

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> and again September 22<sup>nd</sup>. For the August 11<sup>th</sup> feeding, we still have 9 lasangnas 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

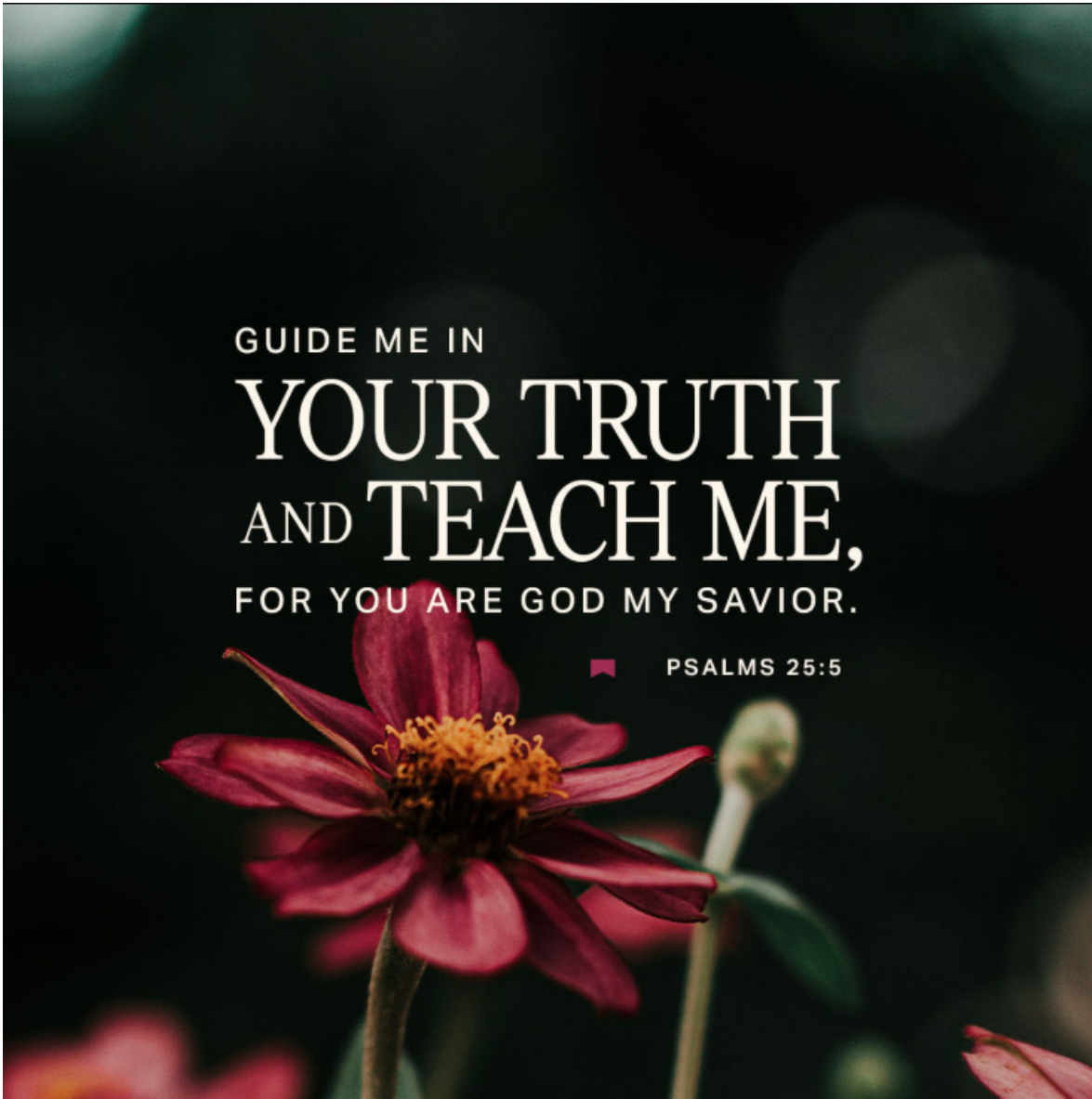
**BLESSING OF THE BOOKBAGS:** All school children and college kids, please bring your book bags July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and place them on the altar to recieve a blessing for the whole school year!

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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; jacjstone14@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

<h1>THE WORSHIP OF GOD</h1> <h2>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - GREEN</h2> <p>JULY 27<sup>th</sup> 2025   11:00AM</p> <p>† THE PEOPLE STAND</p>		†DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER 95 <i>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</i>	OLD 100TH		
PRELUDE	Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart	Jan Mayfield	ANTHEM	To You, I Lift My Soul	Diane Hannibal
WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH		Barbara Dickson	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.		
<i>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.</i>			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.		
CHIMING & INTROIT	Create in Me a Clean Heart	Carl Mueller	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.		
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!			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.		
OPENING PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER		Rev. Joseph Kovas	FROM PSALM 25		
†HYMN 127	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	CWM RHONDDA	SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 25	Rev. Joseph Kovas
†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881	The Apostles’ Creed	Barbara Dickson	SERMON	<i>Make me to know your ways</i>	Rev. Joseph Kovas
†GLORIA PATRI 71		GREATOREX	†HYMN 500	Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart	MORECAMBE
<i>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.</i>			<i>Our altar rail is always open for personal and intercessory prayer as the Holy Spirit guides you</i>		
PSALTER 756-757 R 1	Psalm 25	Barbara Dickson	†DISMISSAL & PRAYER		Rev. Joseph Kovas
BLESSING OF THE BOOKBAGS		Rev. Joseph Kovas	†CHORAL BENEDICTION	Amen in G	Holcombe
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		Rev. Joseph Kovas	Amen, Amen, Amen!		
†HYMN 463	Lord, Speak to Me	CANONBURY	†POSTLUDE	Postlude on " <i>Psalm 25</i> "	Unknown
OFFERTORY	Teach Me Thy Ways, O Lord	Lloyd Larson	<hr/> <hr/>		
			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 Thrailkill, 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.		