

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

STEWARDSHIP 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!

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 Sammy Quick
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.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS John Wagnon

CHIMING & INTROIT Rejoice, the Lord is King DARWALL'S 148
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!

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

†**HYMN 181** Ye Servants of God 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.

PSALM 148 Psalter 861-862 R Sammy Quick

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Rev. Keith Stewart

†**HYMN 172** My Jesus, I Love Thee GORDON

OFFERTORY Jesus Loves Me Debussy/Bock
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 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.

†**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 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), the family of Randy Jewart, and Donald King (Brandon King's father).