

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Tony Lawson by Amanda Lawson Dale on the anniversary of his birthday.

WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST (WATF): IT'S BACK! Please join us for a Wednesday night meal and prayer meeting that will take place in our fellowship hall. 5:45-6:30. This will happen through the month of September to gauge interest. Activities will take place during the Wednesday night supper, such as a short liturgy service, a hymn-sing, a Bible Study, but most of the time just having good ole Methodist fun! We want Wednesday night suppers to be a fun and inviting evening surrounded by good food and friends.

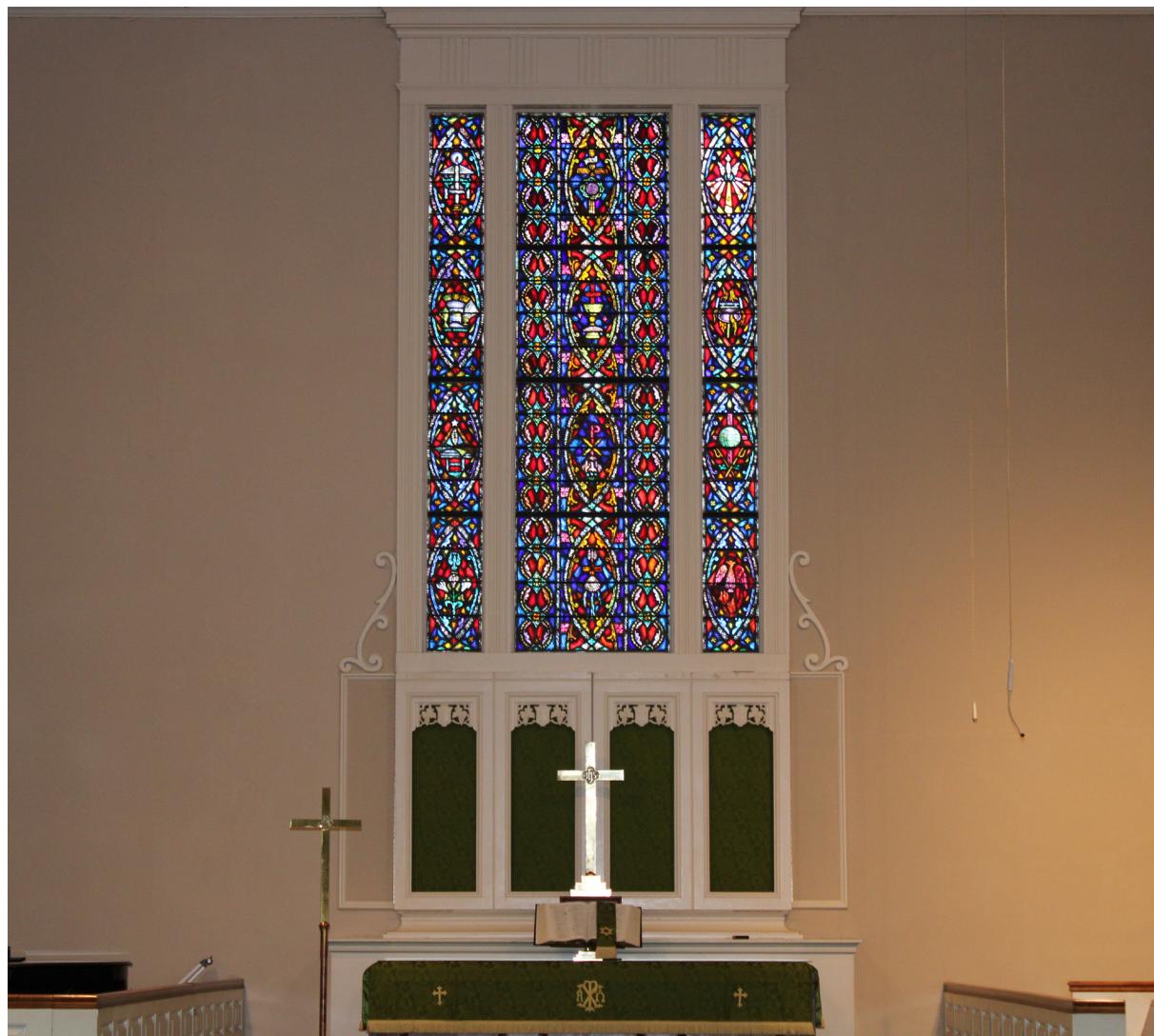
ABBA'S HOUSE: ABBA'S House is collecting new and gently used coats through October 12th. Drop off at Maranatha Mon-Fri between 8:30-2:00pm.

ABBA'S HOUSE: FUMC will be serving at ABBA'S House Monday, September 22. We still have 5 lasagnas that need preparing and we need individuals to help prepare plates. Please pick up lasagnas today after church and have them @ church or ABBA'S House by 3:30pm.

GRIEFSHARE: Bonnie Cundiff & Susan Marsh are our facilitators of this group. The group meets from 10:30am-12:30pm Wednesdays for 13 weeks. It ends Nov. 19th unless a meeting has to be rescheduled. We have a banner that will be put at the corner of 3rd and Market. Bonnie Cundiff: (843) 910-7526. Susan Marsh: (843) 921-7831.

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....	\$5,928.83.	NURSERY TODAY.....	Kelly Dusa
CONTRIBUTIONS SEPT 14.....	\$6,898.00.	NURSERY SEPT 28.....	Lesley Jean Watson
SUNDAY SCHOOL SEPT 14.....	37	MCARN FOOD ITEM.....	dried beans
WORSHIP SEPT 14.....	67	CHURCH PHONE.....	(843) 537-7002
LITURGIST TODAY.....	Gregory Sanderson	PASTOR.....	Rev. Joseph Kovas
LITURGIST SEPT 28.....	Kathryn Hurst		(803.374.1677; Jdkovas@umcsc.org)
GREETER TODAY.....	Ray Crouse	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT...	Shelby Nolan
GREETER SEPT 28.....	Kelly & Eric Dusa		(843.537.7002; fumcadassistant1@gmail.com)
HEAD USHER SEPT.....	Norma Cobb	MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST....	Jackson Stone
ACOLYTE SEPT.....	Carley Watson		(843.506.4312; jacystone14@gmail.com)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY *of* SEPTEMBER 2025
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE
THE CHURCH WITH A HEART *in* THE HEART OF CHERAW

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE - GREEN

SEPTEMBER 21ST 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH

Welcome 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.

Gregory Sanderson

CHIMING & INTROIT Morning Has Broken

WOLFE

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the word!

OPENING PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 103 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 The Apostles' Creed

Gregory Sanderson

†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.

PSALTER 809 R Psalm 90

Gregory Sanderson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 528 Nearer, My God, to Thee

BETHANY

OFFERTORY This is a Day of New Beginnings

Carlton Young

†DOXOLOGY 95 & OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Rev. Joseph Kovas

SERMON *A New Creation*

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

†DISMISSAL & PRAYER

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†CHORAL BENEDICTION The Irish Blessing

Joyce Bacak

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, and until we meet again, May the God that loves us all hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

†POSTLUDE

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, Sarah Potapova (Betty Hursts's sister), Jack Van Deman, Gailya Wilson, David Dixon, Jenny Outen, Nadia Harris, Frank Shutt, Sandra Laney (Sarah Lee's sister-in-law), the family of Bobby Spears, and Jim Thomas (friend of the Rushing family).