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FOLLOWING CHRIST FROM CITY CENTER

Letter from the Pastor

Martin Luther is credited with this interesting story.

Two mountain goats meet each other on a narrow ledge just wide enough for one of the animals. On the left there is a sheer cliff, and on the right a deep lake below. The two face each other. What should they do? They cannot back up — that would be too dangerous; they cannot turn around because the ledge is too narrow. Now, if the goats had no more sense than some people, they would meet head on and start butting each other until they fell into the lake below.

Luther tells us that goats have better sense than that. One lies down on the trail and lets the other literally walk over him — and both are safe. They must be willing (at least one of them) to humbly lie down and let the other pass over him. If they were like some folks, they would argue about WHO should lie down and WHO should walk over; but then see "i diem tclom" and asterisk.

Is there any need to make an application to ourselves? How often our stubbornness results in tragedy. How hard to be the least, to humble ourselves for the best interest of both. We hear folks say, "I'm going to stand up for my rights!" How much better to meekly "suffer wrong" and be the least. It is a hard learn. Another says, "It's the principle of the thing." It's not the few pennies involved, or the insults I've must defend my principles!"

Remember the PRINCIPLE thing is L... is kind; seeks not its own" (1 Cor 13:4-7). You must be "walked over" than

Grace and Peace,
R.T. Bowling, III

2026 Fall Lay Servant Ministry School

The Fall 2026 Lay Servant Ministry School will be held on September 18-20 at Main Street UMC, 210 Main Street N, Greenwood, SC.

Register by September 11, 2026 online or by mail. Courses Offered are:
BASIC

Polity: Life Together in the United Methodist Connection
Heritage: Living Our United Methodist Beliefs
Justice in Everyday Life

September 18: 6:30 - 8:30 pm Zoom only
September 19: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm In person
September 20: 2:00-5:00 pm In person

Book list & registration options are on the Greenwood District Website:

[Greenwood District - South Carolina UMC \(umdsc.org\)](https://www.umdsc.org)



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Church Council

Quarterly Meeting ~ September 13th

There will be a light lunch following the service (1 and 5). The William Morris service and the meeting will begin at 12:45 pm. Please mark your calendar! Chairs of committees please submit your reports.



The Church will be closed on Sept. 7th.

Flowers for our

September 6 Available
September 13 Sunni Bond
September 20 The Painters
September 27 Available



The 2026 flower calendar is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Call the church office or sign up on the calendar. Families can always share flowers if there's like to reserve.

Stewardship and Financial Report as of August 30, 2026

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
YTD Contributions:	\$469,245	\$347,308	(\$122,937)
YTD Expenses:	\$469,245	\$386,281	\$82,964

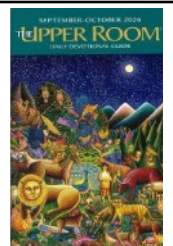
Reminder: If you are going to make a legacy gift to the Foundation, the check needs to be written to Main Street Church Foundation. Thank you!

Member Support

The member support team continues to stay in touch with our members who have been hospitalized, our homebound, and those dealing with short-term illnesses. Please let the church office know if we can help in anyway. We can't help

The September/October Upper Room devotionals are available in the church office, the narthex, and side door entrance.

\$1.00 for regular print
\$1.50 for large print



Epworth's 2026 Annual Work

If on Sunday, September 13th, our congregation will participate in the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to support the children, youth, and families served through Epworth's ministries and offering raises crucial financial support to care for children and families, as Epworth is not part of the standard conference budget apportionment. Epworth served 2,230 children, youth, and families through its statewide programs in 2025. Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to participate. To learn more about Epworth, visit www.epworthsc.org.



Susanna Circle

Tuesday, September 1st
10:00 am ~ Wesley Commons

Celebration Circle

Wednesday, September 9th
10:30 am ~ Fellowship Hall

Our guest speaker will be Anthony Price, the director of Pathway House, who will discuss options on how we can help this community. A light lunch will be served immediately following the meeting. Let's gather together and look forward to all God has in store for the season ahead.

Check out this opportunity! Some of you may remember Mary when she served as an associate pastor here at Main Street. Her sister, Allie, is now a minister at Advent UMC in Greenville, let Allie or Sharon know so we can carpool. Seventy years of women clergy~ how amazing is this?

Women's Dinner with Rev. Mary Teasley

September 3rd | 6:30-8:00pm | Connecting Space | \$15
Come and celebrate 70 years of women clergy in the UMC
register at advent-umc.org/women



Women's Low Country Boil
All women are invited to Main Street's 1st Women's Low Country Boil!
September 15 at 6:00 pm at David and Cathy Painter's
[119 Attaway Way](http://119AttawayWay.com)

Check our website to RSVP:
www.mainstreetgreenwood.org or call the church office. Donations are appreciated! Parking is limited so please carpool if you can.

Main Street
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All-Men's Choir



September 27th

September 27th!

Come to the Choir Room @ 10:30 am to rehearse the Anthem. All men are welcome, youth to senior adult~no experience necessary.

ELEVATE

MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRIES

Stay Updated on Elevate Youth!

 **Remind:** Text “@elevateyo” to 8101
 **Instagram:** @mainstreetyouth
 **Facebook:** Elevate Youth

September 2026 Youth Activities

Sunday School - 10-10:45 am in Youth Room

Wednesday Evenings:

- Engage Supper - 5:15 in the Fellowship Hall
- ELEVATE - 6:00-7:00 in the Youth Room

Mark Your Calendars:

- September 6 - No Youth (Labor Day Weekend)
- September 13 - Bowling Outing (5:30-7:30)
- September 18 - Breakfast Club (Cost covered & transportation provided afterwards - let Preston know if you need a ride!)
- September 20 - Bruster's 5:30 Bowling
- September 26 - Sunday ELEVATE activity TBD

Further Out:

- October 14 - Youth serving Engage meal
- October 25 - Fall Festival
- November 29 - Hanging of the Greens
- January 15-17 - Encounter Winter Retreat at Lake Junaluska



Pictured Above & Below: Lake Day

Thank you to David and Cathy Painter for hosting us on August 23 for Youth Lake Day! Thank you as well to our chaperones. Youth had a fun evening at the lake!



Pictured Below: TopGolf on August 1

Along with delivering soda tabs (pictured left), youth had an outing to TopGolf!



Lions Club Mission



Have old eyeglasses you don't know what to do with?
Drop them off at the church office!
The youth will donate to Greenwood Lions Club!



Youth Missions

The Lions Club Mission will continue going forward!
Thank you for your support.

We also have an ongoing collection of soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House as well! Soda tabs can be
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We extend Christian love and sympathy to: Beverly Burton and family on the death of her brother, Randy Burton of Alabama on August 8, 2026.
Tommy McNeil on the death of his sister, Marilyn Harvester of Texas, on August 26, 2026.

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Susan Pinckney, Phil Lucas

(Lori Bassett's father), Cheryl McCord, Goforth

Staples, Elaine Dukes, Marian Adams, Henrietta Morton, Brad Wenner, Joe Chapman, Sam Pinckney, Devon and Peggy Aaron, Richard Pinckney, Sara Catherine Wilkinson, our church, peace around the world and within our city and county, and any unspoken prayers.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. Philippians 4:6



ENGAGE in Small Groups

Engage is not just on Wednesdays~
Options are available to
suit your schedule.

Tuesday Hymnology Class

Back by Popular Demand!
Resumes **September 8th**
11:00 am in the Choir Room
Led by Myra Greene

Thursday Morning Study

Parables of Jesus
"Simple Stories with
Begins **September 17th** 11:00 am in the Library
Led by Rev. Bowling

Special Bereavement Meal Fundraiser

Did you know we have 4 Bereavement teams with about 14-16 members on each team? These teams rotate and the members volunteer to prepare, serve a meal, and clean up when a member of our church passes away. Our church covers the cost of the meat. We offer the family a choice of having a meal for them here at church in the fellowship hall or have a meal delivered to their home. On the 16th, we are going to recreate a typical meal complete with tablecloths, flowers on the table, china, silver and crystal serving pieces, silverware, and stemware. This vital ministry is a way we can serve, comfort, and show love to the grieving family members. Please consider joining us and supporting this ministry. You will be amazed at what all is involved!

In Memoriam

Jackie Daniel
August 22, 2026

Wednesday Night

Engage Meal: 5:15 - 6:00 pm

- September 2 Taco Bar
Children's Ministry
- September 9 Meat and 3 plus dessert
New Opportunity Church
- September 16 Chicken, green beans, mac n cheese,
deviled eggs, fruit salad, and dessert
Bereavement Committee
- September 23 **Open-call the Church office to sign up**
- September 30 Hamburgers, fixings, and dessert
Missions and Dula Class

Looking for a fellowship and fundraising opportunity?
Available meals: Sept. 23 and Oct. 7

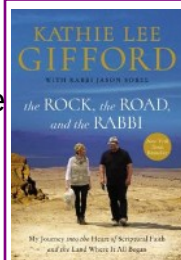
Thank you for RSVPing by 1:00 pm on Monday each
week @ mainstreetgreenwood.org

This helps our "chefs" plan

*****To help offset the rising costs of kitchen supplies, we are asking each group to donate \$20 of their profits to Account# 5701- General Kitchen Supplies. Thank you.**

Adult Program: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

September 2nd - October 7th
Fellowship Hall



'the Rock, the Road, a

Six-session video study where Kathie Lee Gifford visits sites in Israel that have impacted her life. As she shares her story, Rabbi Jason Sobel, a messianic Jewish rabbi, provides background details into the language, culture and heritage that make the story of the New Testament come alive.

Led by Glenn Williams
Sessions

1. Bethlehem: Where It All Began
2. Nazareth: The Early Years
3. Capernaum: Ministry Headquarters
4. Galilee: Ministry Grounds
5. Mount of Olives: The Triumphal Entry
6. Jerusalem: Crucifixion and Resurrection



Engage

Wednesday Evenings

6-7 pm

allison.wooten@mainstreetgreenwood.org 864-344-1414

wendy.hill@mainstreetwood.org 864-993-6328

Field trip!

On Wednesday, August 26, the Youth and Children visited the Humane Society. They took over \$300 in pet food and supplies collected as an outreach project during Bible School. Love and giggles were abundant! Hard to tell who enjoyed it the most ~ those with 2 legs or 4! The children have agreed-they are ready to go back!



"Fun In The"

On Sunday, August 23rd, the children enjoyed a pool party! Many thanks to the Dula family for hosting at Stoney Point.

CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays

- 2 Preston Goforth
- 3 Ed Munnerlyn
Addison Leopard
Jamison Tinsley
Wendy Hill
- 5 Chuck Bell
- 7 Annie Grimshaw
- 9 Barry Campbell
Ruple Harley,
Chrissy Andrews, Brent Rowland, Bayne Rowland
- 10 Glenn Williams, William Culbertson, Stella Oliver,
- 11 Coleson Marino,
- 12 Jeff Smith
- 13 Wesley Kelly
- 16 Sally Maxie, Benjo Smith, Brittany Smith
Brenda Sams
- 17 Gina Jolly, Sunni Bond
- 18 Angie Baker
- 19 Tom Goeden
- 20 Phillip Grimshaw,
- 21 Cheryl McCord
- 22 Bob Cureton, Jo Patterson, Richie Pinckney,
- 23 Claudia Cason
- 24 Lamar Maxie
- 25 Fred Wactor
- 27 Barbara Gates
- 28 Betty Strange
- 29 Rhonda McGinnis, Athena Hagood
- 30 Nita Rudy, Kim Gultch



September Anniversaries

- 12 Dewitt and Cindy Smith
- 21 Brian and Chrissy Andrews



Church Wide Event
Children & Youth (\$4),
Adults(\$10)
Lower Eastern Cherokee
Nation- Gray Court SC
POW WOW
**Saturday, September 26th,
2026**
3688 Warrior Creek Road,
Gray Court

Let's learn about the rich cultural traditions of our Native American neighbors. We will experience the tribal grounds, drumming, dancing, storytelling, crafts, and Indian Flat Bread for lunch. Meet at the church play ground area at 9:00 am to car pool or ride the bus. We will leave around 1:00 to return home.

Sign up by using Realm, the church website, or calling the office @229-7551 or Marilyn Murphy @993-1900.



Here's your chance to go to a

Looking forward...

- October 1 - Greenwood High Football Meal
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Q u \$ f z v u \$ W
October 4 - World Communion
October 17 - Soup Kitchen - Team #2
October 20 Charge Conference 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall
October 25 - Fall Festival



Congratulations to Beverly Burton on being a new grandmother to Griffin Rose Runyan. She is the daughter of Burton and

Noelle Runyan of Atlanta. Griffin made her arrival at 11:59 pm on August 27th.

Your Main Street family shares in the joy this little one will bring!



Youth and Children at the Humane Society

- **Needs:** Canned Fruits
Peanut Butter
Green Canned Vegetables
- **Upcoming Dates:**
September 10 October 8
November 12 December 10



September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
We hope you call the Office with questions. 86227551						
6 9:00 am Early Church 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship	7 Labor Day 9:00 am Church 10:00 am Youth Fellowship 11:00 am Bowling	8 9:00 am Church 10:00 am Youth Fellowship 11:00 am Bowling	9 9:00 am Church 10:00 am Youth Fellowship 11:00 am Bowling	10 9:00 am Church 10:00 am Youth Fellowship 11:00 am Bowling	11 9:00 am Church 10:00 am Youth Fellowship 11:00 am Bowling	12 9:00 am Church 10:00 am Youth Fellowship 11:00 am Bowling
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Children's Minist

Email Mary Kate Skinner to be part of the rotation at mkskinn@gmail.com

Acolytes and Crucifer:

September 6 Crawford Burns with Josh Albon
September 13 Campbell & Finnley Smith with Addy McCaslan
September 20 M z \$ N K v r u \$
 Mary Margaret Skinner
September 27 Diana Fields & Maggie Shirley with
 Ryder Larkins

Sunday School & Extended Session:

Allison Wooten and Wendy Hill

Nursery: Sydney Sluder & Kim Gultch

Kids Consignment Sale

Open to the Public
September 19th to 26th



Bookies and
Cookies for
Grandparents
Day was
August 27 &
28.
Such fun!

The Connection

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