

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABBA'S HOUSE: We need volunteers to prepare plates & cook lasagna for Monday, June 23rd. Monetary donations are always welcome.

BIBLE STUDY: Our Bible Study will not meet next week. We will resume Tuesday June 3rd at 6:00pm. Please read and complete rule #5 and #6.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed on Monday for Memorial Day.

STEWARSHIP MEETING: Monday, May 27th 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.

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.

YOUTH CAMP: On June 15th, the youth will speak on their trip to Camp Ashbury.

MCARN FOOD BANK ITEMS: Instant rice, macaroni and cheese (boxes), spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, dried beans, grits, peanut butter, and viennas. Please continue to donate food items to McArn food bank and to our own Blessing Box at the exit of our church parking lot. - Missions

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....\$5,928.83. ACOLYTE.....Penny Quick

CONTRIBUTIONS MAY 18.....\$3,465.75. NURSERY.....Kelly Dusa

SUNDAY SCHOOL MAY 18.....30 NURSERY JUN 1.....

WORSHIP MAY 18.....96 PASTOR.....Rev. Keith Stewart

GREETER.....Norma Cobb (803.439.2543; Bkstewart@umcsc.org)

GREETER JUN 1.....Cindy Sanderson ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT...Shelby Nolan

LITURGIST.....Keith Stewart (843.537.7002; fumcadassistant1@gmail.com)

LITURGIST JUN 1.....Thomas Samuel MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST...Jackson Stone

HEAD USHER.....Doug Carabo (843.506.4312; jacjstone14@gmail.com)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY of MAY 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - WHITE

MAY 25th 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

PRELUDE Lead On, O King Eternal

Alice Jordan

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH

Rev. Keith Stewart

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.

CHIMING & INTROIT Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

OPENING PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Keith Stewart

†**HYMN 79** Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (V. 1-4)

GROSSER GOTT

†**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Keith Stewart

†**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 67 Psalter 791 R

Rev. Keith Stewart

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Keith Stewart

†**HYMN 420** Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

OFFERTORY Simple Aveu

Francois Thome

*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

*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!*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

ANTHEM Light of the World

Joel Raney

Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe in me. In my Father's house, I've prepared a place for you, and I will come for you to take you home. Let not your heart be troubled, I am the way, the truth and life. And if you know me, you know the Father; immortal God, eternal light. Jesus, light of the world, holy Lord of all. King of kings to reign on earth forever. Lord and Savior, Jesus, the light of the world. Lord, let your light shine through us, may our deeds glorify your name. King of kings, eternal Lord of lords, immortal, holy Three in One - the great I AM! Jesus, light of the world, holy Lord of all. King of kings to reign on earth forever. Lord and Savior, Emmanuel, precious Lamb of God, great Redeemer, holy Jesus! Jesus, the light of the world.

†SCRIPTURE READING John 14: 23-29

Rev. Keith Stewart

SERMON My Peace I give to you

Rev. Keith Stewart

†HYMN 380 There's Within My Heart a Melody

SWEETEST NAME

†DISMISSAL & PRAYER

Rev. Keith Stewart

†CHORAL BENEDICTION The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you; and give you peace,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

†POSTLUDE Festive Recessional

David Lasky

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, Donald King (Brandon King's father), Sarah Potapova (Betty Hurt's sister), The family of Betty Yates (Cindy Sanderson's mother), and Tina and Keith Stewart on the passing of Keith's sister's husband.