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# September 2022

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# Save the Dates!

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Aug. 31st Witness Wednesday 6:30 pm

Sept. 5th Labor Day Church Office Closed

Sept. 13th CIA Starts 3:00 pm

Sept. 18th Acolyte Training 4:30 pm

Oct. 1st Yard Sale

Oct. 30th OCC Packing Party

## **Fall Bible Study**

Join Kass Varn for a Bible study with "Lessons from the Upper Room" This book covers John 13-17. Let's read together the beautiful lessons that surround that last night Jesus spent with his disciples. We will meet on Wednesday's at 10:00 am and we will begin Sept. 14th. Please let Linsy or Kass know if you are interested, so we may order books

### Seniors

Charlotte Southern Christmas Show and Billy Graham Library Trip November 10-11. \$75 deposit required and applied to cost of trip. \$265 double occupancy. Chartered bus, ticket to Christmas show, lodging, dinner, breakfast, ticket and lunch at Billy Graham Library. Activity run by Pat tours. See Kelly for more details.

# Epworth

COMING SOON EPWORTH WORK DAY **September 11th**. Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? Epworth is currently serving 354 children and families through their Residential and Independent Living programs, statewide Foster Care program, the Epworth Center for Counseling, the Early Intervention Center, and prevention services. Each of these children have found refuge in the ministry we share as United Methodists in S.C. Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 126 years through the generous support of churches like ours! Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. You can visit Epworth at <u>www.epworthchildrenshome.org</u> or find Epworth on social media.

# Witness Wednesday

Thank you, PJ Lovorn for being our second speaker. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday**, **November 30th.** Lou Holladay will be speaking.

2022 F	lov	ver C	aleno	dar	
September	4	11	18	25	
October	2	9	16	23	30
November	6	13	20	27	
December	4	11	18	25	

The Flower Calendar for the 2023 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.

2023	Flo	wer	Caler	ndar	
January	1	8	15	22	29
February	5	12	19	26	
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

# Charge Conference 2022

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.** The following persons are members of the Charge Conference (and Administrative Board) with vote. Others may attend but without vote.

Members are:

Ken Sexton, Charlie Gavin, Vann Page, Louis Griffith, Jake Buddin, Don Ellis, Carolyn Coffey, Rock Ouzts, Helene Ellis, Ansley Elmore, Mary Garson Taylor, Jim Black, Bo Bozard, Mickey Brewer, Billy Coffey, Gene Barber, Travis Brown, Kathy Bryce, Joe Coffey, G. G. Cutter, JoAnn Eaddy, Robby Elmore, Louis Griffith, Sue Jordan, Howard King, John Lesemann, Hal Lowder, Gary Martin, Len Mathis, Ellen McFadden, Jane Powell, Kass Varn, Scott Wannamaker, Julian Weinberg

## **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.

Mary Ashley Barbot	AC English	Stimey Mathis
Mattie Boyce	Bill Flynt	Karen Myers
Chuck Buddin	Lindsey Furse	Family of Wyatt & Betty Nettles
Paul Butler	Susan Hayne & Will Furse	Walker Newman
Connie Burke	Buddy Gamble	Ted Putman
Jerry Cannon	Hayden Garris	Kaye Rogers
Family of Debbie Casten	Carol Gavin	Janet Sexton
Betty Cory	Family of April O. Harrison	Jan Toner
Ann Cutter	Lamar Kennedy	Danny Jeffcoat
	Len Mathis	Wayne Vincent

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

Nancy Andrews	June
Joyce Bowers	Nita
Dedee Clark	Will
Rosella Daniels	Jare
	\\/ill

vs	June Davis
	Nita & Liz Denny
	William Dodge
ls	Jared Dube`
	William Gamble

Anne Haley	Wilson Lepp
Woody Haynes	Neal Mahoney
Bettye Johnson	Jean Schmelzle
Kay Kirkpatrick	Cliff Toner
Margaret Lee	Cona & Sam Tyson

2022	Tithes & Offering	
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,787.54	
	Received Weekly	
July 31	\$ 7,403.00	
Aug 7	\$ 8,648.05	
Aug 14	\$ 6,628.54	
Aug 21	\$ 3,577.00	
Total Received	\$ 26,256.59	
Needed Year to Date		\$ 342,776.36
Total Received YTD		\$ 257,073.72
Overage or (Deficit)		(\$85,702.64)

Attendance	Worship Attendance	FB Live
July 31	9:30 am Sunday School—95 Worship 10:30 am — 57	Views 204
Aug 7	9:30 am Sunday School—52 Worship 10:30 am — 70	Views 156
Aug 14	9:30 am Sunday School— 52 Worship 10:30 am — 90	Views 141
Aug 21	9:30 am Sunday School— 43 Worship 10:30 am — 87	Views 202









CPR Training

# Youth Sunday







April Osborne Harrison Given By: Cathy & Lamar Kennedy

David Kidwell Given By: Robby & Susan Elmore Billy & Betty Coffey Cathy & Lamar Kennedy Jane & Tommy Benton Artie & Beverly Felder

John Landon Black Given By: Ken & Gloria Holladay Elizabeth Anne Elmore

> **Clyde Bryce** Given By: Stan & Lu Nickell

> John Denny Given By: Stan & Lu Nickell

#### Honorarium Gifts:

Larry & Edna Ellis Given By: Stan & Lu Nickell

Happy Birthday! Beth Gaylord Matthew Evans Katherine Coffey William Coffey Jody Taylor Given by: Mitch & Cathy Gardner

> Myrtle Strange Circle Given By: Sam & Cona Tyson

Nelle Wells Circle Given By: Sam & Cona Tyson

Jane Craft Circle Given By: Sam & Cona Tyson

Manning United Methodist Men Given BY: Sam & Cona Tyson

> Stephen Ministries Given By: Sam & Cona Tyson











Collins Laine Hensley August 18, 2022 9lbs 3.5oz 21 3/4 inches Proud Parents Andrew & Elize Hensley



George Weston Stephens July 26, 2022 8lbs 4oz 19 1/2 inches Proud Parents Daniel & Sarah Sprott Stephens Proud Grand Parents Buck & Dianne Sprott Proud Great Garand Mother Nell Sprott



9/4 Penny Windham 9/5 Nash Kosinski 9/6 Jenna Still 9/7 Michelle Coker 9/9 Bo King, Cathy Kennedy, Kelli Brunson, Mickey Jordan, Samantha Coffey 9/11 Robin Page, Elizabeth Brock 9/12 Mickey Sexton, Davis Felder

9/13 Ellen McFaddin, Elizabeth Denny, Patrick Burns 9/14 Ann Alderman, Cindy McInnis, JoAnn Eaddy, Bennett Stephens 9/15 Genie Hodge 9/17 Barbara Flowers, Tony Norris, Richard Anderson

9/19 Steve Brunson, Avery Kate Herod

9/20 Sue Jordan

9/23 Joe Witt, Ikey Brunson 9/24 Laura Brogdon 9/26 Bobby Stewart, Arthur B. Jordan, Mary Michael Walker, Katherine Burns 9/27 Linda Younts, David Lee 9/28 Amanda Taylor 9/29 Kem Thomas

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8-12 MUMC Day School 5:30 Pilot Club	2 8-12 MUMC Day School	m
4 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	Church Office Closed	6 8-12 MUMC Day School	7 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:00 pm Trustee Com. (L) 7:00 pm Choir	8 8-12 MUMC Day School 2:00 pm Jane Craft	9 8-12 MUMC Day School	10
11 Epworth Work Day Offering 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	12 8-12 MUMC Day School 10:00 am Nelle Wells Circle 6:30 pm United Methodist Men's Supper	13 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 pm CIA	14 8-12 MUMC Day School 10:00 am Kass Book Study 6:00 Finance Com. (L) 7:00 pm Choir	15 8-12 MUMC Day School 7:00 pm Book Club	16 8-12 MUMC Day School	17 USC Game Youth Trip
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9/3 Joe & Jean Witt 9/4 Spencer & Kimber Jordan 9/7 Cecil & Debbie Rowell 9/8 Mike & Pat Terry

9/10 Don & Nancy Andrews 9/14 Jay & Jessica Weinberg 9/20 Sam & Cona Tyson 9/30 Tommy & Jane Benton

# The Back Page September 2022

# From the Pastor

# Dear ones,

Have you ever heard someone say "In my experience..." as they began to answer a question? Usually, the person is referring to life experiences that have shaped how they see the world or their experiences of other people. Experience is an important way of knowing for Christians. *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016* says this about personal experience:

On a personal level, experience is to the individual as tradition is to the church: It is the personal appropriation of God's forgiving and empowering grace. Experience authenticates in our own lives the truths revealed in Scripture and illumined in tradition, enabling us to claim the Christian witness as our own.

The Rev. John Wesley, one of Methodism's founders, was pushed into pondering his own experience of "God's forgiving and empowering grace" by many of his life experiences including his father's dying words and a lack of fear that he saw amongst some Moravians who were singing during a storm that threatened to sink the ship they were on. His father, the Rev. Samuel Wesley, told John, "The inward witness, son, the inward witness, that is the proof, the strongest proof, of Christianity." So began a lifelong pursuit of the fullness of assurance, the effect of faith allowing him to know that he had appropriated "God's forgiving and empowering grace" as being for himself.

To appropriate something is to make it your own. It is easy to talk of God being gracious or merciful to others. It is sometimes difficult to speak of this with regard to oneself. Do you ever find yourself wondering if you have truly accepted that God's free grace is for you as well? Our experience of forgiveness in the community of the church, and in our own hearts, can give us assurance that we have accepted that grace. This assurance, that is from faith, is promised to us in Romans 8:16 which says, "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...". This assurance allows us to accept that God's forgiveness and grace as evidenced in life of the whole Church are for us individually as well.

This inward witness then allows us to speak to others about the forgiving, empowering, transforming grace that we have experienced as a gift from God. I can imagine a scenario where this could be life-giving for someone close to you. Suppose someone says to you, "I simply can't believe that God can forgive me, or that I will ever be able to forgive myself." You can respond from your own experience of grace, "In my experience..." and go on to tell them about the new life you have in Christ. This is how the very best evangelism happens, whether on a death bed, in the belly of a ship, the corner diner, or your front porch.

Let your experience of the grace of God, that is truly greater than our sin, spill out into the lives of those around you!

# **Remember Christ!**

PASER DAVID