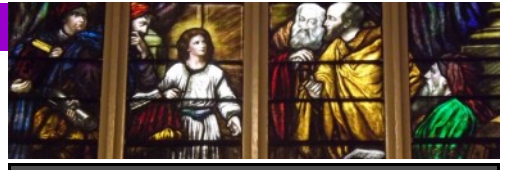


FOLLOWING CHRIST FROM CITY CENTER



Letter from the Pastor

Four Things To Do After Easter

Easter is always a good time to invite folks to attend church, and many church members work more diligently at inviting others during this season than any other. What we usually don't do, though, is strategize to follow up practically and personally after Easter services. Here are 4 ways to do that:

1. Contact someone you invited who attended church on Sunday, and thank them for coming. Even if you thanked them at church, thank them again today. Let them know how excited you are that they came.
2. Contact some you invited who did not attend, thank them for receiving your invitation and let them know they're always welcome at your church. Sometimes a follow-up with people who did not come is the most unexpected follow up—but a gracious response to these family and friends can go a long way.
3. Take time each day this week to pray a simple prayer for all those who heard the gospel yesterday and either (1) chose to follow Christ, or (2) did not respond positively to follow Christ. Either way, these folks need prayer. A short, focused prayer for each group will require only a little time but can influence someone's eternity.
4. Ask yourself, "Where do I need to let the resurrection affect my life more today?" Maybe you've been discouraged and hopeless. Perhaps you've been fighting battles that seem to go on and on. You might be leading a church that appears to be dying, and you're not sure what to do. Or, your faith may be stagnant, routine, and lifeless right now. In all these cases, I encourage you to let the truth of the resurrection restore your hope. The end of hope and passion is not the end of the story in God's eyes.

Rev. R.T. Bowling, III



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Reminder:
The Church is closed on Monday, April 6th, for the Easter holiday.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - March 29
9:00 and 11:00 am

Community Lenten Lunch and Service
April 1st— Morris Chapel

Mauddy Thursday Service - April 2
6:00 pm

Good Friday Service - April 3
7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Services - April 5
Sunrise - 7:00 am Courtyard outside the Fellowship Hall
9:00 am - Fellowship Hall and
11:00 am - Sanctuary

Flowers for our Worship Services

- April 5 Lilies
- April 12 Grimshaw
- April 19 Jolly
- April 26 Available



The 2026 flower calendar is located on the bulletin board outside the church office. Call the church office or visit the calendar to sign up! Multiple families can always share flowers if there's a special date you would like.

Stewardship and Finance

Financial Report as of March 29, 2026

| | Budgeted | Actual | Difference |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| YTD Contributions: | \$174,291 | \$124,511 | (\$49,780) |
| YTD Expenses: | \$174,291 | \$140,845 | \$33,446 |

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.



Susanna Circle
Tuesday, April 2nd
10:00 am ~ Wesley Commons

Celebration Circle
No Meeting this Month
Tues. April 14th- Pathway House Meal



One of our favorite traditions is flowering the Cross. All are reminded to bring flowers to the front lawn as you arrive on Easter morning and then take pictures after the service! Share your pictures by emailing Jo or Preston.

Every February, the United Methodist Church requires us to complete a Statistical Report for 2025. Part of this report asks for our participation in the community ministries for outreach, justice and mercy, as well as involvement in UMMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission). As the staff began brainstorming, we were blown away by all we as a congregation do! If anything was left off, it was an oversight—please accept our apologies.

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| Soup Kitchen | Food Ministry | Coat Closet | Gave out ice for BBQ Festival | GGUM - Fed Medical Clinic | Fed G'wd High Football | Pathway House Missions | Epworth—Work Day & Mother's |
| Provided Meal Salkehatchie Team | Healthy Learner's Spelling Bee | Donated School Supplies for G'wd 50 | Giving Tree Gwd 50 Middle School | GGUM—Flock donations Women's Clinic | Wreaths Across America | UMVIM –Cuba Mission Trip & donations | Honduras Mission Trip Team and \$ |
| FCA—monthly donation | Samaritan's Purse— | Kairos Prison Ministry | Celebrate Recovery | Community Lenten Service | Community Thanksgiving | Book Donations Genetic Center | \$ from Mud Pies to Connie Max |
| GGUM Missions Donations | Celebration Circle— Meal for Pathway House | Ronald McDonald House -pop tabs delivery—youth | Cooling Zone (during the heat wave) | Rev. Keck and Michael Fisher represented us at National Day of Prayer | Mud Pies – clothing to Gwd 50 elementary schools | Mud Pies— Canned goods drive for Food Ministry | Placed Flags on graves for Veterans -American Legion—youth Memorial Day |
| Caroling | Vacation Bible School | Mud Pies— clothing to G'wd Foster Care | Flock—toiletries to Gwd 50 Middle School | Provide Meeting space for Boy Scout Troop 911 | Provide Meeting space for Girl Scouts –1389 | Adopted 2 Families at Christmas | Many, Many , Many Thanks!!! |

THE DULA CLASS INVITES ALL TO

CHAIR YOGA

Led by Instructor Katie Russell

SUNDAY, APRIL 12
4:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

No experience necessary. Preschool childcare available.

SUB AND SALAD SUPPER TO FOLLOW!
Subs provided. Bring a salad to share.

The March/April Upper Room devotionals are available in the church office, the narthex, and side door entrance.
\$1.00 for regular
\$1.50 for large print

Member Support Team

First, our team would like to send condolences to Barbara Gates on the death of her brother in Michigan. Our homebound members and members with short-term illnesses were gifted with a homemade Easter Dessert and cards. Once again, our Engage Groups provided "to go suppers". Thanks to Ruple Harley for providing pulled pork after the Church Council meal. Without these groups, we could not accomplish all we do. What a blessing you all are!



Stay Updated on Elevate Youth!

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

April Youth Activities

Sundays

Sunday School - 10-10:45 am in Youth Room
 ELEVATE - 5:30-7:00 on April 12 & April 19

Wednesday Evenings:

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

Mark Your Calendars:

- March 29-April 3 - Salkehatchie
- April 4 - Easter Egg Hunt
- April 5 - Easter Sunday - 10:00 Family Breakfast, no youth in evening
- April 12 - The Main Street Masters (Putt-Putt)
- April 17 - Breakfast Club (Cost covered & transportation provided afterwards - let Preston know if you need a ride!)
- April 19 - Bruster's/Sonic Outing
- April 26 - Youth Sunday
- April 26 - Picnic, Playground, Pickleball Family Ministries Event (3:00-5:00 at the Civic Center)
- May 10 - Confirmation Sunday
- May 17 - Graduate Sunday
- June 15-19 - VBS



Above: Thank you to these youth for serving a crowd-favorite Chick-Fil-A boxed meals for our Engage dinner on March 18! Thank you to all who supported our youth.

Confirmation

Please be in prayer for our Confirmation class! Blessing boxes will be available outside the Church Office soon. Confirmation Sunday is May 10.

Confirmands are Ryder Larkins (mentored by Joey Burns), Addy McCaslan (mentored by Allie Williams), Maggie Shirley (mentored by Lisa Smith), and Rosemary Skinner (mentored by Lindsay Burns).

Confirmands & Parents: Meetings are April 12 & April 19, with our day retreat on May 2 at Ellesor Holder's.

(Pictured below: Confirmation session on March 8)



Salkehatchie

The 2026 Salkehatchie Mission Team is serving in the Iva/Anderson area on March 29-April 2!

Thank you for keeping them in your prayers:

Peyton Larkins, Addy McCaslan, Gracey Montag, Mary Margaret Skinner, Preston Goforth, Cathy Painter, and Marilyn Murphy.

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!



Other 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 dropped off outside Jo's office.



We extend Christian love and sympathy to: Barbara and Philip Gates on the death of Barbara's brother, Stephan Kopka, of Michigan on March 4, 2026.

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Elaine Dukes, Joe and Allison Hartung, Marian Adams, Henrietta Morton, Frances Garren, Ron Miller, Judy Roberts, Bob Bennett, Andrea Harris Cabe, Julie McDade, Kelly Ackerman, Miriam Garner, Joe Chapman, Sam Pinckney, Tommy Andrews, Ray Shirley, Robert Tinsley, Devon and Peggy Aaron, Edith Blanchett (Kathy Johnson's mother), John Harr, Jackie Daniel, Richard Pinckney, Cheryl McCord, Betty Staples, Mary Lynn

Polk, Sara Catherine Wilkinson, our church, peace around the world and within our city, county, state, and country, 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 Hymn Study

11:00 am in the Choir Room
Myra Greene—Leader

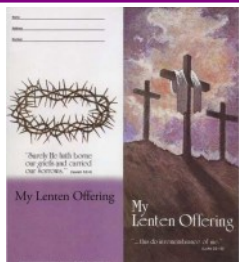
Please join us for this intriguing study on song writers and composers. You are sure to learn something new!

Thursday Morning Study

11:00 am in the Library
Max Lucado's Life Lessons from James
(Books are available for purchase)
Glenn Williams—Leader

Easter Sunday– April 5th

Please bring your Lenten offering on Easter Sunday. Monies collected will be given to the church council to disperse. If you didn't get to participate, you are always welcome to make a donation. Thank you for your devotion during this Lenten Season.
Rev. R.T.



Food Ministry

**1-3 pm in the Fellowship Hall
2nd Thursdays**

**April 9 May 14
June 11 July 9**

Needed: peanut butter, canned fruit, and sleeves of crackers

Wednesday Nights

Engage Meal 5:15 - 6:00 pm

- April 1 Holy Week—no meal or activities
- April 8 Tacos and Nacho Bar & Dessert
Children's Ministry
- April 15 Spaghetti, Salad, Bread and Dessert
Choir
- April 22 Sensational Surprise!
Men's Group
- April 29 TBD-Need a group to volunteer

Please RSVP @ mainstreetgreenwood.org by 1:00 on Monday each week 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 for understanding and helping out!**

Wednesday Night Bible Studies

"What We Can Learn from the 3 Temptations that Christ Faced"

Led by Brian Albon
6:00 pm in the Drake Class
Please join in anytime.

Disciple Fast Tract

"Into the Word into the World"
Led by Jamison Tinsley and Glenn Williams
6:00 pm in the Library.
Need a book? Let Glenn or the church office know.
All are welcome!



Add this to your calendar

What: Festival of Hymns
When: Sunday, May 31, 2026
Where: MSUMC Sanctuary
Who: Co-Sponsors
Family Ministries & Member Support Team
More information to come!



Engage
Wednesday Evenings
6-7 pm
 (Nursery Provided)
Bible Study, Music, Games, and Mission Projects

Mark your calendar
April 25th - Trip to Build-A-Bear and Shriners Hospital for Children in Greenville.



Vacation Bible School
June 15th—19th
9:00 am - 12:00
Please note date and time change



Lenten Chain Countdown



Busy Palm Sunday



March 29 was a busy day for our children. They led the processional waving palms and then collected loose change for their April Mission project- Shriners Hospital in G'ville. Finally, they had a Palm "Sundae" Dessert with the ingredients symbolizing the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.



CELEBRATIONS

April Birthdays

- 3 Sarah Alice Schulze
Robert Tinsley
- 4 Donnie Young
- 5 Nash Bowen
Sharon Wenner
Ryan Patterson
- 6 Meredith Bunch
- 9 Frances Garren
- 11 Scurry Charles
Phillip Gates
- 12 Charlene Albon
- 15 Julia Baker
- 17 Steve Skinner, Cecilia McGinnis
- 20 Cori D'Alessandro, Lena Fields
- 21 Myra Greene, Tyler Coats
- 22 William Rowland
- 23 Rebecca Marino, Taylor Grimshaw, Kyle Patterson
- 24 Brenda Munnerlyn, Caroline Schulze, Hudson Moore
- 26 Anne Rogers
- 28 Witt Smith, Campbell Smith, Beverly Burton
- 29 Allie Williams, Ruple Harley
- 30 Teddi Miles



April Anniversaries

- 2 Tee and Katie Tunstall
- 8 Ken and Bobbie Kittle
- 20 Lamar and Sally Maxie






On March 29, 2026, Main St. commissioned Addy McCaslan, Peyton Larkins, Gracie Montag, Rosemary Skinner and Preston Goforth for Salkehatchie Service during Holy Week in Iva, SC. Marilyn Murphy and Cathy Painter are serving as chaperones. Thank you to these young people who are giving up part of their spring break. Your Main Street family is so proud of your servant's heart.



On March 25, we hosted the Community Lenten Service and Lunch. The Lenten Lunch Ladies were there in full force. Thank you to the Celebration Circle for the table decorations, those who donated pound cakes, and everyone who served and cleaned up! There was a BIG crowd—almost 200!



April 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| <p>We hope to see you at our events! Call the Church Office with any questions.</p> <p>864-229-7551</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>5 Easter Sunday 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Children and Youth Easter Sunday Breakfast 10:00 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>  | <p>6 Office closed 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911</p> | <p>7 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:00 am Susanna Circle at Wesley Commons 11:00 am Hymnology Class 6:00 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship</p> | <p>8 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Elevate Youth 6:00 pm Children's Engage 6:00 pm Engage Jesus' Three Temptations Bible Study 6:00 pm Engage Disciple Fast Track Bible Study</p> | <p>9 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Lessons from James Book Study 1:00 pm Food Ministry 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p> | <p>10 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery</p>  | <p>11</p> |
| <p>12 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 4:00 pm Chair Yoga-sub/s/Salads 4:15 pm Confirmation Class 5:30 pm Elevate Youth 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball</p> | <p>13 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911</p> | <p>14 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 9:30 am Staff Meeting 11:00 am Hymnology Class 6:00 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship</p> | <p>15 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Elevate Youth 6:00 pm Children's Engage 6:00 pm Engage Jesus' Three Temptations Bible Study 6:00 pm Engage Disciple Fast Track Bible Study</p> | <p>16 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Lessons from James Book Study 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 1389 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p> | <p>17 7:00 am Youth Breakfast Club 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm Jolly/Crooks Wednesday</p>  | <p>18 9:00 am Soup Kitchen Volunteers TEAM #1</p> |
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| <p>26 Youth Sunday 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 3:00 pm Greenwood County Historical Society Meeting 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball</p> | <p>27 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 9:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911</p> | <p>28 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:00 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship 6:00 pm Veteran's Celebration</p> | <p>29 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Children's Engage 6:00 pm Elevate Youth 6:00 pm Engage Jesus' Three Temptations Bible Study 6:00 pm Engage Disciple Fast Track Bible Study</p> | <p>30 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Lessons from James Book Study 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p> | | |



Children's Ministry Volunteer List

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

Acolytes and Crucifer:


- April 5 Crawford Burns & Finnley Smith/Peyton Larkins
- April 12 Bernie Bautista & Diana Fields/Addison Leopard
- April 19 Campbell Smith & Ansley Boring/Addy McCaslan
- April 26 Diana Fields & Maggie Shirley/Caroline Leopard

Sunday School & Extended Session:

Allison Wooten and Wendy Hill

Nursery: Sydney Sluder & Kim Gultch



Wow—just wow! The Spring Consignment Sale was the best ever! Thank you to all the volunteers, consigners, Mud Pies Staff, and MSUMC Staff for all their help and support. It certainly "takes a village". We look forward to doing it all again in the September. Allison and Wendy 



Happy St. Patrick's Day



Special Visitor



Easter Fun

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