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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

1st Century Church

The Christian Church in the 1st century after Jesus' death and Resurrection looked very different than it does now. There were few church-owned buildings – most congregations met in homes or places of public use. There were no denominations, though the beginnings were present. They didn't necessarily worship on Sundays; they worshipped whenever work permitted and on holy days. There weren't hymnals, books of discipline, or even Bibles – only letters, scrolls, and a strong oral storytelling tradition. They worshipped by telling the Gospel story in creative and intentional ways which people they wanted to reach could understand. The early church was the minority in societies which were largely pagan and sometimes hostile towards followers of "The Way." Yet, it was also a time in which the church grew like wildfire. People converted by the thousands and new congregations appeared everywhere.

Now the church is an institution. There are multiple church buildings in every village, town, and city in the Western world. The church owns everything from schools and hospitals, to retirement communities and museums. The church has boards, committees, agencies, conferences, jurisdictions, rules, and order. It is part of the established fabric of our society. Yet for all of its stuff, the church today finds itself in decline, at least in our part of the world. Our Methodist denomination is a shell of the movement it once was. For much of the 19th and 20th centuries, we enjoyed becoming the institution we are today. In the process, though, we lost sight of our original charge: to proclaim the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ to the entire world.

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Come Holy Spirit!

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PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

- Ned & Mary Barnette – 5 Frank Pressley Dr., Due West, SC 29639
- Ruth Brock – 165 Brock Dr., Troy, SC 29848
- Jane Cox – Brooksdale Room 102 – 1408 Parkway Road, Greenwood, SC 29646
- Irene Deason – 401 Whip-O-Will Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Carroll Hagood – 1694 Cedar Springs Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Ned and Linda Himes – 307 HillCrest Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Bob and Mary Hipsher – 100 Pineview Street, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Petra Jones – 502 Church St., Abbeville, SC 29620
- Col. Bob Lander – 110 Wilewood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Harvey Lansing – Abbeville Nursing Home Room 111 – P O Box 190, Abbeville, SC 29620
- David Littell – 107 Hillcrest Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620
- John and Cam Marchi – 108 Sunset Dr., Abbeville, SC 29620
- Rowena Parkerson – 306 Millwood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Harold and Marion Prince – P O Box 699, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Leon & Patty Thompson – Wesley Commons Assisted Living – Apt. 6117 – 1110 Marshall Road, Greenwood, SC 29646
- Paul & Jane Williams – 257 Whip-O-Will Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Marjorie Wilson – 1500 Greenwood Street, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Beverly Wilson – 2623 Stevenson Road, Abbeville, SC 29620

Joys & Concerns

Please let the church office know of any joys or concerns of our church family

Prayer Requests

We pray for and intercede on behalf of:
Claudette Kitchens; The Persecuted Church; Petra Jones; Rowena Parkerson; Harvey Lansing; Michael Snead; Irene Deason; Christian Meyers; Jayne Hagen Davis; Ruth Brock; Ned and Linda Himes; Ned Barnette; Paul Williams; Elbridge Wright; Deirdre Collins; Mary Elizabeth Land; Allison Addis; Sharlla Burton; Linda Johnson
Deployment –Clayton Hall

Please contact Pastor Brian or Church Office if you know someone in need of prayer.



U.M.W. NEWS

United Methodist Women

CIRCLE MEETINGS



Agnes Rogers Circle will meet Tuesday, March 3rd, at 6:30 pm at the Village Grill

Ann Moore Circle will be Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30 pm at Main Street Coffee Shop.

Lovely Lane Circle will meet Tuesday, March 10, at 3:30 pm at Main Street Coffee Shop. Rowena Parkerson and Sandra Watson will be our hostesses.

Susannah Wesley Circle will meet Monday, March 2nd for lunch at the home of Elaine Nixon at 12 noon.

U.M.M. NEWS

United Methodist Men



United Methodist Men
will meet on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at
8:00 a.m. in the Greene Center



**Daylight saving time begins
Sunday, March 8th.**

Remember to turn your clock forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7th.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



Children

We will have an Easter Egg hunt and Kite Sunday April 5 at Chestnut Street Park immediately following worship service.

Youth Meetings

The youth meet each Sunday night at 5 pm in the Youth Building.

*Upcoming Meetings
And Events*

MARCH

Trustees

will meet Monday, March 16, 2020, in the Youth Building at 5:30 pm. All members of this Committee are encouraged to attend. If you will be unable to attend, please call the church office.

Lunch and Learn

March 25, 12 noon

Greene Center
Understanding
Hearing Loss and
Dispelling Myths
about Hearing Loss



NOTES From the Choir

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26, and ends on Holy Saturday, April 11. Lent is a time of spiritual preparation prior to the Easter season, just as Advent is for Christmas.

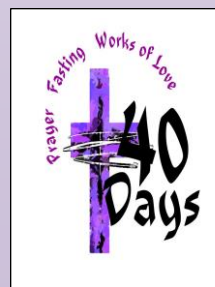
During this season, you may notice some differences in worship. One difference is the lack of flowers at the altar. Any decoration of the church is supposed to be more subdued during Lent. Flowers are not used during the season of Lent, which makes the multitude of Easter lilies even more glorious come Easter Sunday.

You may also notice a different doxology during the season of Lent. Why? The doxology we generally use (to the tune of Lasst Uns Erfreuen) is filled with Alleluias. The word "Alleluia" means "praise ye God." It is an expression of joy, which seems out of place in the solemn observance of Lent. Some churches have a ceremonial "burying" of the Alleluia at the beginning of Lent. As with the flowers, the return of the "Alleluia" on Easter Sunday makes for a very triumphant celebration of the resurrected Lord.

Technically, Sundays are not included in the 40 days of Lent. Instead, Sundays are considered "Little Easters." So why don't we continue as usual each Sunday of Lent? When we retire something familiar for a season, recovering its use has a way of making it "new" for us. It gives it emphasis.

May our season of Lenten worship enrich and shape our prayers, our discipleship and our sense of discipline as we anticipate Easter.

Kerri





March Birthdays

2	Calvert Fernandez
3	Sydney Horne
4	Bill Glace
5	Kim Beaty
7	Helen Speer
8	Chris Griffin
10	Kylie Burdette
	Anna Mills Addis
12	Scarlett Arant
13	Brittany Horne
16	Mikki Campbell
	Taylor Griffin
	Russell Wolfe
22	Debby Hite
	Kimberly Dixon
	Jenny Jackson
26	Norman Mills
27	John Walborn
28	Leon Thompson
	Greg Horne
30	Steve Jackson



March Anniversaries

7	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hall
11	Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bacon
20	Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bowles
21	Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Baughman
28	Mr. and Mrs. Will Fleming

March Acolyte

1	Harper Stone
8	William Arnold
15	Gracie Gary
22	Jacob Arant
29	Cate Dunlap

Please put the above date on your calendar. This is the Sunday you are to be an acolyte for the morning worship service.

If you cannot be acolyte on your day, PLEASE find a substitute or swap Sundays with someone.

Please come to Parament room no later than 10:45 a.m. on the Sunday morning you are to be acolyte.

[LINK TO OUR CHURCH CALENDAR](#)

(Click on this link while holding down the control key)



TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

Brandt Addis

SOUND TEC

Russell Wolfe

GREETERS

Julie Lewis, Mack Hite
Scott and Jenny Jackson
Alice McNeil, Barry Stone
Ray and Mary Beth Peck
Greg and Michelle Potts



Memorial Lilies for Easter Season

To facilitate uniform wrapping and size, the orders will be filled by one supplier. Those who wish to participate will need only to supply the church office with the number of Lilies to order, the name of the donor and the name of the one to be so honored.

The deadline for ordering will be
March 22.

Please check the bulletins for information, or call the church office.

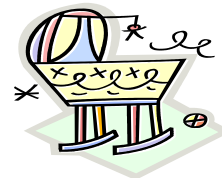
March Scripture Readings

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| 1 | Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11 |
| 8 | Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17 |
| 15 | Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
Luke 13:31-35 |
| 22 | 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41 |
| 29 | Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45 |



Nursery Schedule for March

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| 1 | Courtney Hite, Jennifer Baker |
| 8 | Krista Sammons, Julie Boggs |
| 15 | Lori Glace, Jordan Glace |
| 22 | Betty Bowen, Pamela Bowen |
| 29 | Lindsey Wilson, Lucy Kollmann |



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The places in which Christianity is spreading most rapidly (Central and South America, Africa, India, and China) tend to look more like the 1st century church. Maybe it is time we learn from those places. Maybe it is time to become the 1st century church again.

I was at a recent pastor's meeting where the speaker made the claim, "We are living in the first century ...the twenty-first century...but the first century nonetheless!" He noted all of the things I mention above and rather than espouse the-sky-is-falling-rhetoric, he framed the status quo as an opportunity. He also noted the similarities between culture and society in each of the first centuries. So what am I trying to articulate? We have the opportunity to think differently, authentically, dare I say anciently, about how we are church. As a Methodist denomination, we must become more efficient and oriented from the local church rather than the bureaucracy we are strangled and encumbered by currently. Perhaps it is time for the denomination to die so that we can resurrect anew (we worship a God who is in the practice of this kind of thing)! In any case, we have an opportunity to be the church in this 1st century. And it must be different than our recent past.

Let us ponder these things anew as we enter into another Lenten season.

-Brian

Boy Scout God and County Presentation

Two Main Street young men have received the Boy Scout God and County award recently.



William Arnold receives the award from his grandmother, Mary Lou Edens while Pastor Brian Arant and Scout Leader Ed Patton look on.



Jonah Kollman received the God and Country award





Holy Week Services

Thursday, April 9– 6:30 pm
Service at Main Street UMC
Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 10 – 6:30 pm
Service at Main Street UMC
Good Friday
Tenebrae

April 12
Easter Sunday

Missions News



Loose Change Sunday

The Missions Committee will pass out Lenten Coin holders for the collection of a Lenten offering. These coin holders should be returned Easter Sunday, April 12. One-half of the offering will go to The Tracy Jackson Summer Food Program and the remaining portion will go to the United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County.



Kite Sunday / Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5
 right after worship service
 Chestnut Street Park.

The church will provide a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers and the trimmings. Please register by calling church office: 366-2367. We will only prepare enough food for those who register.

In case of rain we will move it to the Greene Center.



Please join our
 Main Street Church Family
 as we celebrate the wedding of

Haley Keith
&
Jacob Hewell

Sunday, March 29, 2020

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Greene Center

Main Street United Methodist Church
Abbeville, South Carolina

Registered at Target, Belk and Amazon

Lenten Bible Study



Come Follow Me

Six week bible study begins Sunday,
March 1 at
6 pm in Greene Center
with a lite supper and Bible Study
afterwards.



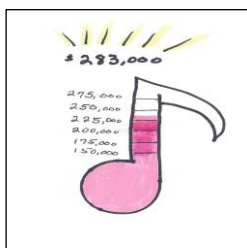
Keep the Music Flowing

Main Street United Methodist Church

A Campaign to Replace and Restore the Organ **UPDATE**

We have raised \$234,472. for the organ as of February 16, 2020. That is 82.85% of the total cost of \$283,000. The remainder is being collected over the remaining 2 years of the faith promise campaign and the \$175,000 loan is being repaid.

Thank you for your participation in this campaign to keep the music flowing. Keep praying, keep working and keep giving.



The 2020 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Education Building.

Dates Available: July 5; September 27; October 27; November 22.

Valentine's Day 2020

A large group of people gathered in the Green Center to celebrate Valentine's Day with a delicious dinner prepared by Eric Shepard.

Bill Saunders entertained with romantic piano music during the evening. Some of the youth helped serve.





Lunch and Learn

Wednesday
March 25, 2020
12 noon.

Can You Hear Me Now



Understanding Hearing Loss and Dispelling Myths about Hearing Loss

- Impacts of hearing loss
- Common Myths about Hearing Loss
- Technology Levels and Expectations

Presented by Greenwood Ear, Nose & Throat

To register call Ann Davis at 378-2315 or email at AnnJefferies@wctel.net. Or call the church office at 366-2367.

Free lunch provided

New Church Directory

A new church directory is coming. We are requesting someone from each member household to complete an online questionnaire about the members of the household. If you are unable to go online there will be paper questionnaire available. Additionally, we are requesting church members to email a family photo. If you do not have a photo there will be someone available to take photos before and after church on several Sundays. These photos and information will be published in a printed directory and will be available in an online directory. Greg Potts is the administrator of this online directory.

Go to

<https://forms.gle/npkbvDmTV7DTkLSH> to complete the **MSUMC CENSUS** form by entering your name, date of birth, gender, relationship, phone number and email of each member of the household. There is also a question that asks for date of marriage. Family photos can be emailed to the church's email account at mainstreetumcabbville@gmail.com



Over the next few months we are going to print sections of our Safe Sanctuary Policy so that everyone can become familiar with the provisions. Anyone who works with children, youth or vulnerable adults must follow these rules set out in this policy. Contact the church office if you want the entire policy emailed to you.

Safe Sanctuary Policy

I. Definitions

A. “Child,” “Youth,” “Adult,” and “Vulnerable Adult”

1. Child is anyone age of 11 or under.
2. Youth is anyone not a “child” and under the age of 18. Youth also includes vulnerable adults who are over 18 years of age and have been identified as having special needs.
3. Adult is anyone 18 years of age or older.

B “Paid Staff Person,” “Unscreened Volunteer,” and “Screened Adult Volunteer”

1. Paid Staff Person is someone paid by the church, overseen by the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee and is screened.
2. Unscreened Volunteer is someone who has not been screened. They must work in a room with the presence of a Screened Adult Volunteer or Paid Staff Person.
3. A Screened Adult Volunteer is a volunteer who has gone through the screening process. They may or may not be members, but they must be regular attendees for at least six months and must be 21 years of age.

C. “Screened”

The process of checking the background and references as detailed in items II, D & E on page 2 of this policy.

D. “Abuse”

Child/Youth abuse is non-accidental physical or emotional injury caused by the acts or omissions of the child’s parent(s) or any adult(s) or caretaker(s) and includes the following:

1. Physical abuse: Non-accidental physical injury to child/youth.
2. Physical neglect: Failure on the part of the child’s/youth’s caretaker to provide adequate food, clothing shelter or supervision.
3. Emotional mistreatment: Abuse in which a person exposes a child/youth to spoken or unspoken violence or emotional cruelty.
4. Sexual abuse: Sexual exploitation of a child/youth.

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