

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 12th. 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. 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.

A FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS: Please mark your calendars for Thursday, December 18th 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; jacystone14@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 PATH-
WAY 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



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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 5th 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

PRELUDE You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Dean Wilson

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.

Rhett Butler

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

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

†**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

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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.

OCT. BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10/1 JERRY TUCKER	10/2 M&M DAVID MCLEAN
10/4 SHARON MCKINNON	10/4 M&M HEATH RUFFNER
10/7 AMBER NICOLE MORGAN	10/6 M&M JAP RODDY
10/8 MARY BURR	10/8 M&M JEFFERY FURR
10/9 BRANTLEY BUTLER REAMS	10/15 M&M PHILIP SHEPHERD
10/10 PAL MOORE	10/16 M&M KEITH STUBBS
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	

**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?

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?

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