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Walking with God

Hello!

My name is Bill McCown. Next Annual Conference I will have served thirty years in ordained ministry. When I entered the ministry an older minister shared a good word, "The highs are high and the lows are low." This has proved true in my ministry as well. However, I do not remember a time, when I did not believe God existed. I grew to learn how much God loved me and loved everyone. Though my commitment level has changed over the years, I have always been doing "the best that I could."

I was baptized as an infant in December of 1968. The whole family gathered at St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Greenville. My grandmother took a polaroid, so I do have evidence. Growing up it seemed like we attended church every time the church doors opened. In May 2000 I was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church at the Annual Conference held in Orangeburg at Claflin University. We celebrated the life of Bill McNeil during the Conference. Bill McNeil baptized me. His daughter told me so. She used to babysit me years before.

Looking back I did not stand out among my peers. We excelled at not volunteering nor showing interest. This did not change for me, when we moved out to Bethesda in Powdersville. There I became a Metho-Baptist. Confirmed as the youngest of a modest group. I joined out of fear for myself rather than love for God. You could say I made the right decision for the wrong reasons. In a life with God, we do that from time to time.

In 1981 the District Superintendent came to my church. I met him. He encouraged me to think about joining the ministry. He went on to describe the situation at the time. Apportioned Giving was down. Attendance was falling off. Membership was also down. I did not say it, but in my mind I thought, "I can't save your sinking ship." I was thirteen years old.

At fifteen the preacher asked me, if I would help with the Confirmation class. We planned to take a retreat to Asbury Hills over a short weekend. I did. We had a blast. In my college years I never left the church. Although I had read the Bible cover to cover a few times by then, I held many concerns about church. In those years I visited every denomination I could.

I went to Salkehatchie as an afterthought.

Some friends seemed to enjoy it. I went the next year. Within a few years I sought to go on an overseas mission trip. Two years later I enrolled in the seminary at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. My spiritual life took flight.

Since then I married later than most. I have been blessed with two children. We make a home everywhere we go. It's been said, "Home is where your heart is." We've been blessed to call many places home.

In twenty-nine years on a "sinking ship," I have taught several classes of Disciple Bible Study. Worked with countless VBS groups. Worked with a Pre-School where my son learned to sight read. Coached athletic teams. I have visited four continents on short-term mission trips. (I served in the Philippines for a year through my SMU Internship.) Worked with Kairos Prison Ministry and Walk to Emmaus. In each situation I count it a privilege. God has never not shown up, although the ministries did not always go as we planned. In countless people I enjoyed relationships bringing meaning to me and to them.

What do I do in ministry? I do what is necessary at the place and with the people I am assigned. So, I look forward to getting to know you better and the ministry we will pursue. I feel as if we have made a wonderful start together. We do have some challenges, but so does everybody. In short as your pastor, I look forward to fruitful years together growing this corner of God's kingdom.



Back to School Blessing: Sunday August 2nd at 10:30 am! Invite friends, teachers, co-workers, students, principles, family, etc. Also, bring your backpack if you would like.

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.

CPR/Safe Sanctuary Training: August 12, 2026, at 9:00 am. If you are planning on volunteering with the youth in any capacity, this training is for you. Please let Linsy or Kelly know if you plan on attending.

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.



Thank you
for voting
for us!!

Best of
Clarendon
2026!!

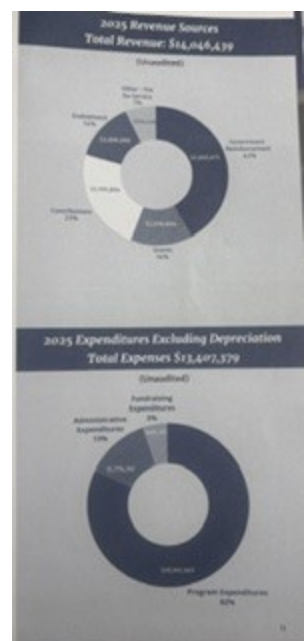


Epworth

Serving Children & Families

level provisions in homes with poor sanitation. Disease was rampant, and often fathers died young, leaving children to be cared for by mothers who had no way to support them. Deeply troubled by the suffering around them, South Carolina Methodists founded what was originally called Epworth Orphanage on property formerly used by wealthy landowners to race thoroughbred horses. The mission of Epworth Orphanage was to care for children whose mothers could not care for them. Today Epworth Children's Home provides residential services for children and teens who have faced trauma, loss, neglect or abuse, but it also runs foster and kinship care programs as well as innovative community-based services for children and families across the state. Manning UMC is a proud supporter for Epworth through financial help and prayers. THANK YOU

Epworth is celebrating 130 years of serving South Carolina children and families this year. Epworth Children's Home was founded in 1896. Following the Civil War, many South Carolina families survived on near starvation-





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Back To School Blessing of teachers, staff, students 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:30-6:15 pm Jr. Youth 7:00-9:00 pm Young Adults	3 10:00 am Prayer Team	4 1:00 pm Mission's	5 9:00 am CPR Training 11:30 pm Safe Sanctuary Training	6 8:00-4:00 pm 1/2	7 8-12 MUMC Day School	8 Pickleball Tournament
9 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:00-4:30 Youth Choir 4:30-6:15 pm Jr. Youth 7:00-9:00 pm Young Adults	10 10:00 am Prayer Team 6:30-United Meth. Men's Supper	11 8-12 MUMC Day School	12 9:00 am CPR Training 11:30 pm Safe Sanctuary Training	13 8-12 MUMC Day School	14 8-12 MUMC Day School	15 8-12 MUMC Day School
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30 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2:30 pm Robotics 4:00-4:30 Youth Choir 4:30-6:15 pm Jr. Youth 7:00-9:00 pm Young Adults	31 10:00 am Prayer Team					

August Birthday's

8/3 Jody Ard, Jr.
 8/4 Michelle Lee, Ruthie Odom, Donald Mahoney
 8/6 Larry Ellis
 8/7 Mickey Brewer
 8/8 Shannon Barwick, Ginny Flynt
 8/9 Christian Murphy
 8/11 Cleve Dowell
 8/12 Barney Brewer, Sylvia Clark
 8/14 Katherine Coffey
 8/15 Marshall Black
 8/16 Mike Terry
 8/17 Vickie Ouzts, Jim Daniel
 8/18 Doris Daniel
 8/19 Bill Brewer, Jonathan McLellan
 8/21 Charlie Gavin
 8/22 William Elmore
 8/24 Judy Hooks, Todd Emmert
 8/25 Michael Windham
 8/26 Debbie Rowell
 8/27 Pam Weinberg

Date	Worship Attendance
June 28	9:30 am Sunday School— 55 Worship 10:30 am — 93
July 5	9:30 am Sunday School— 52 Worship 10:30 am — 81
July 12	9:30 am Sunday School— 41 Worship 10:30 am — 69
July 19	9:30 am Sunday School— 45 Worship 10:30 am — 72

2026	Tithes & Offering
	From June 28th
Needed Year to Date	\$ 169,038.40
Total Received YTD	\$ 208,278.75
Overage or (Deficit)	\$ (39,240.35)



8/1 Michael & Peggy Windham
 8/8 Arthur B. & Sue Jordan
 8/14 Winston & Genie Hodge
 8/14 Julien & Pam Weinberg
 8/16 Ted & Barbara Johnson
 8/17 Jody & Terri Ard
 8/26 Larry & Edna Ellis
 8/28 Stan & Lu Nickell

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.

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	

Flower Calendar for 2027!

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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	

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	Larry Cramer	Carol Gavin	Ken Lovorn	Julie Kennedy Sikes
Michele Bastin	Sophie Layne Cox	Family of Jeanie Hardy	Garek Parker	Tim Weaver
Stephanie Brewer	Ann Cutter	Charlotte Haygreen	Frank Portous	Alice Whitehead
Annette Browder	Doris Daniel	Beth Holladay Stokes	Cynthia Roark	Sally Wilson
Family of Connie Burke	Phyllis Dickason	AB & Sue Jordan	Linda Rogers	Dickey Williamson
Family of Bob Clark	Glenda Friend	Stephanie Lochner		

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

Betty Black	Cameron Dodge	Margaret Lee
Nikolas Boyd	William (Artie) Gamble	Neal Mahoney
Isabelle Brown	Woody Haynes	Joan Odom
June Davis	Bo King	Helene Patnode
Liz Denny	Wilson Lepp	Margaret Robertson

Memorial Gifts:

Bob Clark given by: Sharon Cramer, Jim Black, Rock & Vicki Ouzts, Sandra Brewer, Billy & Betty Coffey, Pam & Julien Weinberg, Harriet & Jimmy Holladay, Jeri Phillips, Tommy & Jane Benton, Jo Gamble, Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Jeanie Hardy given by: Jo Gamble

Connie Burke given by: Jo Gamble, The Chancel Choir, Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Pauline Horton given by: Sandra Brewer

Lou Holladay given by: Venson & Cora Norris

Buster Johnson given by: Brenda Thompson

Walter Cramer given by: The Cramer Families

W.E. Horton given by: Stan & Lu Nickell

Bill Vanscoy given by: Stan & Lu Nickell

Tony Masters given by: Stan & Lu Nickell

Honorarium Gifts:

Sharon Cramer given by: Jean Prothro

Jim Black given by: Tommy & Jane Benton



Thank you to all who donated blood to help Colby achieve his \$500 scholarship!

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Eudora Farms Trip with our Middle schoolers





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