

## Upcoming Activities

### Children's Ministry

We are planning a community wide **Easter Egg Hunt** on March 24th. This will be done in conjunction with the Evangelism Committee and the Youth Ministry. We are still working out details, but we have lots of great ideas for this event. We hope we will have a big group of children for the egg hunt/Easter celebration. **We will need many volunteers. If you would like to donate candy (individually wrapped pieces) you can drop it off at the church office.**

### Relay for Life

Last year we had a very successful Relay for Life event. This year, we are looking to add a few more people to our team. If you would like to be a Relay for Life team member, please contact Pastor Haase. We are planning a "fun" raising event, as well as our community team event in April.

### UMCOR Sunday, March 10

For more than 80 years, United Methodists have ensured that resources from the United Methodist Committee on Relief are available in times of crisis. UMCOR Sunday donations cover UMCOR's operation costs, so that 100% of donations received in response to emergency appeals go directly to communities in need.

### Youth

Are you aware that the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry has scholarships to help your United Methodist students further their education? Currently, there are over 70 scholarships available that cover graduate- and undergraduate-level studies. The application process is open now. Encourage your students to apply today! The website to apply is:

<https://www.gbhem.org/scholarships/>

## Regular Meetings

1. Youth will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. The Youth will be helping with the Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th from 3-5pm.
2. For 2024, if a person wishes to place **flowers** or greenery into the Sanctuary for the 11:00 service, please contact the MCUMC Office or Kim Steele. Flowers can be placed in honor of someone or a special occasion, in memory of someone, or to the Glory of God.
3. United Methodist Men meet the second Sunday of the month at 9:00am.
4. The Finance Committee meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:00pm.
5. The Church Council meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00pm.
6. Starting in March, **Women in Missions** will meet the fourth Monday of the month at 5:00pm.

### Souper Bowl of Caring

Thanks to all who participated in our fundraiser for Feed Berkeley. Soup and Fellowship were enjoyed by all as we supported this worthwhile cause. Donations from our Souper Bowl of Caring exceeded \$1,000 and will benefit Feed Berkeley, our local food bank that strives to feed our community both physically and spiritually.

### Community Lenten Service - Feb. 14

The community services began last Wednesday with a strong showing of community support. We had 32 in attendance for the first meal, over 100 in attendance for Father Joe's Ash Wednesday homily, and 49 in attendance for the second meal. MCUMC served BBQ, Oriental Slaw, and baked beans. If you would like a copy of the recipe for Susan's slaw (much requested) contact the church office.

## MCUMC Lent Worship Series

**Community Lenten Services**  
**Community Wed. Lenten Services begin Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14.**

Date	Sermon	Liturgist
Feb. 21	Mike Wood (Ebenezer UMC)	Josh Knutson (St. Michael Lutheran)
Feb. 28	Josh Knutson (St. Michael Lutheran)	Mike Wood (Ebenezer UMC)
Mar. 6	Mary Ellen Doran (Trinity Pinopolis)	Tim Scoonover (First Presbyterian)
Mar. 13	Tim Scoonover (First Presbyterian)	Mary Ellen Doran (Trinity Pinopolis)
Mar. 20	Shamond Riddy (Wesley UMC)	Darien Jones (Moncks Corner AME)
Mar. 27	Darien Jones (Moncks Corner AME)	Shamond Riddy (Wesley UMC)
	*Randall Haase (MCUMC) - substitute	

12:00 Meal will be served  
 12:30 Worship Service  
 1:00 Meal will be served

During this Lenten season, we are experiencing “The Stones of Lent” Worship Series as a part of our Sunday morning worship services. We are hearing stories in the Bible that involve stones in some way, however, the meaning of the stories is not about stones. All of these stones are reflecting the stories of the acts of Jesus in his ministry. Several of the stories tell of his journey to the cross in preparation for completing his earthly ministry. The story of Easter moves us toward the continuing journey of Jesus’ ministry that will be completed after we have all been resurrected into the eternal life that only Jesus offers. You are having the opportunity to share these stories as you collect stones each Sunday to give away to people who you know, as well as to place around the community to share the story of Jesus.

### “The Stones of Lent”

February 18	Precious Stones
February 25	Changing Stones
March 3	Throwing Stones
March 10	Rejected Stones
March 17	Stumbling Stones
March 24	Shouting Stones
March 31	Rolling Stones

Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the meal.

# Moncks Corner United Methodist Church

February 18, 2024

1st Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader O magnify the Lord with me and let's exalt  
God's name together.  
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*Church And also with you.*

Leader Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

*Church Happy are those whose sins are cast away.*

Leader Rejoice in the Lord! Be glad!

*Church Sing out! Shout for joy!*

Leader Rejoice in the Lord!

*Church Rejoice! Amen!*

Prayer of Invitation

Hymn of Invitation "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" 295 (v. 1-4)

Prayer of Confession

*We keep silent before you, Lord—  
we are afraid to confront our transgressions;  
we are terrified to face the reality of our sin;  
we feel as if the weight of the world were upon our shoulders;  
we no longer recognize ourselves or what we have become  
as we keep our failings and fears inside.*

*Help us admit our sins and accept our imperfections.*

*In your steadfast love, forgive us.*

*In your healing caress, cleanse us.*

*In your Holy Spirit, restore us.*

*We pray in the forgiving name of Jesus. Amen.*

Pardon

The Lord hears the prayers of a faithful heart.  
God has become our hiding place, our refuge from trouble.  
The Lord wraps us in the arms of salvation.  
Shouts of deliverance enfold us.

*To God be the glory!*

*Amen.*

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor May the peace of the Lord be with you.  
*Church And also with you.*

Gloria Patri

Anthem

Children's Message

Zach Dietz

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

The Offering

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Proclamation

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" 361

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:1-7 Ashley Hennessee

Responsive Reading

Psalm 51 785/Screen

New Testament Reading

Revelation 21:15-21

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-46

Sermon

The Stones of Lent Services: *Precious Stones* Rev. Haase  
*"God's Precious Stones"*

Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles Creed" 881

Upcoming Events

The Blessing

Hymn of Praise

"O How He Loves You and Me" TFWS 2108

Postlude

CCLI 2306249

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The greenery at the altar is given to the Glory of God.

\*\*Please see an usher if you need an audio device for the service.

Date	Attendance	Offering
02/11/2024	61	\$9,517

**Donations Collected for Souper Bowl Sunday: \$1,151**

**Events for the Week of  
Feb. 11, 2024**

Day	Time	Event
Sunday	10:00am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship Service
Monday	6:00 pm	Praise Team Practice
		Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday	6:00pm	Relay for Life Team Meeting
Wednesday	11:00am	Bible Study
	12:30pm	Lenten Service
	5:00pm	Choir Practice

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**Christ is  
“a living stone,  
with God  
chosen  
and precious”**  
*1 Peter 2:4*

*Our Prayers, Our Presence, Our Gifts, Our Service and Our Witness*

**Faithful Participation of the People of The United Methodist Church**

*Proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord to our community and to the world through  
worship, mission, discipleship, and service to others*

Visitors - Please complete the yellow  
pew card so we can stay connected.



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**Prayer Concerns:**

Donna Tucker, Michele Rodgers, Jim Po., Kayla Haase, Tina Dickerson, Shirley Durden, Radford & Barbara Bates, Bill Bergmann, Susan Polk's Aunt Julia & Uncle Dwight, Bart Brock, Jim Edwards, Betty Lou Hanna, Betty Jean Harvey, Bubba High, Senetta Hubbard, Tim Leonard, Chris and Danny McLaurin, Penny Metts, Marvis Solley, Miriam Talley, Our Service Personnel.