



# MONTHLY

June 2022

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## From the Pastor

Dear ones,

Not long ago, someone asked me to write about the meaning of the paraments (the cloths on the pulpit). I've just sat down to write that article; but my heart is full of grief for the parents and families of those who were ruthlessly killed in Uvalde, Texas. I don't think I can write about anything else.

I wish I had an ironclad, no-debate-needed, sort of answer as to how we can stop the madness and evil that we are witnessing. There's a flood of Facebook memes being shared today that pretend to have a final say, but they don't tell us how to stop the horror. I wish I had an answer for parents who are afraid to send their children to school. I wish I knew exactly what political actions we could take that would ensure that such things would never, ever, happen again. I wish that I had never felt compelled to write the following in a Facebook post early in the morning on Sunday, December 16, 2012:

I'm thinking this morning about the evil perpetrated against the children of Newtown. I'm still trying to hear how this should affect the words I will speak today as God's servant. I'm still hoping for words of comfort. I want to have answers. I want to have that "just right" Bible passage float across my mind. I've heard several speak of the innocents who were killed by Herod in Bethlehem when Jesus was born. But I find little comfort in knowing that what happened this week is really nothing new but just a renewed sign of evil and sin's project of utterly destroying God's image in us. I've been thinking since Thursday about how quickly sin turned the first son of Adam into a murderer. My thoughts are filled with God's warning to Cain that sin would devour him. And, out of that warning, my thoughts are turning away from seeking answers to being reminded that Christ came as the answer. Jesus is God's vibrant and resounding "NO" to the destruction and devouring of humanity. There is where I will find my joy today on this 3rd Sunday in Advent... not in well-reasoned answers, but in the One who is the answer. The One who makes all things new, the One who will wipe every tear from our eyes and cast all of sin's work to the bottom of the sea-- the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

Sin is the reason these things happen, the only one that makes sense to me. For them to stop, our hearts must be healed. I have no idea what the ideological motives of the murderer may have been, and, in a sense, I don't care. There is no justification adequate, and no explanation will bring reason to what was done. Whatever "-ism" will be blamed, its ultimate root is Sin.

The only solution to the power and destruction of Sin is the death and resurrection of Jesus. The only cure for the sin-sick heart is the healing power of the Holy Spirit conforming us to the image of Christ. Guns, like all tools, are morally neutral. The right, or necessity of private ownership of them can, and should, be debated. I say that as a person who values that right. The human heart, however, is not morally neutral. The sin-sick heart, full of death, will always be dangerously murderous. Perhaps, this incident might remind us of what is at stake in the work that you and I are called to: the Church's mission to share the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection through word and deed. Those who respond and come to Christ are made right with God. Their sins are forgiven, and at the same time begins the process of sanctification, being healed of Sin.

I believe that The Blessed Trinity calls us to prayer; and we must pray. We must shout the name of Jesus into the demonic darkness that surrounds such events. Jesus also called the first disciples, and us, to action. The Epistle of James teaches us that faith without works is dead. Following Jesus requires that we pray and act. Let us pray Church, even though some well-meaning folks are saying it is a waste of time. Let us be specific in prayer, though. Let us pray that God will show us how we can join with Jesus in the healing work of grace that he is doing in this world by the love of the Father, through the Holy Spirit. And then, let us be bold enough to do it. So, dear ones, ask God to reveal to us what God would have us do that might prevent a child in our community from growing up with no conscience or regard for life, including their own.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Remember Christ!

*Pastor David*

**New members:** you are cordially invited to join our pastor and staff for lunch on Sunday, June 12, immediately following the worship service. You will receive an invitation soon but

National Day of Prayer Breakfast pictured below



Attendance	Worship Attendance	FB Live
May 1	9:30 am Sunday School—69 Worship 10:30 am — 108	Views
May 8-	9:30 am Sunday School—58 Worship 10:30 am — 125	Views 20
May 15-	9:30 am Sunday School— 105 Worship 10:30 am — 55	Views 35
May 22	9:30 am Sunday School— 47 Worship 10:30 am — 95	Views 22

2022		Tithes & Offering
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,787.54	
	Received Weekly	
May 1	\$ 9,741.47	
May 8	\$ 8,002.87	
May 15	\$ 5067.29	
May 22	\$ 4075.99	
Total Received	\$	
Needed Year to Date		\$ 205,750.80
Total Received YTD		\$ 154,071.47
Overage or (Deficit)		(51,679.33)

**The Flower Calendar for the 2022 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.**

2022 Flower Calendar					
June	5	12	19	26	
July	3	10	17	24	31
August	7	14	21	28	
September	4	11	18	25	
October	2	9	16	23	30
November	6	13	20	27	
December	4	11	18	25	

**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.

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|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mary Ashley Barbot | Lindsay Furse           | Family of Robert Patnode    |
| Susan Bowman       | Carol Gavin             | Dinky Russell               |
| Mattie Boyce       | Adam Grigsby            | Family of Greg Spigner      |
| Chuck Buddin       | Lamar Kennedy           | Bobby Stewart               |
| Paul Butler        | Phyllis Langston        | Kem Thomas                  |
| Carolyn Coffey     | Len Mathis              | Alex Thompson               |
| AC English         | Karen Myers             | Family of John Landon Black |
| Bill Flynt         | Family of Jessie McCabe | Family of Ricky Drose       |

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

Nancy Andrews	Nita & Liz Denny	Woody Haynes	Sandy McCord
Joyce Bowers	William Dodge	Kay Kirkpatrick	Jean Schmelzle
Dedee Clark	Jared Dube`	Margaret Lee	Sam Tyson
Kevin Cribb	Riccardo Gaskin	Wilson Lepp	Betty Wellock
Rosella Daniels	Anne Haley	Neal Mahoney	



**Jane Craft Circle**



Jane Craft Circle welcomed new members at a luncheon. They are enjoying new Christian friendships.

# JUNE

Happy  
Birt-fiday

6/1 June Davis  
6/2 Smith Gardner  
6/5 Charlotte Herod  
6/6 Robby Elmore, Ashton Bozard, Rollin Barwick, Benson Atkinson  
6/7 Elizabeth Anne Elmore

6/10 Sharon Cramer, Renee Russell  
6/11 Annette Browder  
6/14 Lisa Burns  
6/16 Ted Johnson Jr., Charlotte McDaris  
6/19 Gray Anderson  
6/21 John Milton Odom

6/22-Linda Liscio, Betty Black, Jackie Barwick  
6/25-Cody Taylor  
6/27-Judy Masters, Kimberly Land  
6/28-Jean Witt  
6/29-Linda Lesemann  
6/30-Jim Black

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 Chancel Choir	2	3	4
5 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship Hall in use 5:30 pm UMYF	6 6:30 pm United Meth. Men (FH)	7 8 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	8 8 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer <b>6:00-Trustees Meeting</b> 6:30 Chancel Choir	9 8 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	10	11
12 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	13 6:30 pm United Meth. Men (FH)	14 8 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	15 8 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer <b>6:00 pm Finance Com.</b>	16 8 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	17	18
<b>VBS 13—16 9am—12 pm</b>						
19 <b>Father's Day</b> 9:00 am <b>Father/Son Breakfast</b> 9:30 am Sunday School	20	21 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	22 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	23 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer	24	25
26 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	27	28 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer 7 pm United Ministries	29 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer 6:30 pm Witness Wednes- day Guest Speaker Joe Witt	30 9 am to 12 pm MUMC Day School Summer		

Happy  
Anniversary

6/7 Don & Helene Ellis  
6/8 John & Linda Lesemann  
6/9 Gary & Gail Burris, Bo & Amy Bozard  
6/11 Glenn & Linsy Wells

6/13 Bill & Shelia Vanscoy, Shayne & Kitty Stephens  
6/17-David & Brenda Lee, Vann & Robin Page  
6/18-Hal & Frankie Lowder

6/19-Rhett & Dawn Still  
6/20-Scott & Anne Wannemaker  
6/23-Robby & Susan Elmore  
6/25-Wade & Tammy Martin



## **Vacation Bible School**

**Grades K5—4th**

**June 13th —16th**

**Monday—Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Inviting all children to come and learn about Jesus.**

**This VBS will be filled with bible lessons, crafts, games, music, snacks, science and some water fun!**

**Pre-Register [www.manningumc.com](http://www.manningumc.com)**

## **Summer Junior Retreat**

**Grades 5th—7th**

**July 18th —20th**

**Monday—Wednesday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**This retreat will be filled with bible lessons, guest speakers, crafts, games, snacks, science and a field trip! Space is limited for Summer Retreat. There are limited spaces available. Monday and Tuesday will be focused on the bible with guest speakers both days. Wednesday we will be traveling to Bee City Zoo, Cottageville, SC to explore more about God's creatures. The cost for summer retreat is \$20.00 per person. This includes the admission to bee city, snacks for the animals, and lunch. Kelly and I are looking forward to this fun summer event!**

**To register contact Linsy Wells/ Kelly Gottheiner 803-435-8115**

## Memorial Gifts:

### Robert Patnode

Given By: Rock & Vicki Ouzts  
Gene & Joan Barber

### Burgess Sprott

Given By:  
Stan & Lu Nickell

### Pauline Horton

Given By:  
Stan & Lu Nickell

### Betty Hinson

Given By:  
Stan & Lu Nickell

### Horace Browder

Given By:  
Stan & Lu Nickell

### Paul Floyd

Given By:  
Stan & Lu Nickell

### John Landon Black

Given By:  
Rock & Vicki Ouzts  
The Elmore Family  
Heyward & Nancy Moore  
Anne & Scott Wannamaker  
Granddaddy Black  
Camille Daniel  
Ginger Gdovin  
G.G. & Ann Cutter

### Greg Spigner

Given By:  
Rock & Vicki Ouzts  
Annette Browder  
Gene & Joan Barber  
Sandra Brewer

### Ken Ackerman

Given By:  
Rock & Vicki Ouzts  
Tommy & Jane Benton  
Johnny & Ruthie Odom  
Sandra Brewer  
Anne & Scott Wannamaker

### Jessie McCabe

Given By:  
Rock & Vicki Ouzts  
Tommy & Jane Benton  
Johnny & Ruthie Odom  
Gene & Joan Barber  
Sandra Brewer

### Erline Gamble

Given By:  
Carol Ingram

### Jackie Kinsey

Jim Black

### Pete Surette

G.G. & Ann Cutter

### Cheri Brown

Given By:  
Sandra Brewer

### Rev. Jim Clark

Given By:  
Sandra Brewer

### Jim Davis

Given By :  
Sandra Brewer

### Varnie Mae Rodwell

Given By:  
Sandra Brewer

### Jean Turner

Given By:  
Sandra Brewer

### OJ Jones

Given By:  
Sandra Brewer

### Carrie Tisdale

Given By:  
Sandra Brewer

### Ricky Drose

Given By:  
Jim Black  
G.G. & Ann Cutter

## Honorarium Gifts:

### Kay Young Fox

Given By:  
Stan & Lu Nickell

### Seth Sexton

Given By:  
Johnny & Ruthie Odom

### John William Gainey

Given By:  
Johnny & Ruthie Odom

### Kelly Gottheiner

Given by:  
Heyward & Nancy Moore

**EPWORTH MOMENT:** Thank you MUMC for your Mother's Day Offering of \$2,084. MUMC is giving children and adults a second chance to have better and productive lives.

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM is becoming a strong part of Epworth Children's Home.

There are 150 licensed families across the SC serving 225 children. The largest percentage of children served range in age from newborns to 12 years.

## Witness Wednesdays

"Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul." Psalm 66:16

We all need to hear how others have experienced the grace, mercy, and love of God in their lives.

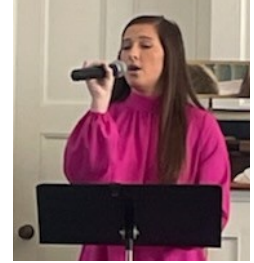
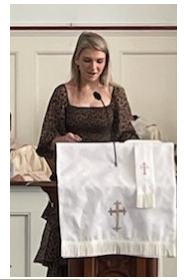
**June 29th, August 31st, and November 30th at 6:30 PM**

We will begin by sharing a meal together.

The speaker for June 29th will be Joe Witt

Would you be willing to tell your story, to testify to what God has done in and through you?  
If so, please let Kelly Gottheiner know.

# THE BACK PAGE June 2022



Congrats Ansley & John William



Congrats Graduates



Pictured above is Alyssa on her mission trip to San Francisco

Students from the University of South Carolina built 2 wheelchair ramps. You may see some familiar faces too:

**Katherine, Madison and Ashton**

