

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JUNE 25, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

“Rhosymedre”

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joey Mills

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Joey Mills

L: People of God, tell it!

C: We are not alone! We are children of God!

L: People of Christ, tell it!

C: The Light has come in love and truth, teaching us to live in the Light.

L: People of the Spirit, tell it!

C: The Spirit of truth reveals hidden things, offering healing through honest confession.

L: People of God, tell it!

C: We are not alone! We are children of God! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER²

Joey Mills

God of the covenant, your compassion reaches beyond the mere making and keeping of promises. Teach us to listen to one another with your heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PSALTER NO. 857-858

Psalm 145

Joey Mills

EPISTLE SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

Joey Mills

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 882** *The Apostle’s Creed, Ecumenical Version*

Joey Mills

***GLORIA PATRI NO. 70**

MEINKE

***HYMN NO. 57**

“O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”
Stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 5

AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

Reverend Larry Watson

God of Justice and Mercy, we know that we have fallen silent when we should have spoken up. We have ignored the cries of the innocent and joined the crowds in calls of judgment. We have mistaken justice for revenge and have sought punishment to ease our pain. Forgive us, God, for not seeing our own faults, our own sins, and for not holding ourselves responsible for our inaction and injustice. Restore us, God, to the ways Jesus taught us, to drop our stones and instead seek forgiveness and restoration. Call us into the paths of love and reconciliation, knowing Your mercy extends to all of us, your grace is a gift, and there is nothing we can do to deserve or earn it. Guide us into living into your forgiveness, peace and reconciliation, in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON⁴

Reverend Larry Watson

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.

¹ <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/the-path-of-the-disciple-learning-to-grow/fourth-sunday-after-pentecost>

² Long, Kimberly Bracken, Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2, Westminster, John Knox Press, Louisville, Kentucky, 2014, pg. 41.

³ <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/the-path-of-the-disciple-learning-to-grow/fourth-sunday-after-pentecost>

⁴ United Methodist Hymnal, United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee, 2001, pg 12.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

ANTHEM

“Feed My Lambs”

NATALIE SLEETH

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep; In My name, lead them forth gently as a shepherd.

When they wander, when they stray, their protector be. As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to me.

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep; In My name, lead them forth gently as a shepherd.

Unto all who lose the way Hope and comfort be. As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep; In My name, lead them forth gently, gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord. As a loving shepherd of the Lord.

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Reverend Larry Watson

OFFERTORY

“Toccata On Azmon”

ALLAN MAHNKE

***DOXOLOGY NO. 95**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Reverend Larry Watson

***HYMN NO. 139**

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:1-21

Reverend Larry Watson

SERMON

A Word of Reminder and A Prayer of Encouragement

Reverend Larry Watson

***HYMN NO. 140**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

***BENEDICTION**

Reverend Larry Watson

***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 Azmon”

**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 Spann Family (Friends of Jenny Rushing Outen), Curtis Jones, Meredith Creech, and Ken Brock. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

*“Until We Meet Again”
Covered Dish Supper*



This Tuesday

June 27th @ 6 pm

**Media from Pastor Debra's
Personal Collection**

*Browse through Inspirational and
Religious Texts and DVDs. Choose your
favorites to enjoy for yourself or
to give as gifts.*

Stop by the Fellowship Hall
Monday - Friday from 9 am to 2 pm
or after Worship on Sunday.



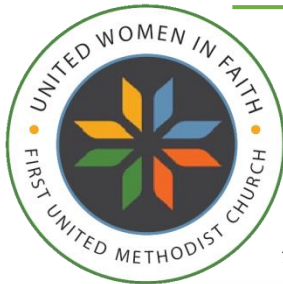
Epworth Children's Home Mother's Day Offering

\$1,278.46

This Mother's Day \$1,278.46 was donated by FUMC members and visitors. The funds will go to Epworth Children's Home and the services they provide in South Carolina.

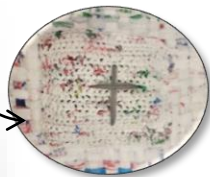
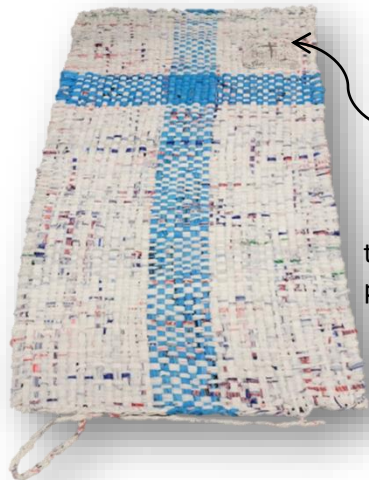


Tuesday, June 20th FUMC, Cheraw hosted Life Line Screening. 34 preventative screenings were provided to members of our community. If you missed the opportunity to take advantage of their services, Life Line will return to FUMC in the Winter of 2023.



"We have added a pocket to our plarned quilts. The space is perfect for a pocket-sized New Testament Bible. If you have any pocket-sized Bibles you would like to donate, please leave them in the Kinsey Mulloy Classroom or the front office. Any donation would be greatly appreciated."
Judy Dixon.

Mats for the Homeless, Planning Project will not be held on Tuesday, June 27th or July 4th. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11th at 11:00 a.m. in the Kinsey Mulloy Classroom.



Judy Dixon crochets the plastic bags into a pouch that can hold a pocket-sized Bible, along with a rain poncho, and an emergency thermal blanket.

Judy and David Dixon, pictured, hand-weaving a plarn quilt.



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Mike Elmore
to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Shannon Johnson

In Memory of Mike Elmore
to the Endowment Fund
William Rhett Butler

*The Keefe Family welcomed a healthy
7 lb. 13 oz. baby boy*



Noah William Keefe



*born Wednesday, June 14th at 5:52 p.m.
to Seth and Sarah Keefe*



*Mr. Jim Bennett has
moved. If any
of his fellow
church members
would like
to reach out
to him, Mr. Bennett*

*would love to hear from you at his new
address: 200 Wellmore Drive
Lexington, SC 29072*

NEW ADDRESS





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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ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Seeking a More Excellent Way: Breathe and Believe, Hewing Hope was the theme for this year's SC Annual Conference in Florence, SC from June 4-7. We gathered to worship and to conduct business. It was a very joyful time to gather and for people to see familiar faces, friends that they have not seen in three years; and the opportunity to make new friends. It was truly a blessing to be a part of this event. Sunday night began with a service of commissioning, ordination, recognition of orders and retirement. We celebrated 22 new clergy; 31 new local pastors were licensed and 38 retirees were honored. Pastor Debra Armstrong was recognized for her service to our Lord Jesus Christ and to the church.

The budget was passed for 2024 at \$13.2 million which is down by 15%. This is \$2.4 million less than the 2023 budget. The new budget was based on the anticipated financial loss resulting from the number of churches separating. Reverend Mitch Houston, the chair of the Committee on Finance and Administration, stated that they did not think it would be right, fair, or equitable for the churches that were not separating to have to make up the apportionments of the churches that were separating. He went on to say that their goal is to keep apportionments as level as they can for the next few years. He also stated that this is a process and it is not going to be easy. He asked for our prayers.

The Hartsville District was recognized for having a 3% increase in apportionments for the district.

Tuesday was a very somber and emotional day for all that were gathered, as 113 churches were approved to separate from the United Methodist Church. We should be very proud of our SC Annual Conference for the way in which they handled this day. It was regarded with much dignity, honor, and respect. At the end of the day, we are all still brothers and sisters in Christ. In addition to the churches that separated, three churches were closed, Lockhart United Methodist Church in Union, SC, Unity United Methodist Church in Union, SC and Bowers Chapel United Methodist Church in Florence, SC. A memorial service was held honoring 49 pastors who had passed away.

Resolutions were passed by SC United Methodists opposing the death penalty and working to address the problem of gun violence. Four other resolutions were up for consideration, but they were deemed out of order because they were submitted by an unofficial conference group and not by an official delegate or committee of the annual conference.

Appointments were fixed by Bishop Holston and are now in place. Bishop Holston will continue through 2024 as the Bishop of South Carolina. The next SC Annual Conference will be held in Greenville, SC from June 9-14, 2024.

As our own church is preparing to welcome Pastor Keith Stewart, I ask that you pray for him as he makes this transition. He will preach his first sermon with us on July 2nd. We look forward to serving Jesus Christ with him and his wife Tina.

In closing, I would like to refer to the sermon that was preached by Bishop Jonathan Holston. Second Corinthians 4:5-12 says, "For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory

displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we, who are alive, are always given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that His life may be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you." The title of Bishop Holston's sermon was "Strong at the Broken Places". This sermon really touched me and resonated with me. I ask you to be in prayer for the United Methodist Church. While we have some broken places, help us all to remember that God is with us and that we can be strong together in all the broken places.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity and privilege to represent this church at the SC Annual Conference. It is indeed my honor to do so.

Jenny Keefe

INTRODUCING REVEREND KEITH STEWART & FAMILY

An avid sports fan, Reverend Keith Stewart has been involved in baseball for 40 years as a player through college and now as a youth coach. Preferring the outdoors over indoors, Reverend Keith hunts, fishes and golfs. Both he and Tina enjoy being involved in their community and interacting with people. They both genuinely love engaging in fellowship with their church family and community members. His message for us, "I am looking forward to being a part of Cheraw's community of faith."



Drake Plexico and his wife, Megan (daughter) and their two children Mac (10) and Sara Beth (8), Savannah Stewart (daughter), Reverend Keith and Tina Stewart (wife), Chad (son) and his wife, Kristen Stewart and their son, Kessler (2).

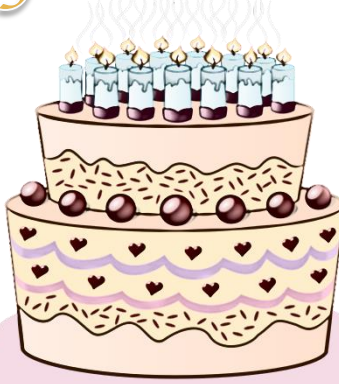
PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 2ND AT 10:00 A.M. TO MEET AND GREET PASTOR KEITH AND HIS WIFE, TINA. THERE WILL BE COFFEE, JUICE, AND PASTRIES PROVIDED. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT SUNDAY.

Our friend and church member Jakie Streater will turn on Monday, July 3rd. If you would like to wish him a Happy Birthday, his address is: 123 McIver Street, Cheraw SC 29520



July Birthdays

CHOLES REID	07/01
KATE STANTON	07/03
JAKIE STREATER	07/03
LONDON ROGERS	07/05
BILLY WALLACE, JR.	07/07
SCOTT EDDINS	07/09
DALLAS KEEFE	07/12
WALKER JONES	07/13
JENNIFER TOMBERLIN	07/19
JENNY OUTEN	07/21



ALMA TOMBERLIN	07/23
PENNY QUICK	07/25
TANSEL HUDSON	07/25
PAM BAKER	07/26
TODD BECKER	07/26
BRYAN CRAWFORD, JR.	07/26
RUTH ANN JONES	07/26
CHRISTY RUFFNER	07/29
CHARLOTTE CROSBY	07/30
ADAM HUMPHRIES	07/31

July Anniversaries

THOMAS & SHARON MCKINNON	07/01	RHETT & MARCIA BUTLER	07/07
RAY & MARY CROUSE	07/12	BILLY & CAROLYN WALLACE	07/13
JOEY & TRINA MILLS	07/14	ROGER & RUTH ANN JONES	07/22
CHASE & LESLEY JEAN WATSON		07/31	

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

Serving in July

LITURGISTS:

JULY 02 – JENNY KEEFE
 JULY 09 – SAMMY QUICK
 JULY 16 – RAY CROUSE
 JULY 23 – ERIC DUSA
 JULY 30 – RHETT BUTLER

NURSERY:

JULY 02 – MICHELLE ROHDE
 JULY 09 – LESLIE JEAN WATSON &
 FARAH LEWIS
 JULY 16 – KELLY DUSA
 JULY 23 – FARAH LEWIS & OPEN
 JULY 30 - OPEN

ACOLYTE:

NANCY WAGNON

GREETERS:

JULY 02 – GINI EDDINS
 JULY 09 – CHASE &
 LESLEY JEAN WATSON
 JULY 16 – HENRIETTA KOLLITZ
 JULY 23 – JACK &
 KAY VAN DEMAN
 JULY 30 – RAY CROUSE

HEAD USHER:

SAMMY QUICK

WE ARE IN NEED OF NURSERY WORKERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY AND BEYOND. IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE 843-537-7002 OR MICHELLE ROHDE 843-337-6123.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

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

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 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)

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.
Church Office Open
6:00 p.m. Covered Dish Supper (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 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
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023

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

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 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: \$149,230.75
Sunday School Attendance June 18: 40
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Peanut Butter
Greeters: Heath & Christie Ruffner
Acolyte: Penny Quick
Nursery Workers: Choles Reid & Kelly Dusa
Sound System Operator: Holly Miles

Received week of June 21: \$ 2,614.08
Amount Received to Date: \$109,504.35
Worship Attendance June 18: 62
McCarn Food Bank Item: Fruit Cups
Head Usher: Heath Ruffner
Liturgist Next Week: Jenny Keefe
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Video Technician: Bryson Hunter

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