



# NEWSLetter

June 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.*

As our congregation prepares to welcome a new pastor, this is a wonderful opportunity to reflect Christ's love through kindness, encouragement, and prayer.

Scripture reminds us in Romans 15:7, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Here are some ideas how to make them feel supported, appreciated, and at home:

- Pray regularly for the pastor and their family
- Introduce yourself and help them learn names and faces
- Send cards, notes, or texts of encouragement
- Invite the pastor and family to meals or fellowship events
- Be patient as they learn church traditions and routines
- Attend worship services consistently to show support
- Volunteer to help with ministries and church activities
- Speak positively about the pastor within the congregation
- Avoid unfair comparisons to previous pastors
- Offer helpful information about the church and community
- Respect the pastor's family time and days off
- Encourage children and youth to welcome the pastor's family
- Participate in church events that help build relationships
- Listen openly to new ideas and vision for ministry
- Offer grace during the transition period
- Celebrate milestones such as the pastor's first Sunday or anniversaries
- Help the pastor feel connected to the local community
- Be willing to communicate kindly and honestly when concerns arise
- Support the pastor's leadership with cooperation and unity
- Remember Galatians 6:2: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SONGFEST & Stewardship Sunday

June 7 - Singing everyone's favorites!

### Salkehatchie

June 13-20

### Finance Committee

June 15 at 6pm

### FEED Berkeley

June 19 at noon & 20 at 8:30am

### Church COUNCIL

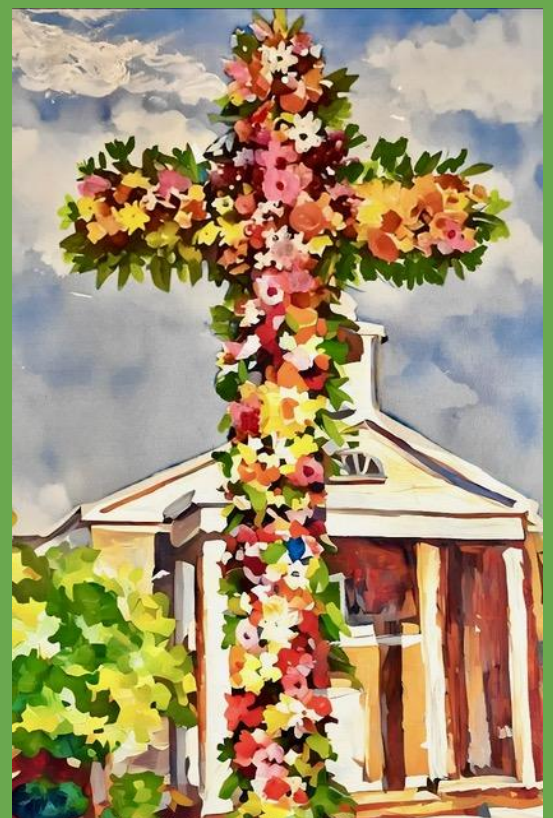
June 23 at 6pm

### Special 4th of July Service

June 28th during 11am Sunday Service

### Vacation Bible School

July 6-9 from 5-7:30pm



## Special Sundays:

June 7th - Wally will be speaking on Stewardship and membership. We have collected a list of favorite hymns and we will sing as many as possible during the service.

June 28th - The service on this Sunday will be a salute to the troops. Our speaker for the day will be from Berkeley 250 and songs will be patriotic to prepare for July 4.

## Supplies for Book Bag Missions

School may just be getting out for the summer, but the MissionsTeam is already gearing up to collect school supplies for the next school year! We will be packing book bags in early August for distribution when school starts back. We will have more information on that in the coming weeks. Donations can be dropped in the Mission box in the Narthex or in the Church Office and placed in the Mission Room.

We have gotten input from teachers in the past and some of their requests are more specific because certain brands last longer and certain sizes are easier for children to handle.

### Here is the list of supplies that are needed:

|                                   |                       |
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| Ticonderoga pencils               | Notebook paper        |
| Glue sticks (.21 oz size)         | Expo markers          |
| 10 pack Crayola Markers           | Bar erasers           |
| 24 pack of Crayola crayons        | Scissors              |
| 3-prong folders (plastic)         | Pens                  |
| Liquid glue (4 oz bottles)        | Zipper Pencil pouches |
| Marble type Composition notebooks |                       |

## THANK YOU!

Presley and Lilly Lovell appreciate your support of their outreach efforts. To the left is a photo of what our church sent to help with their project to provide items to a local nursing home.

Thank you again for your generosity!



| Our Gifts: | April        | YTD           |
|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Received   | \$29,839.91  | \$ 117,187.60 |
| Dispersed  | \$30,997.91  | \$124,876.39  |
| Difference | \$ -1,158.00 | \$ -7,688.79  |



## Vacation Bible School 2026!!!

Attention all 3 year olds through rising 5th graders, please join us July 6-9. This year's theme is Snowball Mountain Challenge! We will have fun-filled days of Bible Stories, music, games, and art.

Please scan this QR code to register your children for VBS:



## A Message from the SPRC:

Church family, as spring passes and we move into summer, we notice much of our yards changing with new blooms, greener grass, and growth in our trees and shrubs. This is symbolic of MCUMC currently. We have had the pleasure of having Nona Woodle filling our pulpit each Sunday with a great message. I want to thank Nona for her leadership, her dedication, and her spiritual knowledge. Not many really know what commitment her being with us really takes. Nona comes to us from a full-time appointment with the SCUMC Conference and regularly travels more than 1,500 miles in a week with those duties. Join me in saying thank you to Nona for stepping in at this season at MCUMC. Not only does she deliver a great message each Sunday, but also works with the Music team, and church office to ensure we have a great service – Nona, Thank you!!  
Reminder, Nona will not be with us June 7th as she will be getting ordained as a Full Elder within the UMC at the SC Annual Conference.

With this change of the seasons, we will also see changes for the upcoming appointment season. We will be welcoming Pastor Mitch Houston for a one-year appointment starting June 24, 2026. Rev. Houston started in the ministry with SC UMC in 1977 and has served across the state serving from Rural churches to Large Urban churches. Some of his accomplishments are successful membership increase within the churches he was appointed. Many buildings sanctuary renovation projects and revitalization and stewardship-discipleship.

Once again, lets welcome Rev. Houston for his appointment starting June 24, 2026. We look forward to great things to come and greater growth for MCUMC.



**PRAYER List:** Iris Austin, Barbara Bates, Mikky Caison, Delette Dupree, Rhae West Dupree, Betty Lou Hanna, Betty Jean Harvey, Frankie Herndon, Janie Langley, Leila Matkovich, Danny McLaurin, Penny Metts, Carol Sisson, Miriam Talley, Maxine & Robert Tanner, Chuck Whatley, and our Military Service Personnel.

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## **HYMN OF THE MONTH - *Just as I Am* (Page 357 in Methodist Hymnal)**

Charlotte Elliott wrote the beloved hymn "Just As I Am" in 1835 while recovering from an illness that left her disabled. Bedridden and battling depression, she recalled Swiss minister César Malan's advice to "come to Christ just as you are". This beautiful realization of unconditional grace became one of the most famous hymns.

Years prior, Elliott felt useless and struggled with her faith. When she met Malan, she protested that she didn't know how to approach God. He reassured her that she didn't need to be perfect; she could come exactly as she was.

In 1835, while her family was out organizing a charity event, Elliott lay alone on her sofa. Overwhelmed by feelings of spiritual uselessness, she found comfort by putting her faith into verse. She penned the famous lyrics to remind herself that God accepts people without any prerequisites.

Initially just for her own comfort, the poem was later published and paired with composer William Bradbury's tune, "Woodworth". It became a staple in global churches, famously serving as the standard altar call song in the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association crusades.

