

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our beloved Mrs. Betty Thraikill by her family.

ABBA'S HOUSE: A big THANK YOU to all who picked up lasagnas, baked them, and returned the lasagnas and those who helped prepare and serve over 300 plates Monday night at ABBA'S house! Next ABBA'S house meal: June 23rd.

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

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

FACEBOOK FAN?: Make sure to check out all of the recent posts and pictures on our FUMC Facebook page. Please like, follow, and share our page so that you can stay up-to-date with the life of our church. You'll be impressed with what a "ministry-active" church we are as you enjoy the various posts from our church. If you would like to post something to the FUMC Facebook page, please submit your post to Jackson at jacjstone14@gmail.com.

BOBBY SPEARS UPDATED ADDRESS: Legacy Village of Athens. 2040 Resurgence Dr. Watkinsville, GA 30687.

FUMC FOOD BANK CLOSES: Following a report and recommendation on the current operation and challenges facing the church's food bank, the Church Council recently, and reluctantly, voted to discontinue this mission of the church which had provided emergency food assistance for local residents for the past eight years. Begun in 2017 by pastor Ken Timmerman and youth director Sara Sanderson, this effort was supported and sustained for many years through the leadership of Bonnie Cundiff and the generosity of FUMC members. Issues related to staffing, safety and the economics of scale dictated that our resources be transferred to the McArn Food Bank which is better situated to efficiently operate and administer such a program to meet the needs of our community. A basket will continue to be located outside the church office to receive food donations for transfer to McArn with weekly suggestions of needed items appearing in the Sunday bulletin.

THE MASTERWORKS CHOIR: The Masterworks Choir will present a "Concert of Hope for our Time" on Sunday, May 18th, 2025 at 5:00pm at the Performing Arts Center in Florence, SC, featuring Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living* and Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*. 5 FUMC choir members are involved in this organization. Join us for this special and free concert!

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| TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY..... | \$5,928.83. | ACOLYTE..... | Penny Quick |
| CONTRIBUTIONS MAY 11..... | \$8,773.45. | NURSERY..... | Dawn Leach |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL MAY 11..... | 34 | NURSERY MAY 25..... | Kelly Dusa |
| WORSHIP MAY 11..... | 94 | PASTOR..... | Rev. Keith Stewart |
| GREETER..... | Christy & Heath Ruffner | (803.439.2543; Bkstewart@umcsc.org) | |
| GREETER MAY 25..... | Norma Cobb | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT...Shelby Nolan | |
| LITURGIST..... | Sammy Quick | (843.537.7002; fumcadassistant1@gmail.com) | |
| LITURGIST MAY 25..... | Rev. Keith Stewart | MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST...Jackson Stone | |
| HEAD USHER..... | Doug Carabo | (843.506.4312; jacjstone14@gmail.com) | |

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE EIGHTEENTH DAY of MAY 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/HERITAGE SUNDAY
THE CHURCH WITH A HEART *in* THE HEART OF CHERAW

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/HERITAGE SUNDAY - WHITE

MAY 18TH 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

PRELUDE Openers for Worship, No. 3

Dale Wood

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH

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.

ANTHEM Walk Worthy

Joseph M. Martin

Walk worthy of the Lord. Come give your heart to Christ. Live always bearing fruit for him. Live strengthened by his might. Walk worthy of the Lord. All power to his name. Give him glory, give him honor walk worthy of the Lord. Blessed is the one, the one who trusts in God, for he is like a tree planted by a stream. Walk worthy of the Lord, O blessed is the one. Walk worthy of the Lord. Walk worthy of the Lord. Come give your heart to Christ. Live always bearing fruit for him. Live strengthened by his might. Walk worthy of the Lord. All power to his name. Give him glory, give him honor walk worthy of the Lord.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

CHIMING & INTROIT Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King, Your Lord and King adore, Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

John Wagnon

DARWALL'S 148

OPENING PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN 181 Ye Servants of God

Rev. Keith Stewart

HANOVER

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 The Apostles' Creed

Sammy Quick

†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.

Sammy Quick

PSALM 148 Psalter 861-862 R

Rev. Keith Stewart

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

GORDON

†HYMN 172 My Jesus, I Love Thee

Debussy/Bock

OFFERTORY Jesus Loves Me

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!

†SCRIPTURE READING John 13: 31-35

Rev. Keith Stewart

SERMON Love One Another

Rev. Keith Stewart

†HYMN 408 The Gift of Love

GIFT OF LOVE

†DISMISSAL & PRAYER

Rev. Keith Stewart

†CHORAL BENEDICTION God Be With You

Dale Wood

God be with you till we meet again, God be in you, go in peace. Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a Shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again, God be in you, go in peace.

†POSTLUDE Rejoice, the Lord is King

Paul Sljound

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, Betty Yates (Cindy Sanderson's mother), the family of Randy Jewart, and Donald King (Brandon King's father).