



NEWSLetter

November 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

“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” – John 4:24

God's people have been worshipping God even way back in the beginning of monotheism; that is, worshipping only one God. *“Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone”* (Deuteronomy 6:4). Moses realized then that there is only one God and that we shall worship him. It is the Shema prayer in the Jewish faith, the most core prayer in every Friday night Shabbat service and one of the oldest in the Torah.

I have a friend who is Jewish. I attended a service at his synagogue a while back. To my surprise, I found that they worship this same God; the God we, too, in Christianity worship. I always knew this but not in the depth that I thought. Their book of worship (hymnal) is written in both English and in Hebrew. They usually use the Hebrew liturgy with their songs and reciting. They did them in both languages that evening to honor my presence and participation in the service. I was grateful, for I discovered that what they do in their service is worship God the same as us. Everything they say in the liturgy offers worship to God.

In the previous newsletter I stated that I am a summer person and don't like moving into Fall. One item of interest I like about Fall is the number of special worship services that we celebrate as Christians.

I am looking forward to these services including All Saints Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, the four Sundays of Advent, Christmas Eve service, the Sunday after Christmas, Epiphany Sunday and The Baptism of our Lord. These last few are actually in the winter, but I see them as included in a liturgical season of special times to worship. I have already begun to design these services to give all of us opportunities to worship in spirit and in truth.

I believe that worship is central to our life together as Christians. Worship offers opportunities to sing, pray, learn, listen, share... worship together as a family together in faith of the one true God. Looking forward to seeing you in worship this coming Sunday and the Sundays to follow.

Peace and blessings,
Rev. Randall Haase, Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TGIW - Wednesday Night SUPPER

Serving 5-5:45 - All are WELCOME!

United Methodist MEN (UMM)

Nov 12th at 9am.

WOMEN in Mission (WIM)

First Wednesday every month 5:45pm

Young at Heart - GAME Time

November 15th 4pm - Fellowship Hall

FEED Berkeley

November 17th at noon & 18th at

8:30am

Church Council (always OPEN to ALL)

October 27th at 6pm

All SAINTS Sunday

November 5th at 11am

BIBLE Study

Wednesdays at 6pm

Sunday, November 5, after worship

All who have served or expressed an interest in serving as ushers, greeters, and/or workers with children or youth are invited to the fellowship hall after worship for an important luncheon meeting. We will be discussing Safe Sanctuary responsibilities and initial plans for hosting our Bishop and approximately 300 members of other United Methodist Churches. If you are not currently serving and wish to serve as an usher, greeter and or worker with children or youth, please contact Bernona Rodgers at blrodgers@homesc.com.

MISSIONS of our Church:

There will be a lot going on in missions in the next few months!

The Blessing Bag Project had a shower event for the homeless on October 19th and was in dire need of underwear, so we made an initial delivery of 238 pairs of underwear which we packaged into 98 bags. We will package what we receive after our initial delivery prior to the Wednesday meal on November 1st. Your donations were very much appreciated. Thank you for your support of this mission! Our underwear drive for the homeless was for the month of October but if you forgot you can still drop your donations in the box in the vestibule or in the church office. The need is always there.

Our Angels are due to us around November 6th so be on the lookout for more information on the Angel Tree in your email and the church bulletin.

In conjunction with Women in Mission, we are preparing Thanksgiving food boxes for 20 needy families, 10 each at Moncks Corner Elementary and Berkeley Middle Schools. We provide a box of shelf stable food for a Thanksgiving meal and a gift card for a turkey. What we have done in the past is ask that whatever items you volunteer for that you provide 10 of those items. A list of needed items will be sent via email and in the bulletin. Email Elaine Peterson at epeterson@homesc.com or text at 843-729-1627 if you want to donate items from the list or just make a cash donation. We will be assembling the food boxes after the Wednesday night supper on November 15th.

The sweatsuit mission we discussed at the last Women in Mission meeting has been cancelled. The programs at Mental Health have changed and the sweatsuits are no longer needed. If you've already made your purchases, we can find a needy recipient.

As always, thank you for your servant's heart as we follow Christ's commandment,

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

- Elaine Peterson

PRAYER List:

Karen Kimberly, Roy Robinson, Bill Bergmann, Will Tindal, Kayla Haase, Sallie Rogers, Shirley Durden, Radford & Barbara Bates, Bart Brock, Jim Edwards, Betty Lou Hanna, Betty Jean Harvey, Senetta Hubbard, Tim Leonard, Chris and Danny McLaurin, Penny Metts, Marvis Solley, Miriam Talley, Our Service Personnel.

YOUTH & College News

Hey youth, as the holiday of the Thanksgiving comes upon us I thought it would be good to think about ways we can be thankful. In our society and culture we have a tendency to want more and forget about what we have. However, in the Psalms David writes 'Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!' We need to look to God and see the amazing things He has done in our life. The greatest thing we can be thankful for is the life that God has given us because of His love, grace, and mercy. He has given us new life and a forgiveness of sins by coming into our broken world as the God-man, dying on the cross for our sins, and rising from the dead. The Lord has also blessed us with family, friends, food, homes, an education, and many other things that we take advantage of as Americans. Let us not forget the many great things God has done in our life and let us give thanks to Him for He is good! We will be looking to have a Thanksgiving party on November 18th." "Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fall Festival! We were grateful to invite people to our church and let them know that we are here to serve them and invite them to be a part of the body of Christ. I also want to thank those who helped with the Farmer's Market and we have the last Farmer's Market this month on the 16th. If you are able to make brownies or help volunteer please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you and God bless ~ Zach Dietz

Thank YOU!

The Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the October 23rd Fall Festival. Contributing volunteers provided a warm welcome to visitors, supplied baked goods, shared or donated decorations, offered manpower and ran activities, games and crafts. Bubba secured Frannie's food truck and the Gospel Blue Grass band, as well as prepared a delicious chili bar. The weather was perfect for our celebration, but what made it the best was all the hands that worked together to make it a success.

Thank YOU!

We would like to say thank you for all the calls, texts, messages, cards, and prayers last week and this week as our family mourned the loss of Robbie's grandfather, Robert "Floyd" Hennessee. We felt all the love and prayers during this time. We appreciate all of you! Love, Robbie, Ashley, Thomas, and Elizabeth Hennessee and also Kay Hennessee Fortson.

Welcome NEW Members!

Wednesday, November 8, at 5:00: At our Wednesday night supper, on November 8, we will be honoring those who have joined the membership of our church. We invite you for a delicious meal and the opportunity to spend some time with members of our church family. If you are not a regular "attendee" at supper, please call the church office by Monday November 6, to make reservations. We look forward to our time together.

October Memorials/Honoraria RECEIVED:

In memory of Mary Dangerfield: Sydne Solley, Byron & Bernona Rodgers, Tom & Betty Curtis, Mary Dangerfield, Guilds-Scott Sunday School Class, Bobby & Vera Helmly, Carolyn Umphlett, P.A. Gramling

In memory of Dot Denaro: Frank & Lynda Denaro, Sydne Solley, Byron & Bernona Rodgers, Tom & Betty Curtis, Sammie & Linda Harrelson, Guilds-Scott Sunday School Class, Bobby & Vera Helmly, Carolyn Umphlett, P.A. Gramling

In memory of Tom Langley: Tom & Betty Curtis, Byron & Bernona Rodgers, Bobby & Vera Helmly, Paul & Melanie Gainey, JD & Penny Metts, Kelly Boswell, Karen Whitley, Karon Heape, Jean Hamilton, Jim & Brenda Barry, Susan Gehlmann, Carolyn Umphlett, P.A. Gramling

In memory of Jackie Oltmann: Linda Diane Ellis

In memory of Barbara Bennett: Tom & Betty Curtis, Byron & Bernona Rodgers, Bobby & Vera Helmly, Guilds-Scott Sunday School Class, Carrie Scogin, Linnie Davis

In memory of Charlie Glover: Byron & Bernona Rodgers

In memory of John Mark McQuown: Sydne Solley, Bobby & Vera Helmly, Tom & Betty Curtis

In memory of Floyd Hennessee: Byron & Bernona Rodgers

Contribution to Relay for Life in honor of Randall & Laura Haase: Byron & Bernona Rodgers

CHILDREN'S Ministries: Happy Fall!!

Our Fall Festival was a success!! So many smiling faces, laughter and fellowship. Throughout the month of November we will talk about God's many blessings and different ways we are thankful. One way we will show our thankfulness is inviting our local first responders to a Drop-In from 3-4:30 on November 12th. We want to show them we are thankful for their service while also learning what we should do in an emergency. We will enjoy cookies and lemonade while Susan Polk shares information on safety. (Thank you Susan!) Also, the children will sing songs of thanks during our November 19th Thanksgiving service.

- Molly Purvis

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“In Memory of...”

When my dad died several years ago, followed two years later by my mom, my sisters and I spent several weeks each time at our family home, trying to process not only the fact that they were gone, but that we had to continue doing the things that they had always done – in the home, in the church, in the community. It was hard to do, partly because we actually did not know all of the things that had been important to them as they served and helped in so many different areas of their lives.

In the immediate aftermath of each death, it became an everyday highlight to hear the mail truck coming up the street. We had quickly learned that on most days, we would receive a short note from either Riverside United Methodist Church or The Methodist Home of Macon, notifying us that a contribution had been received in memory of our dad or our mom. We marveled at the number of people we didn't even know who chose to remember our parents in ways that would have been meaningful to them. Many days, we were amazed that one mail delivery would contain five or six such notes. It gave us a chance to reach out to those who had made the contribution, and to acknowledge and appreciate the connection that those donors had maintained with our parents, unknown to us.

Moncks Corner United Methodist Church will be celebrating All Saints' Sunday on Nov. 5, and although I know we are celebrating servants' lives that were well-lived, it still makes me sad that those people are gone from us. I don't want them to be forgotten, the same way that I didn't want my parents to be forgotten. I know that our congregation will feel the same way, as we look over a too-long list of those who are gone.

We have a strong tradition of keeping alive our memories of departed members, and a memorial to the church is a cherished way to carry on their legacies. It also lets family members who are mourning, like my sisters and I were, know that we are holding them up in prayer and keeping a memory alive. I have several memorials to make just from the past month; I hope you will join me in honoring the lives of those who provided the shoulders upon which we stand.

Thank you! – Susan Blackwell