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September 2026

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Changing Times

Next year I will begin my thirtieth year in ministry.

I have seen lots of changes like most professions. Personally, the biggest change for me is the expectations of the church for the minister.

In 1993 I asked the Rev. Jim Mishoe, "What do most people expect from you as a minister?"

"You pick what will do, and they benefit from your gift as it strengthens one part of their church," came the reply.

Then, he went on to share what the design of ministry between minister and lay people looked like. Some are gifted in administration, so they focus on ordering the life of the church. Others excel at pastoral care. Some are blessed as great preachers, evangelists, mission-oriented, etc. He suggested I discover my gifts and then expand on them.

By my second assignment most ministers were still living this understanding, but most churches had the attitude, "Those are fine. Do those too, but you should be able to preach. It will grow our church."

Most ministers have their focus area and then work hard to strengthen the preaching. Some preach well – extraordinarily so. Of those in that group, they also don't do pastoral care. They focus their time and energy on sermon preparation. The unspoken expectation among many churches includes visitation from the pastor also. Few pastors do both well. Everyone I know seeks to be helpful in their preaching. They also know their strength lies elsewhere. They visit. They relate well with youth or older adults. They build excitement for Bible study.

I have always tended to be a storyteller. To take the old stories and point out a segment often overlooked. I tell the old story and make a connection to our present day. Then, we experience the story as fresh and renewing. However, my commitment to preach the gospel means I need to prepare to preach what the Bible says, and not what I feel comfortable having it say. This is a temptation all preachers face.

In our time together I look forward to exploring the gospel together. Living the gospel requires putting beliefs into action. Christianity becomes its best version of itself as we participate freely and actively.



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.

Volunteers!! Every Monday at 8:30 am United Ministries needs people to come help unload food donated by Walmart. You do not have to notify Kathy, just show up willing to lead a hand.

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.

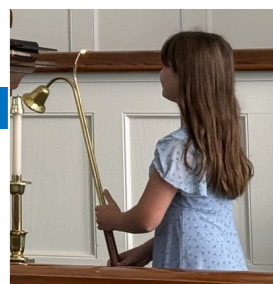
Senior Trip: Fellowship & Friends lunch with our Covenant Place friends. Tuesday, September 15, we will be traveling to Sabinos Restaurant in Sumter. If you plan to ride the bus, please sign up outside the church office. We will be leaving the church at 10:15 am, lunch is at 11:00 am.

Christmas Craft Bazaar: November 21st, 9 am-2 pm. Over 30 venders with crafts, Christmas gifts, snacks. Homemade soup and corn bread are also available for lunch while you shop.

Yard Sale: Save the date! Oct. 3rd This is one of our biggest fund raisers for the youth. Donation drop days are Sept. 30th, Oct. 1st, and Oct. 2nd. If you would like to donate furniture or large items please contact Kelly.

Epworth
Serving Children & Families

EPWORTH MOMENT: EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Because of faithful supporters like you, Epworth served 2,230 children, youth, and families through its statewide programs in 2025. On Sunday, September 13th, our congregation will participate in the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to support the children, youth, and families served through Epworth's ministries across South Carolina. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to participate in this special offering.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8-12 MUMC Day School	2 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:30 pm Choir	3 8-12 MUMC Day School 5:30 Pilot Club	4 8-12 MUMC Day School	5
6 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2:30 pm Robotics	7 Church Office Closed 	8 8-12 MUMC Day School	9 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:00 pm Trustee Com. 6:30 pm Choir	10 8-12 MUMC Day School 2:00 pm Jane Craft	11 8-12 MUMC Day School	12
13 Epworth Work Day Offering 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2:30-3:30 CIA Starts Back 2:30 pm Robotics 3:00 pm CIA 4:00 Youth Choir 4:30-6:15 pm UMYF 7:00-9:00 pm Young Adults	14 8-12 MUMC Day School 10:00 am Prayer Team 6:30 pm United Methodist Men's Supper	15 8-12 MUMC Day School	16 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:00 Finance Com. 6:30 pm Choir	17 8-12 MUMC Day School	18 8-12 MUMC Day School	19
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9/4 Penny Windham
 9/9 Bo King, Cathy Kennedy, Kelli Brunson
 9/11 Robin Page
 9/13 Ellen McFaddin, Elizabeth Denny, Patrick Burns
 9/14 Ann Alderman, Cindy McInnis, JoAnn Eaddy
 9/15 Genie Hodge
 9/17 Barbara Flowers
 9/20 Sue Jordan
 9/23 Joe Witt, Alta Emmert
 9/26 Arthur B. Jordan, Katherine Burns
 9/27 Linda Younts
 9/30 Buck Sprott

Date	Worship Attendance
July 26	9:30 am Sunday School—46 Worship 10:30 am — 71
August 2	9:30 am Sunday School— 50 Worship 10:30 am — 94
August 9	9:30 am Sunday School— 55 Worship 10:30 am — 85
August 16	9:30 am Sunday School— 48 Worship 10:30 am — 73
August 23	9:30 am Sunday School— 51 Worship 10:30 am — 79

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)



9/3 Joe & Jean Witt
 9/7 Cecil & Debbie Rowell
 9/8 Mike & Pat Terry
 9/14 Jay & Jessica Weinberg
 9/30 Tommy & Jane Benton

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.

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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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
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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	Ava Lowery	Beth Holladay Stokes
Katherine Ard	Sophie Layne Cox	Charlotte Haygreen	The Morgan Family	Family of Harold Waynick
Family of Bill Brewer	Ann Cutter	AB & Sue Jordan	Frank Portous	Tim Weaver
Stephanie Brewer	Doris Daniel	Anne Little	David Rankin	Alice Whitehead
Annette Browder	Phyllis Dickason	Family of Rob Little	Cynthia Roark	Bubba & Sara Wells
Billy Brunson	Charles Evans	Stephanie Lochner	Linda Rogers	Sally Wilson
Family of Bob Clark	Glenda Friend	Ken Lovorn	Julie Kennedy Sikes	Dickey Williamson

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
Nikolas Boyd	Cameron Dodge	Neal Mahoney
Cody Briley	William (Artie) Gamble	Joan Odom
Isabelle Brown	Woody Haynes	Helene Patnode
June Davis	Bo King	Margaret Robertson

Memorial Gifts:

Bill Brewer given by: Travis Brown, Susan Elmore, Rock & Vicki Ouzts, Louis & Dawn Griffith, Barney & Virginia Brewer, Robin & Dena Coker, Prothro Chevrolet, Gene & Joan Barber, Carl & Patricia Galloway, Sandra Brewer, Nell Price, Mary Eaddy, Alfred Breedin, Darla Lowder, Michael & Lisa Burns, Ernie & Brenda Mathis, Sam & Linda Gamble, Bo & Trisha Myers, Rhett & Dawn Still, Gwen Drakeford, Mary Jo Gamble, Harriet & Jimmy Holladay, Shelia Vanscoy, Larry & Edna Ellis, Sharon Cramer, Tommy & Jane Benton, William DuRant, Jr., Elaine Buddin

Roseann Jackson given by: Mary Jo Gamble

Elizabeth Geddings Thompson given by: Mary Jo Gamble

Rob Little given by: Louis & Dawn Griffith, Gene & Joan Barber

Connie Burke given by: Charlie & Carol Gavin, Susan Elmore, Jim Black, Rock & Viki Ouzts, Jim Black, Lauri & Fuzzy Furse, Tommy & Jane Benton

Bob Clark given by: Charlie & Carol Gavin, Ann Alderman, Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Janie Hardy given by: Charlie & Carol Gavin, Harriet & Jimmy Holladay

W.E. Horton given by: Sandra Brewer

Jerry Robertson given by: Sandra Brewer

Clyde Brice given by: Stan & Lu Nickell

Carlos Gardner given by: Jim Black

Pauline Horton given by: Sandra Brewer

A.C. English given by: Garson Taylor

Lou Holladay given by: Garson Taylor

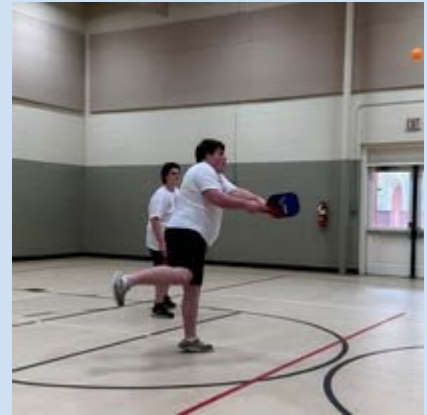
Ed Frye given by: Garson Taylor

Cliff Toner given by: Garson Taylor

Ben Osborne given by: Garson Taylor

Jerry Coker given by: Garson Taylor

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Pickleball tournament 2026



Youth Sunday



