



NEWSLetter

August 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.

It's time for a new school year. The summer has gone by fast and a new school year is upon us. Let us keep in our prayers parents, administrators, teachers, staff and students. Below is a copied prayer that I would like to share with you.

A Prayer for the New School Year

God, We lift up this new school year to you. Bless every student with clarity of mind, confidence in their abilities, and courage to grow. Surround them with friendships that uplift, teachers who inspire, and environments where they feel safe, seen, and valued. When challenges arise, give them resilience; when they feel overwhelmed, give them calm; when they succeed, let them remember to be grateful and humble.

Strengthen every educator who steps into classrooms with dedication and heart. Renew their energy, deepen their patience, and remind them of the impact they make every single day. Let their classrooms be places of creativity, compassion, and discovery. Cover them with protection and joy as they guide the next generation.

Support every parent and guardian with peace and assurance. Ease their worries, multiply their wisdom, and help them create homes filled with encouragement and love. Give them strength for busy mornings, grace for tough evenings, and pride in watching their children grow.

Let this school year be one of growth, unity, and blessing.

May Your presence go before them, Your protection surround them, and Your peace rest upon them.

In Jesus' Name
Blessings
Mitch

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pack the Backpacks

August 5 at 6:15pm
(Join us for pizza at 5:30pm!)

Youth Group

August 16 (Meeting Monthly)

Finance Committee

August 17

FEED Berkeley

August 14 at noon & 15 at 8:30am

Church COUNCIL

August 25

Charge Conference

October 3 (Possibly being postponed)

Charleston Wesley Foundation

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Flowers in the SANCTUARY

The following dates are available for those who would like to provide flowers for the altar:

August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

If you would like to reserve a date, please contact Ann Burnette at (843) 709-0794 or the church office.

Supplies for Book bag Mission

We will be packing book bags for BES, MCES, and BMS on Wednesday, August 5th in the Fellowship Hall. We will have pizza and fellowship beginning at 5:30pm and start packing book bags

around 6:15pm. School supplies can be dropped in the Mission box in the Narthex or in the Church Office and placed in the Mission Room by August 3rd. You can also make a monetary donation payable to the church and designating School Supplies on the "For" line.

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:

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

Our Gifts:	June	YTD
Received	\$27,759.05	\$178,739.54
Dispersed	\$19,255.89	\$175,032.05
Difference	\$ 8,053.16	\$ 3,707.49

Children's Message Volunteers

The Children's Ministry is looking for **four additional volunteers** who would be willing to share a children's message during worship beginning in August.

We currently have four volunteers, and with four more people joining the team, each person would only be responsible for leading the children's message **one Sunday every two months**.

If you are interested in helping nurture and encourage the children of our church, please contact **Ann Burnette at (843) 709-0794**. We would love to have you be part of this meaningful ministry!

MCUMC Staff:

Rev. Mitch Houston	Pastor
VACANT Position	Youth Director
Sue Hagan & Brenda Ayers	Secretary
Isabelle Matkovich	Secretary -Substitute
VACANT Position	Children's Ministries
Earle Johnson	Director of Music
Ray Jones	Custodian
Lori Glover	Financial Secretary
Mike Holtsclaw	Maintenance
Bobby Rozier	Grounds Maintenance
Jennifer Barnhill	Nursery

PRAYER List: Iris Austin, Roger Baker, Barbara Bates, Mikky Caison, Delette Dupree, Rhae West Dupree, Betty Lou Hanna, Betty Jean Harvey, Frankie Herndon, Family and Friends of Pete Johnston, Janie Langley, Leila Matkovich, Danny McLaurin, Penny Metts, George Oltmann, Benjie Rodgers, Carol Sisson, Miriam Talley, Maxine & Robert Tanner, and our Military Service Personnel.

Upcoming Sermons: Series on Bible Stories

August 9

Gospel in a Nutshell

First Lesson Psalm 86:1-10

Gospel Lesson John 3:15-17

Practice – Purpose – Promise

August 16

Power of Faith

First Lesson Acts 5: 33-39

Second Lesson Acts 12: 5-16

Pray the Church Doesn't Lose its Power

August 23

Come As You Are

First Lesson Exodus 4:10-14

Gospel Lesson Luke 5:1-11

God Accepts You and Uses You

August 30

Beyond Morality

First Lesson Habakkuk 2:14

Gospel Lesson Luke 18:18-23

Rich Young Ruler

Vacation Bible School

What an incredible week of Vacation Bible School! This year's theme, Snowball Mountain Challenge, was filled with fun, faith, and fellowship. Throughout the week, our children focused on Philippians 4:13: *"I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."*

We were blessed to see our attendance grow as the week went on, beginning with 29 children on Monday and finishing with 35 by the end of VBS. Each day was packed with delicious meals, creative crafts, exciting games, inspiring Bible stories about Jesus, and energetic singing and dancing that brought smiles to everyone's faces.

Our mission project this year was collecting school supplies for the Bookbag Mission, and thanks to the generosity of our VBS families and church members, we gathered a wonderful collection of supplies that will help local students start the school year prepared.

None of this would have been possible without our incredible volunteers and youth who gave so generously of their time, talents, and energy. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and servant hearts made this week not only a success but also a joyful experience for every child who attended.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School such a memorable and meaningful week. We are already looking forward to next year!



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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.

