

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

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>"Old Hundredth"</i>	FRED BOCK
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Sammy Quick
PRESENTATION OF THE ROY SMITH HUMANITARIAN AWARD		Zenda Rushing
CALL TO WORSHIP²		Sammy Quick
L: God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.		
C: We have been called to be faithful to God's intention.		
L: God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service.		
C: We have been given multiple opportunities to witness to God's love.		
L: Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.		
C: Let us send our praises to God who knows us totally and loves us completely. AMEN.		
OPENING PRAYER³		Sammy Quick
Faithful God, you have made beautiful things from the dust with the richness of your mercy and grace. Empower your vessels to be faithful stewards of your gifts so that all generations may behold the beauty of the potter's hands. Amen.		
PSALTER NO. 821	<i>"Psalm 100 Response 1"</i>	Sammy Quick
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881	<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	Sammy Quick
*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70		MEINKE
*HYMN NO. 75	<i>"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"</i>	OLD 100TH
MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
ANTHEM	<i>"Behold The Potter And The Clay"</i> Adult Choir	ISSAC WATTS
OFFERTORY	<i>"Old Hundredth"</i>	JOHN DOWLAND
*DOXOLOGY NO. 95		OLD 100 th
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 399	<i>"Take My Life, And Let It Be"</i>	MESSIAH
*SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Jeremiah 1: 4-10</i>	Pastor Debra
SERMON	<i>"The Potter's Hand: Voice Container"</i>	Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 358	<i>"Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind"</i>	REST
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Debra

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE⁴**

“The Potter’s Hand” (Chorus Sung Twice)

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me, I give my life to the Potter’s hand. Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me, I give my life to the Potter’s hand.

***POSTLUDE**

“Improvisation on The Old Hundredth”

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

¹ <https://worship-design-studio.mn.co/posts/subscriber-worship-series-library-prophecies-and-pottery-journey-with-jeremiah>

² <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4140>

³ Written by Reverend Debra A. Armstrong

⁴ Zschech, Darlene, composer, and Larson, Lloyd, arranger, The Potter’s Hand, Hope Publishing, Carol Stream, IL, 2007, CCLI License #s 11429516 and 20826643

The flowers today are to the glory of God and in appreciation for the congregation, leaders, and staff of First United Methodist Church Cheraw, by Mark and Pastor Debra 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., Mary Burr, Dan Ellenburg (Patty Fisher’s Brother-In-Law), Pastor Debra Armstrong, Martha Starling, Shelton Rumph, Jody Reid, Gene Thompson (Becky Thompson’s Brother-In-Law), Craig Norton. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

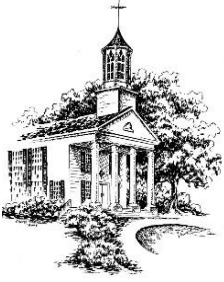
GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life.

Wednesdays 10:30 am

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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 parsonage...

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est!

Bishop Michael Curry translates the above ancient Gregorian Latin Chant attributed to Paulinus of Aquileia in 796 as, “where true love is found, God himself is there.”¹ There is another version of this chant in *The Faith We Sing Hymnal*, #2179. The hymnal translation is “where charity and steadfast love live in charity, God will dwell with you.” The translation I recall from worship services in seminary is “where there is love and kindness, God is there.” All these translations are plausible and are variations on the basic biblical concept that when we offer agape love to others God’s presence becomes known to us and to those who receive our love.

Curry begins his explanation of why love is the way for us to live by focusing on 1 Corinthians 13: 2-3. These verses remind us that if we do not have love, nothing we do, nothing we have, and nothing we are matters. Love is the way we, the disciples of Jesus, are called to live. Every commandment Jesus gave to his disciples then and now was a commandment to love. To love God, to love each other, to love our neighbors, to love ourselves, and even to love our enemies. The first Christians followed what they called “The Way” living out this type of love. They lived a sacrificial life of love as deeply devoted followers of Jesus of Nazareth.

One of the most troubling aspects to me in our world today is that we seem to have lost “The Way”. Charity, love, and kindness seem to be rare attributes of humanity even by many who claim to be Christians. Contempt, disregard, disgust, hate, and violence in word or deed appear to be the norm. Anyone who does not agree with a belief, practice, or opinion of another is considered to be worst than an enemy and completely unworthy as a human being. This is the opposite of how Jesus calls us to live.

In the first chapter of *Love Is The Way*, Bishop Curry discusses that a reason for this is that we often confuse what love is. Too often we focus on eros (emotional and physical love) or philia (fraternal and friend love) rather than agape (outward sacrificial love). God’s love toward us, the love the Apostle Paul describes in 1 Corinthians 13, the love Jesus calls us to live out as Christians is agape love. This type of love is a “firm commitment to act for the well-being of someone other than yourself.”²

This is the type of love Mark and I received as the congregation cared for us during my recovery from knee surgery. Mark will be forever grateful for the assistance and support those first two weeks when I was so sick. The cards, e-mail messages, meals, phone calls, prayers, text messages and visits helped my recovery and showed agape love to us. Thank you all so much for being Jesus to us. We are blessed to be part of the body of Christ at First UMC Cheraw. We look forward to continuing to live “The Way” and experiencing ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est with y’all in the future.

*Love,
Mark and Pastor Debra*

¹ Curry, Bishop Michael, with Sara Grace, *Love Is The Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*, Avery Publishing, New York, 2020, pg28.

² Ibid., pg. 14.

First Cheraw Fireflies and Youth



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.

Katie Chapman (September 29)
201 Willow Road
Cheraw, SC 29520



Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build up. Five screenings for \$149, carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm, atrial fibrillation and osteoporosis risk. On Tuesday, October 4 Life Line Screening will be at FUMC, if you would like to make an appointment please call, 1-800-679-5192, go online to LLSA.SOCAL/HS, text the word circle to 797979 or sign up on the sign up sheet in the lobby. We also have a few coupons for this screening if you would like to use one of them, please call Angie in the church office, these will be for first come first serve.

MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES WATSON

Pam & Rebecca Baker

IN MEMORY OF THEODORE BURNS

Pam & Rebecca Baker, John & Nancy Wagnon, Betty Thrailkill, Dale & Wendy Lee, Doug & Susan Marsh, Mary Burr

IN MEMORY OF JANE CAMPBELL

Pam & Rebecca Baker, Betty Thrailkill, FUMC Kinsey Malloy Bible Class

IN MEMORY OF RON BUFFINGTON

Pam & Rebecca Baker, Mickey & Gwen Sullivan

IN MEMORY OF RUDI FERRÉ

Mary Burr



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117 Third Street, Cheraw -- Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022

1:00PM – 5:30PM

Trick or treat yourself with a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of choice when you come to give **blood, platelets or plasma in October**. Enjoy some buttery popcorn or a refreshing drink with your next jump scare on us.*

* <https://www.redcrossblood.org/local-homepage/events/october.html>

Angie Smith 843-537-7002 or fumcangiesmith@gmail.com or www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 18, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
5:30-7:00pm Fireflies Meeting
5:30-7:00pm Youth Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2022

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

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

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
10:30am Grief Share
12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline
5:30pm Children/Youth/Special Events Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, September 22, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Sunday, September 25, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
5:30-7:00pm Fireflies Meeting
5:30-7:00pm Youth Meeting

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,769.24
Amount received for week of September 7: \$2,660.98
Amount needed year to date: \$213,461.88
Sunday School Attendance September 4: 38
Sunday School Attendance September 11: 54
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Canned meats, stews
Greeters: Joey & Trina Mills
Acolyte: The Beckers
Nursery Worker: Cindy Sanderson & Trina Mills
Soundsystem Operator: Holly Miles

Amount received for week of September 14: \$8,733.64
Received year to date: \$201,685.14
Worship Attendance September 4: 53
Worship Attendance September 11: 76
McArn Items: Fruit cups
Head Usher: Todd Becker
Liturgist for next Sunday: Ray Crouse
Flowers next Sunday: Jenny Keefe
Video Technicians: Bryson Hunter

FUMC STAFF

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