



NEWSLetter

December 2024

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

"Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room." Luke 2:4-7

And so now it is for us to decide anew how to understand the Christmas story, how to understand who Jesus is, how to respond to his life and death, his birth and resurrection, his call to each of us to honor God by how we live our lives. We are being called to respond wherever the living Christ is active in our world. Of course, we can't be everywhere that the Spirit is moving, but we can be somewhere.

We can be at work, loving our neighbors, feeding the hungry, housing those with nowhere to lay their heads, fixing our broken or inadequate systems of justice, of education, of politics, of environmental protection.

One of my favorite Christmas carols is "O Little Town of Bethlehem." I like the soft music and serene atmosphere the song describes. I especially like the words to the fourth verse:

*"O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today."*

Jesus is born in us. In Christ, the entire world is indeed God's house, and like Jesus, we want to be here, working diligently to make sure that God's house of healing is open to all. And so now it is for us to decide anew how to understand the Christmas story.

Wishing you the peace of Christmas that only Jesus can give,
Rev. Randall Haase

UPCOMING EVENTS:

United Methodist MEN (UMM)

December 10th at 9am.

WOMEN in Mission (WIM)

First Wednesday every month 5:45pm

FEED Berkeley

NONE in December

Music Pineville SINGERS

December 2th at 7pm

Church Council (always OPEN to ALL)

December 5th at 6pm

Breakfast With SANTA

December 7th from 9-11

Wednesday Night SUPPER

December 18th at 5pm - Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN'S Skit

December 22nd during 11am service

Christmas EVE Service

December 24 at 5pm



POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for display in the Sanctuary during the Advent season, please contact the church office or pick up a donation envelope in the pew racks to place in the offering plate. Donations (\$25 per poinsettia per plant, or you may donate without taking a plant) support the missions projects of the Women in Missions.

Family MINISTRIES

October/November was a busy time for Family Ministries and the Missions team. Family Ministries sponsored a **Trunk or Treat event** involving various interesting trunks with treats as well as games and hotdogs. We had a wonderful turnout of children and adults alike even ran out of candy right at the end. Evangelism at its best! Family Ministries also sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner for 70+ participants and our **homebound** population. It was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and time of reflection of it what we are thankful for. Following the meal, the mission team organized the multitudes, young and old, to **pack Thanksgiving dinner boxes** for local school families who may be experiencing food insecurity during the holidays. We packed 60 boxes in under 30 minutes. Many hands make light work as the work of the Lord continues at MCUMC.



PRAYER List:

Gary Alan, Barbara Bates, Bart Brock, Jim Edwards, Laura Haase, Betty Lou Hanna, Betty Jean Harvey, Senetta Hubbard, Danny McLaurin, Penny Metts, The Rollins Family, Marvis Solley, Miriam Talley, Maxine and Robert Tanner, Donna Tucker, Frankie White, our military personnel.

Missions

Thank you to our congregation for adopting ALL of our Christmas angel! If you haven't already, be sure to contact Elaine Peterson at 843-729-1627 (cell) or email her at epeterson@homesc.com to get the information on your angel. The angels with DSS in the number code are all due at the church on December 4th. The gifts for angels with MCE or BES in the number code are due back at the church on December 16th. Thank you for supporting this valuable mission!

Many thanks to the congregation for contributing the food and helping pack the Thanksgiving boxes. It was truly a beautiful sight seeing so many people at the Thanksgiving meal and the young, more seasoned and in-between all participating in the Thanksgiving box packing! Because of your generosity, 30 families will have a bountiful meal at Thanksgiving plus some extra food for their cupboards.

We are so blessed to have such a generous congregation. Because of you, we are spreading the love of Christ in our community!

CHILDREN'S Ministries:

When you think about Christmas, what comes to mind? A favorite Christmas present, decorated trees, twinkling lights? It is likely you think about family traditions which vary from family to family, but these traditions remind us of what is really important. The best are those that warm our hearts, fill us with joy, and bring us together!

MCUMC will host Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7th from 9-11am. This event is for EVERYONE! We will have a delicious breakfast, crafts for the kids and a visit from SANTA! Please bring your family and friends for a wonderful morning of fellowship.

Also, on Sunday, December 22nd, the children will perform a Christmas skit during the service celebrating the birth of Christ. We encourage each of you to attend this special Children's Message.

Merry Christmas, - Molly Purvis

Women's BIBLE Study



This group of women have just completed a six-part study of Galatians written by Beth Moore. (A couple of us are missing from the photo.) The study included a video and listening guide for each chapter of Galatians, plus additional audio content. We enjoyed our study and finished by going out to eat on the final day. If other groups, large or small, are interested in pursuing this same material, contact Amanda Troy. We plan to reconvene in January for another study.

Maybe others would be interested in joining us!

Moncks Corner United Methodist Church Cookbooks

Women in Mission have reprinted and have for sale the original (1981) Moncks Corner United Methodist Church Cookbook. Many of the recipes in this book were provided by dear, dear members of our church family who are now in heaven. All money collected will be applied to the operating budget of our church. The purchase price is \$20.00 each. Payment by cash will be accepted or checks can be made payable to Moncks Corner United Methodist Church. If you would like to purchase a book(s), please contact Bernona Rodgers at (843)312-1199 (call or text) or blrodgers@homesc.com. Thank you!

Holiday Cheese BALL - Judith L Glover

¼ c milk

3 oz pkg blue cheese cubed

¼ c cheddar cheese cubed

1 sm wedge onion

6 oz cream cheese cubed

½ c pecans

6 sprigs parsley

1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

Put milk and blue cheese into blender container, cover and process at puree. When smooth, push blend button, remove cover and add cheddar cheese cubes gradually, then add onion, Worcestershire sauce and cream cheese. Process until smooth, using rubber spatula to keep ingredients moving to processing blades. Remove from container and shape into a ball. Refrigerate overnight, Blender-chop pecans and parsley together. About 30 minutes before serving, roll cheese ball into pecan-parsley mixture. Makes one 3" ball.

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advent CALENDAR

<p>Perform a random act of kindness</p> <p>1</p>	<p><i>two</i></p> <p>Donate food to a local food bank</p>	<p>Have a coloring contest</p> <p><i>three</i></p>	<p><i>four</i></p> <p>Buy socks for a homeless shelter</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Watch a favorite holiday movie</p>
<p>Make or buy a new Christmas ornament</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Let someone go in front of you in line</p> <p><i>seven</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>Clean out and donate outgrown toys</p>	<p>Build a snowman out of cotton balls</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Take cupcakes to your local fire department</p> <p>10</p>
<p>Decorate a gingerbread house</p> <p><i>eleven</i></p>	<p>Help wrap a Christmas present</p> <p>12</p>	<p><i>thirteen</i></p> <p>Leave a happy note for someone to find</p>	<p>Have a game night in your PJs</p> <p>14</p>	<p>Make paper snowflakes</p> <p>15</p>
<p>Drink hot cocoa</p> <p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Make Christmas cards</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bake Christmas cookies</p>	<p>Sing Christmas carols</p> <p>19</p>	<p><i>twenty</i></p> <p>Take a family photo in front of the Christmas tree</p>
<p>Read your favorite Christmas story</p> <p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Take a car tour of your local light displays</p>	<p>Deliver Christmas cards to your neighbors</p> <p>23</p>	<p><i>twenty-four</i></p> <p>Watch or attend a Christmas Eve service</p>	<p>Read the Nativity story</p> <p>25</p>