

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

If you are a visitor, please sign the visitor card on the back of the pew.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR PRELUDE	Prelude on “HELMSLEY”	Martha Starling WILLIAMS
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Greg Sanderson
OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Keith
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES		Penny and Sammy Quick
*Hymn No. 196	“Come, Thou Long Expected Jusus”	HYFRYDOL
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 880	The Nicene Creed	Greg Sanderson
*Response	Angels We Have Heard on High- Refrain “Gloria, in excelsis Deo!”	GLORIA
ANTHEM	“Jesus, Name Above All Names”	WILSON
HANGING OF THE WREATH		Nancy Wagnon
PRESENTATION OF THE POINSETTIA		Jean Assef & Renie Seel
Children’s Moment	Lighting of the Chrismon Tree	Pastor Keith
OFFERTORY	“People, Look East”	BESANCON
*OFFERTORY RESPONSE	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Sung to the tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” <i>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”</i>	VENI EMMANUEL
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Keith
Hymn No.213	“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”	TRURO
*SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 13: 24-32	Pastor Keith
SERMON		
*HYMN NO. 718	“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”	HELMSLEY
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Keith
*CHORAL RESPONSE (Choir only)	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel” “Please remain standing for the choral response.”	
Postlude	“Advent Flourish”	HAYES

Our PRAYER LIST- Our President, our Congress, Governors, Mayors, State and local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, all who defend our Nation, Jim Bennett, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Betty Thrailkill, Mary Burr, Jody Reid, Martha Griggs, Katie Chapman, Thomas McKinnon, Curtis Jones, Meredith Creech, Erika Kollitz, Deborah Hurst Whaley, Tony Thrailkill, Mike Starlings, Jackie Keefe, Kathy Treadaway(friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Jacorah Booth (friend of Joey and Trina Mills), Scotty Mason(Joey Mills' cousin), Shelton Rumph, Rhonda Jones(sister-in-law of Ruth Ann Jones), Emily Marsh, Courtney Eubanks, Carolyn Tuner(Amanda Carobo's Mother) Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Harley Rushing, Matthew McLain(friend of Jenny Keefe), The family of JoAnne Morgan, Alice Seel (daughter of Renie Seel), Jayne Board, Zach Mills (Trina and Joey Mills son), Pam Baker. **Note: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY Dec 3, 2023

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:40. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
 5:30-7:00 Fireflies and Youth

WEDNESDAY Dec. 6, 2023

9.00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Church Office Open
 10:30AM Grief Share (Parlor) (Not Meeting)
 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

MONDAY Dec. 4, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Church Office Open

THURSDAY Dec.7, 2023

9:00a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Church Office Closed

TUESDAY Dec. 5, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Church Office Open
 10:30a.m. Mat Makers (Not Meeting)
 Bible Study 10am & 6pm

FRIDAY Dec. 8, 2023

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY Dec. 10, 2023

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:40 a.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
 11:00 a.m. Worship

<p>Weekly Amount Needed: \$5,928.83 Amount Needed to Date:</p> <p>Sunday School Attendance 38 FUMC Food Pantry Item: Canned Meat /Stew Dry cereal Greeters: Terry Stanton & Joe Stanton Greeters Next Sunday: Betty Hurst Acolyte: Penny Quick Nursery Workers: Leslie Jean Watson & Christy Ruffner</p> <p>Sound System Operator: Holly Miles</p>	<p>Received week of Nov. 26th : \$3321.83 Amount Received to Date:</p> <p>Worship Attendance 85 McArn Food Bank Item: Canned soup and rice Head Usher: Jed Reid Liturgist Next Week: Jimmie Williamson Flowers Next Sunday:</p> <p>Video Technician: Bryson Hunter</p>
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FUMC CHERAW

Zoar United Methodist Church
Save the date! 22nd Annual Live Nativity Drive-thru
Sunday December 10, 2023, 6-8:30 PM
2842 Zoar Road, Cheraw, SC

The Shepherd's Child Party will be December 15th @ 1:00.

Shepherd's Child:

Thank you so much for selecting a child to provide Christmas for during these challenging times.

A few reminders:

Prepare 3 boxes for each child. You may put as much in each box as you choose.

Remember, this is probably all they are getting for Christmas; so, be generous and make it nice.

Boxes are due in the church office by Wednesday, Dec. 6th. If you have any questions, please let me know.



STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT: As in past years, donations will be accepted for a monetary Christmas gift for members of the church staff. Contributions may be dropped off at the church office, mailed, or placed in the offering plate. (Please clearly designate "STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT" on your check or on the envelope if making a cash donation.) The deadline for contributions is Sunday, December 17th. This is a good way to express our appreciation to the staff for the work that they do! Staff- Parish Relations Committee

Child Development Meeting will be Thursday, December 7th

Women of Faith will meet Tuesday, Dec. 12th from 11-1pm in the Parlor.

The Fellowship Hall is reserved Dec. 11th – 15th for Sheperd's Child

SPRC Meeting: There will be a brief meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 6:00pm.

Blood Drive

December 12, 2023

To schedule your appointment please go to WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG



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Holiday Tradition**

Give Blood

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