

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar today are to the Glory of God and in honor of Penny Quick's birthday by her family. Happy Birthday, Penny!

EZER CLASS: Thank you to the Ezer Sunday School class for leading the congregation in music last Sunday. If your Sunday School class wishes to sing in the choir one Sunday, please contact Jackson Stone. We'd like to encourage all interested classes to step up! We all have our eyes on any man who may be willing to make up a men's choir...

ABBA'S HOUSE: FUMC will be feeding ABBA'S House August 11th and again September 22nd. For the August 11th feeding, we still have 9 lasagnas that need to be cooked and 7 people to help prepare plates that night. Sign up sheets to cook lasangas and prepare plates for the August 11th feeding are located on the Missions table near the Fellowship Hall. We REALLY need your help with this.

MAT MAKERS: Mat-Making will meet every Tuesday at 10:30am in the Daycare Kitchen.

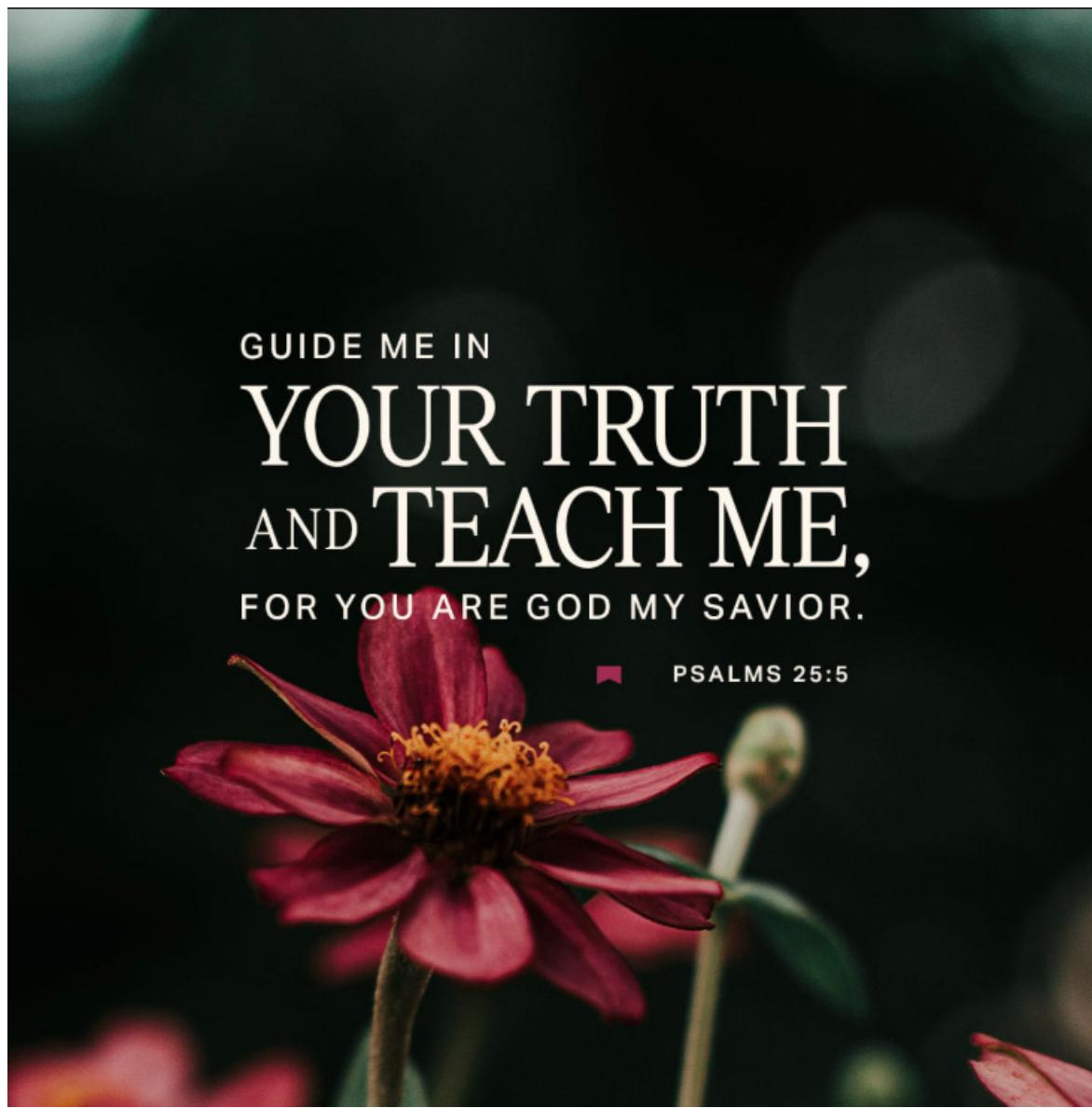
BLESSING OF THE BOOKBAGS: All school children and college kids, please bring your book bags July 27th, 2025 and place them on the altar to receive a blessing for the whole school year!

YOUTH/FIREFLY DINNERS: Please contact Lesley Jean Watson to sign up to provide dinner for our fireflies and youth starting in September. Thank you!

STAFF-PARISH: There will be a Staff-Parish meeting Wednesday, July 30th, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to be present.

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....	\$5,928.83.	NURSERY TODAY.....	Lesley Jean Watson
CONTRIBUTIONS JUL 20.....	\$1,833.75.	NURSERY AUG 3.....	Dawn Leach
SUNDAY SCHOOL JUL 20.....	25	MCARN FOOD ITEM.....	Grits
WORSHIP JUL 20.....	49	CHURCH PHONE.....	(843) 537-7002
GREETER TODAY.	Lesley Jean & Chase Watson	PASTOR.....	Rev. Joseph Kovas
GREETER AUG 3.....	Kim & Jimmie Williamson		(803.374.1677; Jdkovas@umcsc.org)
LITURGIST TODAY.....	Barbara Dickson	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT...	Shelby Nolan
LITURGIST AUG 3.....	Joey Mills		(843.537.7002; fumcadassistant1@gmail.com)
HEAD USHER JULY.....	Sammy Quick	MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST....	Jackson Stone
ACOLYTE JULY.....	Norma Cobb		(843.506.4312; jacstone14@gmail.com)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY of JULY 2025
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE CHURCH WITH A HEART *in* THE HEART OF CHERAW

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - GREEN

JULY 27th 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

PRELUDE Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Jan Mayfield

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.

Barbara Dickson

CHIMING & INTROIT Create in Me a Clean Heart

Carl Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then I will teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Create in me a clean heart, O God!

OPENING PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 The Apostles' Creed

Barbara Dickson

†GLORIA PATRI 71

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.

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Barbara Dickson

BLESSING OF THE BOOKBAGS

Rev. Joseph Kovas

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 463 Lord, Speak to Me

CANONBURY

OFFERTORY Teach Me Thy Ways, O Lord

Lloyd Larson

†DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

OLD 100TH

ANTHEM To You, I Lift My Soul

Diane Hannibal

To you, Lord, I lift my soul, Lord, I place you in control. Those who wait upon you will be blessed. Show me, Lord, which path to take, guide me in each choice I make. I am yours and I long for you each day, comfort me I pray.

Lord, my heart I give to you, with my hands, lift praise to you. Guide my feet to follow in your ways. God will pardon every sin, make me pure and whole again, in my soul residing day and night, warming me with holy light.

Bring me out of my distress, and guard my soul, Lord, and deliver me. Heal my broken-ness, bring me peace and rest. I wait upon you, Lord, I wait upon you, Lord.

Lord, to you I lift my soul, Lord, I place you in control. Those who wait upon you will be blessed. Show me, Lord, which path to take, guide me in each choice I make. I am yours and I long for you each day, comfort me I pray. Lord, I lift my soul.

FROM PSALM 25

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 25

Rev. Joseph Kovas

SERMON Make me to know your ways

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 500 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

Our altar rail is always open for personal and intercessory prayer as the Holy Spirit guides you

†DISMISSAL & PRAYER

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†CHORAL BENEDICTION Amen in G

Holcombe

Amen, Amen, Amen!

†POSTLUDE Postlude on "Psalm 25"

Unknown

PRAYER LIST

Our Church, Our President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State and local employees, health care workers, EMTs, 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, Tony Thraillkill, Bobby Spears, Shannon Johnson, Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), James Thurman (Angie Smith's Father), Sarah Potapova (Betty Hurt's sister), Jack Van Deman, Larry Spears, Gloria Williams, and Patsy Rushing.