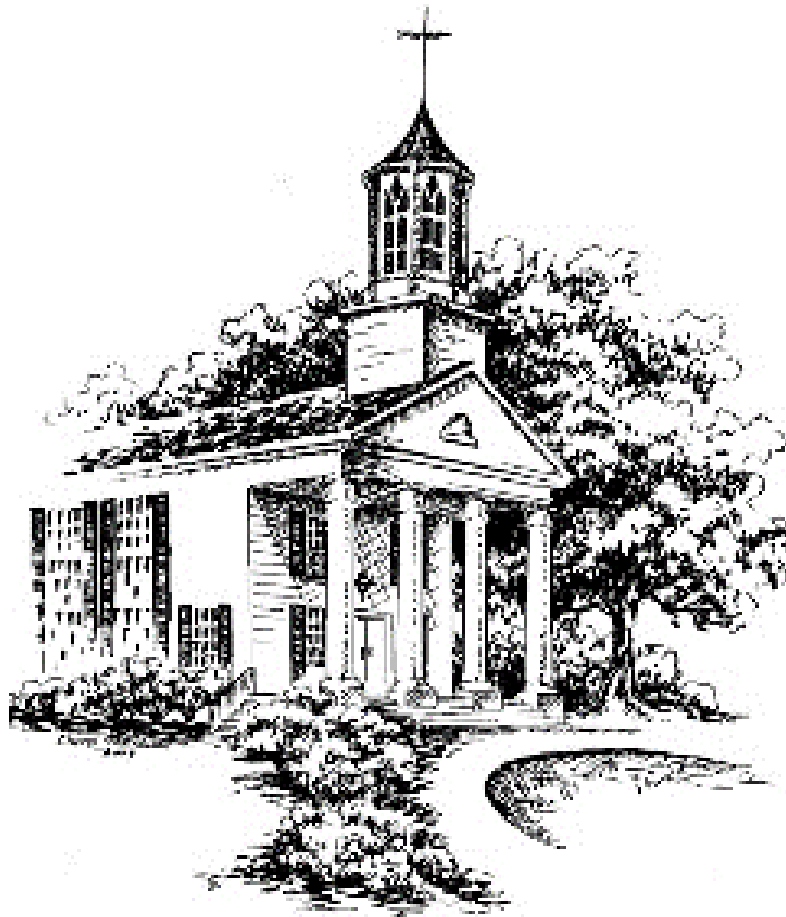


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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MAY 21, 2023

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 *“Lord Of The Dance”* JOEL RANEY
Barbara C. Dickson, Organ W. James Glass, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Mark Armstrong

PRESENTATION OF 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS John Wagnon

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ Mark Armstrong

L: Shout to God with songs of great joy!

P: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

L: God has made us whole.

P: God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.

L: Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

P: Let us praise God’s name and serve God joyfully. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER² Mark Armstrong

Lord of amazing visions, prepare our hearts and our spirits this day to receive your glad tidings of an Advocate. Help make us ready to be your disciples in all that we do, say, and think. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

PSALTER NO. 781 *Psalm 47* Mark Armstrong

EPISTLE SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-23 Mark Armstrong

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 880** Mark Armstrong

GLORIA PATRI NO. 70 MEINKE

***HYMN NO. 327** *“Crown Him With Many Crowns”* *DIADEMATA*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³ Pastor Debra

We have to confess, O Lord, that we are people who want to have everything proven for us. We hear the message in the scripture of Jesus’ ascension, and we smile smugly, not truly believing the vision. Forgive us for our arrogant doubts and attitudes of smugness. Help us remember that everything Jesus taught us was to prepare us to help build God’s realm here on earth. We are called to be people of faith, not of absolute proof, as we understand it. Let us place our trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Let us look with eyes of faith as he ascends to the Father. We pray in Jesus’s Name, AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE⁴ Pastor Debra

Pastor: Although you have not stood on the mountaintop to see his ascension to God, believe in the love and power of Christ who taught you how to be faithful and joyful disciples. Rejoice, and believe in him who came that you may have abundant life. Because you believe in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

All: Glory to God. Amen!

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1064>

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

ANTHEM

“Love Lifted Me”

DEAN B. MCINTYRE

1) I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more; But the Master of the sea, Heard my despairing cry, From the waters lifted me – Now safe am I.

Refrain:

*Love lifted me, Love lifted me, When nothing else could help, Love lifted me;
Love lifted me, Love lifted me, When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.*

2) All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling, In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing. Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs; Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs.

[Refrain]

3) Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves; He will lift you by His love, Out of the angry waves, He's the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey; He your Savior wants to be– Be saved today.

[Refrain]

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Debra

OFFERTORY

“It Is Well With My Soul”

JOHN NESS BECK/GLASS

***DOXOLOGY NO. 95**

OLD 100th

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Debra

***HYMN NO. 368**

“My Hope Is Built”

THE SOLID ROCK

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44-53

Pastor Debra

SERMON

Final Instructions

Pastor Debra

***HYMN NO. 308**

“Thine Be The Glory”

JUDAS MSACCABEUS

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Debra

***BENEDICTION 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.

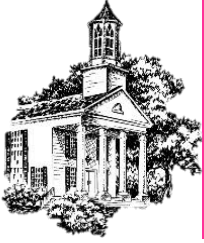
***POSTLUDE**

“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 JERRY TURNER, LOVING FATHER AND HUSBAND, AND IN HONOR OF WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY ON MAY 11TH BY HIS FAMILY JEFF, SHANNON, AND KATHRYN JOHNSON; GERRALD AND LIB TURNER; AND PATRICIA TURNER.

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 Thraikill, 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, the Spahn Family (Friends of Jenny Rushing Outen), and Curtis Jones. **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...



While we were on vacation, Mark and I attended Union United Methodist Church in Irmo. The youth gave a very heartfelt, moving, and poignant, dramatic liturgical dance addressing the issues facing youth as they struggle to stay mentally healthy in the world we live in today. The youth reminded us that even teenagers raised in the church are bombarded constantly with shaming and peer pressure. They deal daily with suggestions of anything from drugs to self-mutilation, to deal with their problems. I literally had tears streaming down my face for five minutes after their presentation. I

checked in with all my grands that day and especially the teenage ones to remind them that I love them and that I am here for them. If you want to see the youth presentation, you can find it at the link below. The youth presentation begins at 24:38 in the video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCnEONopTEc&list=UUCYibs2NA8owPaqI67rl5YQ>

Epworth Children's Home provides counseling for children, youth, and families. There are two centers that families in our area are referred to for assistance. One is on the Epworth Campus in Columbia, and the other one is on the campus of Highland Park United Methodist Church in Florence. Insurance is accepted and fees are on a sliding scale based on income. For more information, check out this website: <https://www.epworthchildrenshome.org/institute/epworth-center-for-counseling> or call (803) 667-4697.

Part of our Christian witness is to offer kindness and care for those who struggle with mental health. By no means are we to put ourselves in dangerous situations that could harm us, those we care for, or someone in need. Yet, we can be informed and be able to point others to sources of help, even when we do not have the skills needed to help someone. Many times, a listening ear and a referral to Epworth have saved a life. May these words from @CHRISTIANMENTALHEALTH, a safe twitter site that encourages good mental help, uplift you today. And then, my brothers and sisters in Christ, let us do all we can to eliminate the ignorance that often surrounds invisible mental illnesses and offer the love of Jesus to those who are suffering.

On hard days,
you are still loved.
On unproductive days
you are still purposed.
On imperfect days
you still belong.
On anxious days
you're still His.

@CHRISTIANMENTALHEALTH

Pastor Debra

Covered Dish Luncheon

Sunday
June 11th

*Join us as we celebrate
Pastor Debra on her last
Sunday leading Worship*



Attention FUMC Family:

Please join the SPPRC on Sunday, June 11 (immediately following the worship service) for a covered dish luncheon. We will honor our own pastor, Debra Armstrong. As you know, Debra will be retiring and Sunday, June 11 will be her last Sunday preaching. Bring your favorite covered side dish. Come and join us as we celebrate our time together with Debra and Mark, here at First United Methodist Church. We are grateful and thankful for her time here serving the Lord Jesus Christ with us. We wish Debra and Mark blessings as they go forth and begin a new chapter in their lives. The meat and drinks will be provided, so please mark your calendars.

Come and celebrate, and fellowship with us!

*Thank you,
Jenny Keefe, SPPRC chair*

The United Women in Faith successfully assembled 31 care bags which were hand-delivered to DSS this week. These bags will reach children who have been removed from their homes, oftentimes with nothing but the clothes on their backs.



Congratulations to FUMC's

2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Lucy Brasington Scholarship – Troy Hall
Dr. Maxcy Medical Hook Scholarship – Jaliyah Douglas
Hubert B. Norton Scholarship – Hunter Lee
Charlie Scott Laney, Jr. Scholarship – Charlotte Hurst
Stephen Scott Burr Scholarship – Maria Godoy
Anne Watson Eutlser Scholarship – Zach Carabo

Jean L. & C. Anthony Harris Scholarship – Sawyer Becker
F. Garland Streete Scholarship – Taylor Allen
F. Garland Streete Scholarship – Lily Melton
F. Garland Streete Scholarship – Aariona Grady
F. Garland Streete Scholarship – Lauren Hughes



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive **First United Methodist Church**

Fellowship Hall
117 Third Street
Cheraw, SC 29520

Tuesday, June 6, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

FUMC WILL HOST A LIFELINE SCREENING
ON TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023.

Life Line Screening's Mission: Awareness and early detection of disease is powerful. That's why our purpose is to make you aware of unrecognized and potential health problems, and encourage follow-up care with your personal physician to strengthen their understanding of your total health.¹



To register for your appointment please call 1-888-653-6450, visit <https://llsa.social/HSC>, or sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

¹<https://www.lifelinescreening.com/about-us?sourcecd=WGBS101>

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To sign up for online giving go to:

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- Click on the FUMC Online Giving Tab
- Click on the General Fund Icon
- Follow the directions to setup your tithes and offerings.



GREAT SUMMERS

START AT THE Y!

YMCA Summer Camps | 2023

BASKETBALL

TIME: 5:30 - 7:30PM
 DATE: June 12th - July 14th
 COST: \$50 members
 \$60 Non Members
 AGES: 7-10, 11-14

YOUTH POTTERY

TIME: 10AM - 1PM
 DATE: June 12th & June 26th
 COST: \$75 members
 \$85 Non Members
 AGES: 8-16

VOLLEYBALL

TIME: 8:30 - 10:30AM
 DATE: June 19th - June 23rd
 COST: \$45 members
 \$55 Non Members
 AGES: 8-14

GOLF SESSION 1

TIME: 9-10:30AM
 DATE: June 19th - June 23rd
 COST: \$50 members
 \$60 Non Members
 AGES: 5-8

POTTERY

TIME: 10AM - 1PM
 DATE: July 17th & 31st
 COST: \$75 members
 \$85 Non Members
 AGES: 12+

TUMBLING SESSION 1

TIME: 5:30 - 7PM
 DATE: July 17th - 20th
 COST: \$50 members
 \$60 Non Members
 AGES: 3-6

GOLF SESSION 2

TIME: 11AM - 12:30PM
 DATE: June 19th - June 23rd
 COST: \$50 members
 \$60 Non Members
 AGES: 5-8

TUMBLING SESSION 2

TIME: 5:30 - 7PM
 DATE: July 24th - 27th
 COST: \$50 members
 \$60 Non Members
 AGES: 7-12

Locations:

Chesterfield

Hartsville

Darlington

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY MAY 21, 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, MAY 24, 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
6:00 p.m. Carillion Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

MONDAY, MAY 22, 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, MAY 25, 2023

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

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Church Office Open
6:00 p.m. Girls Scouts (Youth Hut)

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 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 30, 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. No Fireflies (Kid's Nook & Fellowship Hall)
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. No Youth (Youth Hut & Fellowship Hall)
No Fireflies and Youth until school resumes in August

Weekly Amount Needed: \$5,928.83

Amount Needed to Date: \$119,586.60

Sunday School Attendance May 14: 40

FUMC Food Pantry Item: Ramen Noodles

Greeters: Cindy Sanderson

Acolyte: Zenda Rushing

Nursery Workers: Kelly Dusa and Choles Reed

Sound System Operator: Holly Miles

Received week of May 17: \$ 7,828.48

Amount Received to Date: \$ 93,831.33

Worship Attendance May 14: 71

McCarn Food Bank Item: Animal Crackers

Head Usher: Doug Carabo

Liturgist Next Week: Ella Prevatte

Flowers Next Sunday: The Dusas

Video Technician: Bryson Hunter

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