

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

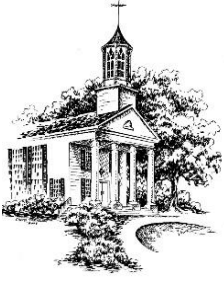
LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

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	“VI-Finale From Symphonie No. 1”	LOUIS VIERNE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Lib Norton
CALL TO WORSHIP ¹		Lib Norton
L: We find it easy to say, “Yes, we will follow Christ.”		
C: But sometimes discipleship makes uncomfortable demands on us.		
L: Yet, in all of this, Christ calls us continually to follow.		
C: He is present with us at all times.		
L: Let us place our trust always in his guidance.		
C: Let us open our hearts to his will and his ways. AMEN.		
OPENING PRAYER ²		Lib Norton
Lord, from the very beginning of your creation, you breathed your love in to all that you made. You gave us the breath of life and asked us to be good stewards of all creation. You placed your trust and love in us. Help us to turn again with joyful hearts to you, placing our trust in all that you have done for us. Let us be a blessing for you. Amen.		
PSALTER NO. 854	<i>Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18</i>	Lib Norton
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881	<i>Apostle’s Creed</i>	Lib Norton
*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70		MEINKE
*HYMN NO. 568	<i>“Christ For The World We Sing”</i>	ITALIAN HYMN
MORNING PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER		Rev. Telley Gadson
ANTHEM	<i>“This Is The Day”</i> Adult Choir	NATALIE SLEETH
OFFERTORY	<i>“Intermezzo”</i>	HERMANN SCHROEDER
*DOXOLOGY NO. 95		OLD 100 th
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		Rev. Telley Gadson
*HYMN NO. 464	<i>“Open My Eyes, That I May See”</i>	OPEN MY EYES
SCRIPTURE READING		Rev. Telley Gadson
SERMON		Rev. Telley Gadson
*HYMN NO. 338	<i>“Where He Leads Me”</i>	NORRIS
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Telley Gadson
*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 Italian Hymn”</i>	
*If you are able, please stand.		

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4140>

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.

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From The Choir Room...

Spiritual Care of the Choir

What's really going on in our choir rehearsals? Amid the learning of parts, the banter of jokes, the hugs and greetings and coffee drinking, the marking of music, and rehearsing of hymns, I recognize three main aspects of the rehearsal: (1) preparing the music to be sung in worship; (2) education; and (3) fellowship. You can decide if your own rehearsal includes other major aspects, but I'll bet these three are prominent.

Many directors see preparing the music as our main task — perhaps our mission; but education is inevitably going on as well. Singers improve their skills, learn to read notes and rhythms, improve blend and diction, and probably learn a good deal of theology in the process. Fellowship starts when choir members get out of their cars in the parking lot, and it continues through the rehearsal, and on into the following week. It's an important element of any successful choir.

There is a fourth aspect that should be present in every choir and rehearsal. Sometimes it's not. Sometimes it's barely there. Sometimes we give such prominence to the other three that we intentionally skip over the fourth at some rehearsals. Sometimes the director is uncomfortable in leading the choir in this aspect — and that is the spiritual care, nurture, and formation of the choir members.

The Bible just says “Sing!” Over and over, dozens of times, we are commanded to sing: **sing to the Lord, sing praises, sing joyfully, sing a new song**. Come into God's presence with singing. The command to sing may be repeated more frequently than any command in the Bible except the one to love.

Singers meet most Wednesdays at 7PM

Bells start to ring anew this Wednesday at 6PM

Jim

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, Bobby Joe White Family, Barbara Watson Family, Jody Reid. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**



I greatly appreciate the birthday cards, emails, text messages. The congregation singing happy birthday to me was the icing on a wonderful birthday! Thank you all so much! Looking forward to being back serving Jesus with you soon.

Pastor Debra

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



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

Beginning September 7

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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.



MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF BOBBY JOE WHITE

Keith & Sally Smith

IN MEMORY OF THEODORE BURNS

Debra Ballard, Ben & Angela Holliday

IN MEMORY OF MIKE ORR

Keith & Sally Smith

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 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 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 Thrailkill at (843) 861-2919.

OPEN DOORS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED: Epworth Children's Home goes above and beyond providing food and shelter for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, and tragedy. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, recreation, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home, we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. On Sunday, September 11th our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect, and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. We invite you to give generously to the children who are served by Epworth. For more information, please visit Epworth at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

The **HEART**-Warming **HARTSVILLE** District

The South Carolina Annual Conference

The United Methodist Church

Reverend Telley Lynnette Gadson, M.Div.

District Superintendent/Chief Missional Strategist



**Calling
All Men!**



Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 9:00am

Centenary United Methodist Church

830 South Sixth Street - Hartsville, SC 29550

Reverend Anthony Caldwell, Pastor

PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

CONTACT PERSONS:

Brother Gregg Riley, *District President* (803.421.9904)

Brother James Samuel, *District Vice-President* (843.861.8996)

Guest Speaker:

REVEREND TREVOR MILLER

Trevor Miller is a graduate of Columbia International University where he earned his degrees in youth ministry, outdoor leadership, and Bible. He has a background working in student ministry and currently serves as the Pastor of Families for Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church in Lexington, SC. Trevor is also the co-host of The Youth Room Podcast, and is the Director of Product Development for www.twelvethirty.media. A husband and a father, Trevor has a passion for creatively communicating the transforming power of the gospel.

ANGIE ON VACATION: I will be on vacation this coming week. I will have volunteers in the office if you were to need anything.
Thanks, Angie

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 4, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, September 5, 2022

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

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

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
10:30am-12:00pm Grief Share (Parlor)
7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, September 8, 2022

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

Sunday, September 11, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,769.24
Amount received for week of August 31: \$3,216.64
Sunday School Attendance August 28: 45
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Dry Cereal
Greeter: Zenda Rushing
Acolyte: The Beckers
Nursery Worker: Kelly Dusa and Nancy Wagnon
Soundsystem Operator: Holly Miles

Amount needed year to date: \$201,923.40
Received year to date: \$190,290.52
Worship Attendance August 28: 67
McArn Items: Individual size cereal boxes
Head Usher: Todd Becker
Liturgist for next Sunday: Jenny Keefe
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
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