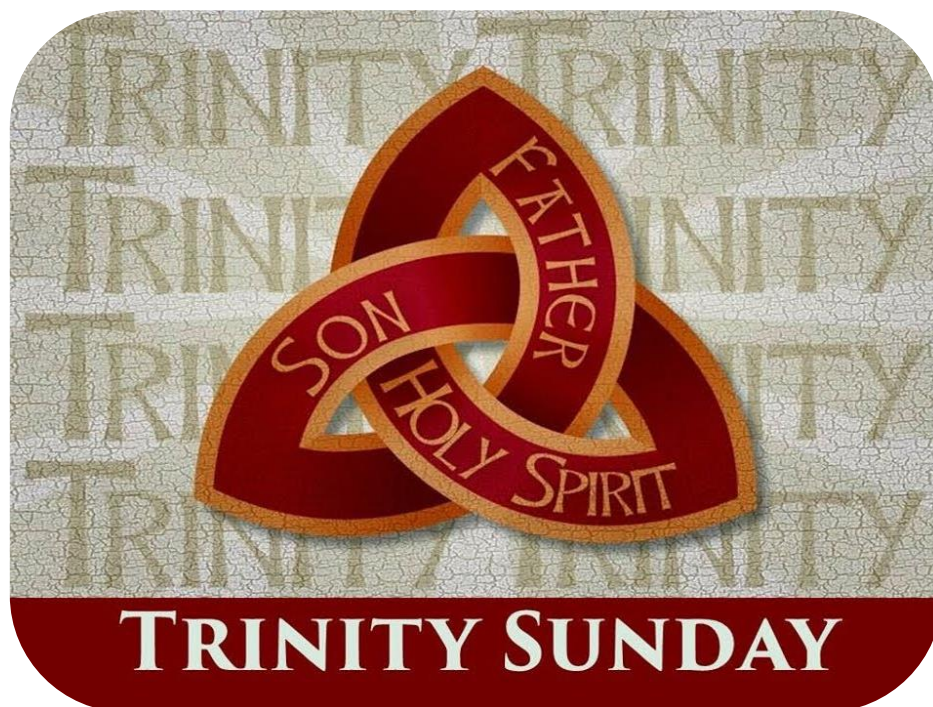


# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***JUNE 12, 2022***

***TRINITY SUNDAY/HOLY COMMUNION***

***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>	“Nicaea”	Robert Buckley Farlee
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Susan Marsh
<b>REPORT FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b>		Jenny Keefe
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup></b>		Susan Marsh
L: How shall we describe the concept of Trinity?		
<b>C: In the first "person" we find God the creator</b>		
L: In the second "person" we discover Jesus the Redeemer		
<b>C: In the third "person" we greet the Holy Spirit, the Guardian and Guide.</b>		
L: There are so many ways to describe the work and witness of God.		
<b>C: The Trinity helps us to understand the nature of God. AMEN.</b>		
<b>OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup></b>		Susan Marsh
Spirit of Wisdom and Hope, we witness your glory in the heavens and hear your call to us. We are sometimes overwhelmed by the thought of your compassionate care. Open our hearts this day to hear and respond in joy to your call, that we may serve you faithfully all our days. <b>AMEN.</b>		
<b>PSALTER NO, 743</b>	Psalm 8 Response #1	Susan Marsh
<b>AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881</b>	Apostle’s Creed	Susan Marsh
<b>*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70</b>		MEINKE
<b>*HYMN NO. 64</b>	“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”	NICAEA
<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>ANTHEM</b>	“Like The Murmur Of The Dove’s Song” Peter Cutts	Adult Choir
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	“Nicaea”	HEALEY WILIAN
<b>*DOXOLOGY NO. 95</b>		OLD 100 <sup>th</sup>
<b>*OFFERTORY PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>*HYMN NO. 614</b>	“For The Bread Which You Have Broken”	FOR THE BREAD
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	John 1:1-5; John 16:12-15	Pastor Debra
<b>HOMILY</b>	Blessed Trinity	Pastor Debra
<b>SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>		
<b>INVITIATION<sup>3</sup></b>		
Christ our Lord invites to his table to feast with him all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore let us confess our sins before God and one another.		

#### CONFESSION<sup>4</sup>

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>5</sup>

P: 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.

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

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING<sup>6</sup>

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

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, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Your Spirit anointed the Son to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to 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, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**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, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

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.**

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD<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 OF THE BREAD AND CUP<sup>8</sup>**

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen

#### **PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION<sup>9</sup>**

**Blessed Trinity, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Let us be instruments of to all people that they might know your redeeming love. 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.**

#### **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS NO. 45-49**

**\*HYMN NO. 189 (vss. 1&4)**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

ST. ELIZABETH

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Debra

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 557**

“*Blest Be The Tie That Binds*”

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love friendship reign  
through all eternity

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Richard Ellsasser

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

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3864>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> United Methodist Book of Worship, © 1992 The United Methodist Publishing House, pg. 35.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, pg.25

<sup>5</sup> Ibid, pg 35.

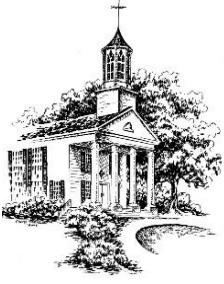
<sup>6</sup> Ibid pgs. 70-71.

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

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid, adapted by D. Armstrong.

**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 Thraikill, Tony Thraikill, Gwen Sullivan, Dan Ellenburg (Patty Fisher’s Brother-in-law), Emily Marsh, Mary Burr, Jackson Rushing. **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...*

*What you will get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.” Acts 1:8 The Message*

*When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them. Acts 2:1-4*

*Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20 The Message*

With the echoes of the gale force wind and the flames of the first Pentecost in our sights we ushered in the Pentecost season June 5<sup>th</sup>. We were reminded that Jesus did keep his word and the disciples did get the Holy Spirit and began fulfilling their commission in Acts 1:8 immediately as everyone from the known world at the time became a witness to this mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The disciples began on that day, over two thousand years ago, to live out the commission that Jesus was authorized by the Father to give to his disciples then and now.

The commission Matthew recorded in 28:18-20 is alive and well today. However, sometimes we get distracted and forget what our mission for Jesus is. At the opening of annual conference on Sunday night, Bishop Holston reminded us once again that “the church was not created for our pleasure. The church was created for God’s purpose.” I have heard our Bishop say this numerous times but this time he emphasized that we are being distracted from the purpose of the church by worldly divisions. He reminded us that the purpose of the church is to make disciples for Jesus. Then Bishop Holston asked us to answer this question, “When was the last time that you made a disciple for Jesus?”

Over the years I have been blessed to help make disciples for Jesus in confirmation classes, on mission trips, and chance everyday encounters. Most of those opportunities came to a screeching halt in 2020 with the worldwide Covid-19 Pandemic. Add to that all the issues that surround us and I find that it is just too easy to focus on the issues rather than focusing on making disciples.

Focusing on making disciples does not mean we do not care about covid, mass shootings, political unrest, etc. What it does recognize is that the world needs Jesus and Jesus commissioned us to focus on making disciples as our priority. That is because the disciples of Jesus have and will continue to transform this world into the Kingdom of God on earth.

Matthew records at the end of his gospel that we make disciples by training people in the way of life of a disciple. We start by living like a disciple. We live so that Jesus shines through our words and actions as we offer others the grace, love, and mercy we received ourselves. Let us talk about and seek ways together that we can live out the mission of the church and make disciples for Jesus. Then we will be ready the next time Bishop Holston asks this question of us.

*Pastor Debra*

**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.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT:** The 2022 South Carolina annual conference was held on June 5 through June 6 from the Florence Civic Center virtually. This year's theme was entitled, Seeking A More Excellent Way: Trusting, believing, knowing, God is with us.

Sunday opened with a clergy session and a commissioning ordination and retirement recognition service. Monday's session opened with a call to order from Bishop Holston and an opening devotion. Bishop Holston delivered a heartfelt devotion letting us know that regardless of all that is going on around us in this world we are called by God to lead his people to Jesus Christ. We are not here for our pleasure but to seek a more excellent way. I pray that we can all let this resonate within us as we move forward during the times of the world today.

We were greeted by the DS Reverend Terry Fleming from the Florence district. He stated that he knew that everyone missed being together and seeing each other and we look forward to next year of gathering together. We were also greeted by Reverend Josh McClendon pastor at Pisgah United Methodist church in Florence, our host for this year's conference.

The budget was passed for \$15,612,383. This is a decrease of 2.1% from the last budget. United Methodist women will now be called United Women in Faith. This year's conference closed five churches, some of these closings were due to church mergers. At 7 PM Monday evening there was a service of remembrance and Thanksgiving by the Reverend Dr. Robin Deese.

Next year's conference will be in Florence South Carolina at the Florence Civic Center, June 4-June 8 in person. For the years 2024 - 2026 The annual conference will be held in Greenville. The bishop closed the annual conference Monday afternoon by fixing the appointments. Reverend Debra Armstrong has been appointed to return to first United Methodist Church Cheraw.

You may log on to [www.umcsc.org](http://www.umcsc.org) to read action items reports and the 2023 comprehensive benefit funding plan and other four reports from all committees and videos of the worship services.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve my church in this capacity. If I can be of any assistance or answer any questions, please reach out to me and I will be glad to help you in any way I can. I'll leave you with this.... please bear witness to the words of Bishop Holston that we are called by God to lead his people to Jesus Christ. Let's all be the disciples that we are called to be.

Respectfully,  
Jenny Keefe

**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.

**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.

Martha Bentley (June 5)  
7900 Creedmoor Road  
Apt. 159  
Raleigh, NC 27613



**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>

#### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

We plan to begin another 13 week series on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 10:30am in the church parlor. These weekly meeting will end on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 (not meeting the week of Thanksgiving).



#### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (FORMALLY UMW) MEETING

The United Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday, June 14 at 3:00pm in the parlor. Patty Fisher and Pam Baker will give a presentation on our Child Development Center. All women of the church are invited.



**BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE:** FUMC was successful in collecting 17 units of blood – helping to impact up to 51 patient lives. Thanks to all those that were able to come out and give. Our next blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9 from 1:00pm-6:00pm, call or email Angie if you would like to go ahead and schedule your appointment for this drive now.



## J.O.Y CLUB

J.O.Y Club will meet on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. We will have grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch. Anyone interested in playing Hand and Foot, please be in the Fellowship Hall by 9:30am. You may play cards, have lunch, or do both. Make your reservations by Monday at noon by calling or texting Renie Seel at 843-344-1841

**USHER TRAINING:** All adults and youth both men and women are invited to be trained to be an usher. Norma Cobb and Pastor Debra will present the training. The training will be June 26 from 5 to 6pm in the sanctuary.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, June 12, 2022

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

#### Monday, June 13, 2022

5:30pm CDM Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

#### Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Life Line Screening (Fellowship Hall)  
3:00pm United Women in Faith (formally UMW)  
Meeting (Parlor)  
5:30pm Children/Youth/Special Events  
Committee Meeting (Pairs and Spares  
Classroom)

#### Wednesday, June 15, 2022

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

#### Thursday, June 16, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm J.O.Y Club

#### Sunday, June 19, 2022

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Weekly amount needed for budget:** \$5,769.24  
**Amount received for week of June 8:** \$4,396.92  
**Sunday School Attendance June 5:** 43  
**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Dry cereal  
**Greeters:** David & Jean McLean  
**Acolyte:** Norma Cobb  
**Nursery Worker:** Kelly & Hollis Dusa  
**Soundsystem Operator:** Holly Miles

**Amount needed year to date:** \$132,692.52  
**Received year to date:** \$118,211.95  
**Worship Attendance June 5:** 117  
**McArn Items:** Rice Crispy Treats  
**Head Usher:** Heath Ruffner  
**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Joey Mills  
**Flowers next Sunday:** OPEN  
**Video Technicians:** Bryson Hunter

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