



NEWSLetter

February 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

"[Pilate] said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified" (John 19:13-16).

The liturgical season of Lent begins on February 14 with Ash Wednesday. Christians engage in a lifelong process of being transformed into the life and holiness of our Lord. Lent gives a meaning and depth to Christian conversion and to following through so that the seeds of God's Word may fall on fertile soil. The whole church is to be engaged in a common process of renewal and reliving conversion. This itself is basic to authentic worship: the process of praying, of searching the Scriptures, of renewing the meaning of witness and discipleship, and of taking seriously penance and reconciliation.*

- *Jesus wasn't born to die. He came to teach us how to live.*
- *Jesus didn't die to appease an angry God. He came to proclaim a God of love.*
- *This Jesus began his ministry by being hungry, yet He is the Bread of Life.*
- *He ended His earthly ministry by being thirsty, yet He is the Living Water.*
- *He was weary, yet he is our rest.*
- *Jesus paid tribute, yet He is the King.*
- *He was accused of having a demon; yet cast out demons.*
- *He wept; yet wipes away our tears.*
- *He was sold for thirty pieces of silver; yet redeemed the world,*
- *was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, yet He is the Good Shepherd, died; yet, by His death, He destroyed the power of death.*
- *Living, he loved me. Dying, he saved me.*

* Hickman, H. L., Saliers, D. E., Stookey, L. H., White, J. F. (1992). *The New Handbook of the Christian Year* (p. 106). : Abingdon Press.

Peace,

Rev. Randall Haase, Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WOMEN in Mission (WIM)

First Wednesday every month 5:45pm

YOUTH Group

Feb 7th & 21st at 6pm

United Methodist MEN (UMM)

Feb 11th at 9am.

SOUPer Bowl Sunday

Feb 11th lunch after Sunday Service

Jesus Loves ME Party (Children)

Feb 11th lunch after Souper Bowl Lunch

Feed BERKELEY

Feb 16th at noon & 17th at 8:30am

Church Council (always OPEN to ALL)

Feb 26th at 6pm

Salkahatchie

July 6-13 - More details to follow!!!

Community LENTEN Services:

We will once again be hosting the traditional community Lenten services and luncheons here at our church. As we will be hosting, we would like to have greeters from our church at the doors and parking lots to greet and welcome our friends and neighbors. Many of you will be asked to serve as greeters for these services. We will continue with the traditional schedule as lunch will be served at 12:00, followed by the worship service, and then lunch served again after the service. The first service will be February 14, Ash Wednesday, with the imposition of ashes.

Invite your friends & neighbors to join us!

The STONES of Lent

As a part of our Lenten season, we will be participating in a sermon series entitled: "The Stones of Lent." We will focus on the different stones and kinds of stones as found in the Bible, and how they relate to Lent and to ourselves. The congregation will have opportunities to do something with stones. You will want to attend our Sunday morning worship services to be a part of our stone collection of sorts.



MCUMC Staff:

Rev. Randall Haase	Senior Pastor
Zach Dietz	Ministry Associate
Sue Hagen	Secretary
Molly Purvis	Children's Ministries
Bubba High	Director of Music
Mary Miller	Custodian
Lori Glover	Financial Secretary
Mike Holtzclaw	Maintenance
Bobby Rozier	Grounds Maintenance
Vacant Position	Nursery

2023 Financial Summary

2023 Beginning Balance:	\$4,054.38
Receipts:	+\$412,633.44
Disbursements:	-\$437,007.96
Transfer (from Savings)	\$50,000.00
2023 Ending Balance:	\$29,679.86

Giving tithes and offerings with hope for how God will use it is sowing to the Spirit, and this hopeful giving empowers the Church to collectively sow to the Spirit as it does good.

YOUTH & College News

Hey youth, I hope the new year has started well for you! This February we have the holiday of Valentine's Day. It is a day that people reflect on the love of others. However, this day has Christian origins. Saint Valentine's Day was given the name in honor of Valentine of Rome. Valentine was living in a time where Christians were being persecuted by the Roman Empire for their faith. He was interviewed by the Roman Emperor Claudius II and the emperor was so impressed by Valentine that he gave him an opportunity to live by rebuking Jesus and converting to paganism. Instead of choosing to save his own life Valentine decided to stay true to his faith and become a martyr. It is said that St. Valentine was executed on February 14, 496. We should look to St. Valentine as an example for his love and devotion for Christ. Even though we aren't dying for our faith here in the United States we still make sacrifices for our love for Christ. We need to be reminded that there are sacrifices in the Christian life, but it is worth it because we have a personal relationship with God, and we get to be called His children. **Let us seek the ultimate prize, relationship with God, by surrendering the things of this world and loving God with all of our being.**

Thank you and God bless ~ Zach Dietz

~This month we have the Souper Bowl February 11th and need all the youth to help with this event~

PRAYER List:

The family of Karen Kimberly, Bill Bergmann, Radford & Barbara Bates, Bart Brock, Tina Dickerson, Shirley Durden, Jim Edwards, Kayla Haase, Betty Lou Hanna, Betty Jean Harvey, Bubba High, Senetta Hubbard, Tim Leonard, Chris and Danny McLaurin, Penny Metts, Jim Po., Michele Rodgers, Sallie Rogers, Marvis Solley, Will Tindal, Miriam Talley, Donna Tucker, Our Service Personnel.

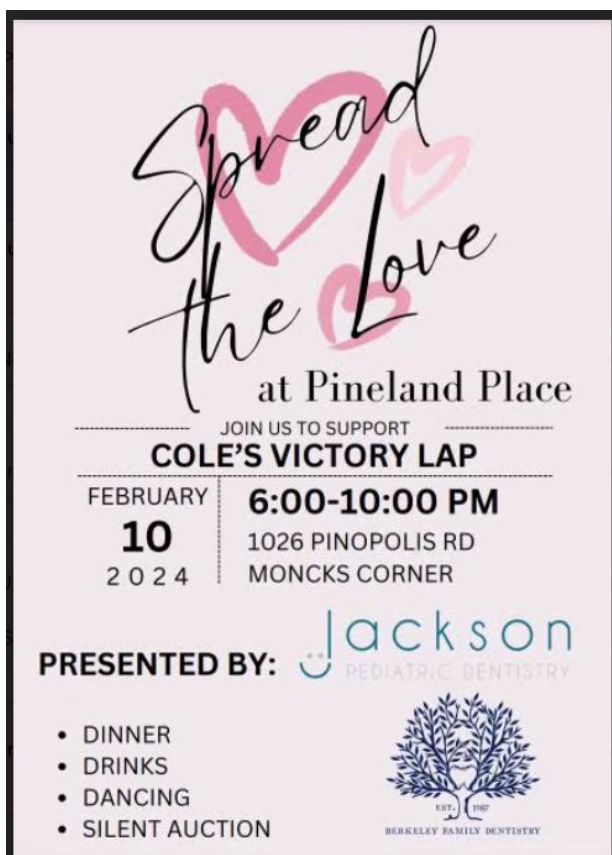
The SOUPer Bowl of Caring:

The Souper Bowl of Caring at Moncks Corner United Methodist Church will be held after the church service on Sunday, February 11, 2024. Come enjoy some fellowship and take the chill off these winter days by enjoying some delicious hot soup and desserts in the Fellowship Hall after church.

The Souper Bowl of Caring traces its roots to a simple prayer by Brad Smith to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. That prayer, "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl game, help us to be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat," was the inspiration for Souper Bowl of Caring, a youth-driven advocacy program that harnesses the fun and excitement of the Big Game for the benefit of a greater good in fighting hunger. Youth and adults would collect donations in soup pots and send the donations to a food bank, soup kitchen or charity of their choice.

Since 1990, the Souper Bowl of Caring has grown nation-wide as an annual event of the larger Tackle Hunger organization. This youth-inspired movement has gotten the attention of the NFL and other businesses who have partnered together to bring about awareness of hunger in communities around the country. Together, they have raised over \$193 million in donations for soup kitchens, local food banks, and other local hunger-relief programs.

Donations from our event will benefit Feed Berkeley, our local food bank that strives to feed our community both physically and spiritually. We will be taking donations in church and in the Fellowship Hall on the 11th, but donations can also be made ahead of the event with a check payable to the church and designated for Souper Bowl of Caring.



Spread the Love
at Pineland Place

JOIN US TO SUPPORT
COLE'S VICTORY LAP

FEBRUARY **10** 6:00-10:00 PM
2024 1026 PINOPOLIS RD
MONCK'S CORNER

PRESENTED BY: Jackson PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

- DINNER
- DRINKS
- DANCING
- SILENT AUCTION

BERKELEY FAMILY DENTISTRY

CHILDREN'S Ministries:

January was a quiet month for the Children's Council. However February is sure to be filled with lots of LOVE! We have planned a Jesus Loves Me party for February 11th (after the Souper Bowl Luncheon). We will celebrate Jesus' Love/Valentine's Day by making cards for the shut-ins, painting rocks for the Lenten Services and some fun snacks.

Also, we are planning a community wide Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th. This will be done in conjunction with the Evangelism Committee and Youth Ministry. We are still working out the 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!

Dear Friends, since Go so loved us, we ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11

- Molly Purvis

2024 MCUMC Committees

<u>Church Council</u>			
Chair, Church Council	Sue Hagan	Lay Leader	Jeff Whetzel
Vice Chair, Church Council			
Chair, SPRC	Wally Matkovich	Lay Delegates	
Chair, Trustees			
Chair, Finance	Butch Volf	Disaster Relief Coord.	John Villeponteaux
Chair, Evangelism	Susan Matkovich	Recording Secretary	Julie Rogers
Chair, Higher Education	Amy Jones	Archives and History	Mikky Caison
Chair, Worship	Angel Fletcher	Sunday School Supt.	Terry Blackwell
Chair, Missions	Elaine Peterson	Membership Secretary	Sue Hagan
Church Treasurer	Elaine Peterson	UMM President	Tom Curtis
Director of Children's Ministry	Molly Purvis	WIM President	Sue Hagan
Director of Youth Ministry	Zack Dietz	UMYF President	Miller Whetzel
Family Ministries	Bubba High	Music Director	Bubba High
Prayer Coordinator	Vera Helmy	Chair, Hospitality	Bernona Rodgers
Congregational Care	Susan Blackwell	Chair, Safe Sanctuary	Linda Harrelson
Members at Large	2024	2025	2026
	Ashley Hennessee	Byron Rodgers, III	Jeanette Reichard
	Bill Lindler	Julie Rogers	
		Stewart Driggers	
<u>Staff Parish Relations Committee</u>	Chair: Wally Matkovich	Lay Leader: Jeff Whetzel	Lay Delegate:
	2024	2025	2026
	Laddie Jones	Lynn Adcox	Byron Rodgers, III
	Karson Rose Steele	Matt Burnette	Wally Matkovich
	Leslie Whetzel	Mikky Caison	Forrest Lowe
<u>Committee on Nominations & Lay Leadership Development</u>		Chair: Randall Haase	Lay Leader: Jeff Whetzel
		Lay Delegate:	
	2024	2025	2026
	Betty Curtis	Melanie Gainey	Ann Burnette
	Susan Matkovich	Bernona Rodgers	Ralph Moore
	Mike Lovell	Julie Rogers	Julie Kizer
<u>Board of Trustees</u>	Chair: Byron Rodgers, Jr.		
	2024	2025	2006
	George Oltmann	Matt Burnette	
	Byron Rodgers, Jr.	Roger Baker	Mike Steele
	Ruthie Dreher	Susan Jackson	David Kizer
<u>Finance Committee</u>	Chair, Butch Volf	Lay Leader: Jeff Whetzel	Lay Delegate:
Financial Secretary: Lori Glover	Treasurer: Elaine Peterson	Trustees Chair: Byron Rodgers, Jr	SPRC Chair: Wally Matkovich
	2024	2025	2026
	Linda Harrelson	Tom Curtis	Leila Matkovich
	Kathy Rozier	Robbie Hennessee	John Villeponteaux
	Butch Volf	Wally Matkovich	Cal Purvis

<u>Evangelism Team</u>	Chair: Susan Matkovich		Pastoral Leader: Zach Dietz
	Michele Rodgers	Susan Polk	
	Richard Jackson	Kathy Rozier	
<u>Missions Team</u>	Chair: Elaine Peterson		
	Lydia Baker	Chentel Wren	Sue Hagan
	Ashley Hennessee	Carol Sisson	Ann Burnette
	Sydne Solley		
<u>Worship Team</u>	Chair:	Susan Blackwell	
	Acolyte Coordinator	Zach Dietz & Molly Purvis	
	Flower Calendar Coord.	Kim Steele	
	Altar Guild	Angel Fletcher	
	Nursery		
	Communion	Sydne Solley Angel Fletcher	
	Usher Coordinator	Terry Blackwell	Assistant - Mike Lovell
	At Large	Angel Fletcher, Vera Helmly, Bubba High, Sydne Solley, Amanda Turner Troy, Cal Purvis	
	Wedding Coordinator	Mikky Caison, Barbara Orr	
<u>Congregational Care Team</u>	Chair: Susan Blackwell		Prayer Chain: Vera Helmly
	Lydia Baker	Betty Curtis	Susan Matkovich
	Sydne Solley	Carrie Scogin	Barbara Orr
	Kathy Scott	Carol Sisson	Pete Johnston
	Molly Purvis	Mary Wilcox	Senetta Hubbard
	Bernona Rodgers	Amanda Turner Troy	
<u>Family Ministries</u>	Chair: Bubba High	Lay Leader: Jeff Whetzel	
	Director of Children's Ministry: Molly Purvis		
	Director of Youth Ministry: Zach Dietz		
	Ann Burnette	Rick Burnette	Wally Matkovich
	Lydia Baker	Haley Caddell	Karen Umphlett
	Ashley Hennessee	Cal Purvis	Amy Jones
	Robbie Hennessee	Amanda Turner Troy	Leslie Whetzel
<u>Children's Council</u>	Chair: Ashley Hennessee	Director of Children's Ministry: Molly Purvis	
	Julie Rogers	Ashley Hennessee	Jeanette Reichard
	Molly Purvis	Lynn Adcox	Rick Burnette
			Lindsey LaPrade
			Susan Blackwell
<u>Youth Council</u>	Chair:		Director of Youth: Zach Dietz
	Christian Troy	Karson Rose Steele	Miller Whetzel
	Thomas Hester	Wallace Hester	Katherine Hester
	Kim Steele	Mike Steele	Jeff Whetzel
	Leslie Whetzel		
<u>Sunday School Superintendent</u>	Chair: Terry Blackwell		Assistant: Jim Peterson
<u>Archives and History Committee</u>	Chair: Mikky Caison		
	Robbie Hennessee	Shirley Moore	
<u>Kitchen Team</u>	Chair: Ralph Moore		
	Susan Blackwell	Mikky Caison	Robbie Hennessee
	Vera Helmly	Wally Matkovich	John Reichard
	Butch Grunsky	Joyce Grunsky	Kathy Rozier
	Rick Burnette	Tom Curtis	Bubba High

<u>Endowment Team</u>	Chair: Butch Volf, Finance Chair		
	Pastor - Randall Haase	Council Chair - Jim Peterson	
	Trustees Chair - Byron Rodgers, Jr	Susan Blackwell	Treasurer - Elaine Peterson
<u>Higher Education</u>	Chair: Amy Jones		
	Kay Brown	Charlie Hamer	Kim Steele
	Rick Burnette	Laddie Jones	Emma Driggers
<u>Hospitality Team</u>	Chair: Bernona Rodgers		
	Carrie Scogin	Maxine Tanner	Carol Sisson
	Vera Helmy	Susan Blackwell	Mike Lovell
	Tom Curtis	Mikky Caison	Butch Volf
	Priscilla McCloud	Janie Langley	JD Metts
<u>Safe Sanctuary (SM)</u>	Chair: Linda Harrelson		
	Council Chair - Sue Hagan	Lay Leader - Jeff Whetzel	Church Secretary - Sue Hagan
	SPRC Chair - Wally Matkovich	Director of Youth Ministry - Zach Dietz	Pastor - Randall Haase
	Trustees Chair - Byron Rodgers, Jr	Director of Children's Ministry - Molly Purvis	Camilla Lovell
	James Troy		
<u>Ushers</u>	Chair: Terry Blackwell	Assistant Chair: Mike Lovell	
	JD Metts	Paul Gainey	Byron Rodgers., Jr
	Byron Rodgers, III	David Kizer	Ralph Moore
	Shirley Moore	Richard Jackson	Will Umphlett
	Tyler Umphlett	Miller Whetzel	Karson Steele
	Dale Adcox	Bill Lindler	Stewart Driggers
	Jeanette Reichard	John Villeponteaux	
<u>Salkehatchie Committee</u>	Directors: Frances Wright, Bart Brock		Asst - Chris Benton
<i>Spiritual Director</i>			
<i>Web Presence</i>	Bart Brock		
<i>Financial</i>	Bart Brock	Assistant - Chentell Wren	
<i>Site Selection</i>	Chris Benton		
<i>Registration</i>	Kathy Rozier		
<i>Construction Team</i>	Robert Tanner, Mike Holtsclaw, Chris Benton		
<i>Meals</i>	Susan Blackwell, Joyce Grunsky, Andrea West, Molly Blackwell		



JANUARY Memorials/Honoraria Received:

In Memory of Betty Hall:

Mikky Caison, Tom & Betty Curtis

In Memory of Lou Housand:

Mikky Caison, Tom & Betty Curtis. Linda & Sammie Harrelson

In Memory of Karen Kimberly:

Mikky Caison, Tom & Betty Curtis, Linda & Sammie Harrelson, Bobby & Vera Helmly

In Honor of Paul & Melanie Gainey:

Byron & Bernona Rodgers

MISSIONS Report

Our angel tree was a success! Through the generosity of our church family, we made Christmas morning much brighter for 52 children! The families were so grateful. Last year (2022) our church served 42 children.

Feed Berkeley served 2,442 households in 2023 which amounted to 7,645 individuals. We were closed a couple of months during the year to move to a temporary location then moving again to our current location! Thirty-one percent of these individuals were children under age 18 and 26% were 60 and older, with the remainder being in the 18-59 range.

Thank you for your continued support of these missions for our community!

Congregational CARE Report

Since our last Council meeting, our long-time friend Lou Shipley Housand passed away. Since she and Elwood moved to The Villages in Summerville, they had also moved their membership to Bethany UMC because it was closer to their new residence.

Her funeral service was held at Bethany, and the burial was at Biggin Church.



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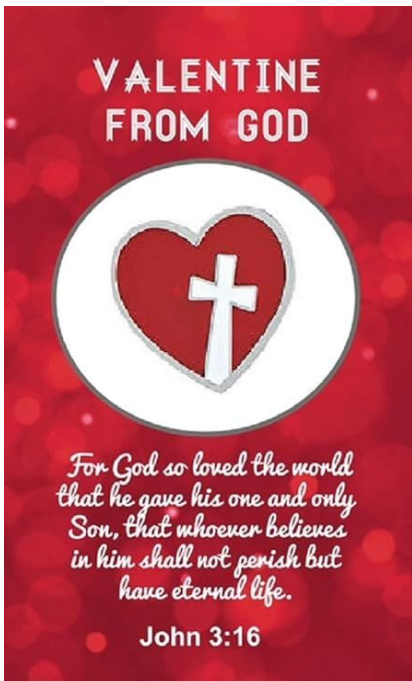
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Valentine's Day CROSSWORD

Word Bank

- Heart
- Card
- Chocolate
- Arrow
- Bouquet
- Mailbox
- Cake
- Candles
- Cupcake