



NEWSLetter

March 2026

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.

Dear MCUMC Family,
As March unfolds, we step together into the sacred season of Lent. This is not simply a date on the church calendar. It is a journey – a holy walk toward the cross. We are in our Lent sermon series “The Way”. Discussing how we journey towards the cross together in the reflective time of Lent.

Lent invites us to slow down. To reflect. To repent. To realign our hearts with Christ.

Too often life feels hurried and noisy. Yet Lent gently calls us into intentional space with God. It reminds us that faith is not just something we declare – it is something we walk. Step by step. Prayer by prayer. Day by day.

This season is a journey toward the cross, but it is not a journey of despair. It is a journey of love.

As we move toward Holy Week, we remember that Jesus walked toward the cross willingly. He walked in obedience. He walked in surrender. He walked in love for us. And the beautiful truth of Lent is this: we do not walk alone. Christ walks with us.

In our repentance, Christ is present.
In our questions, Christ is near.
In our weariness, Christ strengthens us.
In our community, Christ binds us together.

As a church family, we journey side by side. We gather in worship. We pray for one another. We bear one another’s burdens. We encourage one another when the road feels heavy. That is the gift of being the body of Christ – we are never alone, and we never have to pretend to be strong by ourselves. This Lent, I invite you to consider:

What is God asking you to lay down?
What is Christ inviting you to pick up?
Where might the Spirit be leading you deeper?

Whether through prayer, fasting, serving, worship, or simply carving out quiet space each day, may this be a season where we intentionally walk closer to Jesus.

And as we journey toward the cross, may we remember that the cross is not the end of the story. Resurrection is coming. Hope is coming. New life is coming.

Until then, we walk together.

Grace and peace, Pastor Rebecca

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday NIGHT Suppers

No evening meals in March (during Lent)

Handbell CHOIR

March Wednesdays at 5:15pm

2025 FINANCIAL Audit

March 8 at 2pm in Conference Room

March MEALS:

Mar 4 Lunch between Lenten Services

Mar 11 Lunch between Lenten Services

Mar 18 Lunch between Lenten Services

Mar 25 Lunch between Lenten Services

Finance Committee

Mar 16 at 6pm

FEED Berkeley

Mar 20 at noon & 21 at 8:30am

Church Council

Mar 24 at 6pm

PALM Sunday

March 29

Easter Egg HUNT!

March 29 from 3-5pm



Flowers in the SANCTUARY

The following upcoming
dates are available for
those who wish to provide
flowers for the altar :

April 19 & 26

Please contact
Ann Burnette
(843)709-0794 or
the church office.



Missions

Our mission for March and April is collecting snacks for **Cole's Victory Lap** to coincide with what would have been Cole's 8th birthday on April 10th.

Cole's Victory Lap was created in 2021 after Clint and Erin Henderson lost their 2-year-old son to neuroblastoma, a rare pediatric cancer on the adrenal gland. (Erin grew up in our church and Cole was the grandson of Julie and David Kizer). Cole was diagnosed in April 2020 and endured chemotherapy, a trial radioactive treatment, stem cell transplant and radiation over 10 months. He met Jesus on February 20, 2021, and his parents wanted to turn their grief into helping other families experiencing this terrible fight.

They started with snacks and drinks to their local hospital in Greenville, SC. Chemotherapy often damages tastebuds and calories are key to keep fighting! Then they began giving bed sheets, blankets and stuffed animals to make a stale hospital room feel a lot less scary. To date, they have donated over 125,000 snacks, 20,000 drinks and 3,000 sheet set bundles. Their current donations go to Greenville Memorial Hospital, Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital, Prisma Midlands, Arthur M Blank Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Emory Proton and Emory Photon Therapy, Levine Children's Hospital and Children's National.

Most recently, Cole's Victory Lap pledged \$250,000 to the Hogs for the Cause Hematology oncology unit at their home base at Greenville Memorial.

Here is a list of snacks we will be collecting for the 'Nack cart:

- **Individual packs of Goldfish, Cheez its, pretzels, and Lay's chips**
- **Applesauce pouches**
- **Individual packs of Oreos, animal cookies, chocolate chip cookies**
- **Lance crackers**
- **Easy Mac cups**
- **Juice boxes: apple juice, fruit punch, etc.**
- **Gatorade zero- small 12 oz bottles**
- **K cups of coffee**

Drop your donations in the Missions box in the Narthex or the box in the Church Office. Monetary donations can be made out to the church and designated as Cole's Victory Lap.



Backpack Buddies

Our church was asked to support Berkeley Elementary School's (BES) Backpack Buddy program. Backpack Buddies is a program that **helps children facing food insecurity over the weekends**. A small bag of food containing snacks and other food items is discreetly placed in the child's backpack on Fridays to support the child with food over the weekend.

Lydia Baker has agreed to lead the project and will be delivering food to BES weekly. We hope to get the children involved in packing the bags during Children's Time one Sunday a month. If you feel called to supplement the Mission Funds for this project, you can donate to the church and designate it as Backpack Buddies.



THANK You!

Your thoughtful cards and heartfelt prayers have been such a source of comfort and strength during this time. Each kind word and every prayer lifted has reminded me that I am not walking this journey alone. I am deeply grateful for your love, encouragement, and faith.

Wendy Montgomery

2025 Financial Audit

The Finance Committee will be conducting their annual audit of the 2025 financials on March 8, 2026 at 2:00 in the conference room. Any member of the congregation (except counters and employees of MCUMC) is eligible to serve on the audit committee. If you are interested in participating, please contact Butch Volf.

Our Gifts:	January:	2025 Totals:
Received	\$26,444.19	\$389,542.96
Dispersed	\$31,930.74	\$348,847.94
Difference	\$-4,311.64	\$ 40,695.02

MCUMC Staff:

Rev. Rebecca Rowell	Pastor
VACANT Position	Youth Director
Sue Hagan & 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
Jennifer Barnhill	Nursery

PRAYER List: Family of Lou Ellen Gosnell, Iris Austin, Barbara Bates, Rick Burnette, Delette Dupree, Rhae West Dupree, Betty Lou Hanna, Sammie Harrelson, Betty Jean Harvey, Frankie Herndon, Janie Langley, Leila Matkovich, Danny McLaurin, Penny Metts, Betty Milner, Kay Murray, Carol Sisson, Mavis Solley, Sydney Solley, Charles Staley, Miriam Talley, Maxine & Robert Tanner, Donna Tucker, CJ Wilcox, and our Military Service Personnel.

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HYMN OF THE MONTH - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

It is an understatement to say that Isaac Watts was a precocious child. He learned Latin at age five, Greek at nine, French at eleven, and when he was twelve, he mastered Hebrew. His habit of spontaneously making rhymes as he spoke drove his father to distraction. Watts grew up to be a nonconformist cleric and eventually wrote over six hundred hymns. Today, he is known as the father of English hymnody.

Watts wrote "*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*" when he was thirty-four years old. British poet Matthew Arnold called it the greatest hymn in the English language. This is high praise coming as it does from the preeminent literary critic of the nineteenth century who occupied the chair of poetry at Oxford University.

The hymn's powerful images and strong emotion combine with its author's pure devotion to God. The blend is a strengthening tonic for a believer's faith. Watt wrote the hymn as he was preparing to take of the Lord's Supper, a practice central to the Christian faith because it memorializes Christ's work of redemption through His death on the cross—the single most significant act in human history.

The second verse of this moving hymn expresses the centrality of the death of Jesus Christ in a believer's life:

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

The Lord's Supper is a reminder of the vast importance of Christ's death. Isaac Watts said that Christ's death expresses "Love so amazing, so divine." It is really beyond words. Yet the words of Watt's hymn "*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*" are his superb attempt to express the power of the Cross and Jesus Christ crucified.