



NEWSLetter

May 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

*"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, 36 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 25:35-36*

The annual Moncks Corner Relay For Life event was held on April 19 at the Moncks Corner Recreational Park. Once again this year our church hosted a Relay For Life team in which we had team leaders meet occasionally to help our church team raise donations for the American Cancer Society.

We hosted a spaghetti dinner in February which brought in \$1246.00. The Leap Day Challenge raised \$175.00. Many of our team members received many sponsors for survivor luminary bags, and many individuals and families made generous donations. More donations of \$340.00 will be turned in at the event. As of the date of this writing, April 17, we will have exceeded our goal of \$2,000 by raising \$3,330. (If you do the math, you will notice that the numbers may not add up. There are more donations coming in that I am not including in this writing, but in the end the math will work.)

On behalf of Cal Purvis, our co-chairperson, and the MCUMC planning team, I thank you for your participation in a successful Relay For Life event. Although the Relay For Life event took place on April 19, the season continues through September. We will continue to take donations until that time. MCUMC is to be commended for its participation in feeding the hungry and visiting the sick as Jesus commented in Matthew 25.

Peace,
Rev. Randall Haase, Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday NIGHT Suppers

Resuming May 1st at 5pm

WOMEN in Mission (WIM)

Fourth Monday every month 5pm

PRAISE Team

Every Monday at 6pm

MOTHER'S Day Breakfast

Hosted by the United Methodist MEN (UMM)
May 12th at 8:30-9:45am.

Feed BERKELEY

May 17th at noon & 18th at 8:30am

Finance COMMITTEE

May 20th at 6pm

Church Council (OPEN to ALL)

May 27th at 6pm

GRADUATE Recognition

June 2 during worship service

VBS

June 24-28 from 5-7:30pm

Salkahatchie

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



EPWORTH:

Sunday, May 12 has been designated as a time to promote children's ministry, and to take a special offering for God's work through Epworth. Epworth is not an apportioned item, and it relies heavily on the offerings received on Mother's Day and Work Day to provide quality care to the 400 plus individuals who are in Epworth's care weekly.



MCUMC Staff:

Rev. Randall Haase	Senior Pastor
Vacant Position	Youth Director
Sue Hagan	Secretary
Molly Purvis	Children's Ministries
Bubba High	Director of Music
Mary Miller	Custodian
Lori Glover	Financial Secretary
Mike Holtsclaw	Maintenance
Bobby Rozier	Grounds Maintenance
Vacant Position	Nursery

March 2024 FINANCIAL Summary

March Receipts:	+\$36,699.18
Disbursements:	-\$36,103.36

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.

WORSHIP Committee

At the last report, we were still in the middle of our Lenten services at noon each Wednesday. Our attendance was a bit closer to what we were accustomed to having prior to the pandemic. The ushers helped to keep some notes each week, and we had an average attendance of just over 100 people for each service. It was more difficult to count how many of those ate lunch in the Fellowship Hall, but it was clear that most attendees either ate lunch before the service or stayed to eat afterward. The need for a Communion Steward was mentioned last month. I have talked with Kathy Scott and she has agreed to serve in this capacity. Although she is rusty on the details from Covid absence (as are most of us), she helped "Mama Scott" with many Altar Guild tasks over the years and is familiar with the process.

Our cross on the lawn was filled with flowers on Easter Sunday morning; some were bought by Angel Fletcher and the rest were provided by the congregation. At some point the white covering for the cross was blown off by the wind and got very dirty; with some work I think we can continue to use it. There were 25 Easter lilies in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, as well as two hydrangeas from Angel. As we worked on placing these, we discussed using another type of flower in the future, as there are several who are allergic specifically to the lilies. We can pursue this idea as we plan for next year.

PRAYER List: The family of Shirley Durden, Susan Garrison, Buster and Carolyn Parler, Bill Bergmann, Radford & Barbara Bates, Bart Brock, Susan Polk's Aunt Julia and Uncle Dwight, Jim Edwards, Betty Lou Hanna, Betty Jean Harvey, Bubba High, Senetta Hubbard, Chris and Danny McLaurin, Penny Metts, Marvis Solley, Miriam Talley, Maxine and Robert Tanner, Donna Tucker, Our Service Personnel.

Women in Mission

We prepared a delicious meal for the Wesley Foundation that meets near the Citadel campus. Cadets and others enjoyed a tasty spaghetti dinner. Thanks to all those who helped prepare the meal and helped deliver the meal! Rev. Haase led Team United in our church's participation in the annual Moncks Corner Relay for Life event on Friday, April 19, 2024. We had a good crowd supporting our team who enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship. At the time of the event, we had already raised more than our \$2000 goal. A final report of collections to support this worthy cause will be given next month.

The Missions Team is looking at a charitable organization that reduces medical debt for those in need. Another church in SC has done a financial campaign drive to support this organization and we are talking with them about what it would take to do a campaign of our own at MCUMC. More on that at a future time.

Women in Mission is planning on stuffing bookbags again for this coming school year. Look for more information on as we start planning for that the next couple of months.

CHILDREN'S Ministries:

As the days get longer and we feel the warmth of the sun on our skin we know summer is coming. Summer brings the opportunity for our biggest outreach for the children, Vacation Bible School. This is going to be an amazing week!. Camp Firefly planning is well underway and we are going to have so much fun growing in our Christian faith. Mark your calendars for June 24-28 from 5-7:30 and please prayerfully consider volunteering during this amazing week. We will need help greeting our families, help in the kitchen, help to lead the children to different activities and much more. If you are interested in helping, there is a place for you. Let's share this date and information with our family, friends and neighbors and make wonderful memories together this summer.

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

- Molly Purvis

Youth MINISTRIES

Youth Council is working to continue our Youth Program here at MCMUC. While we are working to fill this position there are some volunteer opportunities that you can take part in to help us through this transition.

Would you consider teaching Sunday School one Sunday or joining a rotation?

Materials will be provided or you can share your own lesson. Another fun opportunity is to sign up to hang out with the youth after a Wednesday Night dinner in May and share a short devotion with them. Spots are still available!

If interested, please contact Leslie Whetzel at lesliewhetzel@gmail.com or 843.834.1609

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Mother's Day Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. I love _____ and kisses from my mom.
5. Mom plants _____ in her garden
6. Happy Mother's _____.
7. I will make my mom a Mother's Day _____.
8. _____ is short for mother.

Down

2. This is another word for a present.
3. I _____ my mom.
4. I call my mom's, mom and my dad's, mom _____.
7. My mom is a great _____, I love everything she makes.