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December 2023

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From the Pastor

Dear ones,

The Season of Advent (coming) is a time to proclaim the comings of Christ; a time of preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus and anticipating his coming again to judge the quick (living) and the dead. I am limited in space for this newsletter so I will simply remind us to make Jesus the center of our celebrations. He is the reason for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. We need not fear him in the manger, though he is the King of kings. We need not fear the judgement, because the one who comes to judge us is the exact same Jesus who stood condemned in our place. Philip P. Bliss captured this sentiment in the 1st, 2nd, and last stanzas of his hymn "Hallelujah! What a Savior."

Man of Sorrows!" what a name for the Son of God, who came ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned he stood; Sealed my pardon with his blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior! When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring, then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!"

Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas,



Love Feast 2023



If you asked me to pick one picture to portray our Thanksgiving Love Feast, I could not do it. So many of you are needed and appreciated in so many ways. You may not know this about me but I stress myself and over-analyze this entire operation. This is my 9 th year organizing the love feast and you would think I would have it down to a science by now. The Lord has taught me otherwise. Every year is different, every year we feed 300 people or

more in the community, and every year the Lord provides. I am so thankful for the many hands and I hope you continue to serve. Give up your time, give up yourself, and love one another. This is Love Feast!

Thank you so much.

Love, Linsy Program Secretary









2023	Tithes & Offering	
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,773.56	
	Received Weekly	
Oct 29	\$ 6,148.22	
Nov. 5	\$ 11,675.44	
Nov. 12	\$ 6,986.36	
Nov. 19	\$ 9,044.66	
Nov. 26	\$ 16,868.66	
Total Received	\$ 50,723.34	
Needed Year to Date		\$ 4569,356.87
Total Received YTD		\$ 376,342.41
Overage or (Deficit)		(\$83,014.46)

Attendance	Worship Attendance	FB Live
Oct 29	9:30 am Sunday School—60	Views
	Worship 10:30 am — 109	170
Nov 5	9:30 am Sunday School—79	Views
	Worship 10:30 am — 126	208
Nov 12	9:30 am Sunday School— 62	Views
	Worship 10:30 am — 118	206
Nov 19	9:30 am Sunday School—	Views
	Worship 10:30 am — 123	90
Nov 26	9:30 am Sunday School— 67	Views
	Worship 10:30 am — 130	172

Rusty Odom

given by: Donnie & Neal Mahoney Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Rick Brock

Given by:
Susan Elmore
Artie & Beverly Felder
Sandra Brewer
Jane & Tommy Benton
Winston & Genie Hodge
Sandra Brewer

Geri Weaver

given by: Sandra Brewer Sharon Cramer

David McCabe

given by: Donnie & Neal Mahoney

Margaret Carter

Given by: Billy & Betty Coffey

Sammy Plowden

given by: Winston & Genie Hodge

Frances Harley Brown

Given by: Francie Brown King

Sue McKnight Brown

Given by: Francie Brown King

Cythnia Brown Whitaker

Given by: Francie Brown King

Frances Elizabeth (Betsi) Brown

Given by: Francie Brown King

Cheri Lynn Brown

Given by: Francie Brown King

Fred Charlot Spigner, Sr.

Given by: Francie Brown King

Gregory McKnight Spigner

Given by: Francie Brown King

Jim Davis

Given by: Francie Brown King

Don & Nancy Andrews

Given by: Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Julie Nolte

Given by: Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Travis M. Brown, Sr.

Given by: Francie Brown King

Honorariums:

Billy & Betty Coffey

Given By: Mitch & Cathy Gardner Garson Taylor

Linsy Wells

Given by: Stan & Lu Nickell

Bill Brewer

Given by: Jane & Tommy Benton

Kass Varn

given by: Jane & Tommy Benton Billy & Betty Coffey The Flower Calendar for the 2024 year is in a note book in the church office.

All the yellow highlighted days are open for arrangements. If you wish to have flowers on any of these Sunday's please call or email the church office.

2024 Flower Calendar

21	28	
18	25	
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Frances Mishoe Cutter

7 pounds 4oz
October 18, 2023
proud parents
King & English Cutter and
big brother George
proud grand parents
G.G & Anne Cutter
Frank & Terrie Bleasdale
Connie Burke
John & Sandra Mishoe

Shirley Holland Downer

8 pounds 6oz October 25, 2023 proud parents Carley & Nathan Downer proud grand parents Kristi Lee & Billy Downer





Saturday	2
Friday	1 8-12 MUMC Day School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 1st Advent Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	4 8-12 MUMC Day School 11:00 am Prayer Team 5:30 pm Myrtle Strange Circle Party @ Sue Jordan's	5 8-12 MUMC Day School	6 8-12 MUMC Day School 4:30 pm CIA 6:30 pm Choir	8-12 MUMC Day School	8 8-12 MUMC Day School Last Day to order Poinsettias	9 Fellowship hall rented
 2nd Advent Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Christmas Cantata 5:30 pm UMYF Fellowship Hall Rented 	11 8-12 MUMC Day School 11:00 am Prayer Team 6:30 pm United Methodist Men's Christmas Banquet	12 8-12 MUMC Day School	13 8-12 MUMC Day School 4:30 pm CIA 6pm-Trustee Meeting (L) 6:30 pm Choir	14 8-12 MUMC Day School 12:00 pm Jane Craft Circle Party (FH)	15 8-12 MUMC Day School	16
17 3rd Advent Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4pm-6pm Florence Dis. Clergy mentoring meeting (FH) 5:30 pm UMYF	18	19	20 6pm Finance Com. 6:30 pm Choir	21	22	23
24 4th Advent Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Church Office Closed Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 4th Advent Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship New Years Eve	December Birthday's 12/01-Glenn Wells 12/03-Louis Griffith 12/04-Francie Brown King 12/05-Rachel Gainey 12/07-Elaine Buddin, Neal Mahoney, Julien Weinberg 12/08-Woody Haynes, Len Mathis 12/10-Lee Anderson 12/11-Cona Tyson, Joan Barber, Lewis Martin	g al Mahoney, Julien Wein en Mathis Barber, Lewis Martin		12/12-Katherine Fickling 12/13-Hugh Bozard 12/13-Hugh Bozard 12/15- Gail Burris, Isabelle Brown, Laini Kosinski 12/16-Kewpie Sprott, Rob Little, John Mathis 12/16-Carolyn Meistrell, Sandra Brewer 12/18-Carolyn Coffey, Terry McCabe 12/21-Marian Norris 12/26-Brittany Odom 12/27-Betty Coffey, Susan Elmore, Kim Jordan, Jay Weinberg	ay Wei	<u>December Anniversaries</u> 12/02-Jody and Amanda Taylor 12/12 Rock and Vicki Ouzts 12/30- Joe and Katherine Coffey inberg

Our Prayer List Please remember the people below in your prayers.

This list is in continuous rotation, if you do not see your loved one on this list please call the church office and update us on their health.

Carolyn Allen	DeLane Burch	John Felder	Leland Kelley	Clint Michaelson	Jan Toner
Robert Belloir	Paul Butler	Elisa Furse	Lamar Kennedy	Jennifer Nettles	Wayne Vincent
Amber Bennett	Jim Cafferty	Lisa Gibbons	Annie Laffey	Tim Richburg	Barbara Way
Michael Bennett	Sylvia Clark	Bill Hodge	Jackie Lamb	Dinky Russell	Family of Geraldine McInnis Weaver
Michelle Brewer	Ann Cutter	Charles Hodge	Tommy Lowder	Lynn Palmer	Kenny White
Joe Brewer	Geri Danilowicz	Cristina Insinger	Ken Lovorn	Bill & Cindy Rowe	Rebecca Whitehead
Chuck Buddin	June Davis	Spencer Jordan	John Mathis	Anne Sauls	McKinzie Wigley

Please remember to Pray for our members who are living away from home, in the military, or who have limited mobility:

William Gamble Joyce Bowers Liz Denny **Woody Haynes** Margaret Lee **Neal Mahoney** Jean Schmelzle Deedee Clark Jared Dube` Wilson Lepp Joan Odom Willie Sabb Anne Haley Bettye Johnson Cliff Toner Rosella Daniels



The last date to order poinsettias will be Friday, December 8, 2023 at noon. \$15.00 Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 17, 2023 and are to be picked up after the Christmas Eve service on Sunday, December 24, 2023. Proceeds benefit all Youth Programming here at MUMC.

In Honor/Memory of:

Given By:



Christmas Eve: Is a Sunday! Our Christmas Eve candlelight service will be at 5:00 **pm.** We look forward to worshiping with you this Christmas. **Master Works Christmas Concert:**

Central United Methodist Church, 167 South Irby Street Florence SC Saturday 12/9 at 7:00 pm & Sunday 12/10 at 4:00 pm Admission is free, all are welcome

Community Christmas Concert:

Pamlico United Methodist Church 105 W. Third Ave Pamlico SC 29583 Sat. Dec. 2, at 5:00 pm Everyone Welcome! Meal to Follow.

2023 CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

ST. PAUL (FLORENCE) UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1629 W. Palmetto Street, Florence SC Sounds of Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4:00 p.m. The Upper Room Class's Annual Christmas Concert, Sunday, Dec.17, at 7:00 p.m.

Methodist Men's **Ladies Night Christmas** Banquet Monday, December 11th 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

See Bo Bozard/ Church Office for tickets.



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