

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***NOVEMBER 13, 2022***

***23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/RECOGNITION OF VETERANS***

***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**

*"Patriotic Meditation"*

ADAPTED FROM AUSTIN LOVELACE

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Joey Mills

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: Praise be to God who is unchanging!

**C: Thanks be to God who is continually creating newness and hope.**

L: Each day we are greeted by new opportunities and challenges.

**C: Each day we are given courage and strength to accomplish God's tasks.**

L: Let all God's people shout praises to the heavens!

**C: Great is our God and greatly to be praised! AMEN.**

**OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>**

Joey Mills

In the midst of continual change, God remains steadfast in God's love for us. God is creating something new, a new heaven and a new earth. Each day offers newness of hope and faith. Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's creative word for us that we may learn, grow, and serve as effective witnesses to God's love and power. **AMEN.**

**PSALTER NO. 837-38**

*Psalm 116 (Response #1)*

Joey Mills

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881**

*Apostle's Creed*

Joey Mills

**\*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70**

MEINKE

**\*HYMN NO. 117**

*"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"*

ST. ANNE

**MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor Debra

**HONORING OUR VETERANS**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*"This Is My Song"* Choir

ROLAND E. MARTIN

1 This is my song O God of all the nations A song of peace for lands afar and mine This is my home the country where my heart is Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine But other hearts in other lands are beating With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine 2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine But other lands have sunlight too and clover And skies are everywhere as blue as mine O hear my song Thou God of all nations A song of peace for their land and for mine 3 This is my prayer O Lord of all earth's kingdoms Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him And hearts united learn to live as one O hear my prayer Thou God of all nations Myself I give Thee let Thy will be done.

**OFFERTORY**

*"Allegretto"*

JOHN ZUNDEL

**\*DOXOLOGY NO. 95**

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Pastor Debra

**\*HYMN NO. 400**

*"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"*

NETTLETON

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 12: 1-6

Pastor Debra

## SERMON

"Rejoicing in Our Salvation"

Pastor Debra

## \*HYMN NO. 696

"America The Beautiful"

MATERNA

## \*BENEDICTION

Pastor Debra

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO 673 Stanzas 1 and 2 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

RANDOLPH

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 Sr. Anne"

## \*If you are able, please stand

<sup>1</sup><https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4389>

<sup>2</sup>Ibid

**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 Thrailkill, Tony Thrailkill, 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.**

## 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.

## 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.



**J.O.Y. CLUB:** Will meet for a Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 17 at 12:00pm. The cost will be \$10.00 per person, please RSVP with your caller by Monday, November 14.



**STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT:** As in past years, donations will be accepted for a monetary Christmas gift for members of the church staff. Contributions may be dropped off at the church office, mailed, or placed in the offering plate. (Please clearly designate "**STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT**" on your check or on the envelope if making a cash donation.) The deadline for contributions is **Sunday, December 11**. This is a good way to express our appreciation to the staff for the work that they do! *Staff-Parish Relations Committee*

**OFFICE HOURS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21-25:** The church office will be open on Monday and Tuesday, November 21 and November 22 from 8:30am-4:30pm, and will be closed Wednesday through Friday, November 23-25. Happy Thanksgiving!



# 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...*

*“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40 NRSV*

Part of being a deeply devoted disciple of Jesus is to serve him in the church and in the community. There are many opportunities for service here at First United Methodist Church. *Consider Volunteering for one or more of these many opportunities to service for Jesus as a deeply devoted disciple here at First UMC.*

## *Where Are You Called to Serve?*

### **Nurture Ministries**

*Children's Ministries* - This service area includes a wide variety of roles in children's ministry, such as nursery helper, Sunday school teacher or assistant or helping with Sunday evening activities and special events like our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

*Education Ministry* - This service area includes teaching adult or youth Sunday school classes, teaching or assisting in a Bible study, or teaching a special church sponsored class.

*Youth Ministries* - This service area includes providing leadership or support for any of a wide variety of youth ministries: Sunday evening meals, helping with fund raisers to support youth activities, missions, and trips.

*Worship Ministries* - This service area includes greeting and welcoming worship guests as they arrive at church, serving as a communion steward, liturgist, reader in special services, as an usher, serving in the choir, or providing special music at regular or special worship services.



### **Outreach Ministries**

*Missions* - This service area includes providing leadership or support for any of a wide variety of mission programs locally and globally, such as the FUMC Food Pantry, The McArn Food Pantry, Operation Christmas Child, Shepherd's Child, Red Cross Blood Drives, Epworth Children's Home, Abba's House, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

*Pastor's Discretionary Fund* - This service area provides financial assistance for church and community members in need.

### **Witness Ministries**

*Communications* - This service area provides leadership and support with mailings, emails, newsletters, videotaping worship services, updating our website, and other forms of communication.

*Evangelism* - This service area provides leadership and support for activities and events that witness to nonbelievers.

*Lay Servant Ministries* - This service area is for members to receive special training by the district and annual conference to serve as lay servants and lay speakers in the local church and for the annual conference.

*Pastor Debra*

**BEST WISHES:** Please join the SPRC in extending our best wishes and prayers to Angie Smith who has decided to retire effective January 26, 2023. Angie has decided that it's time to start a new chapter in her life and she will be enjoying her time with her family and taking care of her grandson. We consider Angie a part of our church family as she does as well, and she will be staying in touch with us.

We have been blessed to have Angie with us for almost 23 years. As you all know she is extremely valuable to us, and we could not run the day to day operations of the church without her. She has done this with lots of love and care and with grace and respect. We deeply appreciate all that she has given to this church and all that she has done to extend the ministry of First United Methodist Church here in Cheraw. She will definitely be missed.

We thank Angie for her commitment to this congregation and to the mission, vision, and values of this church. She has touched many lives in her time here at First Church and we are forever appreciative and grateful for all that she has done with her kindness and generosity.

Thank you, Angie, for your many years of dedicated service to this congregation. We wish you the very best in your future endeavors and we wish you Godspeed in your retirement. We love you and our thoughts and prayers go with you!

We will be having a retirement reception for Angie in January. More details and information will be provided at a later date.

In Christ, Jenny Keefe SPRC chair

## MEMORIALS AND HONORIARIUMS:

### IN MEMORY OF FAYE HILLIARD

Eric & Kelly Dusa

### 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 your help. Trina Mills



### 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, Cheraw, SC



It's that time of year again to fill boxes for Operation Christmas Child. I look forward to seeing the boxes come in. All the boxes and materials are out on the table in the lobby and in the narthex of the church. Please remember to tape your label on the top of the box and include your \$10 in the envelope. If you do more than one box and I hope that you would, you may write one check or put the cash in one envelope. If you would like for me to do the shopping for you, I will be glad to do that. You may either give me the money or give the money to Angie. All boxes need to be at the church no later than the morning of November 20. You may drop your boxes off at the church office at any time during office hours, up until November 20. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. The boxes will be blessed on that day before they are taken to the drop off location. Thank you in advance for supporting this ministry that makes a difference in the life of a child. Thank you, Jenny Keefe



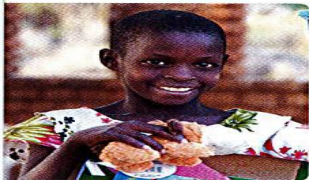


**SHARING GOOD NEWS,  
GREAT JOY!**

**DEAR FRIEND,**

Each shoebox you pack helps a local church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's Greatest Gift. Many of them will grow in their faith and learn how to tell friends and family about Him through our discipleship program called The Greatest Journey.

In a new initiative, we are going island to island in the Pacific to take the Gospel to a half a million children over the next few years, as part of our commitment to "proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15, ESV).



In sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we are also sharing God's Word with dozens of unreached people groups and going to hard-to-reach places to make His Name known.

This has resulted in more than 2 million children making decisions for Christ and over 1,000 churches being started in one year! For example, there's now a church in a remote village in Namibia among the Himba unreached people group.

"Before we had never heard of Jesus," said Pastor Kuyelia, leader of the new church. "Now, we have abandoned witch doctors and seek God alone in prayer and worship."

We're thankful for all those who have faithfully prayed for Operation Christmas Child, a Samaritan's Purse project. You can join us in packing shoeboxes so that more children in the remote corners of the world can hear the Good News of the Gospel. May God bless you.

— **Franklin Graham**  
President, Samaritan's Purse

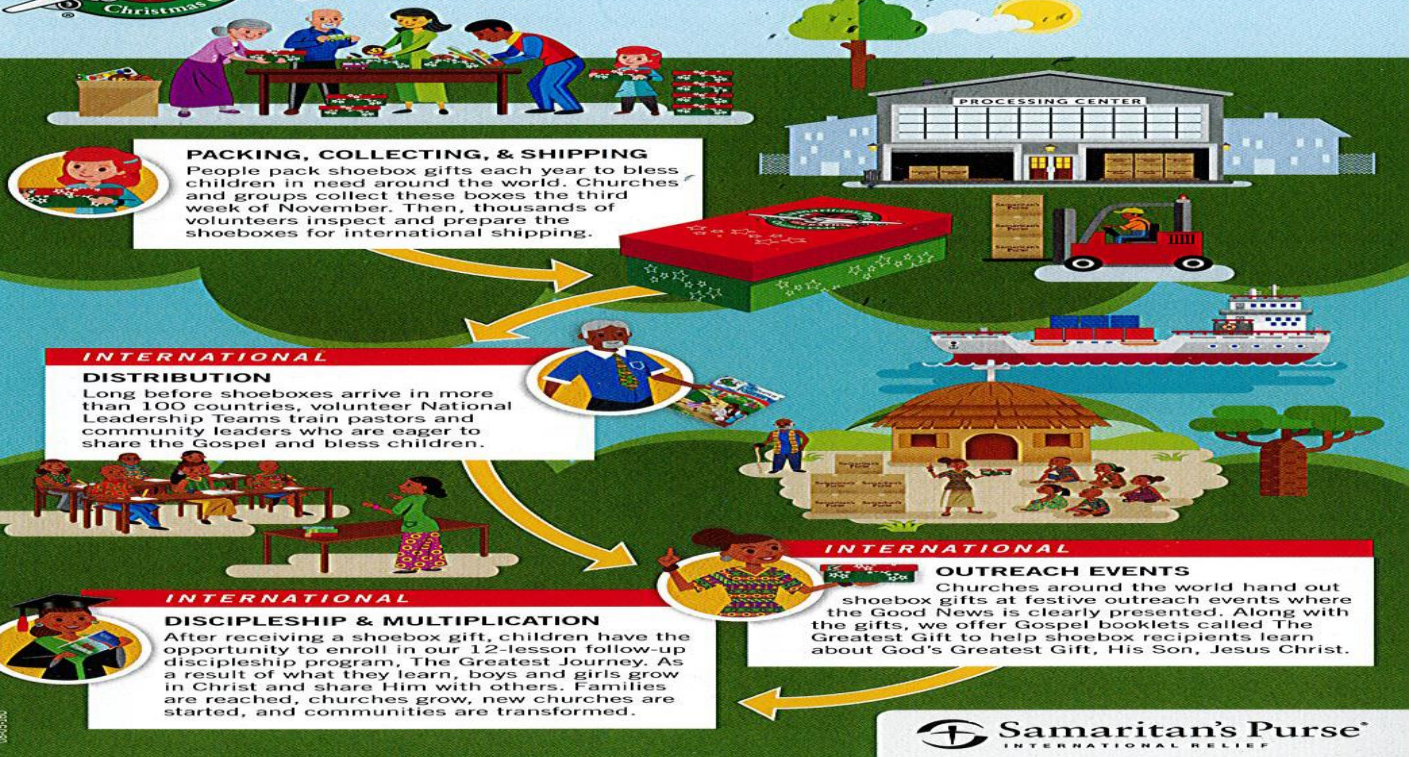


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## THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF A SIMPLE SHOEBOX GIFT BEGINS WITH YOU







**GIVE THE GIFT OF A MEAL**

**\$16.25/BOX**  
**FEEDS FAMILY OF 4**

**BOX CONTAINS:**

- CANNED HAM
- 2 CANS GREEN BEANS
- CAN SWEET POTATOES
- SCALLOPED POTATOES
- A CORN MUFFIN MIX
- A CRANBERRY SAUCE
- A STUFFING MIX
- A CAKE MIX

# **HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES**

**GIVE HOPE TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED  
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH A  
BOXED, READY-TO-PREPARE MEAL.**

**PLEASE MAKE DONATIONS TO  
YOUR CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 4  
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MCARN FOOD BANK**



## Advent 2022 Bible Study Begins November 30, 2022

The Advent Bible Study this year will use Susan Robb's Book, *The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent*. The Bible Study will be every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm in the Parlor during the four weeks of Advent. Be sure to join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus once again. Books for the study cost \$13.00 and are available in the church office.



*The Angels of Christmas*  
HEARING GOD'S VOICE IN ADVENT

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, November 13, 2022

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
2:30pm Grief Share Surviving the Holidays (Parlor)  
5:30-7:00pm Fireflies Meeting  
5:30-7:00pm Youth Meeting

#### Monday, November 14, 2022

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

#### Tuesday, November 15, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
5:00pm Girl Scouts (Youth Hut)

#### Wednesday, November 16, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
10:30am Grief Share  
12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline  
6:00pm Handbell Practice (Choir Room)  
7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

#### Thursday, November 17, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
12:00pm J.O.Y Club (Fellowship Hall)

#### Saturday, November 19, 2022

1:30pm Charge Conference (Sanctuary)

#### Sunday, November 20, 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:** \$259,615.80

**Sunday School Attendance November 6:** 48

**FUMC Food Pantry Item:** Canned vegetables

**Greeters:** Keith & Sally Smith

**Acolyte:** Norma Cobb

**Nursery Worker:** Kelly Dusa & Choles Reid

**Soundsystem Operator:** Holly Miles

**Amount received for week of November 9:** \$19,020.45

**Received year to date:** \$258,622.44

**Worship Attendance November 6:** 84

**McArn Items:** Rice crispy treats

**Head Usher:** Eric Dusa

**Liturgist for next Sunday:** Greg Sanderson

**Flowers next Sunday:** Dusa Family

**Video Technicians:** Bryson Hunter

### FUMC STAFF

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