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Letter from the Pastor

"We Know Who Holds the Future"

It is September and a very special time of year is beginning. It is the beginning of Football Season. As I have said to many, I don't hunt, fish, or play gold. However, I watch football with great interest. Every year, I have a chuckle when the Pre-Season No 1 pick in College Football is announced. Very seldom do the prognosticators get it right. Since 1950, only two pre-season number 1s went on to win the national championship (2004—Southern California and 2017—Alabama). In many years, the national championship has been won by a team that was ranked outside of the Top Ten.

I think of this as we start September. We, as human beings, think often that we have things figured out. The reality is that we do not. There is only one that has it figured out. He has many names: Yahweh, Elohim, Adonai, Jehovah, etc. Our Mighty God is the one that truly knows how it goes. We have to have faith in through our covenantal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

So when the future is before you in the days ahead, say to yourself, "I can't predict the future but because of Jesus, I have a relationship through the one that does".

Grace and Peace,
Rev. R.T. Bowling, III

Gina Jolly, Director of Music Ministry

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All Men's Choir on August 24th—not an empty seat in the loft!



September 21st

All Women's Choir

Meet in the choir room at 10:30 to praise God and lead worship!

Sunday School

10:00-10:25~choir room. We are studying the history of some of our favorite hymns.



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**SAVE THE DATE FOR
Sunday at the Lake**
JOIN FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP
Sunday, September 7
10:30 am, followed by a covered dish lunch
(Meat & drinks provided)

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Main Street
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Flowers for our Worship Services

September 7 Sunday at the Lake
 September 14 Sunni Bond
 September 21 Available
 September 28 Smiths



Call the church office or visit the calendar on the bulletin board outside the church office to sign up to provide flowers for our worship services. Multiple families can always share flowers if there's a special date you would like.



Hearts and Hands ~ Meets 2nd Tuesday
 Join us @ 11:00 am September 9 in Library
Susanna Circle ~ Meets 1st Tuesday
 Join us @ 10:00 am September 2 at Wesley Commons

Celebration Circle News ~ Mark your calendars!

September 10th – Fellowship Hall @ 10:30 am

******Greenwood District meeting-**

September 13th - Fellowship Hall @ 9:15 - Noon
 Main Street is hosting the annual meeting. The Fellowship hall has been reserved and the other circles have been contacted. Our duties are to set up, clean up, and supply the pastries and fruit for the event. Hearts and hands will do the coffee. Perfect time to come together with the other members of our church circles to show a United Faith of women.

October 8th - Fellowship Hall @ 10:30 am

November 5th - Engage Meal - Tacos
 November's Meeting - Provide Dinner for Pathway House men, women and children on Tuesday, the 18th. More info to come.

December - No Meeting

Member Care

Hats off to the hard working Member Care Committee during the month of August: Mary Dula, Barbara Gates, Anne Rogers, Terry Robinson, and Zella Williams. Visits, flowers, cookies, candy bars, and telephone calls were just some of the ways they have been reaching out. Many thanks for all your hard work. These ladies are the voice of Main Street UMC and bring sunshine to our homebound.

Caroline Hawthorne—Chair person

Who: Anybody who enjoys a funny Broadway theater performance!

What: Hairspray

When: October 24th

Where: Greenwood Community Theater

How: Sign up in your Sunday School class, call the church office at ~ 864-229-7551, or RSVP in Realm.

Deadline: September 30th; will order tickets on on October 1st. Let's go together Opening Night!



Stewardship and Finance

Financial Report as of August 24, 2025

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
YTD Contributions:	\$482,800	\$339,039	(\$143,761)
YTD Expenses:	\$482,800	\$367,670	\$115,130

Capital Fund was used to fund the Davis & Floyd invoice.



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.

Membership/Evangelism

On Sunday, August 24, the membership and evangelism committee hosted a visitors' lunch. All visitors... anyone that had been visiting or were visiting on Sunday were invited to stay after the 11:00 service. It was a wonderful way to get to know each other a little better.

Upcoming Event: Greenwood High Football Meal October 23, 2025

For the second year, we will provide a meal for the players and coaches at the high school. This was a highlight for us! Again, Coach Dula will provide a devotional. If you'd like to help with the meal by volunteering to cook, serve, or even monetarily, we'd love it! Last year, we prepared for about 75. Contact the church office @ 864-229-7551 or Cathy Painter @ 864-706-8236. Thanks in advance!

Family Ministries



Please answer in the form of a question. Who had a wonderful time on August 27th? Thank you to family ministry for a delicious picnic lunch and Main Street themed Jeopardy. The winning team consisted of R.T. and Karen Bowling, Caroline Hawthorne, Carol Burgess, and Angela Rowland. Family Ministry wanted to show their appreciation for all the time, commitment, and love they have shown our church throughout the years.

2025 Lay Servant Ministries School

Fall 2025 Lay Servant Ministries School will be September 7 or 15 (2:00-7:00 pm) at Broad Street UMC, 310 N Broad Street, Clinton. Book list & registration are on the Greenwood District Website:

[Greenwood District - South Carolina UMC](#)

ELEVATE

MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRIES

Stay Updated on Elevate Youth!

-  **Remind:** Text "@elevateyo" to 81010
 **Instagram:** @mainstreetyouth
 **Facebook:** Elevate Youth

September Youth Activities

Sundays

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

Wednesday Evenings:

Dinner - 5:15-6:00 in the Fellowship Hall

ELEVATE - 6:00-7:00 in the Youth Room

Mark Your Calendars:

- September 3 - Help serve the Engage meal! 5:15 in the Fellowship Hall
- September 7 - No youth (Sunday at the Lake - join at 10:00 to help unload food dishes for lunch)
- September 14 - Joint with First Presbyterian (5:00-6:30 Fellowship Night at Greenwood Railroad Center)
- September 19 - Breakfast Club (Cost covered & transportation provided afterwards - let Preston know if you need a ride!)



Above & Right:

The Blessing of the Athletes was on August 10! Two new awards have been established to recognize our youth. Peyton Larkins, Caroline Leopard, Mary Margaret Skinner, and Addison Leopard were named to the Drake Commitment List in recognition of their commitment to Main Street UMC at worship and at youth over the past year while being student athletes.



Addison Leopard received the Dula Award in recognition of long-term excellence in athletics, leadership, and commitment to Main Street.



August Highlight:

These youth had an outing to Shores of Asbury on August 24! Remember God will guide you through life's obstacles!

10:4 Project

Reminder: 10:4 Project

Our ongoing effort for the youth group to have done 10 service projects over the past 4 months, any time of the year! Be on the lookout for more opportunities this fall!



Thank you to Steve & Cindy Skinner for hosting more pool party fun on August 17!



We extend Christian Love and Sympathy to: Rebecca McDonald on the death of her brother, Johnny McWhite, of Anderson on August 6, 2025. And we also offer our sympathies to Eddie Bartless on the recent death of his brother, Bobby Bartless, of Greenwood, on August 19, 2025, and to his nieces Rebecca Marino and Freddia Partridge.

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Andrea Harris Cabe, Karen Boring, Art Sutherland, Ted and Henrietta Morton, Wanda Wenner, Jackie Daniel, Richard Pinckney, Pam Dawes, John Harr, Ray Shirley (Winston Shirley's grandfather), Carol Evans (Joey Plyler's grandmother), Kathy Johnson, Jimmy Britt (Drew Singletary's grandfather), Joan Herin, Peggy & Devon Aaron, Cheryl McCord and Durham Bley (Cheryl's grandson), John (Steve) Robinson (Terry Robinson's brother), Edith Blanchett (Kathy Johnson's mother), Ann Pendergrass, Rosie Mullet, Sara Catherine Wilkinson, our church and its ministries, peace around the world and within our city, county, state, and country, and any unspoken prayers.

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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 - The Book of Esther

Will meet through September 16
11:00 am in the Drake Class

Wednesday Men's Bible Study

12:00 in the Library
Pizza provided.
Come when you can.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

11:00 am in the Library
Book of Matthew
Bring a friend!

Tuesday - The Book of Proverbs

Starting September 23rd @ 4:00 pm in Paul Frey Class.
Call the church office if you have ideas for Mondays.

Wednesday Nights

Engage Meal: 5:15—6:00 pm

September 3 Chick - Fil - A Box Supper
Hosted by the Youth

September 10 Sliced Ham, Butter Beans, Pineapple
Casserole, Rolls & Dessert
Drake Class

September 17 Meat and 3 with Dessert
New Opportunity Church

September 24 Something delicious!
Children's Ministry

Looking for a fellowship and fundraising opportunity?
Sign up to host a meal! Thank you for RSVPing by 1:00 pm on Monday each week @ mainstreetgreenwood.org so our "chefs" can 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.**

Bible Studies: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Option 1: "Better Together"

Investing and improving our health through lifestyle
Led by Susan Albon and Cathy Painter

Option 2: Disciple Fast Tract

New Testament

Led by Jamison Tinsley and Glenn Williams
A book is needed for this class. Contact Glenn or the church office, and we will order for you.



- Needs:** Soup, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Canned Fruit, Cereal

Upcoming Dates:

September 11 October 9
November 13 December 11



Engage
Wednesday Evenings
6 – 7 pm

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Barbara & Diana sang @ Ham-burgers , Hot Dogs and Hymns!



CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays

- 2 Preston Goforth
Margaret Whitt-Burnette
- 3 Ed Munnerlyn
Rebekah Lomax
Addison Leopard
Jamison Tinsley
Wendy Hill
- 4 Ben Funderburk
- 5 Chuck Bell
Arthur Radcliffe
- 7 Lena Meredith, Annie Grimshaw
- 8 Barry Campbell, Ruple Harley, Chrissy Andrews,
Bayne Rowland, Brent Rowland
- 9 Glenn Williams, William Culbertson, Stella Oliver,
Sam Valkenburg
- 10 Coleson Marino, Stephanie Smith
- 11 Jeff Smith, Ansley Workman
- 12 Wesley Kelly
- 16 Sally Maxie, Benjo Smith, Brittany Smith, Brenda Sams
- 17 Gina Jolly, Sunni Bond
- 18 Angie Baker, Donna Childress
- 19 Doris Arnold, Tom Goeden
- 20 Steven Stewart, Phillip Grimshaw, Gavin Moore
- 21 Cheryl McCord, Tucker Meredith
- 22 Bob Cureton, Jo Patterson, Richie Pinckney,
Melissa Funderburk
- 23 Claudia Cason
- 24 Lamar Maxie
- 25 Billy Nicholson, Fred Wactor
- 26 Jo Wilson, Gary Clark
- 27 Barbara Gates, Jasper Swearingen
- 28 Betty Strange
- 29 Rhonda McGinnis, Athena Hagood
- 30 Nita Rudy, Kim Gultch, Kayla Key



September Anniversaries

- 21 Brian and Chrissy Andrews
- 26 Gary and Kim Clark
- 29 Tanner and Hannah Workman



New Member



Sunni Bond became a new member on August 10, 2025. Sunni usually attends the 11:00 service so please give her a warm Main Street welcome. We are so glad you chose us to be your "church family".

We are so proud of you, Elizabeth! Elizabeth grew up at Main St. and is Suzanne Nicholson's daughter.

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The September/October Upper Room

devotionals are available in the church office, the narthex, and side door entrance.

\$1.50 for regular \$2.00 for large print







Please take note of the price change.

Looking forward... October

October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 - GGUM Suppers
October 5 - World Communion
October 18 - Soup Kitchen Team #3
October 23 - Greenwood High Football Supper
October 26 - Fall Festival



September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
We hope to see you at our events! Call the Church Office with any questions. 	1 Labor Day Holiday Church is closed. 	2 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:00 am Member Care Committee Meeting 10:00 am Susanna Circle 11:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship	3 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Children's Ministries Pizza at the Park-Civic Center 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Engage Supper 6:00 pm Elevate Youth 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Adult Programs 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	4 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 9:00 am Autumn Market Mtg. Bible Study 11:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball	5 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	6
7 Sunday at the Lake 10:30 am Sunday Worship and Covered Dish Lunch at Camp Fellowship 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball 	8 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 911	9 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 9:30 am Staff Meeting 11:00 am Hearts & Hands Circle 11:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship	10 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:30 am Celebration Circle 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Engage Supper 6:00 pm Children's Ministries 6:00 pm Elevate Youth 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Adult Programs 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study 1:00 pm Food Ministry 6:30 pm Band Practice	12 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	13 9:00 am United Women in Faith-Annual Meeting
14 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 4:00 pm Church Council Meeting 5:00 pm Youth Fellowship @ Railroad Museum 	15 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	16 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship	17 Mud Pies Consignment Sale 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Engage Supper 6:00 pm Children's Ministries 6:00 pm Elevate Youth 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Adult Programs 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	18 Mud Pies Consignment Sale 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 1389	19 Mud Pies Consignment Sale 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	20 Mud Pies Consignment Sale 9:00 am Soup Kitchen Volunteers TEAM #1 
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Children's Ministry Volunteer List

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

Acolytes and Crucifer

September 7 Sunday @ the Lake
September 14 Crawford Burns & Caroline Leopard
September 21 Maggie Shirley & Mary Margaret Skinner
September 28 Diana Fields & Addison Leopard

Sunday School & Extended Session:

September 7 Children's Ministries @ the Lake
September 14 Lindsay Burns
September 21 Joanne Campbell
September 28 Josie Shirley

Nursery: Sydney Sluder & Rachel Jolly



Epworth Annual Work Day

September 14, 2025 has been designated as a time to promote children's ministry through



Epworth and to take a special offering for God's work. Epworth is not an apportioned item, and it relies heavily on the offerings received on Work Day and Mother's Day to provide quality care to the 400 plus individuals who have experienced trauma through abuse, neglect, and loss, that are in Epworth's care weekly. Prayerfully consider submitting a donation in the bulletin insert on 09-14.

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