

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

117 THIRD STREET, CHERAW, SC 29520

843-537-7002

[www.cherawfirstumc.org](http://www.cherawfirstumc.org)



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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***JULY 3, 2022***

***4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: RED***

*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>	<i>"Toccata In D Minor"</i>	Gordan Balch Nevin
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Jenny Keefe
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup></b>		Jenny Keefe
L: Praise be to God who has freed us from oppression!		
<b>C: Praise be to God who has healed our wounded souls!</b>		
L: Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love.		
<b>C: Let our voices raise in songs of thanksgiving for all that God is doing for us.</b>		
L: Come, let us worship the Lord with our whole hearts!		
<b>C: May our praise and voices resound with joy! AMEN.</b>		
<b>OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup></b>		Jenny Keefe
Gracious God, mend our brokenness and our sadness. Give us spirits of joy and enthusiasm for service to you by serving others. Lift us and place us on your pathways of peace and hope, that with our lives we will witness to your redeeming love. <b>AMEN.</b>		
<b>PSALTER NO. 756-757 (Response 1)</b>	<i>Psalm 25: 1-10</i>	Jenny Keefe
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881</b>	<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	Jenny Keefe
<b>*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70</b>		MEINKE
<b>*HYMN NO. 724</b>	<i>"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"</i>	PROMISE LAND
<b>MORNING PRAYER &amp; LORD'S PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i> John Coates, Jr.	Adult Choir
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>"Andante Moderatio"</i>	Norman Dello Joio
<b>*DOXOLOGY NO. 95</b>		OLD 100 <sup>th</sup>
<b>*OFFERTORY PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>*HYMN NO. 400</b>	<i>"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"</i>	NETTLETON
<b>*SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<i>Galatians 5: 1 &amp; 13-25</i>	Pastor Debra
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>Set Free!</i>	Pastor Debra
<b>*HYMN NO. 717</b>	<i>"The Battle Hymn Of the Republic"</i>	THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 672</b>	<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.		

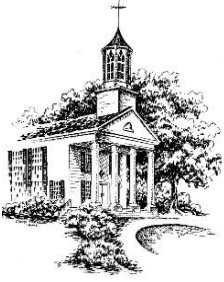
**\*POSTLUDE**

*"Improvisation On Promised Land"*

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

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3986>

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://www.cherawfirstumc.org)

Volume 18,  
Issue 27  
July 3, 2022

## *A few words from the pastor...*

### George Washington's Prayer for Our Country

*I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have the United States in his holy protection, that he would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the Field, and finally, that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristics of the Devine Author of our blessed Religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation. Amen<sup>1</sup>*

In his circular letter to the states, George Washington included a wonderful prayer for our country. Washington's prayer is read aloud each day at Mount Vernon's public wreath laying ceremony. This Sunday we are celebrating the freedom we have as followers of Jesus. On Monday we will celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States. This makes it the perfect time for us to read and reflect on the prayer sent to the states by the first President of the United States.

President Washington begins his prayer asking God to pour out holy protection for our country. This is an important recognition that our nation needs protection by God in order for our government to succeed. Next, Washington asks God to change the hearts of the citizens from a rebellious nature to being submissive and obedient to governing by our elected leaders. Our first president knew that our government needed people to cooperate and also knew that only God could change people's hearts. Perhaps we need to pray for our country and our citizens like our first president did in order for our country to be healed from the hostilities and polarization we are experiencing today.

The next section of George Washington's prayer focuses on brotherly affection for each other as citizens and especially for those in service to our country. Washington expands from there into doing justice, loving mercy, and humble ourselves as God instructs us in Micah 6:8. He added "pacific temper of mind" and explained that was the temperament of our God. Again, if we join together living this way and praying this way God will hear us and heal our nation. See 2 Chronicles 7:14

I agree with George Washington that without each of the components of this prayer we have no hope of being a happy nation. So, as we celebrate our freedoms this weekend let us take time to pray George Washington's prayer for our country.

*Pastor Debra*

<sup>1</sup><https://www.mountvernon.org/the-estate-gardens/the-tombs/george-washingtons-prayer-for-his-country/> Prayer adapted from Washington's [Circular Letter to the States](#), which he wrote on June 8, 1783 as the commander in chief, at his headquarters in Newburgh, New York. This circular was directed to the governors and states of the new nation. His reference to them has been replaced by the words "the United States." Otherwise, the words and the spellings are those of General George Washington of the Continental Army.

Pastor Debra will be having total knee replacement of her right knee on July 20, 2022. She will be using vacation time and short-term medical leave for eight weeks. The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee, our District Superintendent, Reverend Telley Gadson, and Pastor Debra are working together on a plan to provide administrative assistance, preaching, and pastoral care at First UMC Cheraw during her absence. We will share the completed plan with the congregation soon. Please be in prayer for Pastor Debra and for Mark as he takes up care-giving and driving duties while our pastor recovers.

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

#### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UMW) PROJECT

The United Women in Faith (UMW) are now collecting 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 3, 2022

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

##### Monday, July 4, 2022

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

##### Tuesday, July 5, 2022

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

##### Wednesday, July 6, 2022

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

##### Thursday, July 7, 2022

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

##### Sunday, July 10, 2022

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
6:00pm Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Weekly amount needed for budget:** \$5,769.24  
**Amount received for week of June 19:** \$22,826.85  
**Received year to date:** \$150,735.37  
**Sunday School Attendance June 19:** 37  
**Sunday School Attendance June 26:** 36  
**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Canned vegetables  
**Greeter:** Gini Eddins  
**Acolyte:** Zenda Rushing  
**Nursery Worker:** Kelly & Hollis Dusa  
**Soundsystem Operator:** Holly Miles

**Amount needed year to date:** \$150,000.24  
**Amount received for week of June 26:** \$3,454.64

**Worship Attendance June 18:** 62  
**Worship Attendance June 26:** 48  
**McArn Items:** Fruit cups  
**Head Usher:** Eric Dusa/Rhett Butler  
**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Sammy Quick  
**Flowers next Sunday:** OPEN  
**Video Technicians:** Bryson Hunter

#### FUMC STAFF

Rev. Debra Armstrong, Pastor (fumcpastor1@gmail.com) 843-537-7002 O 843-253-3132 C  
Angie Smith, Ministry Assistant (fumcangiesmith@gmail.com)  
Tara McPherson, Child Development Ministry Director (fccdm@yahoo.com)  
Jim Glass – Music Director and Organist (fumcmusic01@gmail.com) 803-285-3191