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October 2025

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Drawing by: Kass Varn

Yard Sale

October 4th

8am-1pm

Volunteers needed

October 2nd-3rd



From the Pastor

Dear ones,

Are you familiar with the notion that there is a season for everything? You have likely heard someone allude to that, even if it was just the song by The Byrds. The notion comes from Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 which is quoted below from the New International Version

¹ There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: ² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, ³ a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. ⁹ What does the worker gain from his toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has laid on men. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.



I always read frustration into those verses, as if things are not what they are intended to be. Due to sin coming into the world, our rebellion, we observe human actions (a time to kill?) and times that may not be holy or may not be life-giving. It is as if, without unity with God, we truly are left “chasing after the wind” (That’s Ecclesiastes 2:26 which reads, ²⁶ To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.) It was to a people (Israel) who had lost unity with God, and were bound in the resultant frustration, that Christ Jesus comes. But truly, that is the entire human condition. Without God, we are bound in frustration, all things are chasing after the wind, and death is our only outcome.

Working from the notion that God had set past and future, or eternity, in the hearts of human beings, St. Augustine wrote in the 3rd century that, apart from God, our hearts are restlessly frustrated and unfulfilled. This is the state of humanity into with The Father sends the eternal Son. Jesus is God and Human, not a hybrid or a mix of the two, but 100% God and 100% human. In Jesus, the divine nature and the human nature are both present, unified. Bishop Robert Barron reflects on that saying, “In other words, what the heart aches for – real union with God—is realized, personally and completely, in him. What Israel of the Old Testament gestured toward through the holy temple, through the preaching of the prophets, through law and covenant—real reconciliation with God—is, in Jesus, an established fact.” It is in that reconciliation that we finally find rest from chasing after the wind, from flailing about in frustration, as we chase after the temporary treasures of this world.

And so, in Matthew 11, Jesus invites us to come to him and find rest for our souls. This is the invitation to discipleship. Jesus invites us to enter into a way of life that is no longer about serving the fleeting, but the truly eternal. To follow after Jesus and purposefully choose to live out his teachings in this world is to surrender to the notion that, in him, all is not lost to futility. But, rather, we surrender to the sure and certain hope that it is Jesus who speaks the words of eternal life, and that pardon for our futility will be the word spoken over all who have placed their faith in him. Press on in faith.

Pastor David



Jane Craft
Circle

Flower Calendar for 2026
The yellow days are available for Sign-up!

January	4	11	18	25	
February	1	8	15	22	
March	1	8	15	22	29
April	5	12	19	26	
May	3	10	17	24	31
June	7	14	21	28	
July	5	12	19	26	
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	

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Nursery Cuties!



Sunday School Breakfast

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.

Family of Milton Ackerman		Tommy Lowder
Carl Alewine	Sharon Cramer	Brandon Herlong
Karen Barfield	Jim Daniel, Jr.	Dottie Phelps
Tyson Bradshaw	Carol Gavin	Linda Rogers
Virginia Brewer	Artie Felder	Sandy Saxton
Marie Brunson	Lisa Gibbons	Sheri Schmidt
Jake Buddin	Mary Howard	Hallie Williamson Smith
Paul Butler	Jaden Johnson	Hollis Wilson
Geri Cannon	Julie & Gerald Lockhart	

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

Betty Black	Liz Denny	Margaret Lee
Joe Brewer	Cameron Dodge	Neal Mahoney
Isabelle Brown	William (Artie) Gamble	Joan Odom
Brenda (Dedee) & George Clark	Woody Haynes	Helene Patnode
Rosella Daniels	Bo King	Margaret Robertson
June Davis	Wilson Lepp	Cliff Toner

****New Address***

Margaret Lee

Sumter Grove Living 2500 Lin Do Court

Sumter, SC 29150

Epworth

Serving Children & Families

EPWORTH MOMENT: The 2025 Work Day Offering was **\$ 1,960.00**. Thank each one of you who remembered Epworth Children's Home in this special Offering. Beth Williams, President and CEO of Epworth says "I have seen many young people who live at Epworth develop a new sense of self-worth and who come to recognize that they have a pathway to happiness and productivity in life. I have also perceived that one of the best things we can help them receive at Epworth is the development of faith in themselves and their potential." Epworth's mission statement reads, "Epworth's mission is to serve children, youth, and families through caring, safe, Christian communities, where hurts are healed, hope is nurtured, and Faith in God, self and others is developed." Martin Luther King, Jr. said this about Faith in a sermon: " Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." Thank you, MUMC, for your generous support for Epworth.



CIA is back in session



We decorated cookies and worked on Daily Bible verses.

2025	Tithes & Offering	
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,932.62	
	Received Weekly	
Sept. 7	\$ 12,656.00	
Sept. 14	\$ 12,155.98	
Sept. 21	\$ 9,932.62	
Sept. 28	\$ 10,535.45	
Total Received	\$	
Needed Year to Date		\$ 387,438.18
Total Received YTD		\$ 312,998.42
Overage or (Deficit)		\$ (74,439.76)

Date	Worship Attendance
Sept. 7	9:30 am Sunday School— 54 Worship 10:30 am —74
Sept. 14	9:30 am Sunday School— 42 Worship 10:30 am — 90
Sept. 21	9:30 am Sunday School— 56 Worship 10:30 am — 102
Sept. 28	9:30 am Sunday School— 51 Worship 10:30 am — 92





Happy Birthday

10/2 Frances Barrett
10/4 Terrie Ard
10/4 Cliff Toner
10/11 Lu Nickell

10/14 David McManus
10/17 Donna Prothro
10/20 Shirley Chaney
10/20 Robbie Outzs

10/24 Shelia Vanscoy
10/29 Gene Gathings
10/30 Barbara Johnson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 pm CIA 7:00 pm Choir	2 8-12 MUMC Day School 5:30 pm Pilot Club Yard Sale Drop Off 1st-3rd	3 8-12 MUMC Day School	4 Yard Sale 8 am to 1 pm
5 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3:30 pm Robotics 4:30 pm Jr. Youth 5:30 pm UMYF	6 8-12 pm MUMC Day School 10:00 am Prayer Team	7 8-12 MUMC Day School Fellowship Hall Rented	8 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 pm CIA 6:00 pm Trustee Com. (L) 7:00 pm Choir	9 8-12 MUMC Day School 2:00 pm Jane Craft Circle 6:30 pm Lay Leader Ship & Nominations	10 8-12 MUMC Day School	11 8-12 MUMC Day School
12 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3:30 pm Robotics 4:30 pm Jr. Youth 5:30 pm UMYF	13 Columbus Day Blood Drive 8-12 MUMC Day School 10:00 -1:00 pm OCC Activity 10:00 am Prayer Team 6:30 pm United Methodist Men's Supper	14 8-12 MUMC Day School Senior Trip	15 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 pm CIA 6:00 pm Finance Com. (L) 7:00 pm Choir	16 8-12 MUMC Day School	17 8-12 MUMC Day School	18 8-12 MUMC Day School
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Memorial Gifts:

Jerry Robertson

given by:

Jake & Elaine Buddin

Mary (Garson) Taylor

Jim Black

Annette Browder,

Genie & Winston Hodge

Buck & Dianne Sprott

Charlen Cathcart

Kimberly & Cal Land

Mark & Eugenia Henderson

Cindy McInnis

Robert & Virginia Gdovin

Lynn Dukes

Mitch & Cathy Gardner

Rock & Vicki Ouzts

Sharon Cramer

Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Manning Garden Club

Sam & Linda Gamble

Carolyn Boucher

Howard King

given by:

Monika King

Jake & Elaine Buddin

Jim Black

Tommy & Jane Benton

Buck & Dianne Sprott

Cindy McInnis

Venson & Cora Norris

Annette Browder

Rock & Vicki Ouzts

The Chancel Choir

Sharon Cramer

Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Camille Daniel

Harriet & Jimmy Holladay

Ashley & Lou Holladay

Honorarium gifts:

Jim Black

given by:

AB & Sue Jordan

Eddie Barrett

given by:

Cindy McInnis

Isaac Parker

given by:

Cindy McInnis

Milton Ackerman

given by:

Rock & Vicki Ouzts

Margaret Jackson

given by:

Mary (Garson) Taylor

Charlie Cramer

given by:

Stan & Lu Nickell

Clyde Bryce

given by:

Stan & LU Nickell

ORGAN REPLACEMENT FUND

GOAL: \$38,000



In addition to your regular giving, would you consider making a gift to offset the purchase of a new-to-us organ?

If so, please mark your gift with the word "organ."

Church Council: Will meet Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm.

Members are Billy Downer, Charlie Gavin, Joann Eaddy, Louis Griffith, Jake Buddin, Don Ellis, Carolyn Coffey, Rock Ouzts, Helene Ellis, Harvin Brock, Cathy Kennedy, Billy Coffey, Gary Martin, Scott Wannamaker, David McManus.

Lay Leadership and Nominations: will meet Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 members are Jo Gamble, Harvin Brock, Kelly Gottheiner, Robin Page, John Enrietto, Steve Zahler

Christmas Craft Bazaar: Will be Nov. 15th from 9am-2pm. Here at Manning UMC. If you would like to be a vendor, please contact Kelly youthdirector@manningumc.com

Announcement from Finance Committee:

The finance committee has created a new giving fund titled "Local." Gifts marked with "Local" will only be used for the ministries and needs of the local church. As such, this fund will not be used to make apportionment payments to the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church

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