

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JULY 24, 2022

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

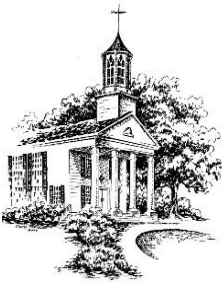
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Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew. Once the last person has signed, please fold it in half and put in the offering plate.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Martha Starling
PRELUDE	<i>"Lied"</i>	LOUIS VIERNE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Eric Dusa
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Eric Dusa
L: Are you weary from the stresses of this week?		
C: Weariness and stress have been our constant companions.		
L: Let the love of God wash over you, relieving your stress and weariness.		
C: We praise God for such abundant compassion to us.		
L: Let the word of God enter your hearts and spirits, giving you hope.		
C: May our lives reflect God's abundant love and peace. AMEN		
OPENING PRAYER²		Eric Dusa
Lord of Hope and Peace, we have come this day asking for your mercy. Grant us your pardon. We have come this day seeking peace in our lives; grant us peace. Teach us how to be compassionate disciples for you. For we ask this in Christ's name. AMEN.		
PSALTER NO. 806	<i>Psalm 85</i>	Eric Dusa
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881	<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	Eric Dusa
*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70		MEINKE
*HYMN NO. 327	<i>"Crown Him With Many Crowns"</i>	DIADEMATA
MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Paul Wood
ANTHEM	<i>"Seek Ye First"</i> Adult Choir	PACHELBEL/GLASS
OFFERTORY	<i>"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"</i>	SCOT RANNEY
*DOXOLOGY NO. 95		OLD 100 th
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Paul Wood
*HYMN NO. 369	<i>"Blessed Assurance"</i>	ASSURANCE
*SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Colossians 2: 6-15</i>	Pastor Paul Wood
SERMON	<i>Lessons from the Flower Garden: Part One</i>	Pastor Paul Wood
*HYMN NO. 526	<i>"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"</i>	CONVERSE
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Paul Wood
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 664	<i>"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"</i>	THE ASH GROVE
Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended The fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.		
*POSTLUDE	<i>"Improvisation on Diademata"</i>	
*If you are able, please stand.		

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4018>

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.

www.cherawfirstumc.org

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A few words from Pastor Paul Wood...

Hello, First Church! It's an honor to be back in Cheraw. I want to use this space to introduce myself to some and bring others up-to-date.

One of our happiest days here was Kay's ordination. When we left Cheraw for McCormick in 2013, she served as a hospice chaplain. Kay also served part-time at McCormick UMC. Being in a new district, I used the expertise I gained in the Hartsville District to serve as the Greenwood District Disaster Response Coordinator. That was timely on account of the Great Flood of 2015 (whew!) As in Cheraw I led the local ministerial association. Also, I spearheaded an ecumenical ministry to assist children in poverty. It is a backpack (meals for the weekend) ministry for K through 8th grade.

We retired in 2017 and moved to Inman. We love the Upstate but were surprised when our daughter and son changed their plans and settled into the Midlands. So, last December, we moved into a brand-new house in Camden, my hometown.

My mother, age 92, resides in assisted living in Camden. Jane makes her home in nearby Sumter. She is married with three children. Paul III finally returned from China, bringing with him a Russian wife (surprise!) They were in Philadelphia when Covid arrived. He now works remotely from (drum roll) my mother's house. He and Marina have one child.

We travel a lot, though Covid (no surprise) slow us down. We returned to China, cruised across the North Atlantic, and cruised more than once in the Caribbean. Of course, Kay and I spend lots of time with family. And she and I are active in the church which sent me into ministry, Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church.

I am appreciative that Debra Armstrong invited me to preach here, but sorry she had to have surgery. Let's all lift her up in prayer as she recovers.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of Bonnie Cundiff and Susan Marsh for facilitating the Grief Share Meetings, from your most recent Grief Share group.

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, Gwen Sullivan, Dan Ellenburg (Patty Fisher's Brother-in-law), Emily Marsh, Mary Burr, Jackson Rushing, Sammy Quick, Pastor Debra Armstrong, Betsy Tetsch. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

WHILE THE PASTOR IS OUT ON MEDICAL LEAVE:

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 Thrailkill 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 Thrailkill	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 Thrailkill at (843) 861-2919.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF BRENDA RAYFIELD

Doug and Susan Marsh

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.

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6–15

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**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>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 24, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, July 25, 2022

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

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

Wednesday, July 27 2022

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

Thursday, July 28, 2022

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

Sunday, July 31, 2022

10:00am Sunday School

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,769.24
Amount received for week of July 20: \$3,920.64
Sunday School Attendance July 17: 35
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Canned meats, stews
Greeters: Manuel & Jean Assef
Acolyte: Zenda Rushing
Nursery Worker: OPEN
Soundsystem Operator: Holly Miles

Amount needed year to date: \$167,307.96
Received year to date: \$164,068.10
Worship Attendance July 17: 62
McArn Items: Lance or peanut butter crackers
Head Usher: Eric Dusa/Rhett Butler
Liturgist for next Sunday: Rhett Butler
Flowers next Sunday: OPEN
Video Technicians: Bryson Hunter

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