



NEWSLetter

September 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.

September is always a busy time in the life of the church. We return from vacations, school is back in session, and we begin to settle into the rhythms of a new season. It is also a time for us, as a church family, to evaluate our ministries, celebrate what God has accomplished, and prayerfully plan for both the near and distant future.

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on October 3, 2026. During this time, committees and ministry leaders will submit their reports and plans for the coming year. It will also be an opportunity to celebrate all the wonderful things Moncks Corner UMC has accomplished through mission and ministry. We have much for which to be thankful!

As we look toward the future, we will also begin working on our Lay Leadership/Nominations Report. I pray that if the committee reaches out to you about serving, you will give the request careful and prayerful consideration. God has gifted each of us in unique ways, and I pray that we will be willing to use those gifts to support the ministry and mission of this great church.

Finally, I want to sincerely thank each of you for your prayers, thoughts, and expressions of love following my recent accident. Your prayers and kindness have been deeply felt and greatly appreciated. I am truly grateful for our church family.

May God continue to bless Moncks Corner UMC as we serve Him together and look forward to all He has in store for us!

Blessings
Mitch

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday NIGHT Supper

Sep 2 at 5:30

(First Wednesday each month!)

YOUTH Night

Sep 13

Finance Committee

Sep 14

Church COUNCIL

Sep 15

FEED Berkeley

Sep 18 at noon & 19 at 8:30am

3rd Grade BIBLE presentations

Sep 27 & Covered Dish after Church

Charge Conference

October 3

Trunk or TREAT Event

Details coming for October's Event!

Flowers in the SANCTUARY

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

September 6, 13, 20

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



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:	July	YTD
Received	\$29,213.63	\$207,953.17
Dispersed	\$32,519.20	\$207,551.25
Difference	\$ -3,305.57	\$ 401.92



Our Mission Update

We had a great crowd of children, youth, and adults help us pack 150 backpacks for Moncks Corner Elementary, Berkeley Middle, and St. Stephen Middle Schools. They were gratefully received by all the guidance counselors! Thank you to all who helped, made monetary donations, or donated school supplies! Our church is making a difference in our community because of your generosity!

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner! We will be doing 30 Thanksgiving boxes for schools to distribute to 10 needy families each at Berkeley Elementary, Moncks Corner Elementary and Berkeley Middle Schools. The list on food needed will be in the October newsletter.

Angel Tree information will be coming out in October as well.

Again, thank you for all the support you provide for our missions.

Preparing Backpacks to Donate to local schools:



Blessing the Backpacks during Sunday Service:



PRAYER List: Iris Austin, 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, The Tanner Family, and our Military Service Personnel.

Upcoming Sermons:

September 6

First Lesson Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel Lesson Matthew 16: 24-26

Sermon: *It's About Time*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

September 13

First Lesson Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:1-4

Sermon: *More Than A Fish Story*

September 20

Guest Pastor

September 27

First Lesson Romans 5: 12-17

Gospel Lesson Luke 19: 1-10

Sermon: *Zacchaeus*



Trustees Corner

Hello Church Family! Just a note from your friendly neighborhood Trustee Chairman.

- First, a big thank you to Jim Peterson. He volunteered to edge the parsonage sidewalk and driveway. He also edged around the parking lot by the office too. Awesome job, my friend!
- Mr. Ralph was at it again. Thank you, sir, for cutting the grass in the playground area!
- Speaking of the parsonage, since it's empty, we decided to do some "sprucing" up inside with a fresh coat of paint on the bedrooms, the living room, the kitchen, the bathrooms and the hallways. It looks *really* good. The shutters were painted also. Thanks to Mr. Ralph, some blinds were replaced, too. If anyone would like the nickel tour, feel free to reach out, and we will make it happen!
- Staying on the parsonage, I would like to change out some outlets and switches in the house. Some are white, some are amber and some are even white and amber! The ceiling fan in the living room needs updating, too. On the outside, the hedges out front need a haircut. **If anyone would like to be a part of these projects, please reach out.** While the place is empty it is a great opportunity to do some overdue updating and enjoy some fellowship together. We might even break bread while we're at it!!
- A major project Trustees tackled lately was the front office HVAC. Parts were obsolete on the old unit (very old), so repairing it one more time was not an option. It was time to go. We had Sexton Heating and Air replace the complete unit and now the office is good and chilly. We should not have to worry about that one for a while.
- The hedges and bushes around the Church grounds could use some love. Anyone with a hedge trimmer is welcome to trim away!

-1 Peter 4:10 KJV "As everyone hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

MCUMC Trustees In Gods Love,

Mike Steele Chairman 843.991.4649, Leonard Berry Vice Chairman, Terry Huggins, Susan Jackson, Ralph Moore, Byron Rogers III, Leslie Whetzel

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HYMN OF THE MONTH - Blessed Assurance

Tune composer Phoebe Palmer Knapp played a melody to Fanny Crosby and asked, "What does the melody say to you?" Crosby replied that the tune said, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!" and she proceeded to recite the entire first stanza of the now-famous hymn. Fanny Crosby, blind at the age of six weeks, was a lifelong Methodist who began composing hymns at age six. An author of more than 8,000 gospel hymn texts, she drew her inspiration from her own faith. Crosby published hymns under several pen names including "Ella Dale," "Mrs. Kate Gringley," and "Miss Viola V. A."

"Blessed Assurance" was published in 1873 in the monthly magazine, *Guide to Holiness*. Perhaps the biggest boost came when it appeared in *Gospel Songs, No. 5* by Ira Sankey and was sung extensively in the Moody and Sankey revivals in Great Britain and the United States.

Crosby captured the poetic essence of the Wesleyan understanding of Christian perfection in the phrase, "O what a foretaste of glory divine!" The entire hymn is focused on heaven, a place where "perfect submission" and "perfect delight" will take place. The earthly existence is one of "watching and waiting, looking above." As we submit ourselves to Christ and are "filled with His goodness" and "lost in His love," we are remade in Christ's image and are moving toward Christian perfection. The refrain calls us to "praising my Savior all the day long," echoing I Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing."