

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Living Lent Inside Out

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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

February 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

LITURGICAL COLOR: BURLAP

**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 it in the offering plate.**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Martha Starling

PRELUDE “*Air From Suit In D Major, bwv 1068*” J. S. BACH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rhett Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

C: **Happy are those whose sins are cast away.**

L: Rejoice in the Lord! Be glad!

C: **Sing out! Shout for joy!**

L: Rejoice in the Lord!

C: **Rejoice! Amen!**

OPENING PRAYER² Rhett Butler

Holy One, we are constantly bombarded with temptations and enticements. When we yield, when we fail, who will help us? You, Lord, have come to our aid. You teach us, counsel us, and guide us in the ways we should go. We rejoice in your unfailing love. **Amen.**

PSALTER NO. No 766 *Psalm 32* Rhett Butler

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7* Rhett Butler

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 882** *Apostle’s Creed Ecumenical Version* Rhett Butler

***GLORIA PATRI NO. 70** GREATOREX

***HYMN NO UMH 150** “*God Who Stretched The Spangled Heavens*” HOLY MANNA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

We keep silent before you, Lord. We are afraid to confront our transgressions; we are terrified to face the reality of our sin; we feel as if the weight of the world were upon our shoulders; we no longer recognize ourselves or what we have become as we keep our failings and fears inside. Help us admit our sins and accept our imperfections. Why is that simple act so difficult for us? Why do we hesitate, knowing that you stand ready to wash away our guilt? You are the sanctuary where distress cannot reach us. In your steadfast love, forgive us. In your healing Caress, cleanse us. In your Holy Spirit, restore us. In the name of our Savior, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE⁴

When distress and anxiety surround us like an angry flood, our pleas are heard. The Lord hears the prayers of a faithful heart. God has become our hiding place, our refuge from trouble. No harm can touch us here. The Lord wraps us in the arms of salvation. Shouts of deliverance enfold us and In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

Congregation: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Debra

ANTHEM

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

RICHARD SHEPHERD

The text for today's anthem is available on page 269 of the UMH hymnal.

OFFERTORY

"Ebenezer"

DAVID N. JOHNSON

***DOXOLOGY NO NO. 95**

OLD 100th

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Debra

***HYMN NO TFWS 2105**

"Jesus, Tempted In The Desert"

EBENEZER

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Pastor Debra

SERMON

Living Inside Out: When You Fall Down

Pastor Debra

***HYMN NO. UMH 496**

"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"

SWEET HOUR

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Debra

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE 2112 TFWS, stanzas 1 and 2**

"Jesus Walked"

Jesus walked this lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself. We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves. Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.

***POSTLUDE**

"Improvisation On Ebenezer"

1 <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/4658>

2 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, Bill Eutsler, Jr., Mary Burr, Jody Reid, Craig Norton, Martha Griggs, Katie Chapman, Thomas McKinnon, Zenda Rushing, Cale Yarborough, Erika Kollitz, Spann Family, Jan Brigman **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified**



Grief Share sessions are held at 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in the church parlor. Please call Bonnie Cundiff at 843-910-7526 for more information.



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...

The kind of fasting I want is this: remove the chains of oppression and the yoke of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor. Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear, and do not refuse to help your own relatives. Isaiah 58:6-7 Good News Translation



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This past Wednesday, we began the Lenten Season for 2023 with worship and the recognition of our need for God with a cross of ash marking our foreheads. The focus of our worship series this year is living Lent from the inside out. The scripture guiding our journey is Isaiah 58:6-7.

In the past we may have focused on giving something up or taking up a new Spiritual Discipline for Lent. Both of those are wonderful ways for us to grow closer to Jesus as we travel through the forty days of Lent. Many times, though the only outward expression of our spiritual growth has been on Sunday mornings during worship. We would then pack away the lessons of the Lenten Season at Easter instead of carrying them into our daily lives as outward expressions of our faith and spiritual growth.

God does want us to grow closer to him through fasting, scripture reading, and prayer. These are what John Wesley called works of piety. The goal of works of piety is to deepen our relationship with God and show our love of God. Wesley was clear, like Isaiah, and like Jesus that works of piety are not all we are called to do. We are to live out our love of God through works of mercy that show our love of neighbor. Working for justice, sharing our food with the hungry, providing shelter for the homeless, clothing for the naked, and helping family members in need are all examples of the almsgiving that Jesus speaks of in Matthew chapter six. Alms-giving is the fast that God wants from us. Giving alms for the Lord is giving beyond our pledges and tithes and are ways we can live Lent inside out.

Each week we will focus on a way we can support those in need as we travel this Lenten season together. This first week of Lent our focus is on praying for those who need clothing, food, justice, and shelter and how God is calling us as individuals and as a church to meet these needs this Lenten season. Be sure to share the answers to these prayers with the members of your family, our church family, and with me. I'm looking forward to living from the inside out with you this Lenten Season.

Pastor Debra

Lenten Bible Study Begins March 8 & 9, 2023

Journey this Lenten Season to the resurrection with historical and biblical insights, this **six-week study** takes you through the experiences of Holy Week, from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his resurrection on Sunday morning. Gain a deeper understanding of events like Passover and the Last Supper, Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, the road to Golgotha, and the empty tomb. See how even the smallest details of Holy Week fulfilled Old Testament prophecies. Books will be available in the church office soon. Cost is \$10:00.

KEY TO THE
CORRECTION
Bible Study



Our Life Line Screening will be held Tuesday, March 21st in the Fellowship Hall to register for your appointment please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit April in the Church office during office hours

2023 Lenten Schedule



March 5 th	Second Sunday of Lent Service	11:00 a.m.
March 8 th	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
March 9 th	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
March 12 th	Third Sunday of Lent Service	11:00 a.m.
March 15 th	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
March 16 th	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
March 19 th	Fourth Sunday of Lent Service	11:00 a.m.
March 22 nd	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
March 23 rd	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
March 26 th	Fifth Sunday of Lent Service	11:00 a.m.
March 29 th	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
March 30 th	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
April 2 nd	Palm Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
April 6 th	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 p.m.



We have recently updated our Church Facebook page. The link to join is below, I Invite all of you to join and add your friends & family as well.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089937633979>



The First United Methodist Church will be hosting a blood drive with The American Red Cross Thursday, March 2nd, in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00p.m. -5:00p.m. We Encourage everyone who can give to do so. Giving blood just one time can save up to 3 lives. What a wonderful way to support those in need this Lenten season. Appointments can be made by contacting our administrative assistant April Polson (843) 537-7002.

SERVING IN MARCH

GREETERS FOR MARCH

March 5 Keith & Sally Smith
March 12 Norma Cobb
March 19 Amy Lewis
March 26 Terry Ferrell & Joe Stanton

LITURGIST FOR MARCH

March 5 Lib Norton
March 12 Pam Baker
March 19 Shannon Johnson
March 26 Greg Sanderson

FLOWERS FOR MARCH

All month is OPEN

HEAD USHER FOR MARCH

Mark Armstrong

NURSERY FOR MARCH

March 5 Farrah Lewis & Michele Rohde
March 12 Allison Becker & Sawyer
March 19 Kelly Dusa & Michelle Rohde
March 26 Christie Ruffener & Leslie Jean Watson

ALCOLYTE FOR MARCH

The Becker's

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday February 26, 2023

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:30-6:30 p.m. Fireflies (Kid's Nook & Fellowship Hall)
5:30-6:30 p.m. Youth (Youth Hut & Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Church Office Open
Noon Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline
1:30 p.m. Grief Share (Parlor)
5:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
6:00p.m. Bible Study (Parlor)
6:30p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Monday, February 27, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Church Office Open
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (NETC)

Thursday, March 2, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Church Office Open
10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Parlor)
1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Church Office Open

Friday, March 4, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Church Office Open

Sunday, March 5, 2023

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship

5:30-6:30 p.m. Fireflies (Kid's Nook & Fellowship Hall)
5:30-6:30 p.m. Youth (Youth Hut & Fellowship Hall)

FUMC Youth Fundraiser Murder Mystery Dinner Party



*THE STAGE IS SET FOR A LIGHTEARTED HOLLYWOOD TEEN AWARD AFTER PARTY
PLAY DETECTIVE AND HELP SOLVE THE CASE OF A "TEEN IDOL" MURDER
THE EVENING'S EVENT INCLUDES DINNER AND DESSERT*

Hosted by:
FUMC Youth & Fireflies
Saturday March 25th at 5:00 PM
FUMC Fellowship Hall
117 3rd St. Cheraw SC

Tickets - \$25.00 For Tickets Contact:
FUMC Office (April)-843-537-7002 or Angela Holliday-843-337-4515

Purchase tickets in advance - Not available at the door
Tickets are available for purchase until March 11th

All Proceeds Benefit FUMC Youth-Lake Junaluska Summer Trip
 Lake Junaluska

Purchase tickets in advance - Not available at the door

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Weekly Amount Needed: \$5,928.83	Amount Received Week of February 15: \$3,807.48
Amount Needed to Date: \$41,501.81	Amount Received to Date: \$50,328.93
Sunday School Attendance February 19: 44	Worship Attendance February 19: 54
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Canned Meats	McCarn Food Bank Item: Animal Crackers
Greeters: Jerry & Julia Tucker	Head Usher: Keith Smith
Acolyte: Renie Seel	Liturgist Next Week: Lib Norton
Nursery Workers: Kelly Dusa & Lesley Jean Watson	Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Sound System Operator: Holly Miles	Video Technician: Bryson Hunter

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHERAW STAFF

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