



NEWSLetter

August 2023

Moncks Corner United Methodist Church

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

Message from the PASTOR

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Matthew 25:34-26.

It seems that we always have some kind of ministry going here at Moncks Corner United Methodist Church. This past month it was our pleasure to host a Salkahatchie camp once again after a four-year break. We had around 14 people on the work team, with more people involved serving with meals and driving the bus. Several other churches took their turns in serving meals and in other ways that I am probably not even aware of.

Special thanks to Frances Wright for serving as the director, and to Molly Blackwell for service as the assistant director. We recognize also Susan Blackwell and Bubba High for heading up the kitchen area, with many other people who worked together to provide the meals. The trustees worked to find housing in the education building for the participants. We also recognize Mary Miller for working extra hours in preparing and keeping the rooms and facilities clean.

I know I am leaving out a few people, however, not intentionally. We give a big “thank you” and appreciation to all of the participants who helped in any way to make our Salkahatchie camp a success this year. A family in our community now has a new room on their house and a new floor in a bedroom.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Randall Haase, Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TGIW - Wednesday Night SUPPER

Resuming September 13th 5pm

United Methodist MEN (UMM)

Second Sun. every month 9am.

WOMEN in Mission (WIM)

Come pack the Bookbags - August 16th

Young at Heart - GAME Time

September 20th 4pm - Fellowship Hall

FEED Berkeley

August 18th at noon & August 19th 8:30am

Finance COMMITTEE

August 21st 6pm

Church Council (always OPEN to ALL)

August 28th 6pm

Nursery VOLUNTEERS

Please contact PA Gramling if you're willing to help out with the nursery.

Women in MISSION:

The next project led by the Women in Mission will be Back-to-School Backpacks. Everyone is invited to participate in this endeavor. To ensure we have the contents needed for the backpacks, we are asking for monetary donations instead of asking for school supplies. This will allow us to buy in bulk and make sure that all needed items are available. We will pack the Bookbags on August 16th.

- Sue Hagan

Moncks Corner United Methodist Church
106 Church St
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

(843) 761-8547

Visit our NEW website: MoncksCornerUMC.org

Email: office@MoncksCornerUMC.org

Moncks Corner United Methodist Church
Non-Profit Organization

Permit # 14

Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Address Correction Requested

Keeping the Faith Strong During Summertime Adventures

As the sun shines brightly and the days grow longer, summertime beckons us to embark on vacations and getaways, leaving our familiar surroundings behind. Amidst the excitement and relaxation, it is essential for us, as devoted church members, to remember the importance of keeping the faith alive wherever we may find ourselves during this vibrant season. Vacations and travels offer unique opportunities for spiritual growth, allowing us to connect with God's creation in new and awe-inspiring ways. Whether we find ourselves on a serene beach, exploring the wonders of nature, or strolling through bustling cities, we can always keep our faith at the center of our journeys. One of the most wonderful aspects of being part of a church community is the universal bond we share with fellow believers. While vacationing, visiting other churches has always been a profound experience, deepening our connection with the global body of Christ. It is a reminder that we are united in our faith.

- Lynn R. Adcox

Here are some valuable ways to keep the faith strong during summertime (Yearly) adventures:

- **Carry Your Faith with You:** Just as we pack our essentials for travel, let us pack our faith by bringing a Bible, devotional books, or spiritual journals. These items can keep us grounded and serve as a source of strength and guidance throughout our journeys.
- **Seek Opportunities for Worship:** Even if you're away from your home church, find local churches or places of worship at your vacation destination. Attending a service in a new place can be a refreshing and enlightening experience.
- **Reflect and Pray:** Use the quiet moments of your travels to reflect on your spiritual journey and communicate with God through prayer. Whether on a mountaintop or by the sea, seek God's presence and guidance.
- **Share Your Faith:** Embrace the opportunity to share your faith with those you encounter during your travels. Demonstrating Christ's love through kind words and actions can have a profound impact on others and strengthen your own faith.
- **Engage with Online Church Services:** If attending a physical church isn't possible, take advantage of online church services to stay connected with your home congregation and receive spiritual nourishment.
- **Cultivate Gratitude:** Gratitude is a powerful spiritual practice. In the midst of your summer adventures, take time to express thanks to God for the experiences and blessings you encounter along the way.

Psalm 28:7 - The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exalts, and with my song I give thanks to him.



Young at HEARTS

The Young At Hearts will resume on September 20th at 4:00 pm. Come out for a fun time and stay for dinner and fellowship. We will be meeting every 3rd Wednesday before the Wednesday Night Supper. This fall we will play games, listen to speakers, and engage in fun activities! We hope to see you there!

- Susan Polk

MCUMC Staff:

Rev. Randall Haase	Senior Pastor
Zach Dietz	Ministry Associate
Sue Hagen	Secretary
Bubba High	Director of Music
Lori Glover (Birthday Aug 9!)	Financial Secretary
Mike Holtzclaw	Maintenance
Mary Miller	Custodian
Bobby Rozier	Grounds Maintenance
Miranda Shaw	Nursery

FEED Berkeley

Join us at noon on August 18th to help pack boxes & unload supplies or 8:30am on August 19th to help hand out the boxes of food at the new location on the corner of Perry Hill Rd and 17-A!

YOUTH & College News

Hey youth, summer has been an absolute blast! We are half-way through summer and the school year is almost upon us. Some of us may be excited but others may be anxious, scared, depressed, and have other feelings. The beautiful thing to know is that *God does not leave us in our times of struggle and difficulty*. Instead, He is faithful and is our rock who sees us through our trials and tribulations. David wrote in Psalm 18:1-3 'I love you, Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock where I seek refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I was saved from my enemies.' Look to God and find comfort in Him! He will look after you during the school year and He will see us through the school year. My prayer is that God gives you wisdom this school year and that you glorify Him through your academics, athletics, friendships, and everything you do in the school year.

Thank you and God bless ~ Zach

Dietz

PRAYER List:

Cal & Molly Purvis	Chris & Danny McLaurin	Radford & Barbara Bates	Tim Leonard
Eula Connell	Thad & Miriam Talley	Barbara Bennett	Penny Metts
JW Lowe	Lib Rentz	Bart Brock	Shirley Durden
Shirley Moore	Senetta Hubbard	The Glover Family	Sallie Rogers
Turner Motte	Dot Denaro	Betty Lou Hanna	Marvis Solley
	Tommy Langley	Betty Jean Harvey	Our Service Personnel



2023 Salkehatchie CAMP

Our 2023 Salkehatchie Summer Service camp was a pleasure to host, and felt a lot like a family reunion. We were initially disappointed that we only had fifteen campers coming to us. However, that turned out to be a blessing. It allowed us to get our wheels turning again without the much larger crowd that we have had in previous years. We had many of our most dedicated (and skilled) campers return to us, and we also added some new attendees, including teens, who left Moncks Corner talking about their plans to be ambassadors for Salkehatchie in their home churches for next year.

Since we had a small crowd, there was only one work site that was selected, rather than our usual four or five. The repairs included replacing the leaky roof, repairing some damaged flooring and sub-flooring, correcting plumbing issues, and fixing a bedroom for two very small children.

This year's camp was an opportunity to restart and rebuild. It was also the first camp we have hosted that was mostly an adult camp; we only had two teenagers join us. The three-year drought due to Covid destroyed the tradition that we had spent eleven years creating. All of our own teenagers, plus our repeat teenage campers, have all graduated from high school and gone off to the adult challenges of jobs and college. They haven't been able to participate in Salkehatchie, because there was nowhere to participate. And the younger teens coming up behind them haven't had the opportunity to hear about the mission of Salkehatchie. Of course, that mission involves a lot of sweat, band-aids, Gatorade, nasty clothes, hot weather, rain, and bone-weary evenings – but it's a lot of fun, and it shows that we can go on a mission trip to be "the hands and feet of Christ" without leaving South Carolina.

Our thanks to Pastor Haase, without whose vision, motivation, and good sense this camp would not have happened. Thanks also to our always-supportive congregation, who jumped up to host a Salkehatchie camp on almost a moment's notice. We look forward to growing our camp again for next year, and continuing the forty-plus-year history of Salkehatchie and its mission.

We love you all!

- Susan Blackwell