



NEWSLetter

October 2026

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.

Exciting Times!

It is a blessing to be in ministry at MCUMC during these days. It was an exciting past week as we met as a Finance Committee to hear an encouraging report about our current finances. We compiled a ministry budget for 2027. We are current with our conference apportionments to date and we expect to pay 100% of the apportioned amount by the end of the year. The Church Council met last week to celebrate what we have been doing and plan for the fall and future. You can see many of our October ministry plans in this month's newsletter. Thank all of you who continue to make this a special and encouraging time.

We will begin the month of October by celebrating World Communion Sunday on October 4, 2026. The service was founded during the Great Depression during rising global tensions, calling Christians to unity across national boundaries. It is a desire that we all find our commonality in Jesus Christ. I hope all of you will be in worship as we share this special time together.

I pray you all give prayerful consideration of your commitment to Jesus during these days. Make a priority in finding your place in the life of MCUMC.

Blessings,
Mitch

UPCOMING EVENTS

Charge Conference

Oct 3 at 1pm

WORLD Communion Sunday

Oct 4 during 11am service

Wednesday NIGHT Supper

Oct 7 at 5:30

(First Wednesday each month!)

YOUTH Night

Keep an eye out for the date and time!

Finance Committee

Oct 19

FEED Berkeley

Oct 16 at noon & 17 at 8:30am

Trunk or TREAT Event

Oct 25 at 3pm

Church COUNCIL

Oct 27

Flowers in the SANCTUARY

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

October 11, 18, 25

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



Upcoming Sermons:

October 4 World Communion Sunday

First Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-10

Sermon: *A World Without Walls*

October 11 Shepherd Sunday

First Lesson: Psalm 23

Gospel Lesson: John 10:11-18

Sermon: *The Good Shepherd*

October 18 Living Beyond Ourselves

First Lesson: Habakkuk 2:1-4

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:18-23

Sermon: *Beyond Morality*

October 25 Made Alive In Christ

First Lesson: Colossians 3:1-14

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:28-30

Sermon: *Take Off the Old and Put On the New*

Missions Update

Once again, Women in Mission and the Missions Team will be preparing 30 boxes for needy families for the Thanksgiving holidays. We will be distributing 10 boxes each to needy families at Berkeley and Moncks Corner Elementary Schools, and Berkeley Middle School.

The boxes will have the ingredients for a Thanksgiving meal plus other food for the family. We will be also including a Walmart gift card for them to purchase a turkey. Below is a list of items needed for our boxes.

All food donations need to be in the church office by November 2, 2026. The Missions team will be organizing the donations on Monday, November 2nd at 5pm. The boxes will be packed on November 4th after our Wednesday meal.

Please contact Elaine Peterson to sign up to contribute to our boxes:

Text: 843-729-1627 Call: 843-899-2779 or Email: epeterson@homesc.com

Also, the angel tree will be up beginning November 7th . More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the event. Thank you for helping our church be the hands and feet of Christ in our community!

Items to be included in the 2026 Thanksgiving Boxes for Needy Families

Apples
Bisquick
Brownie Mix
Cake Mix
Chicken Broth
Corn
Flour
Frosting
Green Beans

Grits
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Instant Nonfat Dried Milk
Jelly
Jiffy Cornbread Mix
Mac and Cheese (Boxed)
Onions
Oranges

Pancake Syrup
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Peanut Butter
Rice
Stuffing Mix
Sugar
Sweet Potatoes

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

Our Gifts: August YTD

Received	\$38,699.51	\$246,652.68
Disbursed	\$30,154.27	\$237,705.52
Difference	\$ 8,545.24	\$ 8,947.16



Children's Sunday School

Compassion was our focus in Children's Church! We learned about Joseph and followed his incredible journey—from his famous coat of many colors, to his time in prison, to interpreting Pharaoh's dreams, and finally to his return home and the compassion he showed toward his brothers.

When you see the kids, ask them about Joseph! They'll be happy to tell you what they learned about his life, his faith, and the importance of showing compassion to others.



PRAYER List: Iris Austin, The family of Ann Baker, Roger Baker, Barbara Bates, Mikky Caison, Delette Dupree, Rhae West Dupree, Wesley Fairey, Betty Lou Hanna, Betty Jean Harvey, Frankie Herndon, Janie Langley, Leila Matkovich, Danny McLaurin, Penny Metts, George Oltmann, Benjie Rodgers, Byron Rodgers III, Carol Sisson, Miriam Talley, and our Military Service Personnel.

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HYMN OF THE MONTH Page 382 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Many of the world's beloved hymns were written by humble people whose lives were devoted to serving God. Adelaide Pollard was one of these faithful servants. Like her mother, who wrote hymns during the Moody-Sankey era, Adelaide spent her life furthering the Christian faith. She sought no recognition, and because she rarely signed her work, no one knows exactly how many hymns she wrote.

In 1907, at the age of forty-five, Adelaide attended a prayer meeting where she heard a simple prayer that deeply touched her. An elderly woman did not ask God for blessings or for things to go her way. Instead, she prayed, "Just have Your own way with us."

As Adelaide left the meeting, those words stayed with her: "Have Thine own way." Before going to bed that night, she had written the words of what would become her most famous hymn, "*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*." Soon afterward, George Coles Stebbins composed the music, and the hymn became a blessing to Christians around the world—all because of a simple phrase spoken in a simple prayer. Adelaide continued serving God throughout her life. She traveled throughout the United States as a Bible teacher and Christian laywoman, spent several years in England, and even went to Africa as a missionary when she was nearly sixty.

In December 1934, at the age of seventy-two, Adelaide was waiting at New York's Pennsylvania Railway Station for a train to Philadelphia, where she was scheduled to speak. As the announcement for her train was made, the crowd hurried through the gates—but Adelaide remained seated. She had quietly passed away. One week later, she was laid to rest in Fort Madison, Iowa, her native state. Adelaide Pollard had spent her life living the words she had written: "Have Thine own way, Lord."