



# NEWSLetter

April 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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we step into the season of spring, we are reminded of God's ever-present renewal. The shorter days of winter have led to the lengthening of sunlight, and nature awakens with new life. Spring is a season of rebirth and restoration, and it's the perfect moment for us to reflect on how we, too, can be renewed in our walk with Christ.

In the wake of Easter, we find ourselves living in the "post-resurrection" days. The tomb is empty, and Jesus has risen. But now, the question is: how do we carry this resurrection hope and light into the world? The Easter story doesn't end on Resurrection Sunday—it continues through us. As disciples of Christ, we are called to be bearers of His light, not just during the seasons of joy and celebration, but throughout every moment of our lives.

This spring, I invite you to join me in a challenge: to let the light of Christ shine through us in all that we do. How can we live out our faith with the same joy that we felt on Easter morning? How can we carry the message of hope, peace, and love to those who are in need of it most?

Let us remember that our work of discipleship is not confined to a season or a particular holiday. The call to follow Christ and share His love is ongoing, and it doesn't end when the Easter lilies fade or the celebrations quiet down. It continues in the small, everyday acts of kindness, in our prayers for one another, and in our dedication to serve both within our church and out in our community.

Just as spring brings new life to the world around us, may we be a reflection of that renewal as we continue the work of Christ. Whether through a smile to a stranger, a kind word to a neighbor, or a prayer for someone in need, we can show the light of Christ in the world today.

May our hearts and hands be open, and may we all shine as bright as the risen Christ.

With Love and Blessings, Pastor Rebecca

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### EASTER Sunday

April 5 - bring flowers for the cross

### Spaghetti DINNER:

April 8 at 5:30pm

### Finance Committee

April 13 at 6pm

### FEED Berkeley

April 17 at noon & 18 at 8:30am

### Church COUNCIL

April 21 at 6pm

### Charleston DISTRICT Gathering

May 14

### Salkehatchie

June 13-20

**Flowers in the  
SANCTUARY**

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

**April 26 & May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

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



**Baby Dreher's First Sunday, helping deliver the message from the Pulpit!**

<b>Our Gifts:</b>	February :	YTD Totals:
Received	\$27,147.21	\$53,933.10
Dispersed	\$31,930.74	\$59,077.95
Difference	\$ -341.70	\$ 5,144.85

## Missions

We will collect 'nacks for Cole's Victory Lap through April 5th. The list of items needed is in the church bulletin. Snacks should be dropped in the Church Office or in the Missions box in the Narthex. Monetary donations can be made to the church and designated for Cole's Victory Lap.

As we mentioned last month, our church was asked to participate in the Backpack Buddies Program at Berkeley Elementary School. This program discreetly places bags of food in the backpacks of children who face food insecurity over the weekends. Lydia Baker is leading the effort for this mission for our church, and our "youngest disciples" are helping her by preparing the food bags once per month during their Children's Church time. What big hearts and a valuable lesson in giving back to our community! If anyone would like to support this project financially, make checks payable to the church and designate as Backpack Buddies. Our next big Mission Project will be school supplies. We will publish more information on that in May/June.

The Mission Team would like to thank our congregation for their support of our mission projects. YOU are making a difference—because of your support, our church is being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community! Thank YOU!



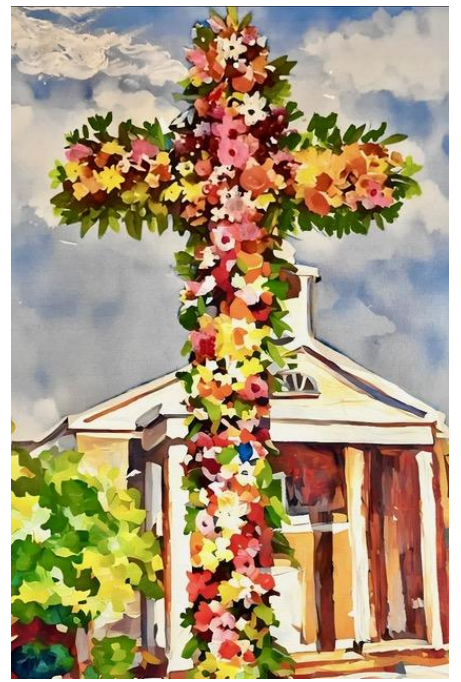
## MCUMC Staff:

Rev. Rebecca Rowell	Pastor
VACANT Position	Youth Director
Sue Hagan & Brenda Ayers	Secretary
VACANT Position	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:** Iris Austin, Barbara Bates, The Family of Rick Burnette, Mikky Caison, Delette Dupree, Rhae West Dupree, Betty Lou Hanna, Betty Jean Harvey, Frankie Herndon, Janie Langley, Sherry Mahoney, Leila Matkovich, Danny McLaurin, Penny Metts, Carol Sisson, Mavis Solley, Charles Staley, Miriam Talley, Maxine & Robert Tanner, Donna Tucker, CJ Wilcox, and our Military Service Personnel.

## FLOWER THE CROSS ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

This year we will have the advantage of seeing flowers everywhere for Easter Sunday! Please consider cutting a few branches, stalks, or vines of your azaleas, dogwoods, iris, wisteria, or other flowers to place on the outside cross on Sunday morning. Matt Fletcher will be there with a ladder to assist you in working them into the wire covering the cross.



### Trustees Corner

Hello Church Family! Just a note from your friendly neighborhood Trustee Chairman. Hopefully, spring weather is here to stay. I have had enough of the cold, as I am sure you have too. It's time to get outside, get back to our gardens and enjoy the creation God has given us. Amen.

- First, I want to thank Mr. Leonard for repairing the handrails going upstairs to the balcony in the Sanctuary. They are both nice and secure now.
- Secondly, Mike Holtsclaw has been busy repairing restrooms and HVACs; we appreciate everything he does for us.
- Easter is upon us and so is preparing our grounds for the season. We will continue our quest of cleaning, raking, trimming, and cutting most Saturday mornings, weather permitting. Please feel free to join us in sprucing up the place and sharing fellowship with one another.
- New year, new projects! The carpet in the youth room is on the list to be replaced with laminate flooring. Details to come.
- I am looking for volunteers to do some pressure washing around the Church and Fellowship Hall. Give me a call if you would like to help out.
- I hope everyone has had a chance to see the new sign out front. It was a long time coming. We still have a few things in store, but for the most part it's done.
- Pastor Rebecca has a wonderful project kicking off at the Parsonage. It's a Community Garden where the fruits (and veggies) of our labor will be put to good use helping our local community.
- Any interested in joining this much needed Mission please reach out to Pastor Rebecca or myself. Psalm 128:2 (NIV) "You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours."
- If anyone would like to help with the current projects we have going on, feel free to reach out to me and we can make it happen. Trimming, pulling weeds, picking-up trash, stuff like that happens weekly, as the weather permits.

In God's Love, Mike Steele, Chairman 843.991.4649

Leonard Berry, Vice Chairman

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## **HYMN OF THE MONTH - *Abide with Me***

I have chosen this hymn this month upon the remembrance of the passing of a dear friend most of us all know here at MCUMC.

Have you made preparations for your funeral yet? Yes, I know, that's a strange way to start a hymn story; but bear with me. The end will justify the beginning. We spend so much time preparing for life, which at best, is three score and ten, and so little time in preparing for eternity. When the final hour arrives, will you be ready, and will your loved ones and friends know where you are?

Henry Francis Lyte wrote a hymn on September 4, 1847, about 180 years ago. A man frail in body but strong in spirit, he had pastored a poor parish church at Lower Brixhan, Devonshire, England for 23 years. Now, he was dying. His doctor advised him to move to Italy where the climate would be less severe. This would be his last Sunday in England, his last chance to bid farewell to his loved ones and friends. Have I caught your interest?

"Oh brethren," he said as he entered the familiar pulpit for the last time, "I stand here before you today, as alive from the dead, if I may hope to impress upon you and get you to prepare for that solemn hour which must come to all. I plead with you to become acquainted with the changeless Christ and His death." He then closed the service by administering communion to his weeping church family. That evening, he put on paper a poem expressing his confidence in an unchanging Christ and gave it to an adopted daughter that very night. Setting out the next day for Italy, he reached Nice, France, where he had a seizure and died. Henry Lyte is remembered for coining the phrase, "It is better to wear out than to rust out"; but he is also remembered for something far more important. In his preparations for his death, he left behind a message in song, a message you too can have for those who weep for you. In this life, if you are willing to admit you are a sinner, ask God for forgiveness and, in faith, allow Christ to come into your life, then you will be ready for the final hour.