From the Pastor

Dear ones,

I give thanks to God for your faithfulness. I ask for your continued prayers.

In this time of COVID resurgence, there is uncertainty. We had entered into a short season when we felt that we could relax our protections, do away with the masks, and once again be able to share loving smiles in worship. Now, we are having to exercise caution. Our response changed as a fourth new COVID variant was spreading through our community. We have experienced the ebb and flow of changing waters.

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus (500 BC) is credited with the notion that the only constant in life is change. Heraclitus spoke of life as a river, writing: "Into the same rivers we step and do not step, we are and are not." If we enter the Santee River and get out, then step into the river for a second time we do not step into the same water as we stepped into the first time. The water of the river flows, the water is never the same, so the river is not the same. So, he said, life flows. Life is never the same.

So, what do we make of change? Is change always bad? I think that I have heard more people complain of their lives being stale than complain about their lives changing. It is said that people fear change. I think the truth is we fear having someone tell us that the way we were doing something before was invalid or worse, that we are invalid. In our individual lives we are like rivers that flow. In our life together as the Church we are like a great gathering of waters, the pooling together of many hopes, dreams, stories, disappointments, strengths of faith, moments of despair, and joys of salvation as we are one through our baptism into Christ. Through faith and the power of the Holy Spirit our lives are being transformed, we are being made holy. And so, the Church is always changing and in need of change. But the same fears haunt us. Have you heard, "But we've always done it this way"?

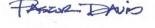
The Church of Jesus Christ has entered a time of great change. I never thought I would spend 17 months preaching to a cell phone. But I had to. In order to preach the Gospel, I had to learn to adapt, to learn new technologies. I had to learn to swim in different water. I don't know what the Church is going to look like when we emerge from this COVID nightmare. But I can tell you that it will have to be different, because the world we are trying to reach will be different. For instance, online livestreams of worship are here to stay. Some may have come to depend on the livestream in order to be with us in worship. Some may have convinced themselves that gathering for worship isn't necessary since they can watch the livestream video when they don't have something more fun to do. Others may have decided that they simply value doing other things more than worshiping God. Some may have lost faith.

Comedian George Carlin said, "Just when I discovered the meaning of life, they changed it." Well, just when I learned how the Church was supposed to worship, to serve in this world, and witness to others, COVID changed it all. As frustrating as our existence during COVID has been, attempting to return to normal for the Church will likely be even more frustrating. To be frank, it stresses me to think about it. I don't know what evangelism, worship, or discipleship will have to look like in a post-COVID world. What I do know is that the world needs the message that the Church has been called to speak. The world needs to hear of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus; of the forgiveness and new life he offers. My desire to speak that message outweighs my fear of change. I hope that yours does as well for, we will need one another if we are to accomplish our mission of making disciples.

The river of life is currently flowing like there has been a 100-year rain, there is tremendous uncertainty, and change is upon us. It's a lot to take in. But there is hope in Christ. We are the Church of Jesus Christ. We are the Body of Christ. We are those who have been purchased for God by the blood of the Lamb. We belong to the One who faced the greatest change of all, Death. He entered that most dreadful of all waters and he, the Risen Christ, overcame. As we move into this new season of learning to be the Church again, let us remember him for, he goes before us into all things. As we learn to do ministry again, as we work to follow the Holy Spirit in pruning things that didn't work and dreaming of new ministries, let us look to Christ. He leads us into this new reality, and though it may feel like a death of sort, there is always resurrection. As we face the changes ahead, swimming these new waters, let us remember that Christ does not change, he will neither leave us nor abandon us, he will keep us afloat.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8 NIV

Remember Christ!



Graham, Daniel W. "Heraclitus." Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy. September 03, 2019. Accessed September 29, 2021. https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/heraclitus/.



GLASSES FOR GUATEMALA: Thanks to everyone who donated glasses for missions in Guatemala. We collected 80 pairs of glasses and 43 cases. If you would like to donate to Guatemala, please send a check of \$50 to Ashland UMC, 2600 Ashland Rd., Columbia, SC 29210. Please memo your check "Glasses for Guatemala". Thanks, Helene

EPWORTH MOMENT: Thank you to everyone who supported Epworth Children's Home Work Day Offering. MUMC raised \$3,395.00. This generous amount shows the commitment MUMC has in supporting Epworth and the children, young people, and adults who are a part of Epworth. Epworth says THANK YOU!



Do you want skin in the game?

Do you want to score for Jesus?

Gal.6:2 'Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ'

STEPHEN MINISTRY of Manning UM Church....needs some additional players

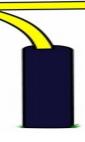
13,000 Congregations from 180 Denominations are involved with Stephen Ministry

Christ caring for people through people.....is the Touchdown

New ways of training at home....Zoom

Interested in reaching the goal, scoring points, being Christ's hands and feet?

Please call the church office if interested



Attendance	Worship Attendance	FB Live
August 29th	9:30 am Sunday School No Sunday School Covid Spike Worship 10:30 am — 49	Views 142
September 5th	9:30 am Sunday School No Sunday School Covid Spike Worship 10:30 am — 49	Views 113
September 12th	9:30 am Sunday School No Sunday School Covid Spike Worship 10:30 am — 69	Views 244
September 19th	9:30 am Sunday School No Sunday School Covid Spike Worship 10:30 am — 73	Views 247
September 26th	9:30 am Sunday School—23 Worship 10:30 am — 59	Views 287

Happy 50th Anniversary!
Genie & Winston Hodge

Given By: Sue & AB Jordan

Happy Birthday!

Bo King

Brittian Gaylord

Amanda Taylor

Given By: Mitch & Cathy Gardner



Cayson James Hodge



August 23, 2021
6.8 pounds
Congratulations to proud parents
Jamie & Erica Hodge and big brother Coe.
Proud Grandparents
Genie & Winston Hodge

Liz Black Fischer 313 Bridgecreek Drive Columbia SC 29229

2021	Tithes & Offering	
Needed Each Week	\$ 9, 137.95	
	Received Weekly	
August 29th	\$ 8,989.00	
September 5th	\$ 7,114.80	
September 12th	\$ 19,751.94	
September 19th	\$ 13,403.85	
September 26th	\$ 15,660.00	
Total Received	\$ 64,919.59	
Needed Year to Date		\$ 362,004.22
Total Received YTD		\$ 351,448.74
Overage or (Deficit)		\$ (10, 555.48)

The Flower
Calendar for 2022 is
out on the table
outside 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



2021	Flov	ver C	alen	dar	
October	3	10	17	24	31
November	7	14	21	28	
December	5	12	19	26	

2022 Flower Calendar

January	2	9	16	23	30
February	6	13	20	27	
March	6	13	20	27	
April	3	10	17	24	
May	1	8	15	22	29
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	



Bill Flynt

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.

Katherine Ard Lindsay Furse Phil Richardson Nancy Andrews **Bud Harper** Gene Roundtree Mary Ashley Barbot Judy Hooks Marla Sindal Amy Kennedy Clarence Snyder Mattie Boyce Ben Brewer John Lesemann Ginna Taylor **Connor Brooks** Harriet Locklair Pat Terry Ronnie Brown Tripp Lowder Jan Toner Tracy Byrd Brenda Martin Bill Vanscoy Dedee Clark Frances Moody O'Neil Ward **Betty Jane Daniels Gregory Morris Bubba Wells** Rebecca Whitehead Wade Edwards Martha Morris Donnie Feagin Lowden Olsen Tim Weaver Family of Ryan Fischer Yvonne Porter Paul Young

Teresa Putman

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

Joyce Bowers Kevin Cribb Rosellas Daniels Nita & Liz Denny William Dodge Jared Dube` Erline Gamble Riccardo Gaskin David Glaser Betty Wellock Anne Haley Woody Haynes Kay Kirkpatrick Margaret Lee Wilson Lepp Neal Mahoney Sandy McCord Sam Tyson



Ryan Fischer

<u>Given By:</u> Winston & Genie Hodge

Evelyn & Bernie Blascak

Given By:
Gene & Joan Barber
Robby & Susan Elmore
Cindy McInnis
Billy & Frankie Geddings
Annette Browder
Sharon Cramer
Jim Black
Jake & Elaine Buddin

Evelyn Blascak

<u>Given By:</u> Artie & Beverly Felder Nelle Wells Circle

Peggy Gardner

Given By:
Mary Jo Gamble
Johnny & Ruthie Odom
Louis & Dawn Griffith
John & Linda Lesemann
Sandra Brewer
Buck & Dianne Sprott
Robby & Susan Elmore
Gene & Joan Barber

Peggy & Ted Gardner

Given By: Donnie & Neal Mahoney Sandra Brewer

Betty Cribb

Given By: Annette Browder Rock & Vicki Ouzts Artie & Beverly Felder Sharon Cramer Jake & Elaine Buddin Susan & Robby Elmore Mel & Nell Price Mary Jo Gamble Stan & Lu Nickell Johnny & Ruthie Odom Mary Garson Taylor Louis & Dawn Griffith John & Linda Lesemann Tommy & Jane Benton Mitch & Cathy Gardner **Buck & Dianne Sprott** Lucian & Mary Jo McCutchen Gene & Joan Barber

Betty & Phil Cribb

Given By:
Donnie & Neal Mahoney

Jody Brailsford

Given By:
Gene & Joan Barber
Louis & Dawn Griffith
Jake & Elaine Buddin

Kathy Miller

Given By: Sharon Cramer Annette Browder Cindy McInnis

W.E. Horton

Given By:
Alice Welch
Richard & DeeDee Chewning
Linda & Mike Harrington
Jake & Elaine Buddin
Jeff & Stephanie Black
Mr. & Mrs. R.P. Felder
Mr. & Mrs. Wilson McDonald
Darlene & Norman Ivey
Jeri & Leroy Phillips

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Jean Prothro
Alice Dupont
Jeretta Brasington
Alfred Breedin

Larry & Patsy Williamson
Dickey & Michele Williamson
Mary Jo & Lucian McCutchen
John & Marie Land
Steve & Cindy Brunson
Bill & Shelia Vanscoy
Jan & Cliff Toner
Gene & Joan Barber
AB & Sue Jordan
Don & Nancy Andrews

Stan & Lu Nickell Mary Garson Taylor John & Linda Lesemann Carolyn Brewer Ted & Barbara Johnson Mitch & Cathy Gardner Buck & Dianne Sprott Sonny & Ann Sanders

W.E. & Pauline Horton

Given By:
Sandra Brewer
Ashton & Alex Welch
Louis & Dawn Griffith
Donnie & Neal Mahoney

Traci Black Badura

Given By:
Billy & Betty Coffey
Don & Helene Ellis
Artie & Beverly Felder
Sandra Brewer
Jan & Cliff Toner
AB & Sue Jordan
Susan & Robby Elmore
Mary Garson Taylor

Howard Elkins

<u>Given By:</u> John & Linda Lesemann

Bob Gamble

<u>Given By:</u> Sandra Brewer

Harvey "Tap" Tapley

Given By:
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Jake & Elaine Buddin
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Lamar & Cathy Kennedy
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Artie & Beverly Felder
Jake & Elaine Buddin
Daniel, Renee, Sarah, & Ross Russell
Mary Garson Taylor
John & Linda Lesemann
Buck & Dianne Sprott
Cindy McInnis

Mike Strickland

Given By: Mary Garson Taylor

Louise Thompson

Given By: Sandra Brewer

Barbara Wheeler

Given By: Jake & Elaine Buddin

Claire Clark

Given By:
Buck & Dianne Sprott

Jim Flowers

<u>Given By:</u> Sandra Brewer

Dora James Richburg

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Brother Eadon

<u>Given By:</u> Sandra Brewer **Clyde Bryce**

Given By: Stan & Lu Nickell

John Denny

Given By:
Stan & Lu Nickell

Tony Masters

Given By: Stan & Lu Nickell

Paul Floyd

Given By: Louis & Dawn Griffith Sandra Brewer

Melva Jean Baynard

<u>Given By:</u> John & Linda Lesemann

English Furse

Given By:
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Bryan Hipp

Given By:

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Charlie Cramer

Given By: Stan & Lu Nickell

Jimmy Culclasure

Given By: Mary Garson Taylor

Mort Schlor

<u>Given By:</u> Artie & Beverly Felder Mitch & Cathy Gardner

Jimmy Taylor

Given By: Sandra Brewer Alex & Ashton Welch AB & Sue Jordan Donnie & Neal Mahoney

Ruth Johnson

<u>Given By:</u> Sandra Brewer

Pam McCabe

<u>Given By:</u> Donnie & Neal Mahoney

Dora Jane Richburg

Given By:

Donnie & Neal Mahoney

Kathy Richbourg

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Burgess Sprott

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Gifts given to The Daisy Gamble Mission House in Memory of **Horace Browder**





10/11 Charlie & Carol Gavin

10/12 Bubba & Sara Wells 10/17 Bobby & Dot Stewart, Lamar & Cathy Kennedy 10/19 Ned & Carolyn Chilton 10/23 John & Marie Land, David & Samantha McManus

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10/10 Gary Burris 10/11 Lu Nickell

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10/4 Amy Bozard 10/5 Stephanie Black 10/7 Dot Stewart, Cal Land, IV

10/27 Joyce Bowers 10/30 Barbara Johnson, Will Gainey

The Back Page October 2021

Yard Sale October 2 from 8am-12 noon

Drop off's 8am-1pm September 27 or 30th or October 1st.

Volunteers needed to help set up on October 1st 9-2pm

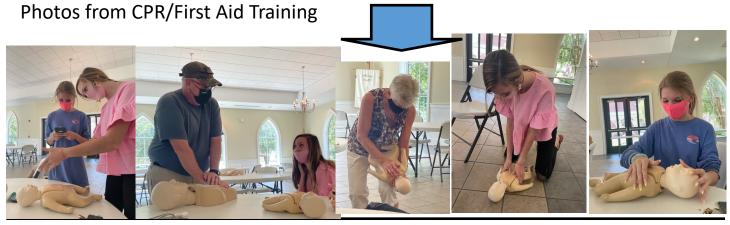




Nursing Home Outreach

October 19th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall

We will be writing cards and packaging sun catchers to send to area nursing homes





Thank you to the Denny family for donating the proceeds of their estate sale to Manning United Methodist church! We raised over \$9,195.

Thank you to all who volunteered and those who purchased items

A special Thanks to the Burns family for buying more than 1/3 of the Sale!