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FOLLOWING CHRIST FROM CITY CENTER

Letter from the Pastor

A few weeks ago, I read this short article from Barbara Johnson of Ecunet Homilectics. It is an article with a satirical side. However, it paints to a problem of the human walk of faith, and we must constantly remind ourselves "What would Christ do?"

Jesus Took the Man by the Hand

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out. A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there." An objective person came along and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there." A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into a pit." A mathematician calculated how he fell in the pit. A news reporter wanted an exclusive story on his pit. A fundamentalist said, "You deserve your pit." An IRS man asked if he was paying taxes on the pit. A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit." A charismatic said, "Just confess that you're not in a pit." An optimist said, "Could be worse." A pessimist said, "Things will get worse." Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit!

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

Gina Jolly, Director of Music Ministry
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Join the Choir!

Want to be part of a wonderful fellowship and meaningful ministry at MSUMC? Our choir rehearsals resume **Wednesday, August 6th at 7PM**. There's a place for you!

Men's Choir — Let's Fill the Loft!

We're calling all **men** of the church — from youth to senior adults! Join us on **Sunday, August 24th** as we fill the choir loft and lead worship through song. Meet in the choir room at 10:30AM to rehearse an easy, familiar hymn — no need to be a trained singer! Just come with a joyful heart ready to praise God. (Ladies, your special Sunday is coming soon — September 21st!)

Interested in Handbells?

Ever wanted to try handbells? You don't need to be a music expert — we'll teach you everything you need to know! Our handbell choir plays 4–5 times throughout the year. Email **Gina Jolly** if you're interested!



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ENGAGE
FAMILY • FRIENDS • FELLOWSHIP



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**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,
& Hymns**



August 13



5:15 pm ~ Supper in the Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm ~ Hymn Sing

(Solos, small groups, and hymn shout outs)



Supper provided by the choir!



Join us for this fun Choir Fundraiser!!

Flowers for our Worship Services

August 3	Available
August 10	Rebecca Harmon
August 17	Available
August 24	Sunni Bond
August 31	Available



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
Celebration Circle and Susanna Circle**
will all be back in September!

Member Care

Visiting, taking Upper Room devotionals, and mailing cards were just a few of the ways the member care team ministered to our Homebound members in July. What a treat to have "Carry Out" meals from Rev. Bowling and Karen's welcome luncheon delivered. Homebound members also receive thoughtful and delicious surprises ~ Cook's fresh peaches!! Thank you, team, for your love, concern, and kindness.

**Greater Greenwood United Ministry's Annual
Music for Ministry Fundraiser**
Get your tickets from GGUM! 864-223-9144

Saturday, August 23
5:00-8:00 pm
New Spring Church
1306 72 By-Pass
Christian Music
Fat Daddy's BBQ &
Live/Silent Auctions



Stewardship and Finance

Financial Report as of July 27, 2025

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
YTD Contributions:	\$426,000	\$298,559	(\$127,441)
YTD Expenses:	\$426,000	\$326,400	\$99,600

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 July 11, volunteers gave away "ice cold water" to visitors during the Festival of Discovery. Special thanks to the Museum for allowing us to have a perfect spot!

Missions



For the tenth year, Main Street has been blessed to welcome and serve the Emerald City Salkehatchie workers. Thank you to the missions' committee for providing the Chicken Tenders and the volunteers who donated all the sides and dessert. These young people left full and refreshed to carry out God's work!

ELEVATE

MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRIES

Stay Updated on Elevate Youth!

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

August 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:

- August 3 - Lake Day at the Painter's (Meet at the Youth Room at 4:00pm, pick up at church 8:00)
- August 10 - Bowling Party at Expo 300 (6:00-8:00, meet there)
- August 17 - Pool Party Round 2 at the Skinner's (6:00-8:00, meet at 325 E. Cambridge Ave)
- August 22 - Breakfast Club (Cost covered & transportation provided afterwards - let Preston know if you need a ride!)
- August 24 - Shores of Asbury Outing
- August 31 - No youth (Labor Day Weekend)

Further Out:

- September 7 - No youth (Worship at Camp Fellowship that morning)
- September 14 - Joint with First Presbyterian (5:00-6:30 Fellowship Night at Greenwood Railroad Center or Dodgeball tournament at Main Street)
- September 21 - Joint with First Presbyterian (5:00-6:30 Dodgeball tournament at Main Street or Fellowship Night at Greenwood Railroad Center depending on 9/14 weather)

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! So far this summer, youth volunteered at VBS on June 8-12; On June 13, youth tore down the ramp in front of the Cambridge Building and pressure-washed the sidewalk; In July, Mary Margaret & Peyton joined in giving out iced waters at the BBQ Festival. Be on the lookout for more opportunities this summer & fall!

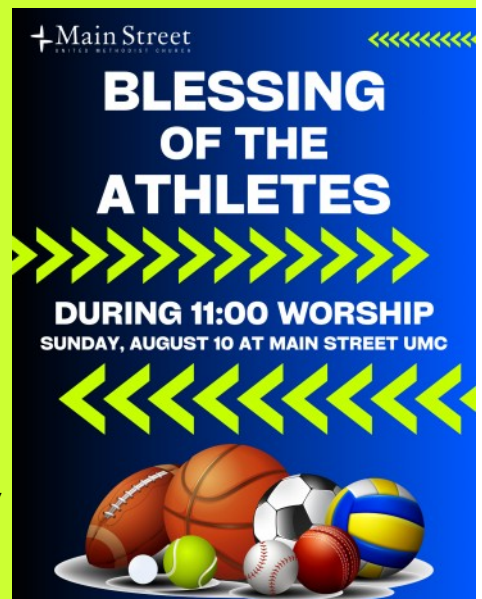
July Highlight



25 youth attended our Carowinds trip on July 15! The trip included a devotion prior to departure on Philippians 4: 4-7. Whether feeling anxious on a roller coaster or in the various areas of life, remember to pray and rely on the peace God provides. Thank you to Susan Albon, Joanne Campbell, Rhonda McGinnis, and Glenn Williams for helping chaperone!

Blessing of the Athletes: August 10

All youth playing sports this schoolyear are invited for prayer and recognition at the Blessing of the Athletes on August 10, including recognition of several youth in particular that experienced success. All participants will receive bracelets with Bible verses as well. Any teammates and coaches are welcome to attend! We are excited to recognize and pray for student athletes and coaches.





We extend Christian Love and Sympathy to: Preston Goforth and family on the death of his grandmother, Phyllis Calamas of Newberry, on July 15, 2025.

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Andrea Harris Cabe, Art Sutherland, Ted Morton, Jon Bassett, Jamison Tinsley, Wanda Wenner, Jackie Daniel, Richard Pinckney, Pam Dawes, John Harr, 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.

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.**

Wednesday Men's Bible Study

Returning August 13

12:00 in the Library

Pizza provided.

Come when you can.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Beginning August 14

11:00 am

Book of Exodus

Bring a friend!

Call the church office if you have ideas
for Mondays or Tuesday

SMALL BOTTLES JUICE, WATER OR GATORADE

FOOD MINISTRY

SOUP

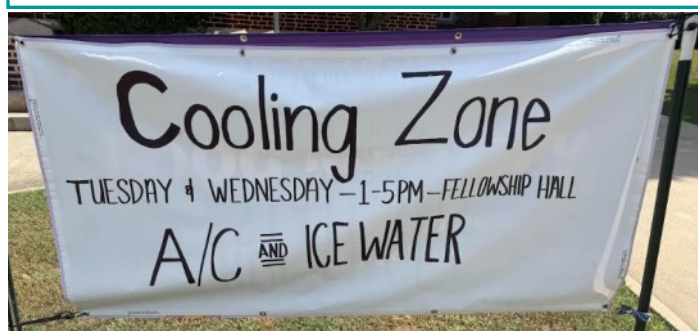
GRITS PACKETS

PEANUT BUTTER

CANNED FRUIT

AUGUST 14, SEPTEMBER 11, & October 9

1:00 - 3:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



Wednesday Nights

Engage Meal: 5:15—6:00 pm

August 13 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, & Fixings
Choir Hymns Fundraiser

August 20 Power Salad
Susan Albon & Cathy Painter

August 27 Meat and 3 with Dessert
New Opportunity Church

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: "Twelve Extraordinary Women"

made extraordinary by life-changing

encounters with God

Led by Mary Lynn Polk

Option 2: Disciple Fast Tract

Old Testament

Led by Glenn Williams

Main Street saw a need and acted quickly. During the heat wave, 12 volunteers manned our "Cooling Zone" to provide ice water and AC. We had a few appreciative recipients. Josie Shirley was a lifesaver and provided us with 2 amazing banners to advertize. Thanks everyone for your willingness to lend a hand.

MSUMC is serving our community!



Engage Returns
August 13, 2025
Wednesday Evenings
6 – 7 pm
allison.wooten@mainstreetgreenwood.org 864-344-1414
wendy.hill@mainstreetwood.org 864-993-6328



Skated through summer!



More Summer Movie Fun



Stick Families~
Extended Session



Join us for an Engage Kick-off/Back to School Bash on August 13. Come and eat supper first, and then play on the water slide!

July's Loose Change~
\$245.28 will purchase children's books for the waiting rooms.



Loose Change Containers received a "Make-Over"!



Blessing of the Backpacks—July 20th

CELEBRATIONS

August Birthdays

- 1 Ryan Sprouse
- 2 Judy Sutherland
- 4 Paula Gray
- 6 Betty Stockman
- 7 Olivia Sprouse
- 8 Tommy Tunstall
- 10 Danny Hoy
- 14 Joanne Campbell
- 15 John Williams,
Brad Wenner
- 16 Don Marino, Susan Albon
- 17 Karen Bowlling
- 18 Bobby Driver, Lour Walters, Sam Crooks
- 20 Jean Osborne, Dakota Leopard
- 21 Ronda Mauldin, Sanders Rogers
- 22 Ellesor Holder
- 24 Josie Shirley
- 25 Bastian Wishart
- 31 Brab Dukes

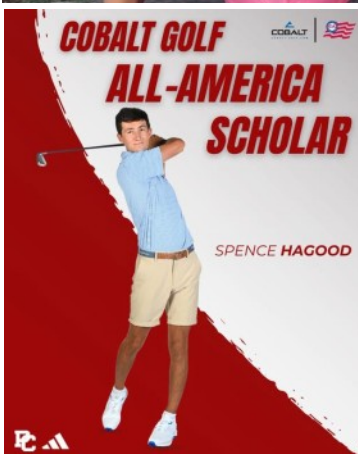


August Anniversaries

- 2 Brandon and Brittany Smith
- 5 Art and Judy Sutherland
Kevin and Wendy Hill
- 6 Phillip and Barbara Gates
- 9 Kathy and Murff
- 10 Jared and Brooke Styron
- 16 Michael and Lena Meredith
- 17 Eric and Heather Oliver
- 20 Ted and Henrietta Morton
- 29 R.T. and Karen Bowling



Welcome R.T. & Karen



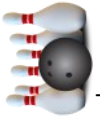


Congrats to Spence Hagood for being named GCAA All-America Scholar. Spence is the son of Lori Anne Hagood and Andy Hagood. He is a rising Junior at Presbyterian College. Your Main Street family is proud of you, Spence.

Looking forward... September

September 1 - Church closed for Labor Day
 September 7 - Sunday at the Lake
 September 14 - Church Conference
 September 18-20 - Mud Pies Consignment Sale
 September 21 - Annual Charge Conference



August 2025

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>3 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p>4 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Member Care Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 911</p>	<p>5 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:00 am Susanna Circle 5:30 pm Missions Committee Meeting</p>	<p>6 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 1:00 pm Main Streeters Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:30 pm Nominations and Leadership Dev. Meeting 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p>1 7:30 am Mud Pies Teacher Workday 4:00 pm GHS Chorus Retreat 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>2 10:00 am GHS Chorus Retreat</p>
<p>10 Blessing of the Athletes 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 6:00 pm Youth Bowling Party 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p> 	<p>11 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p>12 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 4:15 pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>13 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:30 am Celebration Circle 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Engage Supper 6:00 pm Hamburgers, Hotdogs & Hymn Sing 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 1:00 pm Food Ministry 6:30 pm Band Practice 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p>15 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>16 9:00 am Soup Kitchen Volunteers TEAM #4</p> 
<p>17 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 6:00 pm Youth Pool Party 7:30 pm Pick-Up Basketball</p> 	<p>18 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 911 Court of Honor Covered Dish</p>	<p>19 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship</p>	<p>20 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Engage Supper 6:00 pm Elevate Youth 7:00 pm Bible/Book Studies 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 1389 7:00 pm Pick Up Basketball</p>	<p>22 7:00 am Youth Breakfast Club 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>23 Music for Ministry</p>
<p>24 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 3:00 pm Youth Shores of Asbury Outing 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p>25 Mud Pies Scholastic Book Fair 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911</p> 	<p>26 Mud Pies Scholastic Book Fair 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 4:15 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship</p>	<p>27 Mud Pies Scholastic Book Fair 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Engage Supper 6:00 pm Elevate Youth 7:00 pm Bible/Book Studies 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28 Mud Pies Scholastic Book Fair 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 9:00 am Mud Pies Grandparent's Day Event 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p>29 Mud Pies Scholastic Book Fair 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 9:00 am Mud Pies Grandparent's Day Event 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>30</p>
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Children's Ministry Volunteer List

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

Acolytes and Crucifer

August 3 Finnley Smith and Leena Fields
August 10 Maggie Shirley and Josh Albon
August 17 Crawford Burns and Peyton Larkins
August 24 Campbell Smith and Mary Margaret Skinner
August 31 Maggie Shirley and Leena Fields

Sunday School & Extended Session:

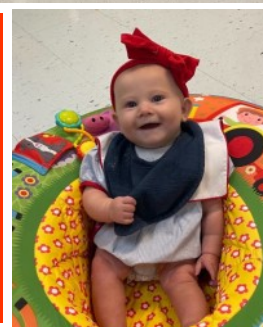
August 3 Wendy Hill
August 10 Joanne Campbell
August 17 Lindsay Burns
August 24 Mary Kate Skinner
August 31 Allie Williams

Nursery: Sydney Sluder & Rachel Jolly



Welcome back,
Mud Pies families!

Our teachers
are excited for
a great year!!



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