

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT IS MOTHER’S DAY? Mother’s Day, as we know it today, originated in the US in the early 20th century. It was largely the effort of **Anna Jarvis**, who wanted to honor **her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis**, who had been a peace activist caring for wounded soldiers on both sides of the Civil War. After Ann Jarvis died, Anna campaigned to create a day that would honor all mothers for the sacrifices they make for their children. The first official Mother’s Day celebration was held in 1908 at a church in Grafton, West Virginia. Anna Jarvis chose the white carnation as the holiday’s symbol. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as **Mother’s Day**, making it a national holiday in the US. Over time, the tradition evolved: **White carnations came to honor deceased mothers and red carnations became a way to honor living mothers. HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!**

FLOWERS: Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today by the Handbell and Chancel choirs to celebrate and honor **OUR MOTHERS**.

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST & OFFERING: The Methodist Men will host a Mother’s Day Breakfast Sunday, May 11th at 8:30am. All mothers and families are invited. Please let the church office know by May 8th how many in your family will be attending. Also, **we will be taking up a Mother’s Day offering for Epworth Children’s home. Please make checks payable to Epworth Children’s home. Thank you!**

ABBA’S HOUSE: We will be serving ABBA’S House on Monday, May 12th. We need help with preparing the frozen lasagnas. If you are willing to help cook a frozen lasagna, you may pick them up after church May 11th. Return the cooked lasagna to the church Monday May 12th by 3:15pm. We also need help preparing the plates for ABBA’S House on Monday, May 12th. Please be at ABBA’S house by 3:45pm. Thank you in advance!

FIREFLIES & YOUTH: Summer send off...Plan to meet at Fiesta Tapatia Cheraw May 18th at 5:30pm.

JOY CLUB: Joy Club will meet Thursday, May 15th at 12:00pm. The guest speaker will be from the Methodist Manor in Florence. Hand and Foot cards will played starting at 9:30am in the church Fellowship hall. The cost of the meal is \$12.00. Please contact the church office by Monday, May 12th if you will be attending or text Gini Eddins at (843) 910-4745. This will be the last Joy Club meeting until September 2025.

RIDE TEAM: If you are interested in signing up to be a driver for the ride team of FUMC, please contact the Church Office (Shelby Nolan). These people will assist those in need of a ride.

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, May 12th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship hall. Members of the **Church Council** are asked to be present for the first 10-15 minutes of the Trustees Meeting. Please plan to attend accordingly.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, May 19th at 5:00pm in the Fellowship hall.

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....	\$5,928.83.	FUMC Staff
CONTRIBUTIONS MAY 4.....	\$3,705.75.	Keith Stewart <i>Pastor & Friend</i>
SUNDAY SCHOOL MAY 4.....	30	(803.439.2543; Bkstewart@umcsc.org)
WORSHIP MAY 4.....	63	Shelby Nolan <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
GREETER.....	Michelle Rohde	(843.537.7002; fumcadassistant1@gmail.com)
LITURGIST.....	Sue Skipper	Jackson Stone <i>Music Director & Organist</i>
HEAD USHER.....	Doug Carabo	(843.506.4312; jacjstone14@gmail.com)
ACOLYTE.....	Penny Quick	
NURSERY.....	Lesley Jean Watson	

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE ELEVENTH DAY *of* MAY 2025

FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME/MOTHER’S DAY

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME/MOTHER’S DAY - WHITE

MAY 11TH 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

PRELUDE Tuba Tune in D Major (Op. 15) Craig Sellar Lang

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH Sue Skipper
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.

RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS Sue Skipper

CHIMING & INTROIT Search Me, O God MAORI
Search me, O God, and know my heart today; try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wicked way in me; cleanse me from ev’ry sin and set me free.

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

†**HYMN 126** Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

†**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** The Apostles’ Creed Sue Skipper

†**GLORIA PATRI 71** GREATOREX
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 23 Psalter 137 R 1 Sue Skipper

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Rev. Keith Stewart

†**HYMN 138** The King of Love My Shepherd Is ST. COLUMBA

OFFERTORY Meditation No. 3 Robert J. Powell
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** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANTHEM These Are The Things Williams & Lantz
A caring word, a gentle touch, a tender smile may not seem like much. But these are things a mother does, ways to show her love. Her faith in God has made her strong. Her wisdom teaches right from wrong. Her love erases all our fear and she will kiss away each tear. A helping hand, a praying voice, a loving heart may not seem like much. But these are things a mother does, ways to show her love. She holds her children in her arms, and with her love she helps them grow, and then she holds them in her heart, and she will never let them go. A caring word, a gentle touch, a tender smile may not seem like much, but these are things a mother does, ways to show her love, ways to show her love.

†**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 1: 39-56 Rev. Keith Stewart

SERMON The Heart of a Mother Rev. Keith Stewart

†**HYMN INSERT** Faith of Our Mothers ST. CATHERINE

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

†**CHORAL BENEDICTION** The Irish Blessing Joyce Bacak
May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, and until we meet again, May the God that loves us all hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

†**POSTLUDE** Rigaudon Gordon Young

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 Thrailkill, 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, Betty Yates (Cindy Sanderson’s mother), and the family of Randy Jewart.