Beth Maier
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Peyton Taylor
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Peyton Taylor
L: Happy Easter Season! Today is the first day of the week.		
C: The joy of Easter still sings in our hearts.		
L: Breathe the breath of new life in your spirits!		
C: We open our hearts to all the wondrous work God has for us to do.		
L: Welcome to worship this glorious day!		
C: Let our lives be testimony to God's redeeming love! AMEN.		
OPENING PRAYER²		Sawyer Becker
Breathe the breath of new life into us, O Lord, that we may fully feel the power of your love and the awesome glory of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Prepare us to receive your blessing and then to go from this place to be a blessing to others in your name. AMEN.		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881	"The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version"	Sawyer Becker
GLORIA PATRI NO. 70		MEINEKE
SCRIPTURE READING	Acts 5:27-32	Sawyer Becker
SKIT	"The Birth of a Salesman" ³ Keil Samonte, Bryson Hunter, Jacqueline Tomberlin	
*HYMN NO. 569	"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"	MESSAGE
MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER		Tommy Holter
OFFERTORY	"Breathe on Me Breath of God" (Ushers: Ashton and Sawyer Becker, Tommy Holter, Peyton Taylor)	Jacqueline Tomberlin
*DOXOLOGY NO. 95		OLD 100 th
MORNING MESSAGE	"Jesus: A Teacher"	Hollis Dusa
*HYMN NO. 2173	"Shine, Jesus Shine"	SHINE JESUS SHINE
*BENEDICTION		Whole Youth Group
*POSTLUDE		Beth Maier

**If you are able, please stand.*

Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew. Once the last person has signed, please leave the page in the attendance pad and it will be picked up at a later time.

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3715>

² Ibid.

³©2010, Sharon Kay Chatwell, <https://www.sunday-school-center.com/support-files/birth-of-a-salesman-skit.pdf>

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of F. Garland Streete and Elizabeth King Street Traynham by the Lib Streete Traynham Estate.

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, Theodore Burns, Margaret Stanton, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Dennis Pressley (friend of Jenny Keefe), Betty Thrailkill, Tony Thrailkill, Brenda Rayfield. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

HAPPY ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY ANGIE SMITH!: We cannot thank you enough for your commitment and dedication! You have a tremendous work ethic and great attitude and you are a wonderful confident. You are the behind the scenes hero. You keep the church running. From assisting the pastor and helping with scheduling, to church programs, finances, reports, emails, phone calls, bulletins, and office visits. You do it all with such grace and dignity. We love you and appreciate all you do for our church and our Lord.

With all our love, Your FUMC – Cheraw family

FROM STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: *“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his one...”* Acts 4:32 All that we are and all that we have are all gifts from God. Your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities – they are all gifts from God. We are not really owners of anything. We are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given to us.

SERVING IN MAY

GREETERS FOR MAY

May 1 Jay & Dawn Leach
May 8 Eric & Kelly Dusa
May 15 Michelle Rohde
May 22 Greg & Cindy Sanderson
May 29 Jed & Choles Reid

FLOWERS FOR MAY

May 1 Mark & Debra Armstrong
May 8 Jim Bennett
May 15 OPEN
May 22 Dusa
May 29 OPEN

NURSERY FOR MAY

May 1 Christy and Charlie Ruffner
May 8 Michelle Rohde and Pat Barham
May 15 Kelly and Hollis Dusa
May 22 Leslie Jean and Chase Watson
May 29 Renie Seel and Peyton Taylor

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY MEALS

May 11 OPEN
May 18 OPEN
May 25 OPEN

LITURGIST FOR MAY

May 1 Ray Crouse
May 8 Eric Dusa
May 15 Rhett Butler
May 22 Bonnie Cundiff
May 29 Lib Norton

HEAD USER FOR MAY

Doug Carabo

ACOLYTE FOR MAY

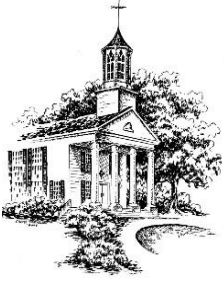
Peyton Taylor

UMYF LEADERS FOR MAY

May 1 Scott Eddins
May 8 Scott Eddins
May 15 Chase Watson
May 22 Chase Watson
May 29 NO UMYF

UMYF MEALS FOR MAY

May 1 Susan Marsh & Jean McLean
May 8 Judy Jones & Amy Lewis
May 15 Bonnie Cundiff & Jenny Keefe
May 22 Pal Moore & Susan Eschenfelder
May 29 NO UMYF



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...



The day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus that we call Easter Day is day one of a fifty-day season in the Christian calendar. The Easter Season lasts seven weeks and one day beginning on Easter Day and ending on the Day of Pentecost. For forty days of the Easter Season the resurrected Jesus met with, talked to, and ate with several people. The last week of the season Jesus had ascended into heaven and the disciples waited for the promised in-breathing of the Holy Spirit of God which arrived on Pentecost.

The good news or bad news perhaps, depending upon your perspective, is that the Easter party is not over yet, and we are going to be celebrating the resurrection for six more weeks. For those of you who are worn out from your Easter Day festivities, just sit back and relax and enjoy the celebration. Each week during the great 50 days of Easter we will ponder together in The Connection some of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus and the significance they have for our life today.

Here is a list of the interactions of the resurrected Jesus, the day of occurrence, and the location if that information is available.

- Early Easter Sunday morning to Mary Magdalene near the tomb at Jerusalem (Mark 16:9, John 20:11-18)
- To the women returning from the tomb (Matthew 28:9-10)
- To Peter (Cephas) near Jerusalem later that day (Luke 24:34, 1Corinthians 15:5)
- To two disciples going to Emmaus that day (Mark 16:12, Luke 24:13-31)
- That evening at Jerusalem to the apostles except Thomas (Mark 16:14, John 20:19-25)
- Sunday evening (April 16) at Jerusalem to all the apostles especially Thomas (John 20:26-29)
- End of April to seven disciples fishing on Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-13)
- To eleven disciples on a mountain in Galilee (Matthew 28:16-18)
- Over 500 disciples at once --location uncertain (1Corinthians 15:6)
- To James --location uncertain (1Corinthians 15:7)
- To the apostles (and probably others) during forty days prior to his ascension (Acts 1:2-3)
- At the Mount of Olives near Bethany at his ascension (Luke 24:50-51, Acts 1:6-12)

For Mary Magdalene and the women returning from the tomb, once they saw Jesus their mourning was instantly turned into joy. They may not have understood completely what it meant for them that Jesus had conquered death yet. They may not have been prepared for the disbelief of the other disciples. They may not have had a clue about the ministry Jesus would call them to do as witnesses spreading the gospel throughout the world. Joy was exactly what they needed at that moment. Just time to rejoice that Jesus is risen, he is risen indeed! Let us take time this week to rejoice that we have a Risen Savior who is alive in our world today bringing us joy, love, mercy and peace! Alleluia! He Lives!

Pastor Debra

JOY CLUB: The JOY Club will meet Thursday, April 28 at 12:00pm in the fellowship hall, please call Renie Seel at 843-344-1841 or call the church office to make reservations.

DISHES LEFT: There are dishes that have been left at the church, they are on tables in the fellowship hall. Please look and pick up your dish. Any dishes left after one more week will be discarded.

COLLEGE STUDENTS ADDRESSES REQUESTED: If you are a college student or have a child that is in college please contact the church office and give us their mailing address.

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.

Covid Restrictions Lifted - Based upon recent and continually improving Covid-19 risk factors in the county reported by the SC Department of Health and consistent with CDC guidance, the Church Council voted unanimously this week to remove the remaining restrictions previously imposed on our activities and routines at First Methodist. Masking remains optional and we will continue to monitor the situation for changes that might warrant action in the future.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. Thursdays 10:30 am.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Mickey Sullivan
May 2 Jimmy Outen
May 6 Mark Armstrong
May 7 Shelton Rumph
May 13 Mary Crouse, John Robert Smith, Carter Keefe
May 14 Jay Lewis
May 16 Benson Stubbs
May 17 Gail Eubanks, Ellen Eschenfelder, Michael Wagnon
May 18 Jamie Lewis, Tyler Goodwin
May 19 Zenda Rushing
May 21 Amy Eschenfelder
May 22 Brandon Jones
May 23 Sean Eubanks, Mary Charlotte Dusa
May 25 Rebecca Miles
May 26 Jean Assef, Betty Board, Henrietta Kollitz
May 28 Jean McLean, Gretchen Powell Kollitz
May 30 Cindy Sanderson, Stephen Board
May 31 Terrell Stubbs

ANNIVERSARIES

May 1 M&M Austin Carnell (Kim Starling)
May 3 Mr. Mark & Rev. Debra Armstrong
May 7 M&M David Rohde

Wonderful Wednesdays Begin

April 27, 2022, at 5:00 pm

Please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday, April 26th to let us know how many meals your family will need so we can place an accurate order.

April 27, 2022, Menu

Wild Rice and Chicken Soup

Tossed Salad with an assortment of Dressings

Baked Potato Bar

(butter, bacon bits, chili, cheese, sour cream)

Crackers and Cornbread

Brownies

Sweet Tea, Unsweet Tea, and Water

Hosted by the S/PPRC

**Meal Costs: Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5,
Families of four or more maximum cost \$30**

There will be a meal, a short devotion and worship, and a presentation or Bible study each Wednesday. The schedule will be:

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Devotion, Worship and Presentation or Bible Study

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice

On April 27th, Pastor Debra will give her testimony. We will skip May 4th and on May 11th Pastor Phil will share his adventures on his mission trip to Africa. Wonderful Wednesdays will continue until June 1st and take a break for the summer.

Baskets Full Of Fun At The 2022 Easter Egg Hunt!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 24, 2022

- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship
- 3:30pm Finance Committee (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00pm Church Council (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00pm Memorial/Scholarship Committee
(Fred Harris SS Classroom)
- 5:30-7:00pm Fireflies (Kids Nook & Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30-7:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut & Fellowship Hall)

Monday, April 25, 2022

- 6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

- 8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
- 12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline
- 5:00pm Fellowship Meal
- 6:00pm Devotion, Worship and Presentation
or Bible Study
- 7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, April 28, 2022

- 8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
- 10:30am Grief Share (Parlor)
- 12:00pm JOY Club (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 1, 2022

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

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,769.24
Amount received for week of April 20: \$6,394.50
Maundy Thursday Attendance: 31
Sunday School Attendance April 17: 35
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Peanut butter
Greeters: Todd & Allison Becker
Acolyte: Nancy Wagnon
Nursery Worker: Kelly & Hollis Dusa
Soundsystem Operator: Holly Miles
UMYF Leader for next week: Scott Eddins
UMYF Meal for next week: Susan Marsh & Jean McLean

Amount needed year to date: \$92,307.84
Received year to date: \$91,091.53
Easter Sunrise Attendance: 34
Worship Attendance April 17: 91
McArn Items: Breakfast bars
Head Usher: Jeff Johnson
Liturgist for next Sunday: Ray Crouse
Flowers next Sunday: Mark and Debra Armstrong
Video Technicians: Bryson Hunter & Peyton Taylor

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