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November 2023

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From the Pastor

Dear ones,

As I was beginning to think of something to write for this month, I thought about the questions that people usually ask me when they are trying to treat the Holy Bible as a science textbook, or prove I'm an idiot for believing. I thought, "I could explore the question, 'Why are there no chickens in the Old Testament.'" This thought occurred because the usual question I get from scoffers is "Why are there no dinosaurs in the Bible?" Strangely enough, I know of a private school in one of the communities to which I was appointed that refused to let the children see the dinosaur exhibit at the South Carolina State Museum because as they said, "dinosaurs are not in the Bible." The religious leaders of that school believed the fossil records to be planted by the Devil specifically for the purpose of tricking us into doubting the scriptures.

Completely forgetting about Peter's rooster, I entered the word "chicken" into the search bar of "BibleWorks," which is a Bible exploration program that I use quite often. It returned zero results. No mention of the word chicken in the NIV, NIV, or KJV. But the word "rooster" does appear in Proverbs 30:31 as part of a list of things that strut about proudly... but some English translations use the word "greyhound" there so I suspect that it is not clear how to translate that Hebrew word into English. So, it would seem that the chicken, a creature central to human flourishing since it was domesticated around 7,000–10,000 years ago somewhere in Southeast Asia, is conspicuously absent even though Proverbs 30:31 may indicate knowledge of the bird in Hebrew culture. I found this odd. So, I did a google search and found an article on the website of the Smithsonian Magazine entitled "How the Chicken Conquered the World." That article contained this fascinating quote:

But one major religious tradition—ironically, the one that gave rise to matzo-ball soup and the Sunday chicken dinner—failed to imbue chickens with much religious significance. The Old Testament passages concerning ritual sacrifice reveal a distinct preference on the part of Yahweh for red meat over poultry. In Leviticus 5:7, a guilt offering of two turtledoves or pigeons is acceptable if the sinner in question is unable to afford a lamb, but in no instance does the Lord request a chicken. Matthew 23:37 contains a passage in which Jesus likens his care for the people of Jerusalem to a hen caring for her brood. This image, had it caught on, could have completely changed the course of Christian iconography, which has been dominated instead by depictions of the Good Shepherd. The rooster plays a small but crucial role in the Gospels in helping to fulfill the prophecy that Peter would deny Jesus "before the cock crows." (In the ninth century, Pope Nicholas I decreed that a figure of a rooster should be placed atop every church as a reminder of the incident—which is why many churches still have cockerel-shaped weather vanes.)¹

Who knew? Honestly, it never have occurred to me that the origin of a chicken often being placed at the top of weathervanes had nothing to do with farming or rural America, but was in fact a reminder not to disown, betray, or forget Jesus Christ.

May the Holy Spirit work within us all that, having been born through water and the Spirit, we may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and may our every encounter with a chicken remind us that our Lord deserves our loyalty.



Photo by Kati Hoehl on Unsplash

Pastor Davis

¹ <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/how-the-chicken-conquered-the-world-87583657/>



EPWORTH MOMENT:

“It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas”in the stores at least!

Planning for Christmas for children at Epworth has begun! Will you be an EPWORTH SANTA?

Christmas is right around the corner and Epworth is busy getting Christmas wish lists from the children in the residential and the foster care programs. Epworth experiences a bountiful Christmas morning that includes the requested wishes, gift cards, and usually a few surprises they have selected for the children. For some residents this will be their first Christmas away from their families, so Epworth goes above and beyond to help make this day special.

“Christmas with Epworth” is the annual drive for community members to fulfill the Christmas wishes of children in Epworth's care. If you would like to participate in Christmas at Epworth and be an EPWORTH SANTA, please put your check or money in an envelope and mark it EPWORTH CHRISTMAS. MUMC will send the money to Epworth. Thank you for your support, caring, and prayers for the children at Epworth. For more information on our Christmas with Epworth drive and to access the Wish List, please visit our website at: <https://www.epworthchildrenshome.org/christmas/>



Honorariums:
Don Miller
 Given by:
 Sandra Brewer
 Susan Elmore
 Tommy & Jane Benton

Travis Brown
 Given by:
 Francie King

June Davis
 Given by:
 Francie King

MUMC Congregation
 Given by:
 Cona Tyson

Leroy Phillips
 Given by:
 Artie & Beverly Felder
 Camille Daniel

Rusty Odom
 given by:
 Mary Jo & Lucian McCutchen
 Jim Black
 John & Libby Durrenberger

Esther Rhuland
 Given by:
 Camille Daniel

Nancy Andrews
 Given By:
 Sharon Cramer

David McCabe
 given by:
 Bo & Amy Bozard
 Jim Black

Durham Stone
 given by:
 Artie & Beverly Felder



Phyllis Dickason recently received the Quilt of Valor for her service in the Navy during combat. It is beautiful, we appreciate her sharing it with us. Thank you for your service, Phyllis!

".....If we only had a church with a clever Pastor!"
Absolutely we do! Thank you Pastor David for being you!
In Honor of Pastor Appreciation, Birthday, and Anniversary
Pastor David & Samantha McManus
 Given by: Sandra Brewer

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.

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

| 2023 | | Tithes & Offering | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Needed Each Week | \$ 9,773.56 | | |
| | Received Weekly | | |
| Oct 1 | \$ 10,003.38 | | |
| Oct 8 | \$ 8,000.74 | | |
| Oct 15 | \$ 6,644.00 | | |
| Oct 22 | \$ 4,127.86 | | |
| Total Received | \$ 28,775.98 | | |
| Needed Year to Date | | | \$ 410,489.50 |
| Total Received YTD | | | \$ 325,639.07 |
| Overage or (Deficit) | | | (\$ 84,850.43) |

| 2024 Flower Calendar | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|----|----|----|----|
| January | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | |
| February | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| March | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| April | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | |
| May | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | |
| June | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| July | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | |
| August | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| September | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| October | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
| November | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | |
| December | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |

Blood Drive
Nov. 7th 10 am -3 pm
 Donors will receive \$50 in a e-gift card from the Blood Connection.
 To sign up visit Thebloodconnection.org or contact Kelly.



Had a great time at the Gatlin Brothers Concert

| Attendance | Worship Attendance | FB Live |
|------------|--|-----------|
| Oct 1 | 9:30 am Sunday School—56 Worship 10:30 am — 98 | Views 157 |
| Oct 8 | 9:30 am Sunday School—63 Worship 10:30 am — 101 | Views 145 |
| Oct 15 | 9:30 am Sunday School— 58 Worship 10:30 am — 99 | Views 174 |
| Oct 22 | 9:30 am Sunday School— 47 Worship 10:30 am — 95 | Views 167 |

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.

| | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Michael Bennett | Ann Cutter | Lisa Gibbons | Jackie Lamb | Dinky Russell | Wayne Vincent |
| Chuck Buddin | Geri Danilowicz | Bill Hodge | Ken Lovorn | Lynn Palmer | Barbara Way |
| DeLane Burch | June Davis | Charles Hodge | John Mathis | Sammy Plowden | Kenny White |
| Paul Butler | John Felder | Spencer Jordan | Clint Michaelson | Anne Sauls | Rebecca Whitehead |
| Jim Cafferty | Bill Francis | Leland Kelley | Jennifer Nettles | Jan Toner | McKinzie Wigley |
| Ernest & Tiffany Clark | | Lamar Kennedy | Tim Richburg | Kass Varn | |

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

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



Manning United Methodist Men

Are taking orders for
Boston Butts **\$30.00**
Pick Up from 9 am to 12 pm
Nov. 18th at MUMC



OCC Activity Day



Did you know we have nursery available on Sunday?



As you know, I am quite passionate about OCC. While I don't expect that level of commitment from everyone, I would hope that sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ gets everyone just a little excited! We have increased the number of boxes from 3 in 2014 to 147 last year - that is great news! This is not a Sunday School project, a youth project, a Circle project, even a Kelly and me project, but a church-wide evangelical opportunity! We need everyone's help - please plan to help us at the packing party (2:00 on Sunday November 5) and please plan to pack your own box! Collection Sunday and the Blessing of the Shoeboxes is the next Sunday, November 12!

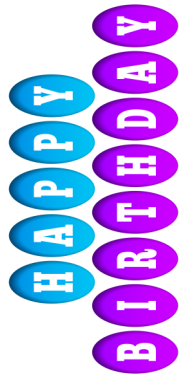
Thank you,
Your Sister in Christ
Carolyn Chilton



Happy Anniversary

11/04-Donnie & Neal Mahoney
 11/20- Ron & Alice Jordan
 11/27- Linda & Paul Younts
 11/28- Billy & Betty Coffey
 11/28-Buck & Diane Sprott

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| 5 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2:00 pm Operation Christmas Child Packing Party 5:30 pm UMYF | 6 8-12 MUMC Day School | 7 8-12 MUMC Day School 10 am—3 pm Blood Drive 5:30 pm United Ministries Meeting 6:15 pm SPRC Meeting | 1 8-12 MUMC Day School 4:30 CIA 6:30 Choir | 2 8-12 MUMC Day School 5:30 pm Pilot Club | 3 8-12 MUMC Day School | 4 8-12 MUMC Day School |
| 12 Operation Christmas Child Blessing of the Shoe Boxes 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4-6 pm District Mentoring Meeting 5:30 pm UMYF | 13 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:30 pm United Methodist Men's Supper | 14 8-12 MUMC Day School | 15 8-12 MUMC Day School 4:30 CIA 6:00 pm Finance Com. 6:30 Choir | 16 Fellowship Hall In Use 8-12 MUMC Day School | 17 8-12 MUMC Day School | 18 Boston Butt Fundraiser Pick UP Day |
| 19 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF 6:00 pm Joint Thanksgiving Service @ Manning Presbyterian | 20 6:00 pm Myrtle Strange Circle | 21 | 22 | 23 Church Office Closed 8:30 am Love Feast | 24 Church Office Closed | 25 |
| 26 Christ the King Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Christmas Parade of Lights!! Everyone is Welcome to Participate! Let Linsy Know. | 27 8-12 MUMC Day School | 28 Senior Creche' Festival Trip 9:00 am 8-12 MUMC Day School 7:00 Choir | 29 Fellowship Hall In Use 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:30 Witness Wednesday – Ken Sexton | 30 8-12 MUMC Day School | | |



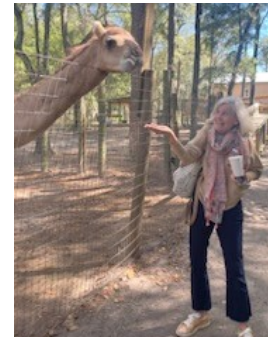
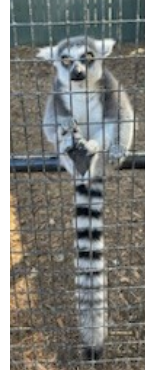
11/01 Charlotte Haygreen
 11/03 Harvin Brock
 11/05 Bob Zambelli
 11/06 Linsy Wells, Ladson Furse

11/07 Kelley Brunson
 11/08 Helene Ellis, Debra Sexton
 11/09-Betty Wellock
 11/13 Bill Flynt
 11/14 Howard King, Carolyn Haynes

11/15 Bubba Wells, Cecil Rowell
 11/16 Emma Barwick
 11/19 Paul Younts Jr., Matthew Burns
 11/20 Kass Varn, Scott Wannamaker, Frank Drose
 11/22 Gary Fickling, Bo Bozard, Spencer Jordan

11/23 Seth Sexton
 11/24 Cole Ard
 11/25 Bruce Powell
 11/28 Gayle Davis
 11/30 Gamble Martin

Fun with Friends-Our trip to Bee City Zoo



The Back Page November 2023



Did you see The MUMC Scarecrow?



Yard Sale Total \$6,260

Thank you to all who donated and helped!



Thanks to Hunter and Ryleigh for running the 5k as MUMC representatives

