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February 2026

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## LENTEN LUNCHEONS



MARCH 2ND

REV. DANIEL MILES  
THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE IN SOUTH CAROLINA



MARCH 9TH

THE SEEKERS CLASS PRESENTS:  
ADAM AND EVE – READERS THEATRE



MARCH 16TH

REV. KEM THOMAS  
GORDON MEMORIAL METHODIST

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## From the Pastor

Dear ones,

We have been called Into a Grand Adventure

In the story from Genesis, we hear God calling Abram into an adventure—to leave his country, his kindred, and his father's house, and to go to a land God would show him. It was an invitation to trust God with his whole self. As that journey unfolded, Abram's name would be changed to Abraham, and the promises of God would be revealed more fully.

Those promises were never meant for Abraham alone. Every Christian stands within them, for we are among the many children of Abraham—adopted into the family of God through Jesus Christ.

Likewise, in Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus begins his ministry, he walks along the Sea of Galilee and calls Peter and Andrew, James and John. Ordinary fishermen are invited into an extraordinary adventure. "Follow me," Jesus says, "and I will make you fish for people." Immediately, they leave what is familiar and follow him.

To enter into faith in Christ is to respond to the call of God in the same way Abraham and those first disciples did. By receiving Christ as Lord, we begin the adventure of following Jesus and learning to fish for people. This response is not something we accomplish on our own. It is the result of God's grace already at work in us—drawing us toward God, opening our ears to hear the risen Lord say, "Come, follow me," and giving us the strength to answer, "Yes, Lord."

As we follow him through this world, we are taught a new way of life, marked by faith, hope, and love. Those who follow Jesus are not merely spectators. We are invited into a life of service and witness, participating in God's mission of reconciliation.

This grace that calls us, equips us, and goes before us in all things. It prevents us from being utterly destroyed by sin, by death, or by the shame that comes with them. By grace we come to know God, and even more, to know the love of God for us. And it is this same grace that empowers us to extend Christ's invitation to others.

The reason God draws us to God's own self is love—agape love. Not simply affection, but the love of service and sacrifice: the love that does no wrong to a neighbor, the love that seeks out the lost. As Thomas Aquinas taught, love wills and works for the good of the other.

God created us out of love so that we might be loved by God, love God in return, and—because we love God—love one another. And that love takes concrete shape when we invite others to follow Jesus, always seeking their good.

Separated from God, there is no true rest for any of us. Our souls are worn down by sin, by selfish striving, by the shadow of death. But this is why the call of Christ is such good news, and such a grand adventure. As the Nicene Creed proclaims, "For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven." God the Son entered fully into our human life—a grand adventure of grace—to make it possible for us to live the new adventure of life in right relationship to God and our neighbor. As Paul says, God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself.

And so, Jesus calls us still—not only to be saved, but to follow; not only to receive mercy, but to share it. Let us walk this grand adventure with joy, trusting that as we follow Christ, God is making all things new... including us.

## Remember Christ!

*FRANK DAVID*

### Genesis 12:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

### **Memorial Gifts:**

**Jake Buddin** given by: Gene & Joan Barber, John & Marie Land, Jim Black, Scott & Billy Ann Duke, Cal & Kimberly Land, Jean Prothro, Billy & Betty Coffey, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dukes

**Tom Glans** given by: Gene & Joan Barber

**Rev. Debra Quilling Smith** given by: Gene & Joan Barber

**O'Neil Ward** given by: Jo Gamble, Jim Black

**Paul Butler** given by: Jim Black

**Brenda (Dedee) Clark** given by: Jim Black

**Nell Black** given by: Tommy & Jane Benton

**Rosella Daniels** given by: Billy & Betty Coffey, Dot Stewart, Jean Prothro, Annette Browder, Susan Elmore, Julia Garmon, Gina & Johnson Garner, Mary & Charles Handy

**Bud Johnson** given by: Billy & Betty Coffey, Mary Eaddy, Kass Varn, Susan Elmore, Sharon Cramer

**Mary Barwick** given by: Dot Stewart, Billy & Betty Coffey, Sharon Cramer

**Jerry Robertson** given by: Jean Prothro

**Bobby Wilder** given by: Jean Prothro

**Joe Brewer** given by: Kass Varn, Susan Elmore

### **Honorarium Gifts:**

**MUMC Congregation** given by: Cona Tyson

**Choir** given by: Jane & Tommy Benton

**Katie & Kimbo Richardson** given by: Tommy & Jane Benton

**Jean Prothro** given by: Tommy & Jane Benton



**EPWORTH MOMENT:** Happy HEART Month! Four year old Jolie and two year old Elliot were born to parents who are heavily addicted to drugs. When child welfare workers removed the siblings from the home due to neglect, Epworth's Foster Care program place them with the Andersons, a low country couple in their mid thirties with two children of their own. Jolie and Elliot are healthier, calmer, and smile much more often than when they first arrived. They feel safe and cared for. This is an example of REAL LOVE from the Anderson family. Epworth is so grateful to MUMC for believing in Epworth's mission and for the generous financial support MUMC provides to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and teens in South Carolina.

**Thank you:** So much for the beautiful flower cross sent for dad's service. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness during this time of loss in our family. Love, Ann Maggard, Tami Harrison, & Brenda Nix.

**Grief Support Group:** This MUMC group meets in the library every other Thursday at 1:00 PM. Please call Pat Terry, 803-460-8106 if you have any questions.

**Operation Christmas Child:** This year our budget is limited. We should have enough funds to support shipping for 100 boxes ( 1/2 older kids, 1/2 younger) for our packing party. Like we have done in years past, you are responsible for the shipping cost for boxes you bring in. We will provide several cartons of the cardboard Shoeboxes and labels, which we will have available to you. Thank you in advance for your very generous help! Carolyn Chilton, OCC project leader.

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 pm Pot Luck Lunch 3:00 pm Confirmation 4:30 pm Youth	2 8-12 pm MUMC Day School 10 am Prayer Team 10:30 am BINGO 5-8 pm LMA Basketball	3 8-12 MUMC Day School 9-2 AARP Tax Prep 6-8 pm LMA Basketball	4 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 pm CIA 7:00 pm Choir	5 8-12 MUMC Day School 9:30 am Jane Craft Circle Fellowship Hall 5-8 pm LMA Basketball	6 8-12 MUMC Day School 5-8 pm LMA Basketball	7 8 am-12 LMA Gym
8 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3:00 pm Confirmation 4:30 pm Youth <b>Myrtle Strange Valentine Party in Turbeville</b> 7:30 pm Young Adult	9 8-12 MUMC Day School 10 am Prayer Team 6:30 pm United Methodist Men's Supper	10 8-12 MUMC Day School 9-2 AARP Tax Prep	11 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 pm CIA 6:00 Trustees	12 8-12 MUMC Day School 2:00 pm Jane Craft Circle	13 8-12 MUMC Day School	14
15 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship <b>3:00 pm Organ Dedication Recital &amp; Reception</b> 4:30 pm Youth	16 <b>Presidents Day!</b> 8-12 MUMC Day School	17 <b>Shrove Tuesday</b> 8-12 MUMC Day School 9-2 AARP Tax Prep <b>6:00 pm Pancake Dinner Family Fun Night!</b>	18 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 pm CIA 6:00 pm Soup 7:00 pm Worship @ MUMC	19 8-12 MUMC Day School	20 8-12 MUMC Day School	21
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## Happy Birthday

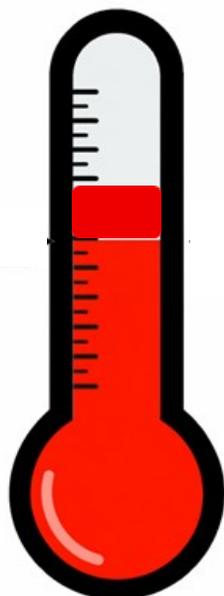
Feb. 6 Tommy Benton, Joe Coffey, Jackson Brunson, Don Lee  
 Feb. 8 Laura Drose  
 Feb. 12 Johnny Odom, Ann Bethea Barwick  
 Feb. 13 Ashton Welch Beach, Alex Welch Strickland  
 Feb. 14 Collin Powell  
 Feb. 15 Daniel Russell, Mills Lee  
 Feb. 16 Mike Burns, Cora Wichelns  
 Feb. 17 Ansley Elmore  
 Feb. 22 Hal Lowder  
 Feb. 23 Stephanie Brewer  
 Feb.26 Camlin McLellan  
 Feb. 27 G.G. Cutter  
 Feb. 28 Artie Felder, Thomas Stoia

## Happy Anniversary

Feb. 1-Fuzzy & Laurie Furse  
 Feb. 15-Bob & Sylvia Clark  
 Feb. 17 Cora & Venson Norris  
 Feb. 22-Daniel & Renee Russell

**Amount Collected: \$20,019.00 Percentage  
 toward \$38,000 goal: 52.68%**

**GOAL: \$38,000**



In addition to your regular giving, would you consider making a gift to offset the purchase of a new-to-us organ? If so, please mark your gift with the word "organ."

## Flower Calendar for 2026!

The yellow days are available for Sign-up!  
 Please add your name to the poster on the church bulletin board outside the church office.

February	1	8	15	22	
March	1	8	15	22	29
April	5	12	19	26	
May	3	10	17	24	31
June	7	14	21	28	
July	5	12	19	26	
August	2	9	16	23	30
September	6	13	20	27	
October	4	11	18	25	
November	1	8	15	22	29
December	6	13	20	27	

**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.**

Family of Mary Barwick	Jim Daniel, Jr.	Ed Gamble	Laura Kelly	Adam Salisbury
Horace Browder, Jr.	Family of Rosella Daniels	Lisa Gibbons	Karen Myers	Barbara Schade
Jackie Chalfant	Phyllis Dickason	Family of Robert Gdovin	Family of Jennifer Morris	Hallie Williamson Smith
Tommy & Buddy Creed	Claire Eadon	Brandon Herlong	Venson Norris	Hollis Wilson
Larry Cramer	Carol Gavin	Mary Howard	Ricky & Tonna Phillips	Rod Wilson
Ann Cutter	Artie Felder	Family of Bud Johnson	Chris Polis	Sally Wilson

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

Betty Black	Liz Denny	Margaret Lee
Joe Brewer	Cameron Dodge	Neal Mahoney
Isabelle Brown	William (Artie) Gamble	Joan Odom
George Clark	Woody Haynes	Helene Patnode
June Davis	Bo King	Margaret Robertson
	Wilson Lepp	Cliff Toner

Date	Worship Attendance
Jan. 4th	9:30 am Sunday School— 52 Worship 10:30 am — 90
Jan. 11th	9:30 am Sunday School— 48 Worship 10:30 am — 85
Jan. 18th	9:30 am Sunday School—43 Worship 10:30 am — 88
Jan. 25th	Bad Weather Day No Sunday School No Worship

# The Back Page February 2026

We went to the movies and saw the movie "David"  
It was a great movie, you should see it!



## Confirmation Starts February 1st



Amber and Kelly  
attended a photography



**Flamingo youth & young  
adult Awards**

Feb 1st during the worship  
Service

# It is happening!

## We are working on a new church Directory

### Photo Dates

February 17th from 5-8pm

(During the Shrove Tuesday Family Fun Night)



### Church Directory Photo Day things to know:

You are highly encouraged to take a photo at one of the photo sessions. If that is not possible you may provide a photo by Feb. 7th to Katie at :Katietrichardson@gmail.com. Please include your full name with the photo. No submissions can be accepted after 2/7/26. Digital photos will be taken for the directory. There is no charge for photos or the directory (one per family). Prints may be purchased separately ( see the pricing sheet on the table). Payments for prints will be made out directly to Oak & Lens photography and should be handled exclusively through Oak & Lens. Our church office will not be accepting payment for your prints. Staff from Oak & Lens will be on hand on the day of the photo shoot to take payment and answer any questions you may have.

Sign ups are in 5 minute increments. Time does NOT allow for multiple poses or photos to be taken. All photos will be taken with the same backdrop for consistency in our directory. Things will be moving quickly so please be patient. Please be 10 minutes early for your time slot. If you are late, you will forfeit your time slot and must sign up for a vacant slot. Please have all members of your family present and ready at the allotted time. . You will be asked to check your address and other information, if there is an error, please let the attendant volunteer at the photo shoot know. The Directory will hopefully be out in late spring/early summer. Each family will get one directory. Every person over the age of 18 will have a separate entry in the directory. If you have a young adult child who is over 18 they will be listed separately. Using a family or individual photo is the choice of the individual.

Questions should be directed to Kelly Gottheiner, Katie Richardson or Garson Taylor



**Tax Aide**  
**Free Preparation & Filing**

**Free Tax Preparation**

Tuesdays in February and March  
9am-2pm  
Manning United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall

**Appointment required**  
Call Margaret 803-566-7469

**Valentines Day Bingo Party**

Feb 2, 2026 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

Optional lunch available/ Bring a gift in the \$5 range

Sign up outside the church office



**Shrove Tuesday**  
**Family Fun Night**  
**& Pancake Breakfast Dinner**

**Feb 17, 2026 6pm-8pm**

**Fun and games for the family**

**Tickets available at the church office**

**\$10 adults/ \$5 kids 12-18 years/ under 12 free**

**Proceeds Benefit Operation Christmas Child**

Photos for the church directory will also be taken by appointment (sign up sheet outside the office)

**Covered Dish Lunch**

**After Worship 2/1/26**

**Sign up outside the office**

**Tech Help Day**



**Got tech questions ???**

Wondering about your cell phone, computer, using the internet, or understanding social media?

Here is your chance to ask Hunter!

Hunter is a member of our church and has worked in the tech industry and will help answer questions you may have

January 26th

11am-1pm in the fellowship hall