

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

OCTOBER 9, 2022

18TH 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>"A Prayer Of Consecration"</i>	RICHARD PURVIS
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rhett Butler
CALL TO WORSHIPⁱ		Rhett Butler
L: Make our lives a libation poured out like oil, diffused through air like perfume that blesses the multitudes.		
C: A libation poured out to God, not for my own or someone else's agendas;		
L: Make us emissaries of Christ, lighthouse and cattle-prod,		
C: Bringing good news and conscience and ringing tidings of peace,		
L: Let us not be sacrificed on the altar of the indifference, nor let us confuse sacrifice with suffering for selfish gain.		
C: At the end of our days when life on this globe is over, let it be truthfully said our lives were poured out for you and we were beautiful vessels for the Lord. Amen		
OPENING PRAYERⁱⁱ		Rhett Butler
You have created us from the dust of the earth. You have lifted us, dusted us off, and reworked us when we have fallen. May your love, grace, and mercy enter our hearts today so that we may be the beautiful vessels with a purpose that you have created us to be by loving you and loving our neighbor. Amen.		
PSALTER NO. 839-840	<i>"Psalm 118" (Response 2)</i>	Rhett Butler
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881	<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	Rhett Butler
*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70		MEINKE
*HYMN NO. 110	<i>"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"</i>	EIN' FESTE BURG
MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
ANTHEM	<i>"Eden Song"</i> Adult Choir	MARK SCHWEIZER
A memory of Eden stirs, and walks within the warmth of spring. It whispers every hope God has to Life Eternal, listening. Stretch past the gloom of winter's grey, unfurl by faith and not by sight, to touch the light of lengthening day that calls thee forth to green delight. The season of new growth begins, embrace the promise we all share, lift every voice and celebrate, the Living God, who's always there. text: Beverly Easterling		
OFFERTORY	<i>"O Waly Waly"</i>	EMMA LOU DIEMER
*DOXOLOGY NO. 95		OLD 100 th
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 2191 (The Faith We Sing)	<i>"Eternal Father, Strong To Save"</i>	MELITA
*SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Jeremiah 32:1-3a; and 6-15</i>	Pastor Debra
SERMON	<i>"The Potter's Hand: Pots with a Purpose"</i>	Pastor Debra

*HYMN NO. 348

“Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

THOMPSON

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Debra

*BENEDICTION RESPONSEⁱⁱⁱ

“The Potter’s Hand”

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, the potter’s hand. 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, the potter’s hand. (Choir alone: The Potter’s hand.)

*POSTLUDE

“Improvisation on Ein’ Feste Burg”

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

ⁱmcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/not-ashamed/twentieth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes, adapted by Reverend Debra A. Armstrong

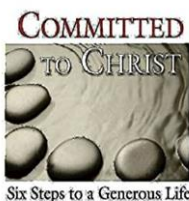
ⁱⁱWritten by Reverend Debra A. Armstrong

ⁱⁱⁱZschech, 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 loving memory of my late husband, Skip Williams; mother, Ina Odom; sisters, Linda Maynor and Patsy Thomas; and brother, Prentiss Odom, by Gloria Williams.

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), Martha Starling, Shelton Rumph, Jody Reid, Gene Thompson (Becky Thompson’s Brother-In-Law), Craig Norton, Erika Kollitz, Patricia Turner, Tom Rollings Family.
NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.

Committed to Christ Bible Study Begins Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m in the Parlor.



For six weeks we will seek to deepen our discipleship in Bible study with Bob Crossman’s, *Committed to Christ: Six Steps To A Generous Life*. We will examine how we are living out our commitment to Jesus and explore ways to keep our commitment vibrant and alive. Cost is \$5.00. Please register for the study by emailing or calling Angie Smith in the church office, fumcangiesmith@gmail.com, 843-537-7002.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

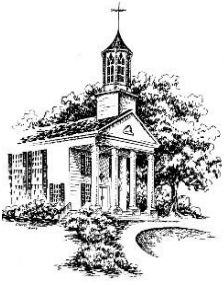
GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life.

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 pastor...



There continues to be much discussion about the future of the United Methodist Church. In the next several weeks I will share information from the United Methodist Church website that addresses the splintering of our denomination.

Is The UMC really... Part 1¹

1. Splitting at this time?

No. The term “split” applies when there is a negotiated agreement within the denomination to divide assets and resources. No such agreement has been made in The United Methodist Church. The earliest point at which such an agreement could be made would be at the next General Conference to be held in 2024.

A more accurate term, as suggested by the Rev. William Lawrence, retired dean of Perkins School of Theology and former member of the Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church, is “splintering.” What is happening is that some traditionalist leaders have decided to create their own denomination (the Global Methodist Church). Leaders of that denomination and other unofficial advocacy groups, such as the Wesleyan Covenant Association, which created it, are encouraging like-minded United Methodist congregations and clergy to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church and join their denomination instead.

2. Asking traditionalists to leave the denomination?

No. The requests for disaffiliations are coming largely from traditionalists. Keith Boyette, former president of the Wesleyan Covenant Association and now leader of the Global Methodist Church, is one of the people encouraging traditionalists to leave.

3. About to alter its doctrine to deny the virgin birth, the divinity of Jesus Christ, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, or salvation through Christ alone?

No. All of these positions are bedrock in the doctrinal standards of The United Methodist Church, more specifically in the Articles of Religion and the Confession of Faith. These cannot be altered without a two-thirds vote of the General Conference followed by a three-fourths aggregate approval of all annual conferences of The United Methodist Church worldwide. There is no basis to conclude such majorities can be achieved to alter the Articles and Confession for any reason.

Here is what the Articles and Confession say on these matters. And will continue to say.

Virgin Birth and Divinity of Jesus

Articles of Religion, Article II:

“The Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man’s nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin.”

Confession of Faith, Article II:

“We believe in Jesus Christ, truly God and truly man, in whom the divine and human natures are perfectly and inseparably united. He is the eternal Word made flesh, the only begotten Son of the Father, born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Articles of Religion, Article III:

Christ did truly rise again from the dead, and took again his body, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature, wherewith he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth until he return to judge all men at the last day.

Confession of Faith, Article II:

"Jesus Christ... was buried, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to be with the Father, from whence he shall return."

Salvation apart from faith in Jesus Christ

Articles of Religion, Article IX:

“We are accounted righteous before God only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by faith.”

Confession of Faith, Article IX:

“We believe we are never accounted righteous before God through our works or merit, but that penitent sinners are justified or accounted righteous before God only by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

4. Intending to change the Bible?

No. The United Methodist Church has no official translation of the Bible and has never sought to alter the Bible at all. United Methodists have always had a variety of views about how to interpret specific passages of Scripture and likely always will.

I encourage all of us to pray for our church as we continue to faithfully carry out the mission Jesus gave us to make disciples for him even amid the difficult challenges facing our denomination.

Grace and peace to us all,

Pastor Debra

¹ <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-is-the-umc-really-part-1>

J.O.Y CLUB: The J.O.Y Club will meet on Thursday, October 20 at 12:00pm. Please sign up with your caller. The cost of the meal will be \$10.00per person and the menu will be announced in a future newsletter.

WOMEN ON FAITH (UMW) MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022, IN THE PARLOR

GUEST SPEAKER

MAMIE HARRIS, NETC VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SERVICES



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

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.

Edith Quick (October 13)

11 Hamden Circle

Cheraw, SC 29520



Greetings church family! The month of October is pastor appreciation month! On October 16th, immediately following the service we will be having a covered dish luncheon to celebrate and honor our own pastor Debra Armstrong. Please plan to join us for this joyous occasion to fellowship with one another and honor Pastor Debra. Please bring your favorite covered dish and come and join us. The meat will be provided for everyone. If you would like to give Pastor Debra a card or a gift in celebration of pastor appreciation month please consider giving a donation to the pastor's discretionary fund instead. I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, October 16th as we celebrate Pastor Debra. Thank you, Jenny Keefe, SPRC Chair

MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF RON BUFFINGTON

Lynn Tweed

IN MEMORY OF SUSUAN ESCHENFELDER

Paul & Holly Miles

Youth and Fireflies had so much fun during the Sunday evening meeting. The Youth carved pumpkins while the Fireflies painted pumpkins. They are learning and enjoying all the wonderful things God has provided for us during the Fall season and how we can take part in Fall Harvest. Pumpkins are the creation of God and how we can use our imagination to decorate one of God's creations to enjoy and share with family and friends. Angela Holiday





There are still appointments available for the next blood drive here at FUMC on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, from 1:00pm-5:30pm in the fellowship hall. To schedule an appointment, call or email Angie at 843-537-7002 or fumcangiesmith@gmail.com, or go online to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw. 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>



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 9, 2022

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

Monday, October 10, 2022

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
1:00pm-5:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
3:00pm Women of Faith (UMW) Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, October 12, 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, October 13, 2022

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

Sunday, October 16, 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 needed year to date: \$230,769.60
Sunday School Attendance October 2: 49
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Ramen Noodles
Greeters: Jeff & Shannon Johnson
Acolyte: The Ruffners
Nursery Worker: Farah Lewis & Michelle Rohde
Soundsystem Operator: Holly Miles

Amount received for week of October 2: \$2,465.67
Received year to date: \$208,374.48
Worship Attendance October 2: 76
McArn Items: Lance or peanut butter crackers
Head Usher: Jed Reid
Liturgist for next Sunday: Lib Norton
Flowers next Sunday: Flower fund
Video Technicians: Bryson Hunter

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