

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

February 19, 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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 it in the offering plate.**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Martha Starling

PRELUDE “WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN ” DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Eric Dusa

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ Eric Dusa

L: Let the radiance of Christ be evident among us:

C: in our songs and our words;

L: in our deepest thoughts and desires;

C: in the youthful and the experienced, the exhausted and the energetic;

L: in the hungry and the scared.

C: We are here together. We join our voices and our hearts in praise

OPENING PRAYER¹⁶ Eric Dusa

Holy God, who revealed the Messiah on the mountain, fill us with praise, overflowing with cheers and mysterious visions. Light our way; direct our course; and energize us, for we have one more mountain to climb, through Jesus Christ, who is the light. **Amen..**

PSALTER NO. 819-20 **Psalm 99** Eric Dusa

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Eric Dusa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 880** Eric Dusa

***GLORIA PATRI NO. 70** GREATOREX

***HYMN NO. . 103** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” St. Denio

MORNING PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER Pastor Debra

ANTHEM “Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern ” Bach/Nicolai

O Morning Star, how clear and bright, your beam shines forth in truth and light! My Sovereign meek and lowly! O Root of Jesse, Promised One, my God and Ruler, you have won my heart to serve you solely! You are holy, great and glorious, all-victorious, Rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing. Come heavenly Brightness, Light divine, and deep within my heart now shine, there make yourself an altar! Fill me with joy and strength to be your member, joined eternally in love that cannot falter; Longing for you does possess me; turn and bless me; Here in sadness eye and heart long for your gladness.

OFFERTORY “Wonderful Words Of Life” Patrica Cota

Carillon Choir

***DOXOLOGY NO. 94** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ whose power up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor Debra

***HYMN NO173** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies ” Ratisbon

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 17:1-9 Pastor Debra

SERMON A Light to the Nations: Dazzling Light Pastor Debra

***HYMN NO.404** “Every Time I Feel The Spirit” Pentecost

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Debra

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 206 (verse 1)** *I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light* HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The light of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

***POSTLUDE** “Improvisation on Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern ”

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

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...

You formed me in my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works and my soul know that very well. Psalm 139



We often call February the love month because of our celebration of Valentine's Day. It is a great time though to think about God's love for us. Our sermon series for Epiphany has provided us with many light filled images of the love God has for us as Jesus preached his Sermon on the Mount. Henri Nouwen, in his book *Life of the Beloved*, pens a wonderful love letter to us from God. Nouwen writes, "I have called you by name, from the very beginning. You are mine and I am yours. You are my beloved, on you my favor rests. I have molded you in the depths of the earth and knitted you together in your mother's womb. I have carved you in the palms of my hands and hidden you in the shadow of my embrace. I look at you with infinite tenderness and care for you with a care more intimate than that of a mother for her child. I have counted every hair on your head and guided you at every step. Wherever you go, I go with you, and wherever you rest, I keep watch. I will give you food that will satisfy all your hunger and drink that will satisfy all your thirst. I will not hide my face from you...Wherever you are I will be. Nothing will ever separate us. We are one." ¹ Take some time to read and reflect upon Psalm 139 this week and be reminded by our creator that God's love for us is sure, true, and unconditional. Bask in the light knowing you are beloved and rejoice and offer God praise for his amazing love. May these words remind you of who and whose you are. May they fill your soul with light and enable you to reconnect, to be renewed, and to recommit to your journey of faith with Jesus. For it is by receiving and understanding God's love for us that we are able to share the true love of God with others.

¹ Nouwen, Henri, *Life of the Beloved*, Spiritual Living in a Secular World, Crossroad Publishing Company, New York, 1992 pg. 41.

Pastor Debra



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.

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.



2023 Lenten Schedule



February 22 nd	Ash Wednesday Service	6:00 p.m.
February 26 th	First Sunday of Lent Service	11:00 a.m.
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.

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



Purchase tickets in advance - Not available at the door

DONATIONS APPRECIATED



- **Life Line Screening is coming to your community for a one-day Preventive Healthcare Screening.**
- **Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up.**
- **The Screening will be held on**

**Tuesday, March 21st, 2023
First United Methodist Church**

- **Pre-registration is required. There are three different ways to sign-up:**

Call toll free: **1-844-591-7098**
Online: **LLSA.SOCIAL/HC**
Text: the word “**circle**” to **216-279-1607**

All 4 Screenings for \$149

Carotid Artery Disease:

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD):

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.¹

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA):

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a life-threatening medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation :

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.²

We have ultrasounds, bloodwork, and other healthcare consultations also available that day.

In Memory Of Carole Hennessee:

Carl Smoak

John & Nancy Wagnon

Honorarium:

For Renie Seel by Sherri & Lang Rivers

A Letter From Caroline Quick

“I truly appreciate all FUMC did for us after our home burned. The generosity of the church friends helped us establish a new home. May God Bless each of you in this caring Church.

With love, Caroline Qucik & Family”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday February 19, 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)

Monday, February 20, 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)

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Church Office Open
3:00 p.m. United Women in Faith (Fellowship Hall) Please
bring Valentines Day cards
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Youth Hut)

Sunday, February 25, 2023

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

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY

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)
6:00 p.m. Bible Study (Parlor)
6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Practice (Choir Room)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, February 23, 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)
12:00 p.m. Joy Club (Please reply by Monday @
noon)

Friday, February 24, 2023

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

Weekly Amount Needed: \$5,928.83
Amount Needed to Date: \$41,501.81
Sunday School Attendance February 12: 40
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Powdered Milk
Greeters: Patty Fisher
Acolyte: Renie Seel
Nursery Workers: Choles Reed and Michelle Rohde
Sound System Operator: Holly Miles

Amount Received Week of February 15: \$2,187.48
Amount Received to Date: \$43,185.97
Worship Attendance February 12: 67
McCarn Food Bank Item: Individual size cereal boxes
Head Usher: Keith Smith
Liturgist Next Week: Rhett Butler
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Video Technician: Bryson Hunter

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