

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

CHRIST THE KING/THANKSGIVING

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

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>"Marche Triomphale Now Thank We All Our God"</i>	SIGFRID KARG-ELERT
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Greg Sanderson
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		
L: God has called all of us here beloved.		
C: We are given new names of hope and promise.		
L: Even though storms and trials have assailed us,		
C: God has drawn us through to the time of salvation.		
L: Thanks be to God for God's victory in Jesus Christ!		
C: May King Jesus reign in our hearts all of our days. AMEN.		
OPENING PRAYER²		Greg Sanderson
Lord of light and life, we come to you this day in celebration of kingship of your Son Jesus Christ. Open our hearts, our spirits, and our lives to listen to his words for us. Help us to be deeply devoted disciples for you; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.		
PSALTER NO. 830-31	<i>Psalm 107 1-9, 33-43</i>	Greg Sanderson
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881	<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	Joey Mills
*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70		MEINKE
*HYMN NO. 327	<i>"Crown Him With Many Crowns"</i>	DIADEMATA
MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>"Give Thanks"</i> Choir	STAN PETHEL
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong!" Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.		
OFFERTORY	<i>"Pastorale on We Gather Together"</i>	FRANKLIN D. ASHDOWN
*DOXOLOGY NO. 95		OLD 100 th
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 131	<i>"We Gather Together"</i>	KREMSER
SCRIPTURE READING	Colossians 1:11-20	Pastor Debra
SERMON	<i>"Thankful for the King of Kings"</i>	Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 102	<i>"Now Thank We All Our God"</i>	NUN DANKET
*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 Nun Danket”

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

¹<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4411>

²ibid

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), Thomas McKinnon. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

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!

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS:

IN MEMORY OF SUSAN ESCHENFELDER

Patricia Turner, Gailya Wilson

IN MEMORY OF CONNIE KIMREY

Gailya Wilson

IN MEMORY IF JANE CAMPBELL

Gailya Wilson

IN MEMORY OF THEODORE BURNS

Gailya Wilson

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS ROLLINGS

Gailya Wilson



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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Annual State of Church Report to the 2022 Charge Conference

First United Methodist Church Cheraw has emerged from the pandemic showing signs of life and vibrancy. The Church is now offering in person activities, events, and worship. Worship services continue to be recorded and are available on the website for those who continue to worship with us virtually. The average attendance in worship has increased from 61 to 75 which is a 23% increase. This year we received seven new members. Four were adults and three of those were by transfer from another church and one by profession of faith. We were blessed with three new baptized children as members. Children, Youth, Older Adult and Grief Share ministries meeting in person and going strong.

The fiscal health of the church continues to improve. The church has \$112,970.70 in a contingency fund and an endowment fund with a balance of \$264,449.67. All our bills are paid and there is a positive balance in the checking account. We expect to meet our budget through tithes and other offerings. The first three quarterly payments were made to the annual conference for apportionments, and we plan to make the final payment in December. We are currently conducting a stewardship program using Bob Crossman's Bible Study and materials, *Committed to Christ, Six Steps to a Generous Life* with the goal to deepen our devotion to and discipleship for our Lord Jesus in 2023.

We partnered with Wesley Chapel UMC in Cheraw and the South Carolina Christian Action Council to host a Music Camp featuring Christal Heyward in March that brought healing and hope to all who participated. We continue to support local, state, and global mission projects. We have a food bank in our church and support the local McArn food bank. The pastor's discretionary fund helps individuals and families with housing and utilities costs in times of need. For the first time this year we are supporting Abba's House, a maternity home in Marlboro County. We support children through donations to Epworth Children Home, Operation Christmas Child, and Shepherd's Child which works with the local elementary school to identify children who are provided Christmas gifts. We support the SC Disaster Relief ministry and UMCOR.

The possible outcomes of the 2024 General Conference are a source of anxiety for many members of the church. The Church Council established at its October meeting a task force to gather and provide information to the Council about the upcoming General Conference.

The church continues to grieve the decline of the church particularly the losses resulting from the Covid-10 shut down. In the past three years there have been thirty-four deaths in the church. We are moving through the grief process. Those who remain are accepting and carrying on the legacy that has been passed on to us by the saints.

Two other challenges facing the church right now are personnel related. The current administrative assistant who has faithfully served this church for over twenty-two years is retiring in January. The Child Development Ministry Center is having challenges with personnel and does not have the staff it needs. As a result, the Church Council voted to close the CDMC until enough staff are hired to allow the Center to meet the church's Safe Sanctuary Policy and South Carolina Department of Social Services requirements for student/staff ratios.

First Church Cheraw has the resources needed and with God's help can continue to grow in discipleship and meet the challenges it faces. Mark and I are blessed to be serving the Lord here with the people of the church with a heart in the heart of Cheraw.

Pastor Debra

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

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. To be prepared November 30th, please get a book and read chapter one.





Advent and Christmas 2022

1st Sunday of Advent
November 27th
11:00 a.m.
Hanging of the Greens

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4th
Commitment Sunday
11:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11th
11:00 a.m.
Christmas Pageant

4th Sunday of Advent
December 18th
11:00 a.m.
Christmas Cantata

Christmas Eve
Pre-Service Organ Music
5:30 p.m.
Candlelight Communion Service
6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
December 25th
No Sunday School
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Nursery Closed

First Sunday after Christmas
January 1st
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.



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*

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



GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER!

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED TITHING OR INCREASING YOUR TITHE?

When we offer to God the first 10% or more of our income, not knowing what the future holds, we give action to our faith. A former member of our church who is now part of the church triumphant, Mr. Carl Wise, said to many of us here at First UMC, “you will never miss the amount of money that you give to the church because it will come back to you in some form.” Many of us here can witness the truth of this statement!

Please consider making a commitment this year to increase your financial giving to the church to 10% or beyond 10%. Try our online recurring giving option to make it easier for you to meet your commitment.

AT FUMC WE CHEERFULLY PROVIDE OPTIONS TO MAKE GIVING EASY.

► TRADITIONAL OFFERING

During every worship service, some people prefer the act of placing something in the offering plate. Offering plates are located at the doors just outside the sanctuary.

► ONLINE GIVING

Go to FUMC’s website at www.cherawfirstumc.org click on the tab in the top right corner that says FUMC On-Line Giving to begin.

► THE VANCO MOBILE ENGAGEMENT APP

Download from your app store, the Vanco Mobile Engagement App. Enter First United Methodist Church Cheraw in the search box, and then download the app on to your phone. Open the app to begin.

First UMC Stewardship Committee

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.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 20, 2022

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

Monday, November 21, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
10:00am Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline
6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
10:30am Grief Share
5:00pm Girl Scouts (Youth Hut)

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, November 24, 2022

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sunday, November 27, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,769.24
Amount needed year to date: \$265,385.04
Sunday School Attendance November 13: 52
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Dry cereal
Greeter: Norma Cobb
Acolyte: Norma Cobb
Nursery Worker: Farrah Lewis & Lesley Jean Watson
Soundsystem Operator: Holly Miles

Amount received for week of November 16: \$5,700.41
Received year to date: \$264,322.85
Worship Attendance November 13: 84
McArn Items: Individual size cereal boxes
Head Usher: Eric Dusa
Liturgist for next Sunday: Jenny Keefe
Flowers next Sunday: Poinsettias
Video Technicians: Bryson Hunter

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