

# Our Staff



## **Rev. Joseph Daniel Kovas, Pastor**

Joseph is a native of Chester, SC where his mother and twin brother still reside, his father, the Rev. Kenneth Kovas, passing away shortly after Joseph's birth. He graduated from Presbyterian College with a BA in Religion and was awarded a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University in 2021 where he lived in Friendship House, a dorm housing special needs citizens. Joseph has served numerous internships in the Carolinas, is a published author, Eagle Scout, Vice-President of the SC Annual Conference Methodist Historical Society, and most recently was ordained an Elder in the SC Conference of the United Methodist Church. Rev. Kovas comes to Cheraw from his most recent appointment as pastor of St. Paul UMC in New Ellenton, SC where he served for the past four years. When not attending to pastoral duties, he enjoys hiking, swimming, golf, education, the beach, his family, bluegrass music and his chocolate lab named Zeke.



## **Mr. Jackson Stone, Director of Music and Organist**

Born in Dillon, SC, Jackson answered the call to church music ministry at an early age pursuing his love for sacred music and its place within the church and community. Attending the College of Charleston, he studied organ and church music and classical piano, receiving a Bachelor's degree from Francis Marion University. A resident of Florence, he is second tenor in the Florence Masterworks Choir and performs with the orchestra in presentations of the Florence Little Theatre. Away from work Jackson enjoys tennis, photography, collecting old hymnals and forgotten music and giving them new life.

## **Mrs. Shelby Nolan, Administrative Assistant**