



NEWSLetter

August 2025

Moncks Corner United Methodist Church

To proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord to our community and to the world through worship, mission, discipleship, and service to others.

Message from the PASTOR

Greetings to our MCUMC family! We've now completed one whole month together doing the work of God's kingdom—oh, how time flies! As we approach the start of a new school year for students and teachers, there's a sense of fresh excitement that always comes with new beginnings. We anticipate good things ahead, and that hopeful outlook fuels us forward.

God calls us to be hopeful, to anticipate good things, and to strive for good works. John Wesley famously said, *"Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can."*

Good works do not save our souls, but souls connected with our Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—yearn to do them because we know what God has already done for us. Our faithful response is shown through our actions, because that is how Christ commissions us to live as disciples. It began with THE great commissioning of the original disciples in Matthew 28: 16-20. Where we see great need, we respond with great love. No work we do is ever in vain.

I'm a fan of the '90s and early 2000s Hallmark Hall of Fame movies. Recently, I was watching one starring the beloved actress and artist Della Reese. In the film, her character, Honey, says: "You see, everything God makes has a place and a time. Sure as God makes you, [God] has a job in mind for you."

God has a job for each of us—both in the life of our church and in the work of His kingdom. As we move through the fall, we'll work together on spiritual gifts surveys, discipleship classes, and new membership classes. All of this is designed to help you either discover your place in the work of our church or strengthen your current role within it. We each have a place, a purpose, a calling, and a heart for kingdom work.

Together, we will continue to move forward where God is calling us. Oh, how thankful I am to be serving alongside you as your pastor.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday Night SUPPER

Will resume September 10th!!!

CHOIR Practice

Every Wednesday at 6:15 pm

Daytime BIBLE Study

Every Wednesday at 11am

Acolyte/Communion Training

August 3rd at 10am (Grades 3+)

Pack the BACKPACKS

August 6th at 5:30pm

Youth/Kids MOVIE Night

August 10th at 5:30pm

Feed BERKELEY

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

CHURCH Council

August 26th at 6pm

Blessings, Pastor Rebecca

Wrapping Up Salkehatchie CAMP

We are taking another opportunity to thank everyone who provided help, whether large or small, for our Salkehatchie Summer Service Camp. It takes a lot of work behind the scenes before we are ready to send our volunteers to a work site, and MCUMC has always come through. We realize the dates we chose for 2025 may not have been the best, and we plan to schedule our 2026 camp for a week in June. As you are all aware, we are still recovering from the Covid years and the limitations that we had for such a long period of time. However, our champions from the Hartsville and Lancaster churches (seen in the photos) are busy recruiting right now for next year. Keep us in your prayers!



Elizabeth Gainey, Kathy Hardin, Rebecca, and Lara Mathis.

Kathi Culbreath and Robert Tanner.

Wednesday NIGHT Fellowship Dinners

Family Ministries is looking for teams to help with our Weekly Wednesday Night Dinners for 2025-2026. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, enjoy fellowship, and serve our church family in a meaningful way.

We're hoping to form 10 teams to allow for a light rotation — the more teams we have, the fewer times each group will need to serve. "Many hands make light work!"

If you're interested in forming a team or have any questions, please contact Amanda Troy by August 31st. Amanda Troy at 843-437-6508 or at troysrus1104@gmail.com

September 10: Welcome Back Wednesday Fellowship Dinner Night!!!

Please prayerfully consider forming a team to support Family Ministries and get our Wednesday night dinners back in full swing this fall!

PRAYER List: Iris Austin, Barbara Bates, Frank Bellamy, Bart Brock, Jim Edwards, Betty Lou Hanna, Betty Jean Harvey, Senetta Hubbard, Rosalee Lawrence, Leila Matkovich, Danny McLaurin, Penny Metts, Kay Murray, Jeanette Reichard, Marvis Solley, Miriam Talley, Maxine and Robert Tanner, Donna Tucker, JJ Wilson, our military personnel.



BACK TO SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

All children and youth ages 3+ are invited August 10th from 5:30-7:00pm to watch a movie and enjoy pizza and popcorn with us in the Youth Room to celebrate the beginning of an exciting school year.

Please contact the church office or MCUMCKIDS@gmail.com to RSVP

Mission REPORT

The school supply drive is in full swing! We would like to have all the supplies that are being donated at the church by Friday, August 1, 2025.

The Missions Team will be setting up for the bookbag packing event on Monday, August 4th .

We invite all who are willing to join us for the packing of the book bags in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, August 6th at 5:30 pm. Pizza will be served for the packers prior to packing the book bags.

The book bags will be blessed during the worship service on August 10 th and delivered to Berkeley Elementary, Moncks Corner Elementary and Berkeley Middle Schools during the first week of school which starts on August 13th.

Boxes are available in the Church Office and in the Narthex of the Sanctuary for donations of school supplies. Monetary donations can also be made by a check made payable to the church and designated to "School Supply Drive" in the appropriate line on the check. Thank you for all your support!

- Elaine Peterson

MCUMC Staff:

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| Rev. Rebecca Rowell | Senior Pastor |
| VACANT Position | Youth Director |
| Sue Hagan and Brenda Ayers | Secretary |
| Molly Purvis | Children's Ministries |
| Earle Johnson | Director of Music |
| Mary Miller | Custodian |
| Lori Glover | Financial Secretary |
| Mike Holtsclaw | Maintenance |
| Bobby Rozier | Grounds Maintenance |
| VACANT Position | Nursery |

Our Gifts: Last Month: Year to Date:

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| Received | \$32,618.97 | \$167,825.97 |
| Budgeted | \$36,710.80 | \$226,260.00 |
| Dispersed | \$30,814.97 | \$169,373.46 |



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TRUSTEES Corner

Hello Church Family! Just a note from your friendly neighborhood Trustee Chairman. I hope everyone is finding relief from this heat wave! Here are a few things the Trustees have been up to:

- We have a roofer! That's right, we have selected a contractor to replace the roof on the Education Building. Prince's Roofing and Construction was awarded the contract, and are going to do a fantastic job. It's been a long time coming and a major project for our Church.
- Update on the sign out front; I finally got word that the insurance company will be sending a check to cover the cost of the new sign. The sign will be as it was, no changes to the design. As soon as the check is received, I will get the sign company out to begin that project.
- The Parsonage projects came out wonderful. Thank you Cal Purvis and Ralph Moore. Your hard work does not go unnoticed and I appreciate the help. The garage and blinds look great.
- Leonard Berry repaired the patio French doors and now, they work! Great Job, Mr. Leonard!
- A few things need to be done in the yard and tree line at the Parsonage. If we can get a cool spell, say around low 90's high 80's, maybe we can get over there and clean up some trees and shrubs. If anyone would like to help with that, reach out to me and we will plan a day.
- Thank you, Tom Curtis for volunteering to repair some walls and paint in the downstairs foyer area of the Education Building.
- Thank you to Mr. Leonard and Cal for keeping the Church grounds and landscaping in tip-top shape. If anyone would like to help, feel free to reach out, and we can make it happen. Trimming, pulling weeds, picking up trash, are weekly tasks, as the weather permits.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time to spare, they have the heart to care."
-Elizabeth Andrew, American author

In God's Love, Mike Steele Chairman 843.991.4649