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From the Pastor

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." Proverbs 4:23 NIV

Luke 15:1-2 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." NIV

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Luke 19:9-10 NIV

²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." Romans 8:29 NIV

Do you have any favorite verses or passages from Scripture? Is there a verse that pops into your mind on occasion? Do you have a favorite memory of a parent or grandparent reading something to you?

Ephesians 2:8-9 was one of the first passages of scripture that I became aware of being able to quote from memory. I have since become very fond of verse 10 as well. The verses in the box are some that have become very important to me as well.

From Proverbs 4:23 I have learned that sin and hurts inflicted on us by others have a way of lodging in our hearts and causing us to rehearse the hurt over and over again. I have learned that it is ok for us to guard our hearts, to keep them from becoming dead and lifeless. The second and third selections often run together in my thinking. Possibly because in the second the Pharisees were angry that Jesus was eating with sinners and tax collectors; and, in the third, Jesus stands in the home of a chief tax collector named Zacchaeus and announces the coming of salvation. Certainly this affirms that he came for that which was lost including the rejected, the broken, the sin-sick, and me. He came for us, while we needed healing and welcomed us... which makes my heart very glad. And last, I share another verse that protects my heart—the promise that we are being conformed to the likeness of Jesus. I sincerely hope that is more and more visible in us all.

What verses do you find shaping your life?

My first memorable experience of Ephesians 2:8-9 came under the instruction of Brian Palmieri at Swansea UMC around 28 years ago. He used it in a bible study I had joined there. I am sure that I had encountered the verses before but I remember feeling relieved to hear that my salvation was not dependent on me, on my being a good person. Brian reminded us that we are saved by grace, through faith, and that our salvation and faith are a gift of God. Later, I came to appreciate the promise of verse 10 that I am God's workmanship created in Christ for good works that God has prepared for me to do. What a joy to know that God is working in us through the grace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit!

How has your life been impacted by the word of God? This is your witness to the goodness and power of God and a story that you can tell others.

Under Christ's mercy,



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.

Bill & Jane Bowers	Bill Flynt	Kate Martin
Isabelle Brown	Lindsay Furse	Judy Masters
Branson Bruce	Susan Hayne & Will Furse	Nick Meistrell
Steve Brunson	Bruce Gottheiner	Henry McFadden
Chuck Buddin	Michael Hendricks	Randy Repak
Gail & Gary Burris	Mike Horan	Tim Russ
Paul Butler	Dora Jennings	Janet Sexton
Ann Cutter	Spencer Jordan	Dot Stewart
Matthew David	Keith & Dot Josey	Bill Vanscoy
June Davis	Lamar Kennedy	Wayne Vincent
Claire Eadon	Jackie Lamb	Tim Weaver
Alice Dupont	John Lesemann	Bubba Wells
	Linda Liscio	Karen Wood

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

Don & Nancy Andrews	Woody Haynes
Joyce Bowers	Bettye Johnson
Deedee Clark	Kay Kirkpatrick
Rosella Daniels	Margaret Lee
Nita & Liz Denny	Wilson Lepp
Jared Dube`	Neal Mahoney
William Gamble	Joan Odom
Anne Haley	Jean Schmelzle
	Cliff Toner



2023 Tithes & Offering		
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,773.56	
	Received Weekly	
Jan. 29	\$ 16,310.93	
Feb. 5	\$ 9,382.00	
Feb. 12	\$ 8,636.05	
Feb. 19	\$ 5,321.63	
Total Received	\$ 39,650.61	
Needed Year to Date		\$ 78,188.48
Total Received YTD		\$ 65,459.24
Overage or (Deficit)		(\$ 12,729.24)

Attendance	Worship Attendance	FB Live
Jan 29	9:30 am Sunday School—64 Worship 10:30 am — 128	Views 249
Feb. 5	9:30 am Sunday School—65 Worship 10:30 am — 97	Views 237
Feb. 12	9:30 am Sunday School— 66 Worship 10:30 am — 122	Views 197
Feb. 19	9:30 am Sunday School— 58 Worship 10:30 am — 89	Views 249



2023 Flower Calendar					
March	5	12	19	26	
April	2	9	16	23	30
May	7	14	21	28	
June	4	11	18	25	
July	2	9	16	23	30
August	6	13	20	27	
September	3	10	17	24	
October	1	8	15	22	29
November	5	12	19	26	
December	3	10	17	24	31

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.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As a response to God’s love for us, the people of Manning UMC have a heart for giving and caring for others all year long. However, during Lent we especially think of God’s gift to us of salvation and Christ’s great sacrifice for us on the cross. Though unworthy, yet blessed by God’s love, we are moved to respond. One way we do this is to contribute to a Lenten offering that helps support two of our Methodist missionaries in Ecuador, Sara Flores and her husband, Dakin Cook. Sara and Dakin’s work in Ecuador has been shared with you through our church newsletter several times throughout the year. They depend upon our Covenant Support to continue their work. Any Lenten offering that is received beyond the Covenant amount goes to Salkehatchie mission work done by our MUMC youth. As we prayerfully move through the 40 days of Lent leading toward Easter, please consider how you might respond to God’s love through the Lenten Offering.

Helene Ellis, Mission Chairperson

Lenten Luncheons

March 6th - Jane Craft
Pastor Ervin Davis
First Servants Church

March 13th - Nelle Wells
Rev. Claire Van Den Berg
Liberty Chapel and Friendship United Churches

March 20th – United Methodist Men
Rev. Terry Fleming
Florence District Superintendent

Save the Dates

March 29th Witness Wednesday-Kass Varn
Palm Sunday April 2nd
Holy week is April 3- 8
Easter is April 9th



\$15 dollars each
In Memory or Honor of loved ones
Turn Forms into church office
(Call, Drop off, Mail, Email, Offering plate)
Last day to order is Monday March 27th

In Memory of:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

In Honor of:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Given By:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

<p>Memorial Gifts:</p> <p>Benson Atkinson Given By: Jo Gamble Sharon Cramer Billy & Betty Coffey Annette Browder Robby & Susan Elmore Rock & Vicki Ouzts Tommy & Jane Benton</p> <p>Rhett Elliott Given By: Robby & Susan Elmore Cathy & Mitch Gardner Jo Gamble Sandra Brewer Annette Browder</p>	<p>Robert Gurwell Given By: Cathy & Mitch Gardner Jo Gamble Sandra Brewer</p> <p>Sam Tyson Given By: Rock & Vicki Ouzts</p> <p>Peggy Skoler Given By: Robby & Susan Elmore</p> <p>Jim Haygreen Given By: Stan & Lu Nickell</p>
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Dear MUMC, As we continue on this journey, my family and I want to thank you for your love, your concern, and especially your prayers. Over the last few months we have been overwhelmed with all of the acts of kindness coming our way. We continue to covet your prayers as we return to Arkansas for the next round of treatment. Gratefully, Ann Cutter

Dear MUMC, Thank you so much for the food, cards, gifts, and especially your prayers. We are so grateful for our church family. Continue to keep our family in your prayers. Thank you so much, Mille Atkinson & Family.

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Mar. 2 Bud & Bettye Johnson
 Mar. 3 Will & Rachel Gainey
 Mar. 5 Mike & Lisa Burns
 Mar. 13 Rob & Anne Little
 Mar. 14 Meg & Don Lee

Mar. 18 Louis & Dawn Griffith
 Mar. 19 Johnny & Ruthie Odom
 Mar. 25 Bruce & Jane Powell
 Mar. 26 Dave & Tami Harrison

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Mar. 1 Alice Jordan Mar. 3 Mary Brock, Dianne Sprott Mar. 4 Mary Jo Gamble, Stan Nickell Mar. 5 Sherrille Ward, Ben Herod, J.J. Still Mar. 6 Carol Gavin, Frankie Anderson Mar. 9 Rhett Still Mar. 11 Beverly Felder	Mar. 12 Billy Coffey, Traci Brunson Mar. 18 Gene Barber, Nicole Kosinski Mar. 19 Eddie Barrett, Vann Page, Caroline Buddin Mar. 22 John Cutter Mar. 24 Mark Lee Mar. 28 Pat Terry Mar. 29 Fuzzy Furse	1 8-12 MUMC Day School	2 8-12 MUMC Day School 5:00 pm Pilot Club (UR) 6:00 pm Choir	3 8-12 MUMC Day School	4 8-12 MUMC Day School
5 2nd Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Confirmation 5:30 UMYF	6 8-12 pm MUMC Day School 12:00—1:00 Jane Craft Lenten Luncheon	7 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 CIA 6:30 pm Lenten Book Study	8 8-12 MUMC Day School 6 pm Trustees	9 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:00 pm Choir	10 8-12 MUMC Day School	11 Spring forward Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday. 
12 3rd Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm UMYF	13 8-12 pm MUMC Day School 10am-3pm Blood Drive 12:00—1:00 Nelle Wells Lenten Luncheon 6:30 Pm United Methodist Men's Supper	14 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 CIA 6:30 pm Lenten Book Study	15 8-12 MUMC Day School 6 pm Finance	16 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:00 pm Choir	17 8-12 MUMC Day School HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!	18
19 4th Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm UMYF	20 8-12 pm MUMC Day School 12:00—1:00 United Methodist Men Lenten Luncheon 7:00 pm Revelation Study	21 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 CIA 6:30 pm Lenten Book Study	22 8-12 MUMC Day School	23 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:00 pm Choir	24 8-12 MUMC Day School	25
26 5th Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm UMYF	27 8-12 MUMC Day School 7:00 pm Revelation Study	28 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 CIA 6:30 pm Lenten Book Study 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry	29 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:30 Witness Wednesday Guest Speaker Kass Varn	30 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:00 pm Choir	31 8-12 MUMC Day School	

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