

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL GET INVOLVED CHALLENGE: Continuing last month’s mission goals, we will offer a goal each month for you to reach. The goal for April: *At least 20 people sign up for the church Bible Study.* There are 8 currently signed up. See the list beside the church office.

COMMUNITY LUNCHESES: First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church will join together for lunch on April 9th (hosted at First United Methodist Church), April 16th (hosted by First Baptist Church but the meal will be a joint effort between First United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church).

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Keith will be having a Bible Study on the Red Sea Rules starting on Tuesday April 29th at 6:00pm. Join us and take the journey from panic to praise! Books are \$16.77. Please sign up in the church office or by the office door. Please sign up by April 14th so we can order the books.

UWIF: The UWIF will meet on Tuesday April 8th 2025 at 3:00pm in the Parlor. Our speaker will be from Pee Dee Coalition. Our easter project is to bring signed Easter cards ready to deliver to residents of one of the assisted living facilities in our area.

JOY CLUB: No Joy Club meeting in April.

FIREFLIES & YOUTH: April 6th and 27th are still open for dinner. Please contact Lesley Jean Watson if you are interested in providing a meal. Easter Egg Hunt and the Church Wide Ice Cream social will take place Sunday April 13th at 4:00pm. The youth would love for everyone to join us and those who wish to bring their homemade churned ice cream. We will have a vote on the most loved homemade ice cream.

MEN’S BBQ: The Men’s BBQ is April 5th, 2025. Drive through pick up only from 11:00am-2:00pm. Tickets are \$12.00. If you need tickets, please see Joey Mills or drop by the church office.

ABBA’S HOUSE: They are asking for gently used spring & summer, adult and children’s clothing to be given away on April 21st. Please bring your donations to Maranatha between 8:30-2:00 Mon-Fri until April 11th. The give-away will happen on April 21st. Resurrection Partnership on Monday April 21st. Also, our annual ABBA’S House Volunteer banquet: Saturday April 5th from 5:00-7:00...this event is free but Ricky Parker needs to know a number of how many people are coming (843-537-2033). Please invite pastors, come and hear testimonies of the many lives that have been touched because of our partnership.

LENTEN PENNIES (PENNIES IN HEAVEN): Purpose: help support your Lenten journey with focus and to measure your progress. Directions: *put a penny in the jar every time you remember Jesus through serving others, donating, devotion, acts of kindness and love, etc.* Conclusion: **turn in jars on Easter Sunday.** Contributions will go to missions. Thanks, Scott Eddins.

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....	\$5,928.83.
CONTRIBUTIONS MAR 30.....	\$4,184.75.
SUNDAY SCHOOL ATT. MAR 30.....	43
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE MAR 30.....	78
GREETER.....	Jean & David McLean
LITURGIST.....	Rhett Butler
HEAD USHER.....	Jeff Johnson
ACOLYTE.....	Nancy Wagnon
NURSERY.....	Lesley Jean Watson

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE SIXTH DAY *of* APRIL 2025
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE CHURCH WITH A HEART *in* THE HEART OF CHERAW

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - PURPLE

APRIL 6TH 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle PICARDY

CHIMING & WELCOME Rhett Butler
We welcome each of you to this service! We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life. Please take note of our important announcements found on the back of this bulletin.

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Keith Stewart

†**HYMN 285** To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord KINGSFOLD

†**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** The Apostles’ Creed Rhett Butler

†**GLORIA PATRI 70** MEINEKE
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

PSALM 126 R2 Psalter 847 Rhett Butler

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Rev. Keith Stewart

†**HYMN 298** When I Survey HAMBURG

OFFERTORY Go to Dark Gethsemane REDHEAD
An offering is collected to support the work of First United Methodist Church. If you are visiting, please sign a visitor’s card and place it in the offering plate so we may connect with you. Scan the QR code for digital offerings.



†**DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER** OLD 100TH
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. Amen.

ANTHEM What Wondrous Love Is This Lloyd Larson
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul; what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul! When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down; When I was sinking down, sinking down; when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul! To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing! To God and to the Lamb, who is the great “I AM,” while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing! When from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on, and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on! And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I’ll sing on!

†**SCRIPTURE READING** John 12: 1-8 Rev. Keith Stewart

SERMON A Pure Gift Rev. Keith Stewart

†**HYMN 292** What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE
**During the singing of this hymn, our altar rail is open for a time of prayer and reflection.*

†**DISMISSAL & PRAYER** Rev. Keith Stewart

†**CHORAL BENEDICTION** Christ, We Do All Adore Thee Dubois
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise thee forever, For on the Holy Cross Thou hast the world from sin redeemed. Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever. Christ, we do all adore thee. (Adoramus Te’ from The Seven Last Words of Christ, 1867)

IN KEEPING WITH THE PENITENTIAL NATURE OF THE SEASON, THERE WILL BE NO POSTLUDES DURING LENT. THE CHORAL BENEDICTION WILL END OUR SERVICE EACH WEEK, PROVIDING TIME FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION AND PRAYER.

PRAYER LIST
Our Church, Our President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State and local employees, health care workers, EMT’s, firefighters, law enforcement officers, people of all ages with mental illnesses, all who defend our Nation, Shep Straughn, Mary Burr, Emily Marsh, Martha Griggs, Thomas McKinnon, Curtis Jones, Tony Thraillkill, Bobby Spears, Kathy Treadaway (friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Shannon Johnson, Pam Walter (Angie Smith’s cousin), James Thurman (Angie Smith’s Father), Jenny Outen, Michelle Rohde, the family of Betty Thraillkill, and Betty Yates (Cindy Sanderson’s mother).