



# NEWSLetter

March 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

*"[When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus ] there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.  
- Luke 23:33-34*

### "The Stones of Lent" Worship Series

At the time you are receiving this newsletter, we are almost halfway through the Lenten season. We have been 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.

So far we have heard about precious stones and changing stones. We will also hear about throwing stones, rejected stones, living stones, shouting stones, and rolling 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.

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

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Peace,

Rev. Randall Haase, Pastor

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### YOUTH Group

March 6th & 20st at 6pm

### United Methodist MEN (UMM)

March 10th at 9am.

### Feed BERKELEY

March 15th at noon & 16th at 8:30am

### Church Council (always OPEN to ALL)

March 25th at 6pm

### Easter EGG Hunt

Sunday, March 24 from 3-5pm

### WOMEN in Mission (WIM)

March 25th at 5pm

### RELAY For Life

April 19th at Moncks Corner Rec Fields

### Vacation BIBLE School

June 3rd-7th from 5-7:30pm

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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.

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)

**Invite your friends & neighbors to join us!**

## Do you want to FAST this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



*Happy Easter*

### 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

### January 2024 Financial Summary

Receipts:	+\$27,286.78
Disbursements:	-\$42,813.03
January Net Income:	-\$15,526.25

*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, as we continue to March on into the new year I want to encourage with a story of faith. As many of you may know, St. Patrick's Day is coming soon. Some of you may think of this holiday with the color green, shamrocks, and maybe a hint of feeling a bit more Irish. Well this holiday actually celebrates the person Patrick and the work he did. Patrick was born in Roman Britain and at sixteen he was captured and sold into slavery by Irish pirates. He spent six years in slavery he escaped and returned home. Patrick then had a vision to return to Ireland and bring Christianity to the island. Through his work he baptised thousands of Irish into the Christian faith and he became a bishop of Ireland. Even though you're going through trials and tribulations, look at the life of St. Patrick and see how God used him. He is working in your life so you can be a witness to others.

**Just a heads up to all the youth: We will be helping out with the Easter Egg Hunt this month so I hope to see you all there!**

*Thank you and God bless ~ Zach Dietz*

### PRAYER List:

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.

## Women in MISSION

W.I.M. held their regular meeting, Wednesday night, Feb. 8. Main items discussed:

1. Move the meeting date to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 5:00pm. This will avoid conflicts with Wed. night suppers and choir activities. It will also be right before the Church Council meetings.
2. We received a note of appreciation from Berkeley County DSS for our participation in the 2023 Angel Tree.
3. We received a note of appreciation from The Charleston Wesley Foundation for our support of their activities.

Things we have done already:

1. Provided a meal for the meeting at The Citadel. One of the biggest items that depletes their budget is the beverages served at the meetings. Since January we have provided cases of beverages each month.
2. We served the first 2 Lenten meals.
3. We decided to provide another meal for The Wesley Foundation. Volunteers are welcome to go with us The Citadel and see the Wesley Foundation in action.
4. Plans to decorate the sanctuary for Easter have been made. We will start taking orders soon.
5. Packing summer activity bags for Head Start students.

## CHILDREN'S Ministries:

Our Jesus Loves Me party was a huge success!! We had lots of fun making Valentine cards for the shut-ins, painting rocks for our Lenten services. It was a great time of Fellowship filled with love!

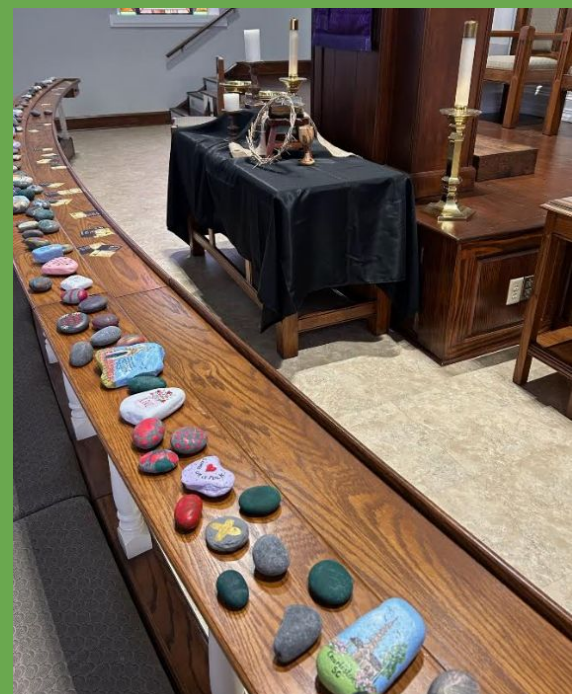
Our Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday, March 24th from 3-5PM. I encourage you to invite your family, friends, neighbors. We will have fun Easter crafts, snacks and an opportunity to have your picture taken with the Easter bunny in the Fellowship Hall. We will also have a very exciting Easter egg hunt on the lawn. Please consider volunteering for this event. We will need many hands for this event to be a success. Prayerfully consider how you may be able to contribute to this event .... Help a child with a craft, greet families as they arrive, donate filled, plastic eggs.

Let's show our children how special they are to us!

Lastly, Vacation Bible School will be June 3-7th from 5-7:30PM. Our theme this year is Camp Firefly and our theme verse is:

**WHENEVER I'M AFRAID, I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU**  
Psalm 56:3

- Molly Purvis



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