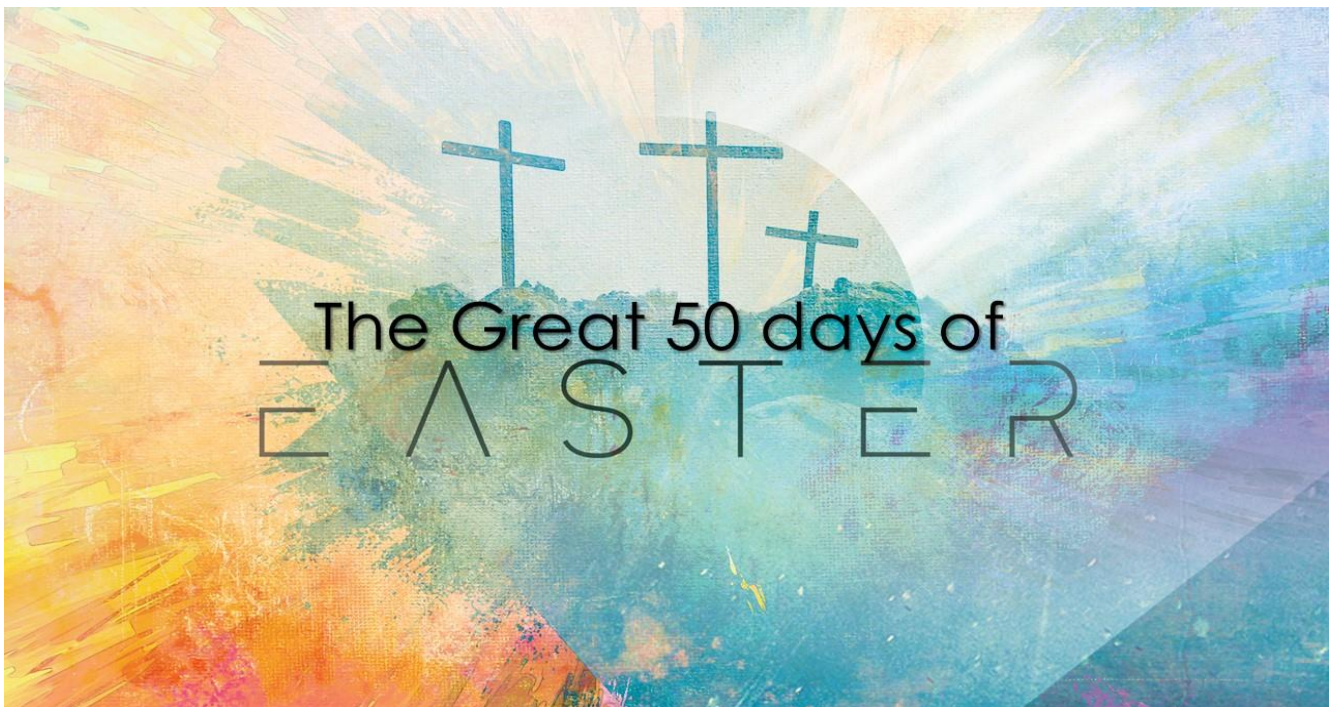


# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***MAY 22, 2022***

***6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE***

*Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew. Once the last person has signed, please fold it in half and put in the offering plate.*

<b>CHIMING OF THE HOUR</b>		Martha Starling
<b>PRELUDE</b>		Beth Maier
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Lib Norton
<b>RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES</b>		Lib Norton
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup></b>		Lib Norton
L: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!		
<b>C: In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.</b>		
L: In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!		
<b>C: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!</b>		
L: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!		
<b>C: Praise be to God. AMEN!</b>		
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>		
Holy God of every time and all places we gather here today to worship and to be inspired by your word. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear your presence with us this day. Guide us so that we may serve you faithfully and be ambassadors for your love in our community. These things we pray in the holy name of Jesus. <b>AMEN.</b>		
<b>PSALTER NO. 791</b>	Psalm 67	Lib Norton
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH<sup>2</sup></b>		Lib Norton
<b>We trust in God, Spirit of life, Creator of all that is and all that is to come; who surrounds us and fills us; who speaks the Word of life in us, and so we listen.</b>		
<b>We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God, our brother, our teacher, who lived in prayer and love. Listening to God's voice and doing God's will, he gave his life in love; but God raise him to life eternal; and so we follow him.</b>		
<b>We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit, God alive in us, for the sake of the healing of the world. We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ and the mystery of eternal life. Amen</b>		
<b>*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70</b>		MEINKE
<b>*HYMN NO. 577</b>	<i>"God of Grace and God of Glory"</i>	CMH RHONDDA
<b>MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>"O How I Love Jesus and O How He Loves You and Me"</i>	Choir
<b>*DOXOLOGY NO. 95</b>		OLD 100 <sup>th</sup>
<b>*OFFERTORY PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>*HYMN NO. 605</b>	<i>"Wash, O God, Our Sons, and Daughters"</i>	BEACH SPRING
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Acts 16: 16-34	Pastor Debra

<b>SERMON</b>	“Come Help Us!”	Pastor Debra
<b>*HYMN NO. 370</b>	“Victory in Jesus”	HARTFORD
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>*BENEDICTION RESPONSE</b>	“On Eagle’s Wings”	ON EAGLE’S WINGS
And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.		
<b>*POSTLUDE</b>		Beth Maier

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

<sup>1</sup><https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3802>

<sup>2</sup> ©Garnaas-Holmes, Steve, General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, 2008.

***The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in congratulations to the High School Seniors, Class of 2022.***

**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, Scott Tomberlin, Theodore Burns, Margaret Stanton, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Betty Thrailkill, Tony Thrailkill, Brenda Rayfield Family, Gwen Sullivan, Dan Ellenburg (Patty Fisher’s Brother-in-law), Emily Marsh. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**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.

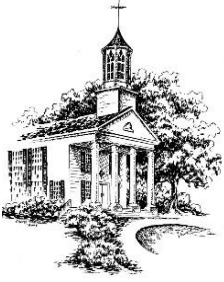
**WORSHIP ONLINE:** Not able to be here for in-person worship? Then join us online! To worship online, go to our website [www.cherawfirstumc.org](http://www.cherawfirstumc.org). Click on the tab at the top of the page that says video sermon archive. The most recent worship service will be the first service 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.



# 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...*



*Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing." They said, "We'll go with you." They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing.*

*Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus. Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." So, they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net.*

*Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you've just caught." Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn't torn, even with so many fish.*

*Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. John 21:1-14 CEB*

Today is the thirty-fifth day and the sixth Sunday of the Easter season. In the thirty-five days after his resurrection many people had seen Jesus. This scripture tells us it was the third time that Jesus interacted with his disciples. As the scene opens, the disciples just want to get away from it all and decide to go fishing together. No fish were caught but that probably did not bother this weary band of Jesus followers. My Dad often would fish and if I was with him, I had to be quiet even if the fish weren't biting. Being on the water, being quiet and still, and casting the line were just as satisfying as catching a whole bunch of fish.

Even so, Jesus called out to his disciples from the shore and asked them if they had caught anything to eat. After their negative response, Jesus instructs them to cast out their nets again and they hauled in a monster load of fish. Jesus tells them to bring some in and fixed them a breakfast of fish and bread on the Galilean seashore.

Jesus provided three things for his disciples that day. First, he fed them with fish and bread. Sometimes people need food before they can learn anything about discipleship! Second, Jesus demonstrated that he was still a powerful guide for them. When they listened and were obedient, they reaped great rewards. The third thing Jesus did for this weary group was to remind them that Jesus was with them everywhere. Jesus broke into the upper room. Jesus met them at the seaside and Jesus would be with them everywhere they went.

Sometimes my brothers and sisters in Christ, we are weary. We feel downtrodden, hopeless, and helpless. It is in those times, just as it was for the disciples in the boat on the Sea of Galilee, that Jesus shows up for us. Jesus loves us. Jesus wants good things for us. Jesus will empower our discipleship so that we can catch many fish for him. Sometimes we just need to go fishing to see and be fed by Jesus! Looking forward to hearing your stories of seeing Jesus in your boat, on the shore, or wherever!

*Pastor Debra*



Zachary Davis Carabo is graduating from Cheraw High School on June 3, 2022. This fall Zach will be attending Newberry College where he plans to major in Business Administration with a minor in Computer Science. With this degree Zach wants to work in IT/Cyber Security. Zach has also signed to play football at Newberry College. Go Wolves!! Zach is the son of Doug & Amanda Carabo.

Hollis Dusa will be graduating from Cheraw High School on June 3, 2022. In August, she plans to attend Appalachian State University and major in elementary education. Hollis has always enjoyed babysitting and working with children. Her goal is to become a second grade teacher. Hollis is the daughter of Eric and Kelly Dusa.



Lily Mot Melton is graduating from Chesterfield High School. Lily is a Garland Streete Scholarship recipient and a Coastal Scholar Award recipient. Lily plans to attend Coastal Carolina University in the fall and major in Intelligence and National Security and minor in PGA Golf Management. Lily is the daughter of Lawrence and Jessica Hammonds.



**Our Mission:** Awareness and early detection of disease is powerful. That's why our purpose is to make you aware of unrecognized and potential health problems, and encourage follow-up care with your personal physician to strengthen their understanding of your total health.<sup>1</sup>

FUMC will host a screening on Tuesday, June 14, 2022

To register for your appointment please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit

<https://lisa.social/HSC>, or sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

\*\*\*The church office has several complimentary coupons if you are interested in getting one please contact Angie, these will be given on a first come basis until they are gone.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.lifelinescreening.com/about-us?sourcecd=WGBS101>

### **We Are Still The United Methodist Church**

You may have seen the recent headlines proclaiming that the United Methodist Church has split. That is not accurate! The church did not split! There have been no changes to the Book of Discipline. No action has been taken by the General Conference to split the church.

What did happen is that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church scheduled for August and September of 2022 was postponed until 2024. With that postponement some pastors and members of our church decided to start a new denomination called the Global Methodist Church.

In order to join this new denomination, a pastor must surrender their credentials as United Methodist clergy. Churches wishing to leave the United Methodist Church must go through a discernment process with the Hartsville District Superintendent and meet other disaffiliation requirements. The church council reviewed this information at its April meeting.

Here is our South Carolina Bishop, Jonathan Holston's, response to the postponement of the General Conference:

Friends, the Commission on the General Conference announced this week that the 2020 meeting of the General Conference has once again been postponed. I ask all South Carolina United Methodists to remain patient – with our hearts, minds and hands firmly engaged in the day-to-day mission and ministry to which God had called us.

As we contemplate yet another COVID-19-driven interruption to our expected rhythms, it is instructive to turn to the scriptures for guidance and assurance amid the uncertainty:

*“Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways.” – Proverbs 4:25-26 (NIV)*

Ours is a connectional church – a community of believers rooted in faith and committed to serving our God by loving and caring for one another.

It is important to note that this session of General Conference – initially planned for 2020, but most recently scheduled for later this year – has only been postponed until 2024, not canceled. We also should remember that we are a global church, spanning four continents and scores of nations – each with its own societal and technological challenges.

As part of a worldwide denomination, we must see the work that we do not only from our own perspective, but also through the eyes of others. While we in the United States are fortunate for the progress that has been made in re-engaging in person after more than a year of isolation, we must acknowledge the difficult path that remains ahead in this struggle for many of our fellow United Methodists abroad.

I would like to ask you to consider anew the challenge we have faithfully met throughout this time of pandemic:

- Let us fervently seek God's guidance so we can do what we need to do in this moment.
- Let us be the leaders that our neighbors need to make a difference for the sake of Christ.
- Let us commit to growing as disciples and engaging with our communities.
- Let us take the next faithful step to courageously answer the call to follow where God leads.

Wonderful Wednesdays

May 25, at 5:00 pm

Please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> to let us know how many meals your family will need so we can place an accurate order.

**May 25, 2022, Menu**

**Chicken Cobbler**

**Twice Baked Potatoes**

**Squash Casserole**

**Brownies**

**Sweet Tea, Unsweet Tea, and Water**

**Hosted by Paul and Holly Miles**

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

**5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal**

**6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Bible Study**

**7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice**



**American  
Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*

**FUMC will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, June 7 from 1:00pm-6:00pm in the fellowship hall.** Come to give blood, platelets or plasma June 1-30, 2022, and be automatically entered for a chance to win a VIP trip to Memphis and Graceland for two!\* This trip includes round-trip air fare for two to Memphis, a three-night stay at The Guest House at Graceland and Elvis Entourage VIP tour, courtesy of Graceland, a \$500 gift card for expenses, plus a custom-wrapped Gibson Epiphone guitar!

As our thanks for coming to give June 1-30, we'll send you a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice.\*\*

**To make an appointment call or email Angie at [843-537-7002](tel:843-537-7002)/**

**[fumcangiesmith@gmail.com](mailto:fumcangiesmith@gmail.com) or go online to**

**[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.**

\* <https://www.redcrossblood.org/local-homepage/events/elvis-movie.html>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, May 22, 2022

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship (Graduate Sunday)  
2:00-6:00pm Fireflies & Youth Activity  
6:15-7:00pm Fireflies (Kids Nook & Fellowship Hall)  
6:15-7:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut & Fellowship Hall)

### Monday, May 23, 2022

6:00pm SPRC Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

### Wednesday, May 25, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline  
5:00pm Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00pm Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

### Thursday, May 26, 2022

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

### Sunday, May 29, 2022

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Weekly amount needed for budget:** \$5,769.24  
**Amount received for week of May 18:** \$6,406.50  
**Sunday School Attendance May 15:** 33  
**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Peanut butter  
**Greeters:** Greg & Cindy Sanderson  
**Acolyte:** Peyton Taylor  
**Nursery Worker:** Leslie Jean & Chase Watson  
**Soundsystem Operator:** Holly Miles  
**UMYF Meal for next week:** NO UMYF  
**Wonderful Wednesday Hostesses:** Paul and Holly Miles

**Amount needed year to date:** \$115,384.80  
**Received year to date:** \$107,457.51  
**Worship Attendance May 15:** 107  
**McArn Items:** Animal Cookies  
**Head Usher:** Doug Carabo  
**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Lib Norton  
**Flowers next Sunday:** Scott Tomberlin  
**Video Technicians:** Bryson Hunter & Peyton Taylor  
**UMYF Leader for next week:** NO UMYF

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