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# The Connector

First United Methodist Church Lancaster, SC  
www.firstumclancaster.com

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The People of the United Methodist Church

Dear Friends in Christ,

### Opening Thoughts

Thank you to all of you who have contributed generously to the audio and video equipment that extends our morning worship beyond the walls of the Church. As we continue to innovate and become more proficient with the new equipment, I encourage your prayerful support and understanding as we learn as we go. I am grateful to the technicians who are giving tirelessly to this remarkable endeavor.

### Service Schedule and What to Expect

- In-Person Sunday Morning Worship will be in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.
- In-Person Sunday Morning Worship will be an abbreviated, spoken service with organ/piano music and guest musicians and/or vocalists, but NO congregational singing or choir.
- The Sanctuary space, the Connector and surrounding areas will be properly and professionally cleaned weekly, as directed by CDC and the SC Annual Conference guidelines.
- A touchless offering box will be in the Connector for you to drop in your tithe and offering when you arrive for worship.
- When the service concludes, you will be guided by greeter/usher to depart row-by-row. We ask that you refrain from extended fellowship after the service at this time.

### Worship Logistics: Registration, Seating, and Number of People in Attendance

- There will be **60** physically-distanced seating areas available in the Sanctuary; 3 seats every other row. Family members who live in the same household may sit side-by-side. However, total seating in the Sanctuary remains at **60** individuals.
- Registration: An online registration link will be circulated each Wednesday prior to the following Sunday's service. To save time and energy, you may sign up multiple Sundays in advance (the Sign-Up Genius web link will remain the same for the duration. Please sign up those who live in your household.
- **For those who do not use computers, please call the church office at: 803-283-8406 to record your registration for the upcoming Sunday. Information regarding this registration method will be sent via postal mail to the individuals who do not use computers.**
- Greeters/Ushers will be on-hand to guide you to your seating. Signs will be placed both inside the Connector and outside in the breezeway as well. Please observe directions given by greeters/ushers as well as all signage while at FUMC.
- We apologize, but the elevator will not be available until further notice. If you need access to the Sanctuary and cannot use steps, please let us know ahead of time to make arrangements.

### Reasons Not to Attend In-Person Worship

In order for in-person worship to be a safe and fulfilling experience we each must take personal responsibility for our health and the health of others. That means not coming to FUMC if:

- You have tested positive for COVID-19, or have recently been exposed to someone who has tested positive.
- You have symptoms of COVID-19 (please see the CDC website for a list of symptoms).
- You have existing health conditions that make you more susceptible to or at a heightened risk of complications if you contract COVID-19.

### While You're at FUMC for Worship

- Masks that cover both your nose and mouth must be worn at all times, both indoors and outside.
- Observing a social distance of six feet or greater between yourself and others is mandatory at all times. We know it's exciting to see people after we have been apart for so long, but please refrain from hugging, embracing, touching others.

### If You're Not Ready to Worship In-Person at FUMC

We understand. Please know we will continue livestreaming Morning Worship on Facebook and on our website at [www.firstumclancaster.com](http://www.firstumclancaster.com)



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### **SAFE SANCTUARY**

FUMC provides a Safe Sanctuary for children, youth, and vulnerable adults. We require a background check of all adult volunteers and training on our Safe Sanctuary policy.



### **HOPE OF LANCASTER**

#### **Hope of Lancaster needs the following items:**

Spaghetti sauce, boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, sweet peas, green beans, tuna, juice, peanut butter.

### **PUBLICATION DEADLINES**

Please submit any information to the church office by *noon on Tuesday* for the following Sunday's bulletin. Information for the newsletter is due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following month's newsletter.

### **HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH!**

Please notify the Church Office at 283-8406 or email [libby@firstumclancaster.com](mailto:libby@firstumclancaster.com) with any updates to contact information (address, phone numbers, email address).

### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1	Claudette Sullivan
	Donnie Little
2	Sarah Dotson
4	Craig Mathis
5	Jill Marshall
	Ethan Geiger
6	Nitsa Barrentine
	Judy Rushing
7	Emma Higgins
10	Amelia Davis
	Debbie Dunn
11	Teague Poston
12	Matthew Lindsey
	Michael Lindsey
	Megan Lindsey
13	Odell Steele
17	Zeddie Williams
20	Elizabeth Hutchinson
21	Cecile Flanders
	Rachel Simpson
	Marilyn Rainwater
24	Tommy Myers, Jr.
25	Lily Rowe
	Andy Davis
27	Jory Pettit
30	Ken Davis
	Betty Kay Hudson

### **FIRST UNITED METHODIST STAFF**

**Charles Phillips**, Senior Pastor

**Hunter Cox**, Organist and Director of Music Ministries

**Libby Doster**, Administrative Assistant

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## NOVEMBER, 2020 SCRIPTURE

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 1, 2020

First Lesson Revelation 7:9-17  
The Psalm Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
Second Lesson 1 John 3:1-3  
Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:1-12  
“Salvation Belongs to Our God”

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost November 8, 2020

First Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Second Lesson Psalm 78:1-7  
Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:1-13  
“Oil in Your Lamps”

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost November 15, 2020

First Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Second Lesson Psalm 76  
Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:14-30  
“When Business is Business”

Last Sunday after Pentecost/CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 22, 2020

First Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23  
Second Lesson Psalm 100  
Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:31-46  
“As Unto Christ”

First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Sunday, November 1st, 2020 is All Saints Observance Sunday. At the 11 o'clock worship service we will call the names of our members who have died within the past year. As we call the names of our dearly departed Saints, we will call the name of your (mother, father, son, daughter) and remember their life of faith. Please call the church office at 803-283-8406 or register on line if you plan to attend Sunday, November 1st, 2020. In-Person Worship Service Registration, click the link for Signup Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cod4eada92aa6fcc43-fumc> We ask that you and your family plan to attend Sunday, November 1st at the 11 o'clock worship service as we remember and call the roll of our Saints.

Gene McWhirter  
Tommy Grier  
Michael Furr  
Charlaine Simpson  
Anita Palmer  
Larry Baskins  
Evelyn Heinzerling  
Glenn Threatt

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### Our Members

Lynn Melton, Andy Caudill, Eleanor and Don Brouwer, Lib Hutchinson, Vivian Ferguson, Bill Bradley, Zeddie Williams, Adrian Pettit, Betty Vassey, Lorraine Harper, Steve Rothrock, DeLee Ballard, Willis Ballard, Lou Collier, Art Collier, Betsy Sims Gardner, Travis Berry, Dixie Roberts

### Our Community

Matthew Sweatt, grandson of Butch and Robyn Small  
Glenn Garner, brother of George Garner  
Mary and Mason Lee, parents of Ann Garner  
George Gottier, brother-in-law of Beverly and Bill Bradley  
Eric Hough, friend of Kay Stewart  
Ashley Thomasson, niece of Sis and Bob Yoder  
Hal Plyler, son of Carolyn Plyler  
Marvin Baker, father of Mica Edwards  
Norma Cooler, cousin of Kay Stewart  
Shannon Threatt, daughter of Roberta Whitaker  
Shelly Holder, Sharon Holder

### Our Sympathy

The Sympathy of the pastor and congregation is extended to the following:  
The family of the late Glenn Threatt.  
Steve Fleming upon the death of his mother, Joan Fleming.  
Martha McClellan upon the death of her father, Sam Sain.  
Nancy Fleming upon the death of her brother, Forrest Sellars.  
The family of Eric Brunsvold upon the death of his brother, Chris Brunsvold.

## FAITHFUL GIVING

Please continue to be faithful in your giving toward the ministries of First UMC by mailing your tithes and contributions to the church address. If you prefer to make your contributions online, full information complete with a link is on our church website at [www.firstumclancaster.com](http://www.firstumclancaster.com). If you have any questions about the VANCO online giving procedures, please contact Pastor Charles or Cynthia Craig for details.

## SUNDAYS: WORSHIP LIVE ON FACEBOOK

We hope you will join our friends on Facebook Live each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. EST to worship together on our First United Methodist Church Group Facebook Page as we broadcast live. If you are unable to join us live, but you are able to worship at a later time, you may enjoy the worship service video at any time on our church website at: [firstumclancaster.com](http://firstumclancaster.com). If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Charles by phone or text at: 843-708-5696 or by email at: [caphillips@umcsc.org](mailto:caphillips@umcsc.org).

Until then, the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Keep the faith, Pastor Charles

## A NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES

Please report any needed church repairs to a member of the Trustees Committee. Members are: Jane Michels, Joyce Morin, Alan Blankenship, Neil Couch, Mike Lindsay, Frank Robertson, Eric Sullivan. You may call Neil Couch at 803-320-0800 or email him at [neilc@hoopaughgrading.com](mailto:neilc@hoopaughgrading.com). We also have forms in the Trustees box outside the church office that you may fill out and leave in the Trustees box.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 1st

## GIFTS IN MEMORY

### Louise Hayes

Mary Lou and Bob Rose  
Debbie and Sam Wood  
Nancy Westmoreland  
Amelia and Ken Davis  
Nancy and Jim Bradley

### Pierce Horton

Judy and Sonny Rushing

### Glenn Threatt

Ann and George Garner  
Mary Lou and Bob Rose  
Lynn Melton  
Nancy and Jim Bradley

### Charlaine Simpson

Betty Carnes

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office Hours for November 16th-19th  
8:30 a.m.-noon.

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25th and closed Thursday, November 26th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

## THANK YOU

From United Methodist Women, National Office  
Thank you for gift in the amount of \$194.00 in support of United Methodist Women's Legacy Fund Endowment.