

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***JULY 31, 2022***

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

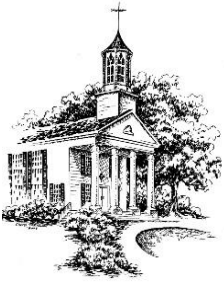
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*Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew. Once the last person has signed, please fold it in half and put in the offering plate.*

<b>CHIMING OF THE HOUR</b>		Martha Starling
<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>"Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me"</i>	Seth Bingham
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Rhett Butler
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup></b>		Rhett Butler
L: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!		
<b>C: For God has dealt mercifully with us!</b>		
L: Even when we turned our backs on God,		
<b>C: God forgave us and restored us to life.</b>		
L: Rejoice in God's abundant love.		
<b>C: We will continually praise God who heals and loves us. AMEN.</b>		
<b>OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup></b>		Rhett Butler
Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives: Open our hearts today to hear your words of compassionate justice, that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and be of service to you by serving the world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. <b>AMEN.</b>		
<b>PSALTER NO. 830</b>	<i>Psalm 107: 1-9, 43</i>	Rhett Butler
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881</b>	<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	Rhett Butler
<b>*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70</b>		MEINKE
<b>*HYMN NO. 98</b>	<i>"To God Be The Glory"</i>	TO GOD BE THE GLORY
<b>MORNING PRAYER &amp; LORD'S PRAYER</b>		Pastor Paul Wood
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>"We Know That Christ Is Raised" Stanford/Glass</i>	Adult Choir
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>"Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me"</i>	THOMAS HASTINGS
<b>*DOXOLOGY NO. 95</b>		OLD 100 <sup>th</sup>
<b>*OFFERTORY PRAYER</b>		Pastor Paul Wood
<b>*HYMN NO. 361</b>	<i>"Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me"</i>	TOPLADY
<b>*SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<i>Colossians 2: 6-9; 3:1-11</i>	Pastor Paul Wood
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>Lessons from the Flower Garden: Part Two</i>	Pastor Paul Wood
<b>*HYMN NO. 536</b>	<i>"Precious Name"</i>	PRECIOUS NAME
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Pastor Paul Wood
<b>*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 664</b>	<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.		
<b>*POSTLUDE</b>	<i>"Improvisation on Diademata"</i>	
<b>*If you are able, please stand.</b>		

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4034>

<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.

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## *A few words from Pastor Paul Wood...*

I'm grateful to Pastor Debra for this invitation to preach here while she is recovering from surgery.

I want to use The Connection to tell you about my retirement hobby, researching and writing about the Revolutionary War in the Carolinas and Georgia.

When I arrived in Cheraw in 2008, I quickly learned the importance of Old St. David's Church and the establishment, by the Colonial Assembly, of the Cheraw District. When the Revolutionary War started, this area was a hotbed of conflict between Patriots who preferred independence from Great Britain and Tories (Loyalists) who wanted to remain a colony.

As was the case throughout South Carolina's backcountry, the people of Chesterfield County went into battle against each other. The Patriots soon grabbed the upper hand. The Tories laid low so they wouldn't be tarred and feathered, and their farms burned down.

The advantage the Patriots held evaporated when Charleston surrendered in May 1780. British soldiers quickly marched into the only inland towns – Augusta, Ninety Six, Camden, and Cheraw. They held Cheraw for most of the second half of 1780. That's when they used Old St. David's as a hospital. For many months, even after the British left, bitter fighting occurred around Cheraw as the Loyalists retaliated and burned Patriot farms. This was part of a war within a war. Most South Carolinians don't know anything about the country's first civil war.

In the winter of 1781, General Nathaniel Greene of Rhode Island arrived in Cheraw with his Continental Army. Greene's men in uniform and farmers-turned-militiamen like Francis Marion and Thomas Sumter eventually ran the British out of South Carolina. After war's end, Cheraw became a center of commerce.

Two years ago, our General Assembly created a commission to lead us through our celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Revolution. The commission will give us many opportunities to learn more about the War for Independence and South Carolina's important role in it. One example of their work: A long interpretive trail you take by car called the Liberty Trail will run throughout the state and quite close to Cheraw.

I recommend a facility and a website for you to visit. Camden hosts a splendid new Revolutionary War Visitor Center. And the commission's web site, [southcarolina250.com](http://southcarolina250.com), provides inspiring and informative material. It includes an article by Yours Truly about a brave South Carolina heroine of the Revolution. The woman was Dicey Langston. My wife, Mary Kay Langston Wood, is a direct descendant of one of Dicey's brothers.

**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, Bobby Joe White, Emily Marsh, Mary Burr, Jackson Rushing, Sammy Quick, Pastor Debra Armstrong, Betty Tetsch, Martha Starling. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**THANK YOU:** Dear FUMC Family: Thank you all for the gifts I was given for graduation! It means a lot and I’ll be sure to use them! #GO WOLVES Love, Zach Carabo

**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 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.



## 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.

**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 him the address is listed here.

Druie Walker (August 7)  
600 Robin Hood Drive  
Cheraw, SC 29520

Syble Sanderson (August 15)  
407 Greene Street  
Cheraw, SC 29520

Betty Thrailkill (August 14)  
122 Lakeway Drive  
Cheraw, SC 29520

Bobby Spears (August 19)  
130 Burchwood Circle  
Cheraw, SC 29520

## SERVING IN AUGUST

### GREETERS FOR AUGUST

August 7 Patty Fisher  
August 14 Pat Barham  
August 21 Manuel & Jean Assef  
August 28 Jim & Marianne Crawford

### FLOWERS FOR AUGUST

August 7, 14, 21, and 28 OPEN

### NURSERY FOR AUGUST

August 7 Allison and Sawyer Becker  
August 14 Kelly and Hollis Dusa  
August 21 Christy and Charlie Ruffner  
August 28 Lesley Jean and Chase Watson

### LITURGIST FOR AUGUST

August 7 Lib Norton  
August 14 Shannon Johnson  
August 21 Greg Sanderson  
August 28 Joey Mills

### HEAD USER FOR AUGUST

Ladies

### ACOLYTE FOR AUGUST

Nancy Wagnon

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

August 1 Micki Locky  
August 3 Gailya Wilson, Holly Miles  
August 4 C.C. Quick  
August 7 Drusilla Walker, Amy Lewis  
August 8 Jim Crawford, III  
August 9 Manuel Assef  
August 10 Allison Becker, Judith Dixon  
August 11 Jimmie Williamson  
August 12 Stephanie Rogers, Mae Li, Lesley Jean Watson, Bill Eutsler, Jr.  
August 13 Debbie Adams  
August 14 Betty Thrailkill  
August 15 Ron Cundiff, Jayson Lewis,  
August 18 Sawyer Becker  
August 19 Taylor Gunner Smith  
August 20 Patsy Rushing

August 21 Debra Armstrong  
August 22 Jordan Williamson  
August 23 David Dixon  
August 25 Sarah Allen, Kristina Allen,  
Rebecca Baker  
August 26 Katie Moore, Olivia Crawford  
August 29 Martha Starling  
August 30 Heath Ruffner  
August 31 Harley Rushing, IV

### ANNIVERSARIES

August 4 M&M Jeff Kollitz  
August 13 M&M Greg Sanderson  
August 15 M&M Curtis Jones



**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](http://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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, July 31, 2022

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

### Monday, August 1, 2022

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

### Tuesday, August 2, 2022

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

### Wednesday, August 3, 2022

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

### Thursday, August 4, 2022

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

### Sunday, August 6, 2022

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Weekly amount needed for budget:** \$5,769.24  
**Amount received for week of July 27:** \$1,413.50  
**Sunday School Attendance July 24:** 28  
**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Canned vegetables  
**Greeters:** Ray & Mary Crouse  
**Acolyte:** Zenda Rushing  
**Nursery Worker:** OPEN  
**Soundsystem Operator:** Holly Miles

**Amount needed year to date:** \$173,077.20  
**Received year to date:** \$165,481.60  
**Worship Attendance July 24:** 74  
**McArn Items:** Chef Boyardee Bowls  
**Head Usher:** Eric Dusa/Rhett Butler  
**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Lib Norton  
**Flowers next Sunday:** OPEN  
**Video Technicians:** Bryson Hunter

## FUMC STAFF

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