

## FOLLOWING CHRIST FROM CITY CENTER

### Three Roads

Over the years, it has occurred to me that there are three different types of roads that we can travel in embracing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For some, it is a Damascus Road Experience. The Damascus Road Experience is very emotional and decisive with an exact date and time. For many, it is an Emmaus Road Experience. The Emmaus Road Experience is a long walk filled with many life moments that form into a gradual recognition of Jesus as the savior. For still yet others, it is what I call a Bethlehem Road Experience. The Bethlehem Road Experience is when a person was born, taught, and embraced Christ from childhood.

Each road is different but valid. It is our responsibility as a church to know the differences and support each other on those roads. All three roads of faith expression lead to a relationship with God in Jesus Christ.

Peace be with you on your particular road,

Rev. Ralph T. Bowling, III



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**Church Council Meeting**  
 June 14th  
 12:45 pm  
 Fellowship Hall

Lunch provided after the 11:00 am worship service

**Amazon Wish List for Bible School**  
 (use this QR Code)

We would appreciate any empty paper towel rolls too!




**RAINFOREST FALLS**  
 Exploring the Nature of God

**JOIN MS. ALLISON & MS. WENDY FOR MAIN STREET UMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JUNE 15-19 ~ 9AM - NOON**  
**AGES: COMPLETED K3 - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
 (Must be fully potty trained)

Register by June 10th! 



### Flowers for our Worship Services

June 7 Corwan  
 June 14 Available  
 June 21 Eagleson  
 June 28 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 May 24, 2026

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
YTD Contributions:	\$281,547	\$200,713	(\$80,834)
YTD Expenses:	\$281,547	\$219,990	\$61,557

**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, June 2nd  
 10:00 am ~ Wesley Commons

**Celebration Circle**  
**No meeting in June**  
 Have a great summer and we will see you in the fall!



**Lucas William Bassett**  
 son of Jon and Lori Bassett, graduated from Clemson University with a Masters in Architecture.

**Elizabeth Aiken Hartung**

daughter of Andy and Sarah Hartung, graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts in History and minor in Political Science.

**Tara Brexel Smith**

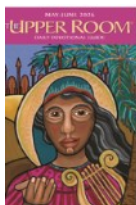
graduated from Converse College with a Masters Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy.

**Ryan Alexander Sprouse**

son of John and Kim Sprouse will graduate from Clemson University this summer with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering.

The May/June 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



**Food Ministry**  
 1-3 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
 2nd Thursdays  
 June 11 July 9 August 13  
 peanut butter, canned fruit, and sleeves of crackers

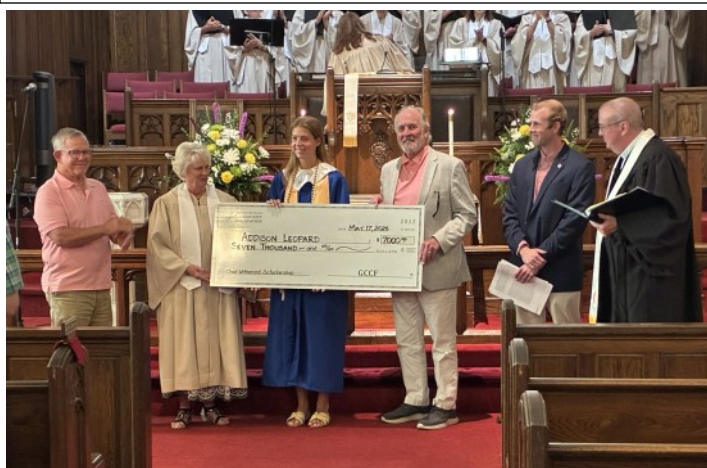
### Member Support Team

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 or call Barbara Gates at (864) 378-0946.

**Pictured Below: Chad Withered Scholarship**

Congratulations to Addison Leopard on being awarded this year's Chad Withered Scholarship during our May 17 Graduate Sunday service! Addison is a graduate of Cambridge Academy. She will be majoring in Business Finance in the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina.

Addison is a life-long member of MSUMC and has been active in our youth group and in our church. She has served as a Crucifer, Lay Reader, VBS volunteer, and on the Youth Council. We're proud of you, Addison!



# ELEVATE

MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRIES

Stay Updated on Elevate Youth!

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

### June 2026 Youth Activities

Save these dates for our summer fun this year!



**ELEVATE**  
MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRIES

**YOUTH SUMMER 2026**

**WHITewater CHARLOTTE OUTING**  **JUNE 11**  
Sign up by June 6  
Cost: \$25 per person

**VBS**  **JUNE 15-19**

**CAROWINDS**  **JULY 8**  
Sign up by July 3  
Bring ticket!

**TOP GOLF**  **AUGUST 1**  
AND Ronald McDonald House  
soda tab delivery  
Sign up by July 28

PLUS weekly Sunday School in the Youth Room! 10-10:45 am

"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I WITH THEM."  
-MATTHEW 18:20

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT PRESTON!**  [preston.goforth@mainstreetgreenwood.org](mailto:preston.goforth@mainstreetgreenwood.org)  864-993-0463



Above: Confirmation Sunday was on May 10! Ryder Larkins, Addy McCaslan, Maggie Shirley, and Rosemary Skinner are now professing members!



**Flag Project**  
Youth continued the annual American Legion Flag Project for Memorial Day, placing flags on graves of veterans.



### Graduate Sunday

Pictured left: Main Street UMC celebrated our high school graduates on May 17 during 11:00 worship! We're proud of their accomplishments and are praying for bright futures for each. Congratulations to Addison Leopard, Olivia Sprouse, and Witt Smith!



See page 2 for photos of the Chad Withered Scholarship presentation.

### 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:** the Harris and Cabe family on Andrea's death; to Rosann Jones and family on her mother's recent death.

**Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Cheryl McCord, Yvonne Rouse, Brad Wenner, Dibble Cooper, the Husser family, Josie and Winston Shirley's family, Judy Robinson, John Harr, Betty Staples, Elaine Dukes, Marian Adams, Henrietta Morton, Judy Roberts, Ron Miller, Joe Chapman, Sam Pinckney, Tommy Andrews, Robert Tinsley, Devon and Peggy Aaron, Jackie Daniel, Richard Pinckney, Sara Catherine Wilkinson, our church, the Greenwood City Police Department, peace around the world and within our city and county, and any unspoken prayers.

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**In Memoriam**

Andrea Harris Cabe  
May 15, 2026

**In Memoriam**

Josephine "Jo" Wilson  
May 25, 2026



**Engage Returns~ August 12th**  
Please consider signing up to host a meal or to lead a Program

**ENGAGE in Small Groups**  
Engage is not just on Wednesdays~ Options are available to suit your schedule.



Our Spring Semester of Engage ended on May 6th with our annual May Day hosted by Family Ministries. As usual, it did not disappoint. Special thanks to Barry Campbell, David Painter and Ed Wiedemann for grilling hamburgers that rival the Garden Grill. Also, Lindsay Burns and Jeff Smith were masters of ceremonies for a competitive game of Bible Family Feud. What a fun-filled evening!

**Summer @ Main Street**

**Ascension Study**

11-Week Study led by Rev. Bowling  
11:00 on Thursdays in the Drake Class  
Beginning May 21!

Main Street UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Joyful Flock Returns**

MSUMC Ladies and guests are invited For a brief devotion, dessert & beverages

Hostesses  
June 9- Cathy Painter  
June 23- Lindsay Burns  
July 7- Marilyn Murphy  
July 14- Jennifer Larkins

6:00 - 7:00 pm

**Flock Leaders**  
Mary Kate Skinner  
mkskinn@gmail.com  
Allie Williams  
alliewilliams@earthlink.net

Contact a flock leader if you would like to lead a devotion, or provide a dessert.

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**HYMN STUDY**

A study of the history and Biblical source of some of our favorite hymns

11:00 am on Tuesdays in the Choir Room  
Beginning June 23rd!

6 Week Summer Session  
Led by Myra Greene

A new hymn each week~ Bring a friend



Stay tuned for fun summer events.  
 Ms. Allison – 864-344-1414  
[allison.wooten@mainstreetgreenwood.org](mailto:allison.wooten@mainstreetgreenwood.org)  
 Ms. Wendy - 864-993-6328



**May 10th ~Mother's Day Brunch**  
 The Children and Youth provided a delicious variety of muffins, fruit, and juices to honor all the Mothers during the Sunday School Hour. How thoughtful! Thank you.

**April 25th~ Build a Bear**  
 Thanks to the congregation's generosity, the children were able to make and donate bears to Shriner's Children's Hospital in Greenville. We are so grateful to Allison and Wendy for teaching our children to be like Jesus and make their day brighter .

**May Day~ May 6th**  
 The children were treated to a bouncy house and water games to celebrate the beginning of summer. if they were having too much fun to come inside for hamburgers, they could grab a piece of pizza. They ended their evening with "church ice" snow cones.



## CELEBRATIONS

### June Birthdays

- 2 Ansley Boring
- 3 Mary Lynn Polk
- 6 Ceres Massengill  
Logan Coates
- 8 Suzanne Nicholson
- 10 Joshua Albon
- 11 Brian Albon
- 12 Henrietta Morton
- 13 Cera Adams
- 14 Joshua Sluder, Ella Winfield
- 15 Mary Alexander
- 16 Grayson Tharpe
- 18 Vivi Pinckney
- 20 Kathy Johnson
- 21 Drew Singletary
- 22 Zella Williams
- 23 Ed Wiedemann
- 24 Laurie Stuart
- 25 Ann Drew Hodge
- 27 Ella Bassett
- 29 Tee Tunstall
- 30 Winston Shirley



### June Anniversaries

- 2 Robert and Candy Tinsley
- 3 Shell and Mary Dula,
- 6 Lomax and Marilyn Murphy  
Ruple and Carol Harley  
Jon and Lori Bassett
- 7 Ed and Laine Wiedemann
- 12 Will and Kerri Thompson
- 14 Joey and Lindsay Burns
- 15 Charles and Sarah Alice Schulze
- 17 Andy and Sarah Hartung
- 21 Jeff and Lisa Smith, Gary and Jo Patterson
- 24 Jim and Miriam Garner, Joe and Allison Hartung



### New Members



What a special day for the McCaslan family! On May 10th, Grant and Addy were both baptized. Grant became a member, Macon transferred her membership, and Addy was confirmed. Grant and Macon are active in the Cornerstone Class and Addy is a dedicated member of the Youth. We are blessed MSUMC is now your church home.



On May 3rd, Main Street "officially" welcomed Athena Hagood as a professing member. She currently serves on the children's council and works with the children on Wednesday nights. Our children love her immensely, and are so pleased she chose Main Street to be her church family.



#### Meet at the Movies!

When: June 24, July 1, and July 8  
 Time: 9:40 am and pick up @11:45  
 Who: 3 year olds to 5th grade  
 Pop corn boxes provided!

Let Allison or Wendy know know to expect you!



# June 2026

Saturday

Friday








Thursday

Wednesday

Tuesday

Monday

Sunday

<p><b>We hope to see you at our events! Call the Church Office with any questions.</b> <b>864-229-7551</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> 5:30 pm Board of Trustees Mtg 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Susanna Circle at Wesley Commons</p>	<p><b>3</b> 11:00 am Member Support Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b> 11:00 am After the Ascension Bible Study 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7 Annual Conference Week</b> 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6:00 pm Joyful Flock Gathering</p> 	<p><b>10</b> 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>  <p>8:00 am Youth Whitewater Rafting Outing 11:00 am After the Ascension Bible Study 1:00 pm Food Ministry 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p><b>12</b> 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b> 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p><b>15 Vacation Bible School</b> 9:00 am Vacation Bible School</p> 	<p><b>16 Vacation Bible School</b> 9:00 am Vacation Bible School</p> 	<p><b>17 Vacation Bible School</b> 9:00 am Vacation Bible School</p> 	<p><b>18 Vacation Bible School</b> 9:00 am Vacation Bible School 11:00 am After the Ascension Bible Study 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>19 Vacation Bible School</b> 9:00 am Vacation Bible School 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p><b>20 Flag Day</b> 9:00 am Soup Kitchen Volunteers TEAM #3</p> 
<p><b>21 Father's Day</b> 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball</p> 	<p><b>22</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p><b>23</b> 11:00 am Hymnology Class 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Joyful Flock Gathering</p> 	<p><b>24</b> 9:40 am Children's Movie Morning</p> 	<p><b>25</b> 11:00 am After the Ascension Bible Study 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p><b>26</b> 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b> 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 12:45 pm Church Council Mtg. 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p><b>29</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p><b>30</b> 11:00 am Hymnology Class</p>				

**Important**



**Children's Ministry Volunteer List**

Email Mary Kate Skinner to be part of the rotation at [mkskinn@gmail.com](mailto:mkskinn@gmail.com)

**Acolytes and Crucifer:**

- June 7** Diana Fields & Bernie Bautista, Mary Margaret Skinner
- June 14** Crawford Burns, Josh Albon
- June 21** Maggie Shirley, Ryder Larkins
- June 28** Bernie Bautista, Addy McCaslan

**Sunday School & Extended Session:**

Allison Wooten and Wendy Hill

**Nursery:** Sydney Sluder & Kim Gultch



# The Connection

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