

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS:** The flowers today are given today to the Glory of God and in celebration of World Communion Sunday.

**WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST (WATF):** Please join us for a Wednesday night meal and fellowship that will take place from 5:45-6:30 in our fellowship hall each Wednesday. It has been so fun and inviting each week. We need the congregation's help. If you have not gotten involved yet, please consider volunteering your time and efforts in helping so that WATF may continue successfully for months to come. It requires so much out of a *few people*, but very little out of *many people*.

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

**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. 19<sup>th</sup> unless a meeting has to be rescheduled. We have a banner that will be put at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Market. Bonnie Cundiff: (843) 910-7526. Susan Marsh: (843) 921-7831.

**A FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS:** Please mark your calendars for Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. You DO NOT want to miss this incredible opportunity. Sacred/Secular musical program featuring strings, brass, organ, piano, and a 50 member choir singing all of your favorite Christmas tunes. Reception to follow. Join us!

**PAL MOORE'S ADDRESS:** Atrium Health Carolina's Rehabilitation.  
275 Beatty Rd. Room 1116 Belmont, NC, 28012

*Ans key trivia: Acolyte; Doxology; Eucharist; the Trinity*

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....	\$5,928.83.	NURSERY TODAY.....	Lesley Jean Watson
CONTRIBUTIONS SEPT 28.....	\$2,177.00.	NURSERY OCT 12.....	Dawn Leach
SUNDAY SCHOOL SEPT 28.....	44	MCARN FOOD ITEM.....	Peanut Butter
WORSHIP SEPT 28.....	69	CHURCH PHONE.....	(843) 537-7002
LITURGIST TODAY.....	Rhett Butler	PASTOR.....	Rev. Joseph Kovas
LITURGIST OCT 12.....	Ray Crouse		(803.374.1677; Jdkovas@umcsc.org)
GREETER TODAY.....	Gini Eddins	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT....	Shelby Nolan
GREETER OCT 12.....	Debbie Elmore		(843.537.7002; fumcadassistant1@gmail.com)
HEAD USHER OCT.....	Ray Crouse	MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST....	Jackson Stone
ACOLYTE OCT.....	Norma Cobb		(843.506.4312; jacjstone14@gmail.com)

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE FIFTH DAY of OCTOBER 2025

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

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

# The Church Herald

First United Methodist Church

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## HYMN CHALLENGE - FILL IN THE BLANK



O JESUS, I HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ TO SERVE THEE TO THE END; BE THOU FOREVER NEAR ME, MY MASTER AND MY FRIEND. I SHALL NOT FEAR THE \_\_\_\_\_ IF THOU ART BY MY SIDE; NOR WANDER FROM THE PATHWAY IF THOU WILT BE MY GUIDE.

## SHEPHERD'S CHILD

from Trina Mills

Christmas is coming and you know that means: Shepherd's Child is getting close! Our annual Christmas party for needy children is December 17th at 1:00. We are getting excited but need your help. If you would like to make a donation you can put it in the collection plate labeled Shepherd's Child or bring it by the church office and give it to Shelby. I will be giving out the names around Thanksgiving but for those of you who want to donate; and have Joey and I do your shopping; you can start donating now. We plan to provide Christmas for 60 children this year! We spend between \$80-\$100 on each child; so it takes everyone's help! Thanks so much. Trina Mills.

## GOOD STEWARDS OF.....STEWARDSHIP?

Our Church has recently undertaken the large task of Stewardship as it pertains to the health and life of the church. There is only one question that needs to be asked and it applies to all members, non-members, friends, and families:

**What does the Lord require of you?**

*from Micah 6:8*



# WATF



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## BORED? LONELY? NEED SOMETHING NEW? YOU HAVE OPTIONS - THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Ezer Sunday School Class  
Fred Harris Sunday School Class  
Kinsey Mulloy  
Men's Bible Class/Men's Club  
Joy Club

Planning (Mat-Makers)  
Griefshare  
WATF  
United Women of Faith  
Acolyte/Crucifer

Chancel Choir/Handbells  
Usher/Greeter  
Liturgist  
Youth  
Videographers/Sound Techs

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - WHITE

OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

**PRELUDE** You Satisfy the Hungry Heart Dean Wilson

**WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH** Rhett Butler  
*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.*

**CHIMING & INTROIT** Be Present at Our Table, Lord OLD 100th  
Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored; thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in paradise with thee.

**OPENING PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Joseph Kovas

†**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 660** God is Here ABBOT'S LEIGH

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

†**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 852 R** Psalm 137 Rhett Butler

†**HYMN 616** Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast HURSLEY

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** 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!

†**DOXOLOGY 95 & OFFERTORY PRAYER** OLD 100TH  
*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.*

†**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 17: 5-10 Rev. Joseph Kovas

**SERMON** *Increase our Faith* Rev. Joseph Kovas

**HOLY COMMUNION** UMH PG. 6-9, THEN PG. 17-18 (Musical Setting A)

†**HYMN 620** One Bread, One Body ONE BREAD

†**DISMISSAL & PRAYER** Rev. Joseph Kovas

†**CHORAL BENEDICTION** God be With You Williams  
God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

†**POSTLUDE** Become to Us the Living Bread GELOBT SEI GOTT

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**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY:** World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Protestant denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on an observance of the Eucharist (Holy Communion). The tradition was begun in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

**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 Hurst's sister), Jack Van Deman, David Dixon, Nadia Harris, Frank Shutt, Sandra Laney (Sarah Lee's sister-in-law), Jim Thomas (friend of the Rushing family), Pal Moore, Fran Lewis, Regina Reames (Brantley Butler Reams' mother-in-law).

# Griefshare

## Leaders:

Bonnie Cundiff & Susan Marsh

Griefshare meets every Wednesday at 10:30am starting 9/3. This is a faith-based support group for anyone grieving the death of a loved one. It is non-denominational and confidential and there is no charge to attend. You do not need to pre-register. Don't carry grief on your own - we are willing to help you through your burdens. Thank you to Bonnie and Susan for so graciously leading this time of discussion and healing.

## CHURCH TRIVIA

When the Acolyte and Crucifer process into the Worship Service, who comes first?

- A) Acolyte    B) Crucifer

What do we call the sung response by the congregation after the offering is taken up?

- A) Response    B) Amen    C) Doxology

What is the liturgically-correct name for Communion?

- A) Feast    B) Eucharist    C) Communion

When the bells chime thrice in the service, what does this signify?

- A) the hour    B) the trinity    C) lunch-time

How many did you get correct?

## OCT. BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10/1 JERRY TUCKER

10/4 SHARON MCKINNON

10/7 AMBER NICOLE MORGAN

10/8 MARY BURR

10/9 BRANTLEY BUTLER REAMS

10/10 PAL MOORE

10/12 WILLIAM LEE

10/13 EDITH QUICK

10/15 RHETT BUTLER, III

10/17 LYLE COFFY

10/20 CURTIS JONES

10/21 JULIA TUCKER

10/23 DOUG CARABO

10/27 BETTY HURST

10/27 ANDREW LEWIS

10/28 ALEX LEWIS

10/30 SARA SANDERSON

10/31 TONY HARRIS, III

10/2 M&M DAVID MCLEAN

10/4 M&M HEATH RUFFNER

10/6 M&M JAP RODDY

10/8 M&M JEFFERY FURR

10/15 M&M PHILIP SHEPHERD

10/16 M&M KEITH STUBBS

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
&  
HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY!!!  
:-)**



*Don't you just love flowers in our sanctuary? Consider putting flowers on our altar or altar pedestal in honor or memory of someone special. Flowers remind us of God's handiwork in nature and brings life and elegance into our services and activities. Let's set a goal - can we have flowers every Sunday for worship?*

# A FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OF CHERAW

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025 - 7:00PM

FEATURING A 45-MEMBER CHOIR, STRING  
QUARTET, BRASS QUINTET, ORGAN, PIANO,  
AND HANDBELL CHOIR

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW