

# **NEWSLetter**

**July 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

I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.

Psalm 45:17

One of my favorite times and events of the church is Vacation Bible School because of its many opportunities. I experience VBS as an opportunity to reach out to the community in sharing the Bible stories with the children. I think back to hearing and learning these stories when I was a child. It was in VBS where I heard these stories many times. We have opportunities to tell the community that we are active and alive for the community in growing the kingdom of God right here in Moncks Corner. We had an average of 55 children in attendance.

VBS also offers opportunities to bring in the children of our church and community to learn about Jesus, as well as to learn about the church. "People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" - Luke 18:15-16.

Vacation Bible School also offers opportunities to celebrate together what God has done, what God is doing, and what God is going to do in our church, in our community, and in the lives of our children. VBS is an experience of celebration as we work together in praising our great God. Many of our adults have been working for several months in preparing for this celebration event. Many worked and served last week to make VBS a success. We thank Ashley Hennessee for leading VBS. She has been working for several months in creating a Vacation Bible Celebration for our children. We also had many more adults leading and helping in many ways. I don't want to single out individuals as I can't remember everyone. This is certainly a celebration!

Peace and blessings, Rev. Randall Haase, Pastor

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **TGIW** - Wednesday Night SUPPER

→Will start up again in September

#### **United Methodist MEN (UMM)**

→Second Sun. every month 9am.

#### **WOMEN in Mission (WIM)**

→Will resume meetings in August

#### Salkahatchie CAMP

→July 15-22 - (John Culp, the Founder of Salkahatchie will be delivering our Sunday morning sermon on July 16th)

#### **FEED Berkeley**

→July 29th 9am - Come Volunteer!

#### **Nursery VOLUNTEERS**

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

#### Young at Heart - GAME Time

→July 19th 4pm - Fellowship Hall

## **Vacation Bible School -**







## **MCUMC Staff:**

Rev. Randall Haase Zach Dietz

Sue Hagen

Bubba High (Birthday July 4)

Lori Glover Mike Holtzclaw

Mary Miller

**Bobby Rozier** 

Miranda Shaw

Senior Pastor Ministry Associate

Secretary

**Director of Music** 

Financial Secretary Maintenance

Custodian

**Grounds Maintenance** 

Nursery



#### **THANK You**

A special thank you to Angel and Matt Fletcher for the inspirational, beautiful Cross and Altar creations for Lent, Easter, Mother's Day, and Pentecost!

## **YOUTH & College News**

Hey youth and college students! Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Vacation Bible School. It was a great success and we got to pour into the children of the Moncks Corner area about the good news of Jesus. This month we will be looking to go on a retreat to St. Christopher from July 21st-23rd. I am also planning on some other activities for the summer so stay tuned for what is to come. May God bless you all

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- Zach Dietz

#### 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 backpacks on August 16th.

- Sue Hagan

## A NOTF from Bubba

Soon I will have been back at MCUMC for two years. My faith and love for this church has multiplied so much as we have shared the fellowship and love in the body of Christ. Our church is alive! There are many new faces, activities and programs. For me it is exciting to see 100 or more sunday mornings. My first year we did well to have half that many in worship. Our fellowship here has become so much greater. Think of all the committees, activities, suppers, special events we are sharing. For me, the chance to engage with you all and build relationships is priceless.

**And there is the music!** Do you realize how much time in our worship service is music? The prelude, the hymns, the quiet music, The Gloria Patri, the offertory, The Doxology, the anthem, the chimes at the end of the service, the postlude. Can you imagine, <u>no</u> music? As you know, for me, it is the glue that holds it all together and touches our hearts.

**And then there is the choir!** We need to all be thankful for their contribution and commitment. We may be relatively small, but a great and important part of our services. Take the time to thank them! Thank you for sharing with me as we grow together in God's love.

### **PRAYER List:**

Eloise Cornwell Floyd Hennessee Cal Purvis Shirley Moore

Turner Motte

Chris & Danny McLaurin
Thad & Miriam Talley
Senetta Hubbard
Dot Denaro
Tommy Langley
Family of Turner Motte

Radford & Barbara Bates
Barbara Bennett
Bart Brock
Charlie Glover
Betty Lou Hanna
Betty Jean Harvey

Tim Leonard
Penny Metts
Shirley Durden
Sallie Rogers
Marvis Solley
Family of Julie Rogers

# Salkehatchie SUMMER Camp

In 1978, Rev. John Culp in Columbia founded Salkehatchie Summer Service to provide a means for both teenagers and adults to do mission work in South Carolina by spending a week repairing and upgrading homes for



needy families. Campers do not work on homes within their own community; they go to a camp hosted by another church in South Carolina. Since 1978, the list of churches hosting camps has grown, and the Salkehatchie program has provided a way for teens and adults to see "mission opportunities" right here at home. John Culp and two co-authors wrote a book several years ago entitled "Send Me: The Story of Salkehatchie Summer Service," which is still listed on Amazon. Moncks Corner United Methodist Church hosted our first Salkehatchie camp in 2008.

MCUMC had hosted 11 camps through 2019; the following year was when the pandemic shut down those efforts. In 2022, it was theoretically possible to host a Salkehatchie camp, but the Covid restrictions were so burdensome that we would not have been able to comply. After this three-year void, the Salkehatchie team is very happy to be back on the calendar. This congregation has always provided a core group of dedicated Salkehatchie workers who felt called to this mission and have supported it every year since we began. I would not be able to make a list of every one of them, but I would like to honor especially Robert and Maxine Tanner and Charlie and Judy Glover, who have devoted their time throughout the year to being ready for the NEXT Salkehatchie camp, because it is a year-round effort.

This year's camp will begin when our visiting campers arrive on Saturday, July 15. On Sunday, July 16, two Sundays from now, we will have a covered-dish dinner after church where we would love for you to meet and talk with our visitors; many of them you will remember from previous camps. We will provide the meat; we ask you to bring a dish to share, and if you bring a dessert they will continue enjoying it throughout the week. All our campers will leave on Saturday, July 22. As the bulletin announcement mentioned last week, there are many ways for the congregation to support this mission work. You don't have to climb on a roof in the middle of July, or fix a meal for 75 people, or organize building materials for a worksite. If these ARE your particular skills, please let Frances Wright know about it, and get ready to put on some clothes that you are prepared to burn. We covet your prayers, that our camp will be safe and successful. We appreciate your enthusiasm and the hospitality you show toward our visitors. Finally, your financial support of Salkehatchie is critical to continuing this mission, both in our community and other communities around the state.

Inasmuch as ye have done it for one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. - Matthew 25:40

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