

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JULY 17, 2022

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

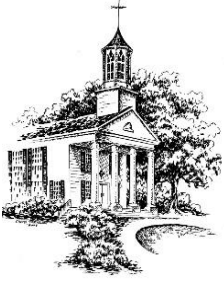
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Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew. Once the last person has signed, please fold it in half and put in the offering plate.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Martha Starling
PRELUDE	<i>"Slane"</i>	Healey Willan
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Ray Crouse
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Ray Crouse
L: Let go of the demands of this day. Rest in the quiet of this sanctuary		
C: The noise of those demands rings in our ears.		
<i>Choir: sings "Sanctuary" (Hymn No. 2164) through once</i>		
L: There will always be needs to be met, demands on our time, but now is a time to rest.		
C: Help us to understand the resting time, that it is a time to be at peace and grow in God's love.		
<i>Congregation: sings "Sanctuary" (Hymn No. 2164) through once.</i>		
OPENING PRAYER²		Ray Crouse
From the demands and pressures of this past week, we come, O Lord, seeking rest and renewal. Hear the cries of our hearts, our prayers, our needs. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.		
PSALTER NO. 791	<i>Psalms 67</i>	Ray Crouse
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881	<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	Ray Crouse
*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70		MEINKE
*HYMN NO. 103	<i>"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"</i>	ST. DENIO
MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
ANTHEM	<i>"Jesu, Jesu"</i> Hal H. Hopson	Adult Choir
OFFERTORY	<i>"Slane"</i>	HAL H. HOPSON
*DOXOLOGY NO. 95		OLD 100 th
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 451	<i>"Be Thou My Vision"</i>	SLANE
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 10: 38-42</i>	Pastor Debra
SERMON	<i>Mary and Martha</i>	Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 396	<i>"O Jesus, I Have Promised"</i>	ANGEL'S SONG
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Debra
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 672	<i>"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"</i>	GOD BE WITH YOU
God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, may the Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet. Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.		
*POSTLUDE	<i>"Improvisation On St. Denio"</i>	
<i>*If you are able, please stand.</i>		

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4009>

² 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 the pastor...

My colleague and friend Rev. Jim Hunter told this story on his blog, and it was reprinted recently on the Wisdom for the Way website. It is entitled “No Hats,” and speaks very eloquently of who we are in God’s kingdom. If you would like to read more of his musings, you can find them at <https://theforestdweller.org>.

Jim writes, “When my friend, Donna Johnson, was the executive director of the therapeutic ministry, Camp Discovery in Blythewood, SC, she had a sign at the entrance which read, “Leave your hats at the gate.”

This actually meant more than if you were a Cowboys fan, she wanted to save you from embarrassing yourself by wearing your cap around other people. Her point was that at the camp, everyone was just who they were; no more, no less, and that was plenty. When I passed through the gate, I wasn’t Reverend or Doctor Hunter. I was Jim. Just Jim. For people of The Way, that’s pretty foundational.

I once spent a beautiful spring day at Donna’s place, blowing bubbles into the face of a little girl I had just met. She was around ten or eleven, blind, unable to talk, bound to a wheelchair that reclined because she had no real control of her limbs, and occasionally she needed me to wipe her mouth due to drooling. Donna said that my new friend would enjoy some sensory stimulation, so we sat in the shade of a large tree with its new spring leaves, felt the gentle wind, and I blew bubbles on her face. When I had to pause in order to reload, I could tell she was excitedly anticipating the next barrage. Her breathing would become faster, her head would turn in the direction of the last bubble, and there would be a slight, nervous giggle deep in her throat. Then, when a big fat one popped on her cheek she would laugh like one of those babies on Facebook, and I would laugh like one of those babies on Facebook, and her angel would smile, and my angel would think, “He seems to be coming around.”¹

The Lord has very much been laying on my heart that we all need to “come around” to the fact that we are not called to wear hats of prestige but to leave our hats at the gate and love our neighbors like Jesus loves us. One of the books I will be reading during my recovery from knee replacement surgery is “Love Is The Way,” by Bishop Michael Curry. Its sub-title is “Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times.” I look forward to sharing with you more about the way of love when I return from medical leave.

Pastor Debra

¹ <https://theforestdweller.org> and <https://mailchi.mp/missionalwisdom>

FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Greetings LAITY and CLERGY of the **HEART-WARMING HARTSVILLE DISTRICT (HWHD)**,



Sojourning through the Sundays after PENTECOST reminds me of an on-going Spirit Week, like the ones we had in the formative days of our schooling. The purpose of Spirit Week was to engage students, faculty, and staff in excitement to spread that synergy to our sports team! The goal was to infuse our players with a contagious confidence, from heart to heart and mind to mind, to take their best plays from their practice platforms to game day, from a single kick-off, praying for multiple touchdowns. The common-bond among Spirit Week participants was the fresh wind of enthusiasm, the fierceness of faith, and the passion of pep-rallying. It was understood that the team couldn't attain THE WIN without the spirit that leads to THE VICTORY! Wow...just WOW!

Imagine...if we, as PENTECOST-participants, were on-going practitioners of Spirit Week, infused by the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit! What if we approached each day, or at least each Sunday, with the fresh wind of enthusiasm, the fierceness of faith, and the passion of pep-rallying? What if we didn't care who was the quarterback, but we focused on having each other's back, to attain THE WIN? How different would our homes, churches, communities, and even this world be, if we saw THE VICTORY as a common goal and not an isolated incident to laud our personal-agenda-isms? When will we embrace the greater good of being a "CHEER-person" than worrying about who is elected as Chairperson?

My Sisters and Brothers, I do believe that PENTECOST is a gift that keeps on giving! PENTECOST keeps the fire of the Holy Ghost lit within each of us. PENTECOST means that Spirit Week is not limited or regulated by calendars and clocks. PENTECOST is the insignia of the Ruah, and it is the signature upon miracles, signs, and wonders. PENTECOST brings increase to faith, hope, and love. PENTECOST has come to us, and PENTECOST remains with us, keeping us in touch and in tune with the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.

PENTECOST affirms and confirms for me that my God-inspired branding of our 101 Churches and 71 Pastors as the "**HEART-Warming HARTSVILLE** District" was not by creative coincidence, happenstance, luck, or a good idea. This is literally, figuratively, and spiritually the manifestation of the presence and power of the Holy Ghost at work in each of us! No "I" in Team, and no "big I's" and "little You's" in God's kingdom. We all have access to PENTECOST, which makes it all possible for us to attain THE WIN of abundant life and THE VICTORY of eternal life...AMEN and HALLELUJAH!

I remain encouraged by the blessing of our partnership in this sacred work. Let us take heart to live into our best selves to the glory of God. As usual, thank you for your attention and time in this space of sharing. With principle and purpose, I absolutely, positively love you and there is absolutely, positively nothing you can do about it!

Steadfast in Faith...

Much LOVE and GRACE (MLAG),

Reverend Telley Lynnette Gadson, M.Div.

"PASTOR T"

District Superintendent/Chief Missional Strategist

The HEART-Warming HARTSVILLE District

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, Connie O'Neal Kimrey Family, Kristina & Sarah Allen, Sammy Quick. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

Welcome to our New Members

Mark Armstrong
419 Kershaw Street
(843) 253-3262

Steve Kovacs
2924 Hwy 52 N
(980) 474-0682

Becky Sides
124 Eden Ln.
(704) 608-0268

Gloria Williams
116 Belmont Ln.
(843) 862-8626

SCHEDULE WHILE PASTOR DEBRA IS ON MEDICAL LEAVE:

Pastor Debra will be on medical leave from July 18 to September 11. Here is the schedule while she is on leave.

Preaching Schedule

July 24	Rev. Paul Wood	August 21	Rev. Phil Thraikill
July 31	Rev. Paul Wood	August 28	Rev. Telley Gadson
August 7	Rev. Paul Frey	September 4	Rev. Telley Gadson
August 14	Rev. Phil Thraikill	September 11	Rev. Paul Frey

The Visitation Team will continue to visit our shut-ins. If you need a visit before a regularly scheduled visit or if you are in the hospital, you may contact Trina Mills or Renie Seel during the following dates:

July 24 – July 29	Trina Mills
July 30 – August 7	Renie Seel
August 8 – August 17	Trina Mills
August 18 – August 23	Renie Seel
August 24 – September 11	Trina Mills

Contact Trina Mills at (843) 910-0518 and Renie Seel at (843) 344-1841

Reverend Fred McDaniel and Reverend Phil Thraikill will be available by appointment if you need to see a pastor while I'm on leave. They will also be available to officiate funeral or memorial services. The dates they are available are:

Rev. Fred McDaniel	July 18 - August 13 and August 22 - September 11
Rev. Phil Thraikill	August 14 - August 21

You may call Angie Smith in the church office to schedule a visit, or you can contact Rev. Fred McDaniel at (843) 680-0423 and Rev. Phil Thraikill at (843) 861-2919.



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

There will be a blood drive in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, August 9 from 1:00-5:30pm. Please call or email Angie for an appointment, or go online to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.

As an appreciation for your giving blood, platelets, or plasma August 1-31, 2022, the Red Cross will automatically enter you for a chance to win gas for a year (a \$6,000 value)!* You could be one of three lucky winners. PLUS, you'll also get a **\$10 e-gift card** to a merchant of your choice.**

Just like our car gas tanks need constant refueling, so does the blood supply. It's the blood products on the shelf today that help save lives tomorrow. Destination: Donation!

*<https://www.redcrossblood.org/local-homepage/events/chance-to-win-gas-for-a-year-.html>

**ibid

ANGIE ON VACATION: The church office will be open Monday through Thursday this week (July 18 – July 21). Angie will be in the office Monday – Wednesday and volunteers will be in the office on Thursday (July 21).

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF BOB TIETZE

Jeff & Shannon Johnson

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UMW) PROJECT

The United Women in Faith (UMW) are continuing to collect panties (ladies small and medium and children's 14 to 16) for youth and women in Africa. We are sharing this mission project with Zoar United Methodist Church Women in Faith. There is a basket in the church lobby for these items. Thanks for your support.



NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED

FUMC needs you! Would you like to help in the nursery during the worship service? This would not be an every week responsibility, just an as needed responsibility. Please contact Michelle Rohde at 843-337-6123 if you would like to volunteer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 17, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, July 18, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, July 20 2022

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

Thursday, July 21, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
5:00pm CDM Training (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, July 23, 2022

8:00am CDM First Aid/CPR Training (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, July 24, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,769.24
Amount received for week of July 13: \$5,868.97
Sunday School Attendance July 10: 46
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Peanut butter and jelly
Greeter: Henrietta Kollitz
Acolyte: Zenda Rushing
Nursery Worker: OPEN
Soundsystem Operator: Holly Miles

Amount needed year to date: \$161,538.72
Received year to date: \$160,147.46
Worship Attendance July 10: 79
McArn Items: Instant grits
Head Usher: Eric Dusa/Rhett Butler
Liturgist for next Sunday: Eric Dusa
Flowers next Sunday: OPEN
Video Technicians: Bryson Hunter

FUMC STAFF

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