

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***APRIL 17, 2022***

***EASTER SUNDAY***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

Martha Starling

**PRELUDE**

Beth Maier

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jenny Keefe

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: Run from fear and darkness! Hope is on the move!

**C: Run to tell the world, Christ is risen!**

L: Do not be afraid. Jesus has conquered death!

**C: We can proclaim with great confidence that God's love rules.**

L: Christ is risen!

**C: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!****ALL: AMEN****OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>**

Jenny Keefe

Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ's Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 882****"Apostle's Creed Ecumenical Version"**

Jenny Keefe

**\*HYMN NO. 308***"Up From the Grave He Arose"*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

**CONFESSION & PARDON<sup>3</sup>**

*Pastor:* Easter is tricky when it comes to faith. We come for the happy ending—the "and then they lived happily ever after." The resurrection story proclaims hope over despair and life over death, yet we know that life continued, and continues for us, as a story of spiking heartbreak moments that are not forever fixed. The nature of being created for love is that we will always hunger for more, that there is never enough life and love to satisfy. And endings are often too soon. But perhaps a good enough faith is one that moves through the chronic nature of being incurably human with an eye for resurrection moments that assure us that this good enough life is worthy of our amazement. I invite you imagine in this silence the deep seed and shoot that is growing within you, yearning for light and life.

*Silent Reflection*

*Pastor:* Hear this compassionate word from the prophet Isaiah: "I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight."

Know that already, God is offering us freedom from the fear of isolation and anguish at endings, inviting us to community and creativity for birthing new life— unexpected life, unending love. And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

**C: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.****All: Glory to God! Amen.****\*HYMN NO. 302 vs. 1-4***"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

EASTER HYMN

**MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor Debra

**OFFERTORY***"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" arranged by Greg Skipper and Stan Pethal*

Choir

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Pastor Debra

**\*DOXOLOGY NO. 95**

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Jesus Christ, our burdens know. Praise Spirit through whom our hearts grow. Praise Three-in-One, from here below.

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 34:1-12**

**SERMON**

*“Good Enough Faith”*

Pastor Debra

**\*HYMN NO. 310**

*“He Lives”*

ACKLEY

**\*BENEDICTION<sup>4</sup>**

And now, may the God who loves all of creation, especially the gardens we call our lives, and Jesus, our companion along this crooked path called life, and the Holy Spirit, who loves to improvise in surprising ways, go with you, dwell among you, and give you joy. Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*“He Is Lord”*

HE IS LORD

He is Lord, He is Lord, he has risen from the dead and is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. He is Lord, He is Lord, he has risen from the dead and is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

**\*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.*

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3683>

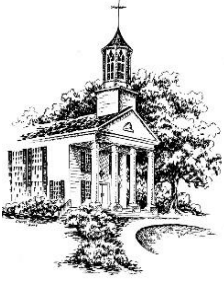
<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Marcia McFee © [www.worshipdesignstudio.com/goodenough](http://www.worshipdesignstudio.com/goodenough) Used and adapted with permission.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

***The lilies on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Easter Sunday and to commemorate the twelfth anniversary of the Ezer Sunday school class by its classmates.***

**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, Dan Ellenburg (Patty Fisher’s brother-in-law), Rachel Smith (Brenda Rayfield’s friend), Shep Straughn, Dennis Pressley (friend of Jenny Keefe), Ping Santos (Kelly Dusa’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.**



# 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...*

*As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:12-17 NRSV*

Chosen, holy and beloved people of God our Lenten Journey comes to a close this week with the wonderful news of the empty tomb. In our Jesus clothes we have done some deep self-examination about our walk with Jesus, gotten rid of some self-centered clothing that just didn't fit right, and drawn closer to Jesus. Now, it is time to celebrate the resurrection as renewed servants of our Lord Christ Jesus.

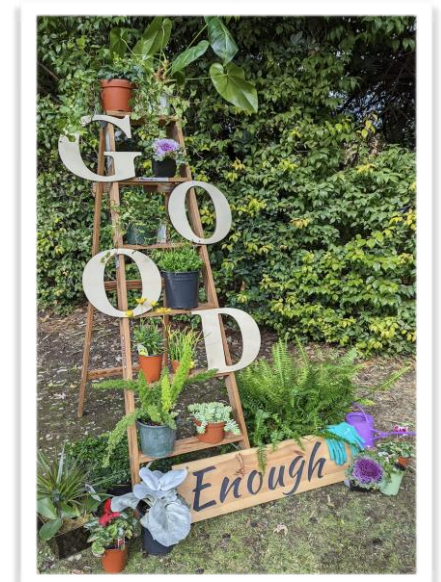


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The Apostle Paul tells us to celebrate with gratitude in our hearts.

We are to sing the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. It is a joy to be back in our sanctuary without Covid-19 restrictions and let our praises rise up to the rafters. We praise God that the pandemic is now becoming an endemic. We thank our Lord for the lesson we learned about our abilities and resilience as we sought to be a faithful church in uncertain times. We acknowledge that God brought us through this wilderness and without God's help we would never have survived. We have much to be thankful for this Easter and to God be all the glory!

The Apostle closes out this scripture by compelling us to keep wearing our Jesus clothes and remember all we have learned this season so we continue to serve the Lord. All our words and deeds are to be done in the name of our Lord Jesus. We are to give thanks to God the Father through Jesus. We are to be Easter people in our Jesus clothes y'all every single day of our lives!

Wearing our Jesus clothes and serving our Lord Jesus is not easy. We live in a broken and fallen world. Our Jesus clothes may get dirty. They may be torn. We may outgrow them and need new ones. The great good news is that the supply of *compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience is never out of stock and never has supply chain issues. When we need our Jesus clothing cleaned, freshened, or replaced we just ask for it in prayer and it will be provided. I am looking forward to journeying with you from the empty tomb to the next adventure that Jesus has for us. Whatever comes next, we can count on it that we will be loved as the chosen, holy, and beloved people of God. And that we will be shining for our Lord Jesus in our Jesus clothes and that will be good enough!*

*Pastor Debra*

**MEMORIALS:**

**IN MEMORY OF JACKIE FURR**

*Doug & Susan Marsh, Lib, Derek and Craig Norton*

**IN MEMORY OF ALLEN ASSEF**

*Henrietta Kollitz*

**IN MEMORY OF JAMES MCAULEY**

*Lib Norton*

**IN MEMORY OF JACKIE MCDUGALD**

*Lib, Derek and Craig Norton*

**IN MEMORY OF LENA VANCE**

*Lib, Derek and Craig Norton*

**IN MEMORY OF STEVEN CHIZIK**

*Lib, Derek and Craig Norton*

**FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:** “Think of what is above, not what is on earth.” Colossians 3:2 On this day, we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate with joy. We sing “Alleluia!” Let us try to keep the spirit and enthusiasm of the Easter season in our hearts throughout the year – not just on this day and the few weeks to follow. Let us pray and listen for how the Lord is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts in his honor.

**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 two weeks will be discarded.

**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.

**REMINDER:** We are having activities and events at the church again. Please schedule your event or activity with our Administrative Assistant, Angie Smith, in the church office to be sure the room(s) you want to use is available.

**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](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.

**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.**





**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.



April 24, 2022  
11:00 a.m.

Be sure to join us for a wonderful blessing  
as our youth lead us in worship!



Ezer Sunday School Class Celebrates  
12<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary and  
Makes Easter Baskets for Children and Shut-ins

## Wonderful Wednesdays Begin

April 27, 2022, at 5:00 pm

Please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Debra will give her testimony.

We will skip May 4<sup>th</sup> and on May 11<sup>th</sup> Pastor Phil will share his adventures on his mission trip to Africa. Wonderful Wednesdays will continue until June 1<sup>st</sup> and take a break for the summer.



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## CONGRATULATIONS

**Wells Samuel Polk was born April 12, 2022, he is the son of Wade and Caroline Polk, grandson of Scott and Randye (Quick) Polk, and the great-grandson of Sammy and Penny Quick.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sunday, April 17, 2022**

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service  
9:15am Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

### **Monday, April 18, 2022**

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

### **Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline  
7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### **Thursday, April 21, 2022**

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
10:30am Grief Share (Parlor)

### **Sunday, April 24, 2022**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
3:30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
4:00pm Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
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 13:** \$3,845.64

**Sunday School Attendance April 10:** 41

**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Dry cereal

**Greeters:** Doug & Susan Marsh

**Acolyte:** Nancy Wagnon

**Crucifer:** Norma Cobb

**Flowers next Sunday:** Traynham Estate

**Video Technicians:** Bryson Hunter & Peyton Taylor

**UMYF Meal for next week:** Paul & Holly Miles

**Amount needed year to date:** \$86,538.60

**Received year to date:** \$84,697.03

**Worship Attendance April 10:** 76

**McArn Items:** Fruit cups

**Head Usher:** Jeff Johnson

**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Youth

**Nursery Worker:** Michelle Rohde

**Soundsystem Operator:** Jackson Rushing

**UMYF Leader for next week:** Scott Eddins

## FUMC STAFF

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Beth Maier – Interim Music Director