

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***AUGUST 21, 2022***

***11<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.*

**ENTRANCE**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

Martha Starling

**PRELUDE AND PROCESSION**

“Trumpet Tune” (Warren)

Jim Glass: Organist

**WELCOME**

Pastor Phil Thrailkill

**AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God, our heavenly Father, to give thanks for the great benefits we have received, to offer worthy praises, to hear the Scriptures read and preached, to respond in faith and obedience to Jesus Christ, and to ask for ourselves and others those things that are necessary for life and salvation. So that we may prepare ourselves to worship the Living God and to welcome the light and fire of the Holy Spirit, let us bow our heads in silence and then stand for the call to worship.

**+CALL TO WORSHIP**

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

*The Faith We Sing: 2002*

Lead: I will call upon the Lord

**Echo: I will call upon the Lord**

Lead: Who is worthy to be praised

**Echo: Who is worthy to be praised**

**Unison: So shall I be saved from my enemies  
The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock  
And let the God of my salvation be exalted**

**+GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD;  
**and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your might.**  
And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart;  
**and you shall teach them diligently to your children,  
and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,  
and when you walk by the way,  
and when you lie down, and when you rise.**  
And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand,  
**and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.**  
**And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”**

**+HYMN, No. 111**

“How Can We Name a Love”

**+COMMON PRAYER OF PRAISE AND PETITION**

Based on Luke 10:25-42

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**

**you dwell in perfect love and in power equal to all your purposes.  
You have sent your Son Jesus into the chaos of this fallen world  
to be the way and to show us the way to be truly human in your image.  
Send your Holy Spirit to be our teacher today,  
that we may receive the words and example of Jesus with great delight.  
So fill us with your costly love, that it may leak out of us wherever we go.  
Give us grace and courage in every new circumstance,  
that we may be disciples who both hear and obey your living voice.  
Amen.** (All wait in listening silence before the Lord. He may speak!)

**+ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70**

“Glory Be to the Father”

**TESTIMONY AND WITNESS**

**WELCOME VISITORS, CHURCH CONCERNS**

Greg Sanderson

**PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

“Justice and Love in Israel”  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**  
(Greg Sanderson: Lay Reader)

Leviticus 19:1-17, 33-37

**+PSALM 82 (Sung)**

“Rescue the Weak and Needy”

*Hymnal: 804*

**ANTHEM**

“Praise the Lord” (Sleeth)

**GOSPEL**

“What Does It Mean to Love?”  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Luke 10:25-42

**SERMON**

“Entering Eternal Life in the Here and Now”  
What would it mean to follow Jesus and be transformed by compassion?

Pastor Phil Thrailkill

**RESPONSES AND OFFERINGS**

**SILENCE WITH THE WORD AND THE SPIRIT**

**+HYMN, No. 453**

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

**+CONFESSING THE FAITH**

“The Apostles’ Creed”  
Brothers and sisters, let us love another,  
that with one heart and one voice we may confess  
the ancient and holy faith of the church into which we were baptized.

*Hymnal: 35*

**+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD’S PRAYER**

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**+DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Hymnal: 95*

**+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN No. 420**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

“Postlude” (Moore)

Jim Glass: Organist

+Please stand if able

## IIA2. LUKE 10:25-42 "ENTERING ETERNAL LIFE HERE AND NOW"

If Start With Wrong Question, Get Wrong Answer

### I. 10:25-28 CONTROVERSY DIALOG I: THE DOUBLE COMMANDMENT OF LOVE.

2 Errors: Eternal Life Not A Reward For Deeds, Not Just Begin After Death

#### A. v.25 Lawyer: Question 1.

v.23 Interruption, Like A Celebrity, A Question Jesus Was Often Asked

25 And behold, a lawyer (Jewish scholar) stood up to put him (Jesus) to the test, saying, 16:15, Hostile Motive  
 "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Save My Hide? 18:18, Ps. 36:18 (LXX), Daniel 12:2

Dan. 12:2, Can I Be Among God's Raised People When The End/Kingdom Comes?

#### B. v.26 Jesus: Question 2.

Form = Controversy Dialog., // Mt. 22:34-40, Mk. 12:28-31

26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read (recite)?" Counter-Question On Scripture  
Sharp Retort! Jesus Interrogates The Interrogator

#### B' v.27 Lawyer: Answer 2.

3 Objects, 4 Aspects, T. Dan. 5:3, T. Iss. 5:2

27 1 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with *all* your heart, Love God: Deut. 6:5  
 and with *all* your soul, and with *all* your strength, and with *all* your mind, (Mary/Martha Story)  
 2, 3 and your NEIGHBOR as yourself." Not Humanity But A Smaller Group = Neighbor : Lev. 19:18

Qumran = Only Love "the sons of Light," 1QS1.1-2, (Samaritan Story)

#### A' v.28 Jesus: Answer 1 + Command.

Impossible Demand

28 And he (Jesus) said to him, To Have Right Answers Does Not Mean One Knows God!  
 "You have answered right; Lev. 18:5, Gal. 3:12. He Knows Already! Now Practice What You Preach!  
do this (continually) and you will live." Praxis, Jesus Speaks Of Eternal Life With Authority! Gen. 42:18. Lk. 8:21

Not Save Himself But Save Another

### II. 10:29-37 CONTROVERSY DIALOG II: THE LOVE OF AN UNLIKELY NEIGHBOR (L).

Question Implies A Non-Neighbor! Looking For Admiration

#### A. v.29 Question 3.

Lev. 19:17-18 (own people), 33-34 (alien), T. Iss. 5:2, 7:6 (Gentiles)

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my NEIGHBOR?" A Jew? Who Am I Obligated To?  
Expects Relative/Friend/Fellow Jew

#### B. vv.30-36 Question 4.

Poet Jesus: Ballad On A Mugging: Seven 3-Line Stanzas + Question

30 Money Stolen 1) Jesus replied, "man went *down* (17 m./3300 ft. descent) from Jericho to Jerusalem COME  
 and he fell among robbers who stripped him and beat him, (Cultural Brutality) DO  
 and departed leaving him half dead. GO

Sir. 12:1-7, (Temple Priest)

31 No Help 1 2) Now by coincidence a certain priest was going *down* that road; (Duties Over, Lev 19:6) COME  
 and when he saw him, DO  
 he passed by on the other side. (High Status Cleric) GO

(Num. 19:11-13, 14-19)

32 No Help 2 3) So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place (Lesser Clerics) COME  
 and saw him DO  
 he passed by on the other side. GO

(Expect Jewish Layman, Half-Breed, Heretic, Part-Jew)

33 Surprise! 4) But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was COME  
 and when he saw him, (Outsider, Non-neighbor) DO  
had compassion on him. LOVE/ACTION

68 Words Before;

67 After

1:78, 7:13, Seven Acts Of Compassion:

34 Help 1 3') And he *went* to him Went (1)  
 and *bound* up his wounds, Bound (2)  
*pouring* on oil and wine. Pour (3)

Help 2 2') Then he *set* him on his own beast Set (4)  
 and *led* him (it) to the inn, Led (5)  
 and *took care* of him. Care (6)

35 Money Given 1') The next day he took out and *gave* two denarii to the manager (3 Weeks Fee) Gave (7)  
 and said, "Take care of him, What If My Enemy Is Better Than Me?  
 and whatever more you spend I, on my return, I will repay you..." What Happened Then?

36 Question Which of these three, do you think, proved NEIGHBOR to the man who fell among robbers?" v.30  
Neighbor Not Object Of Care But One Who Cares

#### B' v.37a Answer 4.

To Demonstrate Love Is God Show Identity As God's Child

37 He said, "The one who showed (did) mercy on him." Jesus Forced An Answer, Avoids Naming The Samaritan  
Destabilizes His World! If I Love God, No Limits On The Neighbor

#### A' v.37b Answer 3.

Jesus Is Not Interested In Debates That Limit But In What One Does

And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." Life = God's Compassion, Be Distracted By Others Needs, Get Involved

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of Debra Armstrong's birthday by Mark 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, Jim Bennett, Scott Tomberlin, Margaret Stanton, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Betty Thraikill, Tony Thraikill, Gwen Sullivan, Bill Eutsler, Jr., Emily Marsh, Mary Burr, Sammy Quick, Pastor Debra Armstrong, Martha Starling, Ron Buffington Family, Theodore Burns Family, Jane Campbell Family, Shelton Rumph, Bobby Joe White, Barbara Watson. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

### **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.



### **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:

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                      August 22 - September 11

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.

### **MEMORIALS:**

#### **IN MEMORY OF RON BUFFINGTON**

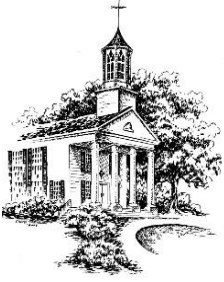
Lib, Craig & Derek Norton, Jeff & Shannon Johnson

#### **IN MEMORY OF JANE CAMPBELL**

Keith & Sally Smith, Jeff & Shannon Johnson, Lib, Craig & Derek Norton, Patricia Turner

#### **IN MEMORY OF THEODORE BURNS**

Keith & Sally Smith, Jeff & Shannon Johnson, Lib, Craig & Derek Norton, Cheraw Airport Commission Members, Patricia Turner



# 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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## On Paying Attention Pastor Phil Thraikill, Retired

Some call them *divine appointments*, others *God winks*. There you sit with a steaming cup of morning coffee. You read a devotional and lift a prayer, “I want to walk with you today, Lord.” What a dangerous offer! What if Jesus took you seriously?

As Lori and I pulled out of our driveway three weeks ago, I prayed, “Guide us today, O Lord.” She loves to drive; I read. We laugh, “Together we make a decent human being.”

We were headed to Georgetown to perform a wedding for a not-so-young bride with her first child on the way. When I heard she was expecting and planning a civil service, I thought, “We can do better than that!” So I called, “McKenzie, this is Pastor Phil. Congratulations on the baby and the marriage, but we can do better than that! How about a simply beautiful wedding?” It was quiet, then tears and “You’d do that for me?” A hurried month of planning ensued, and along the way some anxiety. “Will people laugh at me in my dress?” “Yes,” I said, “but you can laugh louder, and we can throw puffed rice after the service!” She giggled. She soon called again with a weighty question, “What color dress should I wear?” I replied, “Two colors are definitely out—stark white and red. You may not come down the aisle to ‘See the girl with the red dress on....’” Again a laugh. The blessing of the marriage included a prayer for their little boy as the groom placed his hand on her swelling abdomen. Grace and joy filled the room!

Later that morning on a narrow two-lane road from Andrews to Georgetown we were interrupted by the sight of a young woman’s head bobbing just above the grasses. Her feet were on the black top as log trucks flew by less than two feet away. “Turn around, Lori, she’s going to get hit.” We turned into a dirt road, and I motioned her toward our SUV. “Walk straight towards me.” The closer she came, the more damage was visible. Two broken front teeth, a blackened eye, blood on a skimpy top, bruises and tears aplenty. I shared that I was a pastor and had once been a police chaplain in Georgetown. Sharon had just gotten out of a night in jail and started the fifteen mile walk to Andrews when she decided just to sit down and die in a ditch. I dropped Lori off at a luncheon, took Sharon home, and along the way listened to her story. Seventeen schools in twelve years. Never been to church or heard of Jesus. Long time drug dealer, beaten by a family member, her seizure meds confiscated by the police. My words were variations on “You’re not a throw-away woman, and God sent us to help.” I felt the presence.

Upon arrival, I gave her my card and on it wrote the names of the local Methodist Church and a friend who’s a dentist in Andrews. An hour later back in Georgetown, the dentist—whom I’d not seen in fourteen years—pulled up across the street from the church. “That’s Linda!” squealed Lord. I told her how I’d just written her name on a card for a girl needing compassion twenty miles away. We agreed it was *a God thing*. Lori and I were back home when Sharon called on Monday. That day both front teeth were capped for free. Someone gave her a Bible. I asked her to start her reading Luke. When she asked, “What is Luke?” I answered, “It’s a bio of Jesus.” She then asked “Why Luke?” and I replied, “It will tell you about the one who’s messin’ with you.”

The wedding at Cana and the Good Samaritan came together. A divine appointment?

**HANDBELL AND CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED:** This seems to be the time for new beginnings. Kids are setting off for a new school year with new teachers and classmates. It's only natural the church would follow. It's time to really gear up our choirs and be ready for Christmas, Easter and all the other church year events.

I have been meeting with our Sunday morning singers pretty regularly for about six or eight weeks now. In that time, they have made some wonderful progress, sounding better each week and learning new material to lead in worship. If you would prayerfully consider joining us, we are meeting on Wednesdays at 7PM and I try to hold it to just about an hour.

It's also time to get our handbell group organized and restarted. I want to have everything settled and practices going regularly right after Labor Day. Right now, until we have a group of people to talk it over, I am going to set practice time at 6PM on Wednesdays right before our singing choir practices. With bells the ability to read music is helpful but not necessary; we will teach you all you need to know. As far as ages go, let's include high schoolers in both our choirs. Remember, great musical ability is not nearly as important as being at rehearsals!

If you are interested in either group, see me and I will be happy to have you join us!

Jim Glass

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, August 21, 2022**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Monday, August 22, 2022**

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

**Tuesday, August 23, 2022**

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

**Wednesday, August 24, 2022**

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline  
5:00pm CDM Training (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

**Thursday, August 25, 2022**

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

**Sunday, August 28, 2022**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

**Weekly amount needed for budget:** \$5,769.24  
**Amount received for week of August 17:** \$8,435.59  
**Sunday School Attendance August 14:** 32  
**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Canned meats, stews  
**Greeters:** Jim & Marianne Crawford  
**Acolyte:** Nancy Wagon  
**Nursery Worker:** Christy & Charlie Ruffner  
**Soundsystem Operator:** Holly Miles

**Amount needed year to date:** \$190,384.92  
**Received year to date:** \$182,881.38  
**Worship Attendance August 14:** 61  
**McArn Items:** Pop tarts  
**Head Usher:** Norma Cobb  
**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Joey Mills  
**Flowers next Sunday:** OPEN  
**Video Technicians:** Bryson Hunter

#### FUMC STAFF

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