

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***OCTOBER 30, 2022***

***21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/A CELEBRATION OF MISSION AND MUSIC***

***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.*

<b>CHIMING OF THE HOUR</b>		Martha Starling
<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>"Toccata In D Minor, BWV 565"</i>	J.S. BACH
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Shannon Johnson
<b>OPENING PRAYER<sup>1</sup></b>		Shannon Johnson
Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. <b>AMEN.</b>		
<b>CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	<i>"When In Our Music God Is Glorified"</i> Choir and Handbells	ADAPTED BY HAL H. HOPSON
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881</b>	<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	Shannon Johnson
<b>*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70</b>		MEINKE
<b>*HYMN NO. 158</b>	<i>"Come, Christians, Join To Sing"</i>	SPANISH HYMN
<b>INTRODUCTION OF MISSION PRESENTERS</b>		Zenda Rushing
<b>ABBA'S HOUSE MISSION</b>		Glenda Kimrey
<b>*HYMN NO. 380</b>	<i>"There's Within My Heart a Melody"</i>	SWEETEST NAME
<b>MORNING PRAYER &amp; LORD'S PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>CHORAL ANTHEM</b>	<i>"Behold The Potter And The Clay"</i> Choir	ISSAC WATTS
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>"Pastorale, BWV 590"</i>	J.S. BACH
<b>*DOXOLOGY NO. 95</b>		OLD 100 <sup>th</sup>
<b>*OFFERTORY PRAYER</b>		Pastor Debra
<b>*HYMN NO. 77</b>	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	HOW GREAT THOU ART
<b>SHEPHERD'S CHILD MISSION</b>		Trina Mills
<b>CHORAL ANTHEM</b>	<i>"The Potter's Hand"</i> Choir	LLOYD LARSON
<b>OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MISSION</b>		Jenny Keefe
<b>*HYMN NO. 569</b>	<i>"We've A Story To Tell To The Nations"</i>	MESSAGE

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Debra

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO 673**

*"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"*

RANDOLPH

Stanzas 1 and 2

1. God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. 2. God be with you till we meet again; neath his wings securely hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.

**\*POSTLUDE**

*"Improvisation on Spanish Hymn"*

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

<sup>1</sup><https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/4292>

**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), Shelton Rumph, Jody Reid, Craig Norton, Patricia Turner, Martha Griggs, Zach Keefe, CC Quick, Katie Chapman, Neva Pittman (Holly Miles' Mom), Sandy Colston (Kelly Dusa's friend). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**



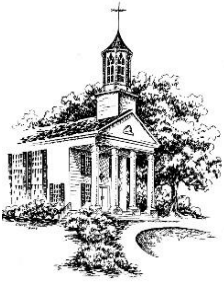
**SHEPHERD'S CHILD PARTY**

It won't be long before the time for the annual Shepherd's Child Party. This year we are going to do 50 children, which is an increase from 36. So, I am counting on all of you to help with this. Many of you like to donate to this program and/or provide the funds to let me do the shopping for the gifts. In the next few months, you are more than welcome to send in your donation in the collection plate or drop it off to Angie in the office. After Thanksgiving, I will have names for the ones of you who like to do your own shopping. Thanks for all of you help. Trina Mills

Hello Church Family! I am happy to announce that it is that time of year again for Operation Christmas child. This is a wonderful mission project that gives us all the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus and make a difference in the life of a child. I hope that you will join us this year by supporting this great cause. There are two ways that you can help. The first way is by packing your own box or boxes. The second way for you to help is to donate money by either taking it to the church office or putting it in the offering plate and we will do the shopping for you. Materials are on their way and a table will be set up in the lobby soon for you to pick up any materials that you need. We will be collecting boxes until November 13. Thank you in advance for your help and participation in this mission project! Thank you, Jenny Keefe

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" Matthew 28:19*





# 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 pastor...*

*Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic – be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer.*

Romans 12:11-12 CEB

Biblical Scholar N. T. Wright asserted, “once we see who Jesus is, we are not only summoned to follow him in worship, love, and adoration, but to shape our world by reflecting his glory into it.”<sup>1</sup> As deeply devoted disciples of Christ we reflect his glory when we give Jesus our allegiance and our hands-on service.

This scripture passage describes three attributes of enthusiastic hands-on service, joyful hope, steadfastness during trouble, and devoted prayer. These are the foundational for 3D Christians as we give hands-on service to the Lord. Every work for the Lord needs to be covered in prayer before, during, and after we act. Often when we begin to serve the Lord at church or our community the day-to-day challenges can threaten our enthusiasm. That is when we need the joy of the Lord, and the power of the Holy Spirit to help us stay the course through trials,

Throughout the New Testament we see Jesus' spirit-filled with enthusiasm as he lived out his time on earth teaching people, healing the sick, driving out demons, bringing restoration to the outcasts, freeing people from bondage, and raising the dead. There was unending work for Jesus. Jesus' source for this enthusiasm was an indestructible hope for his mission, strength, and perseverance in the face of his critics, and devoted prayer throughout his ministry.

We have been given all we need to serve our Lord Jesus. If we truly see Jesus as he is and want to be his deeply devoted disciples, we are called to hands-on service in his name. In worship this week we are highlighting three missions that are opportunities for us to serve the Lord. Consider one step you might take to be part of hands-on service and take it! Then serve our Lord Jesus with enthusiastic fire.

*Pastor Debra*

<sup>1</sup> Wright, N. T. *The Challenge of Jesus: Rediscovering Who Jesus Was and Is*, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, Illinois, 1999, pg 124.



## *Is The UMC really...? Part 4*

**Allowing congregations that disaffiliate to retain their current appointed pastor or deacon?**

The answer depends on whether the current clergy disaffiliate as well.

United Methodist bishops are authorized to appoint clergy to United Methodist congregations.

When a congregation is disaffiliated, it is no longer a United Methodist congregation. Thus, United Methodist appointments to a congregation that disaffiliates terminate on the effective date of disaffiliation as set by the annual conference.

If the current clergy disaffiliate with the congregation, it is up to the congregation or decisions by a denomination it may join whether the current clergy continue to serve them. United Methodist deacons and local pastors may or may not be accepted as clergy by other denominations. It is more likely that United Methodist elders may be.

If the current clergy remain United Methodist, they will no longer be appointed to the disaffiliated congregation and can no longer function as clergy for them. The United Methodist bishop will seek to appoint these clergy elsewhere as soon as possible. The congregation will need to seek new clergy leadership.

### **Ending United Methodist Church memberships of those whose local church disaffiliates?**

Yes. When a local church disaffiliates, the Judicial Council has made clear all of its members depart the denomination with it. “Disaffiliation... under ¶2553 involves *both* church membership *and* property... the membership departs from The United Methodist Church” (Decision 1449, Question 5). From the standpoint of The United Methodist Church, it is not possible to be a member in The United Methodist Church and a member in another denomination (or an independent church) at the same time (Paragraph 241 of the 2016 Book of Discipline).

So if your congregation has voted to disaffiliate, and you wish to remain a member of The United Methodist Church, you will want to find another United Methodist congregation to join *before* the effective date of disaffiliation set by the annual conference. You may ask your district office for assistance in this process.

### **Permitting 10% of the professing members of a local church to sidestep conference requirements that a request for a called charge conference to vote on disaffiliation come from a church council or other leadership body of a local church?**

No. But to understand the answer to that question, it is important to understand how this allegation could have been made.

Paragraph 248 of the 2016 Book of Discipline states that a church conference “may be called” by the district superintendent under several circumstances, including in response to “a written request to the district superintendent by ... 10% of the professing membership of the local church.” The key language here is “may.” Receiving a request from 10% of the professing membership does not compel the district superintendent to call a church conference.

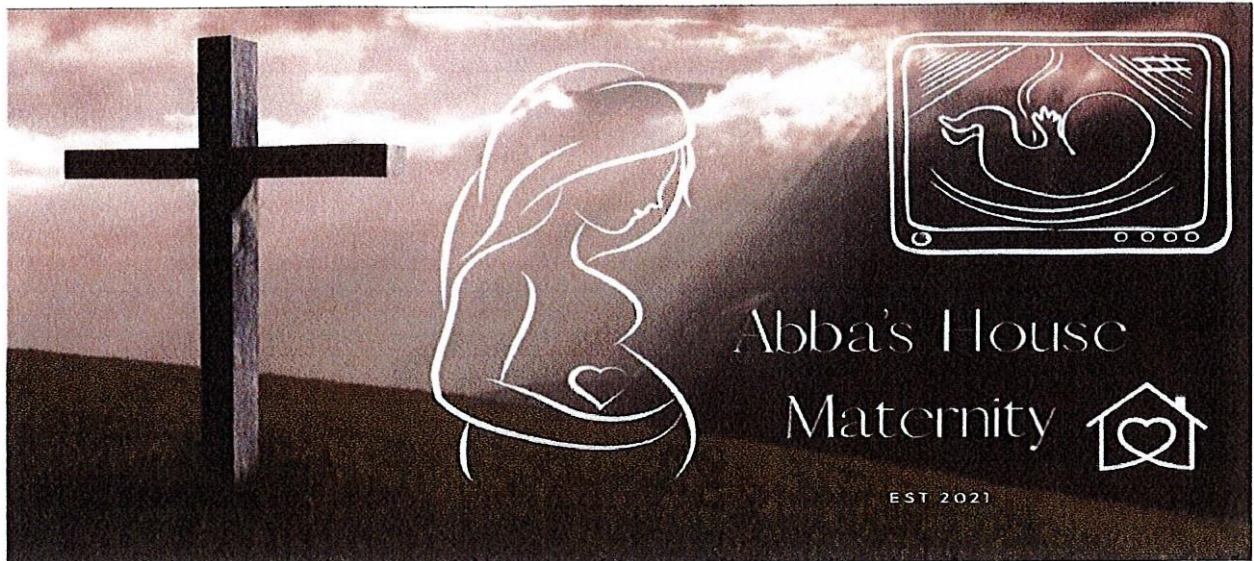
Meanwhile, many conference disaffiliation processes require a church council or other leadership body to make the request for a called church conference for disaffiliation. Paragraph 2553.4 states “the terms and conditions for that disaffiliation shall be established by the board of trustees of the applicable annual conference, with the advice of the cabinet, the annual conference treasurer, the annual conference benefits officer, the director of connectional ministries, and the annual conference chancellor.”

Each conference’s board of trustees sets the terms and conditions for its conference. The role of the district superintendents in that process is advisory only. Once the trustees set the terms and conditions, only they can alter them. The annual conference may provide additional standard terms. Where the terms and conditions from the trustees or additional standard terms set by the conference state that the contact to initiate a called church conference must come from the church council or equivalent leadership or administrative body, the district superintendent is bound to schedule called church conferences *only* for those requests that come through that channel.

And if the terms and conditions are not that specific, the district superintendent, per Paragraph 248, retains discretion about whether and when to call for the church conference. Paragraph 2553 simply notes the called church conference must occur within 120 days of the time at which the district superintendent calls for it. In all cases, the district superintendent has the authority to call a church conference. The local church does not.

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Plan to attend our

## ***"United Women in Faith"***

meeting on **Tuesday, November 8, at 3:00!**

A representative from

## ***Abba's House Maternity Home***

will be sharing about this local ministry and ways that we can partner with them to save babies' lives and restore young girls' lives through the love of Christ!



## **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 AND HONORARIUMS:**

### **IN MEMORY OF SUSAN ESCHENFELDER**

Pal Moore, WCRE Radio

### **IN HONOR OF CRAIG NORTON**

Claywell Watson

## **SERVING IN NOVEMBER**

### **GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER**

November 6 Jerry & Julia Tucker  
November 13 Keith & Sally Smith  
November 20 Norma Cobb  
November 27 Amy Lewis

### **FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER**

November 6 Rayfield Family  
November 13 OPEN  
November 20 Dusa Family  
November 27 Poinsettias

### **NURSERY FOR NOVEMBER**

November 6 Gloria Chapman & Choles Reid  
November 13 Kelly Dusa & Choes Reid  
November 20 Farrah Lewis & Lesley Jean Watson  
November 27 Michelle Rohde

### **LITURGIST FOR NOVEMBER**

November 6 Greg Sanderson  
November 13 Joey Mills  
November 20 Mark Armstrong  
November 27 Jenny Keefe

### **HEAD USER FOR NOVEMBER**

Jerry Tucker

### **ACOLYTE FOR NOVEMBER**

Norma Cobb

## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

### **BIRTHDAYS**

November 1 Alanna Leviner  
November 2 Charlie Ruffner  
November 3 Norma Cobb, Stephen Kovacs, Jr.  
November 4 Cameron Eddins  
November 6 Dannie Lee  
November 8 Amelia-Kate Lewis  
November 9 Mason Tomberlin, Randell Rumph  
November 10 Jake Keefe  
November 12 James Keefe  
November 13 Patricia Turner  
November 15 Betty Canipe  
November 18 Carole Hennessee, David McLean  
November 19 Caroline Crouse  
November 21 Nathan Rogers  
November 24 Gwen Sullivan, Eric Dusa  
November 25 Kim Roddy  
November 26 Bonnie Cundiff, Jeff Kollitz  
November 27 Martha A. Griggs  
November 28 Thomas McKinnon  
November 29 Shep Straughn

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

November 6 M&M Woody Rogers  
November 17 M&M Keith Smith  
November 24 M&M Jay Lewis

# HOSTESSES NEEDED

If you are willing to be a hostess or the church for a month, please call the church office. Hostess responsibilities are: 1) Making sure the parlor is ready for a family visitation. 2) be at the church during the funeral service in case anyone was to need assistance.



## 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

First United Methodist Church

117 Third Street

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, October 30, 2022

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship (Celebration of Missions and Music)

5:30-7:00pm Fireflies Meeting

5:30-7:00pm Youth Meeting

### Monday, October 31, 2022

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

### Tuesday, November 1, 2022

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

5:00pm Girl Scouts (Youth Hut)

### Wednesday, November 2, 2022

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

10:30am Grief Share

12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline

6:00pm Bible Study (Parlor)

6:00pm Handbell Practice (Choir Room)

7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Thursday, November 3, 2022

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

5:00pm CDM Training (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, November 6, 2022

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

5:00pm SPRC Meeting (Harris SS Classroom)

5:30-7:00pm Fireflies Meeting

5:30-7:00pm Youth Meeting

**Weekly amount needed for budget:** \$5,769.24

**Amount needed year to date:** \$248,077.32

**Sunday School Attendance October 23:** 57

**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Peanut butter

**Greeter:** Patty Fisher

**Acolyte:** The Ruffners

**Nursery Worker:** Allison & Sawyer Becker

**Soundsystem Operator:** Holly Miles

**Amount received for week of October 23:** \$7,369.50

**Received year to date:** \$237,299.12

**Worship Attendance October 23:** 75

**McArn Items:** Juice boxes

**Head Usher:** Jed Reid

**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Greg Sanderson

**Flowers next Sunday:** Rayfield Family

**Video Technicians:** Bryson Hunter

## FUMC STAFF

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