

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***JUNE 18, 2023***

***THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / FATHER'S DAY***

***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.**

<b>CHIMING OF THE HOUR</b>		Martha Starling	
<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>“Fugue In C Major, BuxWV 174”</i>	DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE	
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Thomas Samuel	
<b>RECOGNITION OF FATHERS</b>		Thomas Samuel	
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup></b>		Thomas Samuel	
L: Jesus Christ summons us to answer God’s call of mercy. <b>C: Christ gathers us and gives us power</b> L: to be healed and to heal, <b>C: to be forgiven and to forgive,</b> L: to be freed from sin and to set others free, <b>C: to tell one another and the world:</b> L: God’s presence is at hand. <b>C: Let us worship God.</b>			
<b>OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup></b>		Thomas Samuel	
God of all power and peace, as Jesus sent his disciples out to heal the sick, cast out demons, gather the lost, raise the dead, and proclaim the nearness of your realm, make us ready to go and share the good news we have received, through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>			
<b>PSALTER NO. 837</b>	<i>Response 1</i>	<i>Psalm 116</i>	Thomas Samuel
<b>EPISTLE SCRIPTURE READING</b>		<i>Romans 5:1-8</i>	Thomas Samuel
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 882</b>	<i>The Apostle’s Creed, Ecumenical Version</i>		Thomas Samuel
<b>*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70</b>			MEINKE
<b>*HYMN NO. 139</b>	<i>“Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”</i>		LOBE DEN HERREN
<b>MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER</b>			Reverend Suzanne Walker
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>“Redeemed”</i>		FANNY COSBY

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child, and forever, I am.

*Refrain:*

*Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! His child, and forever, I am.*

I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of Him all the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song.

I know I shall see in His beauty the King in whose law I delight,  
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps, and giveth me songs in the night.

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<sup>1</sup> Long, Kimberly Bracken, Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2, Westminster, John Knox Press, Louisville, Kentucky, 2014, pg. 37.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, pg. 37.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>**

Reverend Suzanne Walker

**Loving God, without your grace we are like sheep without a shepherd. Sometimes we are harassed by sin and feel helpless against its power. Sometimes, in our sin, we use our own power to harass the helpless. We are wolves in sheep’s clothing, innocent as serpents and wise as doves. Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us home. Restore us to your flock and fold, we pray; through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>4</sup>**

Reverend Suzanne Walker

Pastor: Hear the good news. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God’s love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

**All: Glory to God! Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

*“When Jesus The Healer Passed Through Galilee”*  
The text may be found on page 263 of your Hymn Book.

PETER D. SMITH

**OFFERTORY**

*“Lobe Den Herren”*

*ADAPTED*

**\*DOXOLOGY NO. 95**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Reverend Suzanne Walker

**\*HYMN NO. 573**

*“O Zion, Haste”*

TIDINGS

**GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Reverend Suzanne Walker

**SERMON**

The Church of the Nobodies

Reverend Suzanne Walker

**\*HYMN NO. 569**

*“We’ve A Story To Tell To The Nations”*

MESSAGE

**\*BENEDICTION**

Reverend Suzanne Walker

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO.**

*“Go Gently, Go Lightly”*

CARLTON YOUNG

Go gently, go lightly, go safe in the Spirit, live simply, don't carry much more than you need:  
go trusting God's goodness, go spreading God's kindness, stay centered on Jesus and where he will lead.

Go singing, go bringing the gifts of the Spirit, go hopefully searching for things that are true:  
in living, in loving, whatever befalls you, God keep you, God bless you in all that you do.

**\*POSTLUDE**

*“Improvisation On Lobe Den Herren”*

***\*If you are able, please stand.***

**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, Martha Griggs, Steve Humphries, Katie Chapman, Thomas McKinnon, Zenda Rushing, Joy Blackman, members of the Spahn Family (Friends of Jenny Rushing Outen), Curtis Jones, The Elmore Family, The Holloman Family, Meredith Creech, and Jimmy Duffy.  
**NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, pg 36.

<sup>4</sup> United Methodist Hymnal, United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee, 2001, pg 12.



# 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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## “PENTECOST PERSPECTIVES” FROM PASTOR WALTER STRAWTHER

Siblings in Christ, it is my honor and privilege to greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that this offering is a blessing and draws us all closer to our God and to each other. This week's reading comes from Acts 2:1-21 with a special focus on verses 1-12, 16-17.

In this companion to his gospel, Luke writes about the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit is shed abroad instead of on specific individuals. God the Holy Spirit comes upon those gathered and makes it possible for them to speak languages they have never studied. The devout Jews were amazed at this phenomenon. They could not understand how these uneducated believers in Jesus Christ could possibly be able to speak clearly in their language. They are compelled to ask the pertinent question, "what does this mean?" (v. 12) The devout Jews want to make it make sense but can only come up with a wild speculation that alcohol must be involved. They were unable to attribute this supernatural act to a move God the Holy Spirit. However, Peter addresses the crowd and reminds them of the prophecy spoken by Joel and the declaration that God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh; men and women, boys and girls, young and old. God the Holy Spirit can and will speak through anyone who believes.



As we consider the significance of Pentecost Sunday, we are confronted with the question asked on the initial Pentecost Sunday, "what does this mean?" We live in a time when the Bible has been translated to numerous languages and we have the ability to share the gospel with people all over the world. On this day often referred to as the birth of the church, let us reconsider what it means that we have been gifted with all we need to share the words of salvation with the world. We who believe in Jesus Christ are recipients of God the Holy Spirit and are called to be conduits leading people to call on the name of the Lord and be saved. To God be the Glory!

Grace and Peace,

*Walter E. Strawther*

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The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)



*To all the Fathers from the next generation:*

*For years we have bought you presents with your own money. If you are lucky, one day you won't have to take care of us. If we are lucky, one day we will get to take care of you.*

*Thank you for modeling what Fathers, Husbands, Brothers and Sons should be. Thank you for struggling so we didn't have to. Thank you for shielding us from harsh realities while taking those moments to show us the difference between the hard and the smart way.*

*For the balancing act you mastered (you made it look so natural), we present to you, "your most expensive Father's Day gift yet, Us!"*



## *Happy Father's Day to all Men of FUMC.*

### Welcome our new Daycare Director



A resident of Cheraw, SC, Timothy Johnson is the devoted husband of the late Nicole Johnson, a coach at Long Middle School. The couple has several children who have matriculated in the Cheraw school system.

Timothy Johnson has dedicated more than 35 years of his life to helping children of all ages. Beginning his career as a teen Youth Leader in his church, Timothy studied to become a CNA working in pediatrics and certified as a child's Mental Health Assistant. He currently holds a B.A. in Psychology from Ashford University with graduate level studies in education and psychology, Level 3 ECE Certification, along with an honorary Doctorate from Martha's Vineyard Theological Seminary.

Serving Cheraw and Chesterfield County, Timothy Johnson has worked as a Youth Arbitrator, school-based Child and Adolescent Mental Health Counselor, Director of the Empowerment Center and The Vision Education Center, and Community Family Worker for the local E.O.C.

**"I have the zeal and ability to move the vision of the First Church Child Development Ministry Center. I will use my years of professional knowledge for the great success of our Child Center." - Timothy Johnson, Director of First Church Child Development Ministry.**

*"Until We Meet Again"*  
**New Date & Time**  
*Covered Dish Supper*

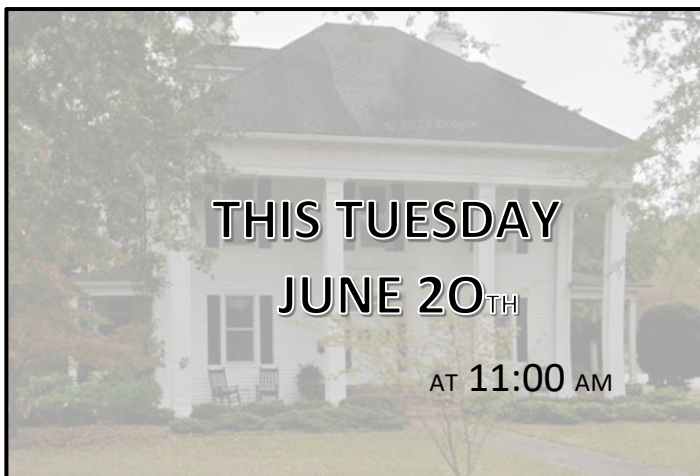
June 27<sup>TH</sup>

6:00 p.m.



*The Covered Dish Luncheon has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join the SPPRC as we will honor our own pastor, Debra Armstrong. Bring your favorite covered side dish. Mark your Calendar! See you on June 27<sup>th</sup> for a supper worthy of a Woman of God who has shared her life and ministry with us for the last three years.*

*Parsonage Committee Meeting*



**THIS TUESDAY**

**JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>**

AT 11:00 AM

*417 Kershaw Street*

**THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>  
 FUMC, CHERAW**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

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

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.  
Church Office Open  
Noon Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline

## MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023

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

## THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.  
Church Office Open  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

## TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.  
Church Office Open  
10:00 a.m. Parsonage Committee Meeting  
(Parsonage)  
10:15 a.m. Lifeline Screening (Fellowship Hall)  
11:00 a.m. United Women in Faith, Planning  
(Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

## FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023

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

## SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 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: \$143,301.92

Sunday School Attendance June 11: 45

FUMC Food Pantry Item: Ramen Noodles

Greeters: Jap & Kim Roddy

Acolyte: Penny Quick

Nursery Workers: Choles Reid & Farrah Lewis

Sound System Operator: Holly Miles

Received week of June 14: \$ 7,268.50

Amount Received to Date: \$ 106,890.27

Worship Attendance June 11: 72

McCarn Food Bank Item: Individual Cereal Boxes

Head Usher: Heath Ruffner

Liturgist Next Week: Thomas Samuel

Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN

Video Technician: Bryson Hunter

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