

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MAY 14, 2023

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND MOTHER'S DAY

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	<i>“Pastorale, BWV 590”</i>	J.S. BACH
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rhett Butler
RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS		Rhett Butler, Children and Youth
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Rhett Butler
L: How shall we love the Lord our God who has poured out such love upon us?		
C: We shall love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and spirit.		
L: How shall we demonstrate that love.		
C: We shall live that love in all that we do, think, and say.		
L: Let our love be genuine and holy.		
C: Praise be to God who has loved us totally. AMEN.		
OPENING PRAYER²		Rhett Butler
Source of all creation, maker of the world and everything in it, you are never far from each one of us. We come into your house seeking you, O giver of life and breath. Reveal yourself to us; dwell with us; and abide in us. We live because of you. We hope because of you. In the name of Jesus Christ in whom we live, and the Spirit of Truth who abides in us, AMEN.		
PSALTER NO. 790-791	<i>Psalm 66: 8-22</i>	Rhett Butler
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	Proverbs 31:28-31	Rhett Butler
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 880		Rhett Butler
GLORIA PATRI NO. 70		MEINKE
*HYMN NO. 529	<i>“How Firm A Foundation”</i>	FOUNDATION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION³		Paster Debra
Maker and giver of all, forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives: when we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder of you upholding our lives and all creation; when we walk through our lives and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us; when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor your presence, instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life as each day rushes at us with its demands. Open our eyes to your presence, God of love, that we may lean on you for you uphold all of creation in tenderness and power. AMEN.		
WORDS OF ASSURANCE⁴		Pastor Debra
When Jesus left the disciples, he gave us a promise: “I will not leave you orphaned!” For we, his disciples, live in him and he in us. Jesus is present with us and it is in the name of Jesus that you are forgiven.		
C: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.		
All: Glory be to God! Amen!		

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1063>

² <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5006>

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

ANTHEM

"If Ye Love Me"

THOMAS TALLIS

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the sp'rit of truth.
John 14:15-17

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Debra

OFFERTORY

"How Firm A Foundation"

ADAPTED

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100th

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Debra

*HYMN NO.

"Because He Lives"

RESURRECTION

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

Pastor Debra

SERMON

Keeping The Love

Pastor Debra

*HYMN NO. 384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BEECHER

* BENEDECTION

Pastor Debra

*BENEDECTION RESPONSE

"He Is Lord"

HE IS LORD

Sing Twice: He is Lord, He is Lord, he has risen from the dead and is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. He is Lord, He is Lord, he has risen from the dead and is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

*POSTLUDE

"Improvisation on Foundation"

**If you are able, please stand.*

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN MEMORY OF ANNABEL BENNETT AND MARGERY BENNETT AND IN HONOR OF ALL MOTHERS BY JIM BENNETT.

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, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Betty Thrailkill, Bill Eutsler, Jr., Mary Burr, Jody Reid, Craig Norton, Martha Griggs, Steve Humphries, Katie Chapman, Thomas McKinnon, Zenda Rushing, Mike Elmore, Debbie Elmore, Joy Blackman, Jackson Rushing, and the Spahn Family (Friends of Jenny Rushing Outen). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

*The current
Grief Share series
has ended.*



*A new series
will begin in
the Fall.*

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...

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there. Enjoy this story that was sent to me via Facebook Messenger.

A woman, renewing her driver's license was asked to state her occupation. She hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself.

"What I mean is, do you have a job or are you just a ...?"

"Of course, I have a job," snapped the woman. "I'm a mom."

"We don't list 'Mom' as an occupation, 'Housewife' covers it."

I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our own Town Hall. The clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high-sounding title like, 'Official Interrogator' or 'Town Registrar.'

"What is your occupation?"

What made me say it, I do not know... the words simply popped out.

"I'm a Research Associate in the Field of Child Development and Human Relations."

The clerk paused, ball point pen frozen in midair and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowly emphasizing the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pronouncement was written, in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire.

"Might I ask," said the clerk with new interest, "just what you do in your field?"

Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply,

"I have a continuing program of research, (what mother doesn't) In the laboratory and in the field, (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my Masters, (first the Lord and then the whole family) and already have four credits (all daughters). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities, (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hours a day, (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are more of a satisfaction rather than just money."

There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door.

As I drove into our driveway, buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants -- ages 13, 7, and 3. Upstairs I could hear our new experimental model, (a 6-month-old baby) in the child development program, testing out a new vocal pattern. I felt I had scored a beat on bureaucracy! And I had gone on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than "just another mom."

Motherhood!

What a glorious career! Especially when there's a title on the door...

Does this make Grandmothers "Senior Research Associates in the field of Child Development and Human Relations?"

And Great Grandmothers "Executive Senior Research Associates?" I think so!

I also think it makes Aunts "Associate Research Assistants."

Perhaps other Moms, Grandmothers, Aunts, and your other friends would appreciate this.

May your troubles be less, may your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door!

~ Unknown

Pastor Debra

Happy Mother's Day



Bonus Moms



Heavenly Mothers



Earthly Mothers

Foster Moms



Expectant Mothers



School, Church, and Sports Moms

Aunts and Sisters



Grandmothers



Mothers who have lost a child



Mothers can come in a variety of flowers.
The species unimportant, only its power.



The United Women in Faith are planning to resume their Mats for the Homeless Project beginning on Tuesday, May 16th from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the Kinsey Malloy Classroom. If you would like to participate in making mats, please call the church office at 843-537-7002, or Martha Starling at 843-910-4789 or Judy Dixon at 843-439-2579. If you are interested in cutting the bags for the mats, instructions will be available on the table outside of the Fellowship Hall or by email from Judy Dixon medtechduo@shnext.com.



*Joy Club will meet Thursday,
May 18th at 12:00 p.m.
Please R.S.V.P. to
Renie Seel at 843-344-1841
by Monday May 15th.*



MENU:
*Fried Chicken
Potato Salad
Green Beans
Strawberry Shortcake*

Jim Glass will provide the program.



The Nurture and Care Team

at First United Methodist Church is in need of drivers. If you are willing to provide a ride for one of our members or if you need a ride, please contact the church office (843) 537-7002.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST MEN



All men of the church are welcome to breakfast for faith, food, and fellowship on Sunday May 21st at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Epworth's Mother's Day Offering



Epworth has been serving South Carolina's children for 127 years.
Last year, 124 abused, neglected or orphaned children called Epworth "Home".

GIVE A CHILD A VOICE.
GIVE A CHILD A HOME.

How can a child thrive without a mother?
They can bloom where they are planted, with our help, at Epworth Children's Home.
Consider nurturing a child with a Mother's Day Offering.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY MAY 14, 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, MAY 15, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Church Office Open
 6:00 p.m. Carillion Choir (Choir Room)
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (NETC)
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Church Office Open
 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. United Women in Faith
 (Kinsey Malloy Classroom)
 6:00 p.m. Girls Scouts (Youth Hut)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 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. No Grief Share
 6:00 p.m. No Carillion Choir Practice
 7:00 p.m. No Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Church Office Open
 12:00 p.m. Joy Club (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

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

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

8:30 a.m. FUMC Men’s Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)	11:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School	5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Fireflies (Kid’s Nook & Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)	5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Youth (Youth Hut & Fellowship Hall)

Weekly Amount Needed: \$5,928.83 Amount Needed to Date: \$113,657.77 Sunday School Attendance May 7: 45 FUMC Food Pantry Item: Ramen Noodles Greeters: Michelle Rohde Acolyte: Zenda Rushing Nursery Workers: Michelle Rohde Sound System Operator: Holly Miles	Received week of May 10: \$ 3,601.80 Amount Received to Date: \$ 86,002.85 Worship Attendance May 7: 71 McCarn Food Bank Item: Chef Boyardee Bowls Head Usher: Doug Carabo Liturgist Next Week: Lib Norton Flowers Next Sunday: The Johnson Video Technician: Bryson Hunter
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