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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MAY 28, 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY / GRADUATION SUNDAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

**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 AND GRADUATE PROCESSIONAL “Trumpet Tune in D” MARTHA SOBAJE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Debra

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES Angela Holliday

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ Ella Prevatte

Leader: God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless our graduates as they have now finished this course of study.

All: We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way.

Leader: Walk with the graduates as they leave and move forward in life. Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.

All: Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people.

Leader: For the graduates, this truly is a day of new beginnings, a time to remember and move on, and a time to believe what love is bringing.

All: May they always know that Christ is alive and goes before us, to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

OPENING PRAYER² Ella Prevatte

Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ's Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

PSALTER NO.743-44 *Response #1* *Psalm 8* Ella Prevatte

SCRIPTURE READING³ Acts 2:17b-21 Hunter Lee and Keil Samonte

Reader 1: I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Reader 2: Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Reader 1: Your young will see visions.

Reader 2: Your elders will dream dreams.

Reader 1: Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days and they will prophesy.

Reader 2: I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below; blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.

Reader 1: The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.

Reader 2: And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 882** Apostle's Creed Ecumenical Hunter Lee

¹ <https://hackingchristianity.net/2010/05/graduation-sunday-liturgy.html>

² <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8177>

³ Ibid.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Psalm 91

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER⁴

Ella Prevatte

Leader: Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord as we pray together the prayer he taught us saying,

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

⁴ The United Methodist Book of Worship, The United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee, 1992, pg. 495

OFFERTORY "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" CARL DRAW

***DOXOLOGY NO. 95** OLD 100th

OFFERTORY PRAYER⁵ Hunter Lee

Lord of wind and fire, of hope and mercy, we ask that you bless these gifts today. We praise you for them and ask that you cause them to be put to work for your kingdom. In Christ's name, we pray. **AMEN.**

***HYMN NO. 420** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter Chapter 5 Sawyer Becker

SERMON "Living a Life for God" Sawyer Becker

***HYMN NO. 334** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

***BENEDICTION** Sawyer Becker

Leader : Go forth in the joy of the Spirit. Feel the power of the holy wind and fire in your lives.

All: We go forth into God's world as God's own children, emboldened and encouraged by this power! Amen!

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 393** "Spirit of the Living God" LIVING GOD

Sing twice: Sprit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Sprit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Sprit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***POSTLUDE / GRADUATE RECESSIONAL** "The Rondo Processional" JANIS DUNSON WILSON

**If you are able, please stand.*

HE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN HONOR OF MARY-CHARLOTTE DUSA & ALL 2023 GRADUATES BY ERIC, KELLY & HOLLIS DUSA.

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, Katie Chapman, Thomas McKinnon, Zenda Rushing, Mike and Debbie Elmore, Joy Blackman, Jackson Rushing, the Spahn Family (Friends of Jenny Rushing Outen), Curtis Jones, and Ellison Outen. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

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- Click on the FUMC Online Giving Tab
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⁵ Ibid.



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A few words from the pastor...

Jesus told his disciples, “You don’t get to know the time. Timing is the Father’s business. What you’ll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.” Acts 1:8 MSG

The primary purpose of the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, was to usher in the Kingdom of God on Earth. Throughout his teachings, Jesus proclaimed that the Kingdom of God had come near and called people to repent and believe. His entire ministry of healing, cleansing lepers, restoring sight, hearing, and speech, casting out demons, and giving new life was evidence of God’s Kingdom. As disciples today, we are called to live out our lives as Kingdom Harvesters, by acting out this abundant gift of God’s grace, love, and mercy that we have received through Jesus Christ. Jesus warned us that living this life is not easy and that it requires us to take up our own crosses and follow him. Jesus also promised that he would be with us every step of the way. That is so important because often we do not know what each step of our life journey with Jesus will bring.

This Pentecost Sunday we celebrate with great joy the outpouring of the promised Holy Spirit power on the first disciples and on all of Jesus’ disciples today. It is also Graduate Sunday! We are blessed to be able to celebrate the achievements of our high school and college graduates. We praise God for bringing them this far. We pray for the Holy Spirit to be with them every step of the way as they begin new life journeys. We claim the promises of God to be with them and for them to be witnesses for Jesus all their lives. AND we give all the praise, honor, and glory to God for all God has done in their lives, in our lives, and what God promises yet to do for all of us!

Pastor Debra

Mat Making Ministry is hard at work, making a difference, one mat at a time.

Members Amy Eschenfelder and Martha Starling are busy making plarn. David and Judy Dixon are weaving the plarn into a mat. Mats are taken to the police department in Cheraw and are given to homeless people in our community. The Mat Making Ministry meets on Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you would like to participate in making mats, please call Martha Starling at 843-910-4789 or Judy Dixon at 843-439-2579. Please come and join in the fun making mats and being of service to our community.



Introducing our

2023

GRADUATING CLASS



ELLA PREVATTE

GRADUATE OF SC GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL
ATTENDING BENNINGTON COLLEGE
BENNINGTON VERMONT
MAJOR: FINE ARTS & FINANCE



SAWYER BECKER

GRADUATE OF CHERAW HIGH SCHOOL
& NORTHEASTERN TECH COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OF SCIENCE
ATTENDING CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
MAJOR: BUSINESS

Congratulations FUMC Seniors



KEIL SAMONTE

GRADUATE OF CHERAW HIGH SCHOOL
ENLISTMENT IN U.S. NAVY / "A" TRAINING
GAS TURBINE SYSTEMS ELECTRICIAN



HUNTER LEE

GRADUATE OF W. FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL
ATTENDING NORTHEASTERN TECH COLLEGE
MAJOR: CRIMINAL JUSTICE



GEORGE COKER FURR

GRADUATE OF CHERAW HIGH SCHOOL
ATTENDING CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
MAJOR: AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION



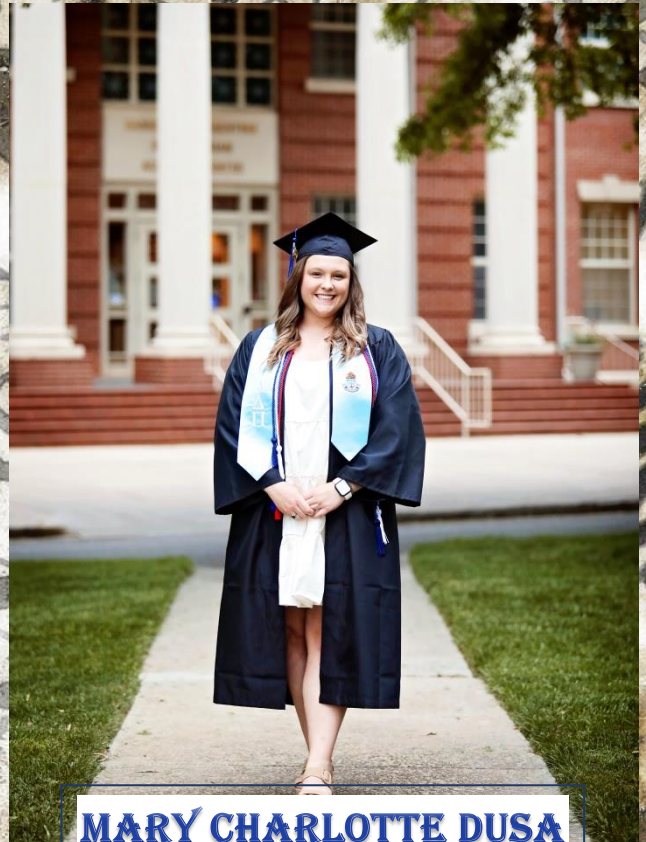
REBEKAH WILLIAMS

GRADUATE OF CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
MAY 11, 2023
BACHELOR OF ARTS, ELEMENTARY EDUCATION



ALAYNA CARABO

GRADUATE OF UNIV. OF SOUTH CAROLINA
MAY 05, 2023
BACHELOR OF ARTS, PUBLIC HEALTH



MARY CHARLOTTE DUSA

GRADUATE OF PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE
MAY 13, 2023
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, PSYCHOLOGY



MASON TOMBERLIN

GRADUATE OF WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
DECEMBER 17, 2022
MASTER OF SCIENCE, HUMAN NUTRITION



GREER EDDINS

GRADUATE OF METHODIST UNIVERSITY
MAY 05, 2023
DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY



**American
Red Cross**

Communities that Care

Join together to help save lives.



When: Tuesday, June 6th

Time: 1:00pm – *5:00pm

**Where: First United Methodist Church of Cheraw
Fellowship Hall**

For an appointment, please sign up in the church office or go to

WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG

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All presenting donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice.

Please bring a photo ID or donor card, eat a good meal, and drink plenty of water.

***Time is corrected from 6:00 p.m., as incorrectly listed in 05.21.23 Bulletin and Connection.**

LIFE LINE
Tuesday, June 20th, 2023
First United Methodist Church



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HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In Honor of Alford and Joan Turner

to Epworth Children's Home

Phillip and Lori Thrailkill

In Honor of Fran Lewis

to Epworth Children's Home

Mary M Crouse

In Memory of Homer and Margaret Stanton

to FUMC General Fund

William Rhett Butler

In Honor of Pastor Debra

to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Mark Armstrong

Serving in June

LITURGISTS:

JUNE 04 – SHANNON JOHNSON

JUNE 11 – GREG SANDERSON

JUNE 18 – JOEY MILLS

JUNE 25 – THOMAS SAMUEL

NURSERY:

JUNE 04 – LESLIE JEAN WATSON

CHRISTY RUFFNER

JUNE 11 – MICHELLE ROHDE

JUNE 18 – CHOLES REED

FARAH LEWIS

JUNE 25 – KELLY DUSA

CHOLES REED

ACOLYTE:

PENNY QUICK

GREETERS:

JUNE 04 – PENNY QUICK

JUNE 11 – DAVID &

JEAN MCLEAN

JUNE 18 – JAP &

KIM RODDY

JUNE 25 – HEATH &

CHRISTIE RUFFNER

HEAD USHER:

HEATH RUFFNER

June Birthdays

BROOKE FREEMAN	JUNE 02	JULIA WATSON	JUNE 15
JULIA JONES	JUNE 03	KELLY DUSA	JUNE 16
MARTHA BENTLEY	JUNE 05	LESLEY HOUSER	JUNE 21
BETH BARBER	JUNE 06	JOHN VAN DEMAN, III	JUNE 23
PATRICIA FISHER	JUNE 07	ZACH MILLS	JUNE 25
CATRENNA BUFFINGTON	JUNE 08	PAIGE SARTOR	JUNE 26
DAVID HUDSON	JUNE 08	CLAY BARBOUR	JUNE 26
FARRAH LEWIS	JUNE 09	GRAYSON WATSON	JUNE 27
JOHN WAGNON	JUNE 10	SHARI STUBBS	JUNE 27
SUSAN BAKER	JUNE 10	PAUL BLACKWELL, III	JUNE 28
SARAH LEE	JUNE 14	LYDIA LEE	JUNE 29

June Anniversaries

STEPHEN & JAYNE BOARD	JUNE 04
SAMMY & PENNY QUICK	JUNE 05
JACK & KAY VAN DEMAN	JUNE 06
SCOTT & GINNI EDDINS	JUNE 08
JAMES & LYNN TWEED	JUNE 09
SCOTT & JENNIFER TOMBERLIN	JUNE 12
DAVID & JUDY DIXON	JUNE 14
SHELTON & JANE RUMPH	JUNE 17
ROBERT & SARAH JEFFRIES CALHOUN	JUNE 18
JEFF & SHANNON JOHNSON	JUNE 20
VICTOR & MAE LI	JUNE 21
JOHN & NANCY WAGNON	JUNE 25
JERRY & JULIA TUCKER	JUNE 26

If a member's birthday or anniversary for the month of June is not seen here, please contact the church office at 843-537-7002.

MEMORIAL DAY WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED DECORATION DAY. IN ITS ORIGIN, IT WAS A DAY TO HONOR CONFEDERATE AND UNION SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN THE CIVIL WAR. AFTER WORLD WAR I, THE PURPOSE OF THE DAY WAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL MEN AND WOMEN WHO DIED IN U.S. MILITARY SERVICE.

AS FLOWERS SPRING INTO FULL SUMMER BLOOM, WE ADORN THE BURIAL PLACES OF LOVED ONES AND FACELESS, FALLEN HEROS. WHILE SOLEMN TEARS STREAM DOWN THE CHEEKS OF WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND BROTHERS ALIKE, FELLOW AMERICANS LAMENT THE LIVES LOST TOO YOUNG AND PATRIOTS WHO GAVE ALL.

ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY, LET US REMEMBER THAT THIS NATION WAS FOUNDED UNDER GOD. LET US PRAY, AS AMERICANS AND AS CHRISTIANS, FOR ALL SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES THAT THEY COME TO KNOW THE GRACE OF GOD AND HIS SACRIFICE FOR ALL OF US; HIS SON JESUS CHRIST, WHO LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR OUR LIFE ETERNAL.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY MAY 28, 2023

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

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (NETC)

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 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. United Women in Faith, Planning
Mats for the Homeless (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
6:00 p.m. Girls Scouts (Youth Hut)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 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 (Choir Room)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

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



Weekly Amount Needed: \$5,928.83
Amount Needed to Date: \$125,515.43
Sunday School Attendance May 21: 48
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Ramen Noodles
Greeters: Jed and Choles Reed
Acolyte: Zenda Rushing
Nursery Workers:
Sound System Operator: Holly Miles

Received week of May 31: \$ 883.50
Amount Received to Date: \$ 94,714.83
Worship Attendance May 21: 109
McCarn Food Bank Item: Juice Boxes
Head Usher: Doug Carabo
Liturgist Next Week: Shannon Johnson
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Video Technician: Bryson Hunter

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