



NEWSLetter

September 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

"Those who passed by derided [n] him, shaking their heads 40 and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Matthew 27:39-40

Cross Worship Series

The cross is a symbol for Christianity. Some people wear a cross pendant on their necklace. Some people have a cross hanging on the wall in their home. Some people have a cross tattoo. We have many crosses in our church buildings. Seeing a cross reminds of who we are as followers of Jesus.

I will be presenting a worship series in September that will focus on the cross. Beginning on September 15, and for the following two Sundays, I will present sermons that will help us to focus on the cross. We will sing hymns that will help us to hear words about the cross and what the cross of Jesus means to us.

I invite you to bring your favorite cross to display at the front of the sanctuary. You may write on a 3x5 card a note with your cross that will include your name and a brief story or explanation of your cross: where you got it, who gave it to you, where you have it displayed in your home, what it means to you, etc. On the third Sunday of this series, we will look at these crosses as a reminder of the sacrifice Jesus gave for us.

Peace,

Rev. Randall Haase, Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WOMEN in Mission (WIM)

Fourth Monday every month 5pm

Wednesday NIGHT Supper

Starting up again in September!!

PRAISE Team

Every Monday at 6pm

United Methodist MEN (UMM)

Sep 8th at 9am.

TAILGATE Party

Sep 14th from 10-2pm

Finance COMMITTEE

Sep 16th at 6pm

Feed BERKELEY

Sep 20th at noon & 21st at 8:30am

CHURCH Council (OPEN to ALL)

Sep 23rd at 6pm

Important ANNOUNCEMENT

I am looking to form a committee to research and develop the information needed by the District Superintendent *prior* to our vote on whether we will separate from The United Methodist Church. As a result, I am asking any member that would like to serve on the committee to contact me. I will form a committee of seven. The Chair of Trustees and The Chair of Finance will be automatic members of the committee. I will serve as a non-voting member of the committee to facilitate the meetings. I would like the other four (4) members to be balanced as far as their stance on discernment.

Sue Hagan, 843-830-1842

Chair of Church Council

MCUMC Staff:

Rev. Randall Haase	Senior Pastor
VACANT Position	Youth Director
VACANT Position	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

Young ADULT Sunday School Class!

Kelsie and Nora are putting together a young adult Sunday school class aimed for ages 18-28. We would like to start meeting on Sunday mornings starting on September 14th. If interested Please text Kelsie at (843) 826-1544.

In the future we will also begin a monthly Bible study group as well!

Job Opportunities at MCUMC:

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

This is a part-time position. Essential Job Duties include Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Responsible for the planning, developing, implementing, coordinating, leadership and supervision of the ministries for the Youth and Young Adults. Education in Seminary, Religious Studies or Youth Ministry is desired but not necessary if the applicant has proven experience in these areas. This has the potential of becoming a full-time position.

Church Secretary / Administrative Assistant

This is a part-time position. Essential job duties include secretarial assistance to the pastor and congregation. Other duties include general typing, filing, record-keeping, producing a Sunday bulletin, and many more duties.

Nursery Attendant

This is a very part-time job on Sunday mornings. Essential job duties include attending to the younger children during the Sunday School hour and the Sunday morning worship service.

Please call or email for a full job descriptions. Moncks Corner United Methodist Church, Moncks Corner SC. 843-761-8547. office@monckscornerumc.org.

PRAYER List:

Gary Allen, Barbara Bates, Bill Bergmann, James Baisden, Barbara Bates, Bart Brock, Barbara Bunch, Rick Burnette, Eula Connell, Susan Polk's Aunt Julia and Uncle Dwight, Jim Edwards, Susan Garrison, Betty Lou Hanna, Betty Jean Harvey, Bubba High, Senetta Hubbard, Sue Hagan, Danny McLaurin, Ivey Moore, Penny Metts, Carolyn Parler, Michelle Stewart Roper, Marvis Solley, Miriam Talley, Maxine and Robert Tanner, Donna Tucker, Frankie White, Our military service personnel.

Devotion presented at Church Council in August

Through years of practice and hard work, I have learned to spot a garage sale sign at great distances. Driving through OKC my eye caught a big one - not only was it a going out of business sign, it was at a church. I wandered around the building some, and noticed it had all the problems older buildings have. Dated decor, lots of stairs, and it was probably difficult to direct people in the maze of hallways. One table, tucked away in the back, had a picture of the congregation taken a few years prior. The church shared little demographically with the high school you could see out the window. I talked to a few of the ladies working the sale. The church was closing down because they didn't have the money to pay the bills, the building was too much to take care of, and the just couldn't keep membership up. Tears filled their eyes as they spoke of closing down the church, and how hard it had been.

It was sobering to walk through this church as it was closing. The stuff - junk some would say - that filled the tables represented hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of items. The chairs and tables that were for sale once sat in classrooms that were filled with children hearing the Gospel, with adults studying the bible, and with youth learning about Jesus. But now? The hallways were dead, the classrooms were silent, and the nursery was stripped of everything that could be sold. The tables were piled high with decorations for all the holidays, telephones, file cabinets, office supplies, kids toys, and craft supplies. This is what is left over when a church closes. Stuff. Stuff once was used for ministry was now being picked over and sold for pennies on the dollar. People sacrificed to buy these things, to provide the church with what it needed to survive and do ministry. But what the church needs most is people, not things.

The people who populated the halls were long gone, but the stuff remained. At an estate sale, a person's life is on display - what they spent their money on, where they went, what they took pictures of to preserve the memory. This church sale felt the same way. You could see the nursery items and kids' tables and communion sets. They had everything that a person might say you need to have in order to have church.

They had all the stuff. But they had no people. There's nothing wrong with buildings or chairs or stuff. They are simply tools used to bring glory to God through the fulfillment of the Great Commission. But none of those things are needed to take the gospel to the nations. Your church doesn't need your money or your stuff. Your church needs you. Not just to go on Sunday mornings, but the church needs you to be changed by the gospel and in turn share it with others. Make the decision not just to go to church, but to be changed by the gospel. Churches meet in buildings big and small full of stuff, but none of that matters. What matters is the gospel, changing people, and in turn changing the world through the cross.

-Luke Holmes

Prayer: Lord, inspire our church leaders and strengthen their resolve to fulfill Your calling. Grant them wisdom, understanding, courage, and enthusiasm to prepare and empower our congregation to embody Your church. Fill them with Your spirit and guide their actions as they nurture and grow our faith community. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

