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October 2026

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Yard Sale: Save the date! Oct. 3rd 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This is one of our biggest fund raisers for the youth. Donation drop days are Sept. 30th, Oct. 1st, and Oct. 2nd. If you would like to donate furniture or large items, please contact Kelly.

Ecumenical Roots

I often misunderstood this term, ecumenical, and saw it in a negative light.

Within Christianity ecumenical refers to crossing the denominational lines and working with other Christians. There are a number of ways to do this. Our food pantry ministry, United Ministries of Clarendon, offers one model. It identifies a need in the community. Then, leaders and workers go out and gather resources to address the need. We are blessed to have creative leadership in terms of “stretching a dollar.” How many Bible stories address issue of poverty?

Ruth and Naomi return to Israel because of a famine. This was common in those days. However, the uncommon practice of gleaning gave them a chance to survive in Israel. Farmers like Boaz did not harvest all their grain. Some stalks and kernels fell to the ground. These were left there instead of picking them up. These were understood as grace for those in need. They could come later and pick up what they needed. In John 9 we find the practice of almsgiving where Jesus and his disciples encounter a blind man. He was begging for alms and ended up receiving his sight.

Paul’s letters refer to a “collection.” This collection refers to an offering from the Greek speaking churches. Paul engaged in fundraising. The collection was intended to help the young church in Jerusalem, since it had fallen on hard times. Jews and Greeks did not get along at the time. This collection helped them work together. The generosity of one helped heal the hurts of the other.

I imagine this collection went far to heal the differences between the Jews and Greeks. Ecumenical ministries often embody some of our highest ideals. Working together allows us to live those ideals out. In these ministries we “incarnate” God’s generosity. Seeking to meet a need, we find healing for our own souls as well. It’s one reason I love our ecumenical roots.



Monthly Food Collection: Please remember every first Sunday, we will be collecting food for the food bank project with the Manning Police Department. Please place these canned good items in the middle front pew.

Volunteers!! Every Monday at 8:30 am United Ministries needs people to come help unload food donated by Walmart. You do not have to notify Kathy, just show up willing to lead a hand.

The Church Brass: Please notice the cross and altar candles. We recently had them dipped so they can shine to perfection. We are looking for someone to help wipe down these newly shiny items and also polish what still needs to be polished. If you are interested in serving, please contact Sue Jordan 803-473-6297.

Christmas Craft Bazaar: November 21st, 9 am-2 pm. Over 30 venders with crafts, Christmas gifts, snacks. Homemade soup and corn bread are also available for lunch while you shop.

Epworth

Serving Children & Families

EPWORTH MOMENT: Interesting Epworth HISTORY in its 130 years of helping children and families. Even before the onset of the Great Depression, Paughnee Fowler of Union, S.C. struggled to feed and care for her seven children. Her husband died in 1922 and she was left without means to adequately support her

family because she could not read, write, or inherit her husband's business. By 1929 three of her children had dropped out of elementary school to work and help support the family. A Methodist, Paughnee knew about Epworth Children's Home in Columbia. She thought that she might be able to use her cooking skills to work at Epworth and take the 4 younger children with her to live on campus. Epworth gratefully accepted her offer but told her she would only be allowed to bring 2 of her children with her. Epworth had to limit admission during the Depression as charitable donations plunged and applications spiked to unprecedented levels. Paughnee decided to send her 2 youngest boys to live at Epworth. The day 7 year old Dennis and 9 year old Jim were taken to the Union depot to catch a Southern Railway train to Columbia their Mother sent them on their way with a suitcase and a basket of food. When they arrived in Columbia the brothers were assigned in separate age- based cottages and each received a Bible. The Fowler brothers excelled in sports and leadership, serving as team captains of championship Epworth football, basketball and baseball teams. Dennis and Jim remembered the 800 acre Epworth Farm and plowing fields behind the Epworth mules, Thelma and Molly. The boys could eat their fill of fresh-picked vegetables. A memory was when President Franklin Roosevelt visited Columbia and ate sausages that came from Epworth's Farm. After leaving Epworth, both brothers served their country with distinction. Jim served in WWII with General Patton. Dennis served in the Marines stateside. Both men moved back to Columbia after their military careers and married young women from Columbia. Both Jim and Dennis never stopped trying to help people. For the rest of their lives the Fowler brothers not only helped their Mother and other family members, but they supported Epworth. Their children shared a joke that "we didn't have two nickels to rub together because they were always giving one away." Their children said "Jim and Dennis ended up grateful for all that they received at Epworth. Epworth was life changing for them and us. We were first generation college graduates and they believe this would never have happened had their fathers not had the benefit of getting a high school education at Epworth."

Thank you to everyone who gave to Epworth Children's Home Work Day Offering. The amount raised was **\$2,100.00**. There is still time to make your donation to Epworth. Please put Work Day on your check or envelope with your name. Manning UMC has been a generous supporter for Epworth for many years. This money helps Epworth to be able to provide a safe and caring place for children and families who need help.



10/2 Frances Barrett
 10/4 Terrie Ard
 10/4 Cliff Toner
 10/11 Lu Nickell
 10/14 David McManus
 10/17 Donna Prothro
 10/20 Robbie Ouzts
 10/24 Shelia Vanscoy
 10/29 Gene Gathings
 10/30 Barbara Johnson



10/11 Charlie & Carol Gavin
 10/12 Bubba & Sara Wells
 10/19 Ned & Carolyn Chilton
 10/23 John & Marie Land, David & Samantha McManus

Date	Worship Attendance
August 30	9:30 am Sunday School—40 Worship 10:30 am — 73
September 6	9:30 am Sunday School— 38 Worship 10:30 am — 66
September 13	9:30 am Sunday School— 58 Worship 10:30 am — 115
September 20	9:30 am Sunday School— 54 Worship 10:30 am — 83

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.

October	4	11	18	25	
November	1	8	15	22	29
December	6	13	20	27	



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

2026	Tithes & Offering
	From August 30th
Needed Year to Date	\$ 226,802.66
Total Received YTD	\$ 291,590.25
Overage or (Deficit)	\$ (64,787.59)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
4 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2:30 pm Robotics 3:00 pm CIA 4:00 Youth Choir 4:30-6:15 pm UMYF 7:00-9:00 pm Young Adults	5 8-12 pm MUMC Day School 10:00 am Prayer Team	6 8-12 MUMC Day School	7 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:00 pm Trustee Com. 7:00 pm Choir	8 8-12 MUMC Day School 2:00 pm Jane Craft Circle	9 8-12 MUMC Day School	10
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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.**

Eric Albertson	Ann Cutter	Carol & Charlie Gavin	Ava Lowery	Beth Holladay Stokes
Katherine Ard	Doris Daniel	Charlotte Haygreen	The Morgan Family	Family of Ruby Sweet
Stephanie Brewer	Phyllis Dickason	Robert Kozma	Frank Portous	George Trumble
Annette Browder	Family of Tom Erickson	Family of Margaret Lee	David Rankin	Tim Weaver
Billy Brunson	Charles Evans	Anne Little	Tim Richburg	Alice Whitehead
Larry Cramer	Brandy Fisher	Stephanie Lochner	Cynthia Roark	Sally Wilson
Sophie Layne Cox	Glenda Friend	Ken Lovorn	Linda Rogers	Dickey Williamson

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	Neal Mahoney
Nikolas Boyd	Cameron Dodge	Joan Odom
Cody Briley	William (Artie) Gamble	Helene Patnode
Isabelle Brown	Woody Haynes	Margaret Robertson
June Davis	Bo King	

Memorial Gifts:

Bill Brewer given by: Elaine Buddin, Robin & Dena Coker, Prothro Chevrolet, Gene & Joan Barber, Carl & Patricia Galloway, Sandra Brewer, Nell Price, Mary Eaddy, Alfred Breedin, Darla Lowder, Michael & Lisa Burns, Ernie & Brenda Mathis, Sam & Linda Gamble, Bo & Trisha Myers, Rhett & Dawn Still, Gwen Drakeford, Mary Jo Gamble, Harriet & Jimmy Holladay, Shelia Vanscoy, Edna & Larry Ellis, Sharon Cramer, Tommy & Jane Benton, William DuRant, Jr. Julien & Pam Weinberg, Ingram & Associates Chirs & Staff, Ted & Barbara Johnson, Pam Stephens, Sarah & Johnny McDaniel, Ann Alderman, Farmers Telephone, Kenneth & Jackie Hodge, Ginie Turbeville, Kathy Dubose, Peter & Marie Buyck, Bubba Davis, Carolane & Frank Leysath, Jim & Doris Daniel, Cindy McInnis, Margaret Robertson, Charlie & Carol Gavin, Pam & Wayne Brewer, Patricia Ross, Carolyn Coffey, Merece & Johnny McAlister, Annette Browder, Mitch & Cathy Gardner, Genie & Winston Hodge.

Margaret Lee given by: Rock & Vicki Ouzts, Annette Browder, Billy & Betty Coffey

Tom Erickson given by: Susan Elmore, Rock & Vicki Ouzts

Roseanne Jackson given by: Margaret Robertson, Mitch & Cathy, Mary Jo Gamble, Mitch & Cathy Gardner, Genie & Winston Hodge.

Connie Burke given by: Margaret Robertson, Annette Browder, Genie & Winston Hodge, Sandra Brewer

Bob Clark given by: Margaret Robertson, Sylvia Clark

Jeannie Hardy given by: Margaret Robertson, Genie & Winston Hodge

AC English given by: Margaret Robertson, Genie & Winston Hodge

Lou Holladay given by: Margaret Robertson

Ed Frye given by: Margaret Robertson

Cliff Toner given by: Margaret Robertson

Ben Osborne given by: Margaret Robertson

Rob Little given by: Gene & Joan Barber, Julien & Pam Weinberg, Susan Elmore, Sandra Brewer

Connie Burke given by: Tommy & Jane Benton

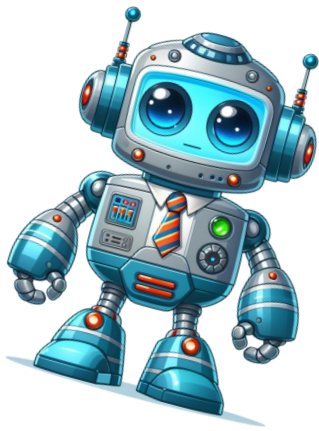
Elizabeth Geddings Thompson given by: Mary Jo Gamble

Charlie Cramer given by: Stan & Lu Nickell

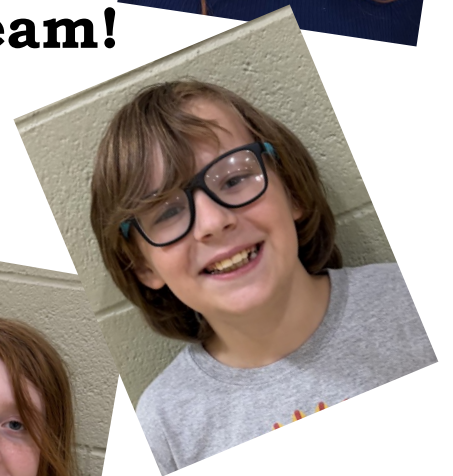
Honorarium Gifts:

Charlotte Haygreen given by: Sandra Brewer

Annette Browder given by: Sandra Brewer



Meet our Robotics Team!





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