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Cookies Galore!

The Family Ministries Committee is asking for cookie donations for the reception after the Hanging of the Greens Service. Please let Lindsay Burns @ lindsay.briskin@gmail.com know if you would like to help out! You may bring your 2 dozen cookies to the Fellowship Hall on the morning of the 29th. Cookies may be on a Christmas tray (labeled or a non-returnable container). Many thanks from Family Ministries.



The Staff is so thankful for you all and hope you can enjoy time with your family and friends. The office will be closed on November 25, 26, & 27.



Daylight Saving Time Ends this weekend! Set your clocks back an hour on Sunday, November 1st.

Flowers for our Worship Services



November 1 Eagleson
November 8 Available
November 15 Available
November 22 Thanksgiving
November 29 Harmon

The new 2027 flower calendar is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Sign up for a special date or call the church office. Families can always share flowers if there's a special date you would like to reserve.

United Women in Faith

Susanna Circle
Tuesday, November 3rd
10:00 am ~ Wesley Commons

Celebration Circle
Wednesday, November 11th
10:30 am ~ Fellowship Hall

In this month of Thanksgiving we will be preparing a meal for both the Engage dinner and Women at the Pathway House. We can use as many hands as possible on Wednesday Nov. 11th at 10:30 to cook and 4pm to serve. Let's be the hands and feet of God.

CHURCH FAMILY DECORATING DAY November 22



We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season after the11:00 am service. As always, we'll have a lunch first and then prepare our beautiful church for the Advent Season. All are welcome to come & join in. Many hands make work light. Thanks in advance to all the elves!

Operation Christmas Child

Boxes are due November 8th



Shoeboxes are available outside the church office and Mud Pies lobby!

Stewardship and Finance

Financial Report as of September 27, 2026

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
YTD Contributions:	$522,873	$385,346	($137,527)
YTD Expenses:	$522,873	$424,147	$ 98,726

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.

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. We can't help if we don't know!



We will be ordering Poinsettias SOON! More information will be in your mini connection, and an order form will be included in the November bulletins.

Please Join Us For The

Community Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 PM

211 Main St. N, Greenwood, SC 29646

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Sermon by
The Reverend Jane Rogers Wilson "Janey"
of The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Area clergy and congregations from across Greenwood will join together in worship.

Music by
Immanuel Resurrection Ringers,
Palmetto Girls Sing
and combined Choir from area churches

Offering will be donated to Greater Greenwood United Ministries.

ELEVATE

MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRIES

Stay Updated on Elevate Youth!

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

September 2026 Youth Activities

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

Wednesday Evenings (except November 25):
-Engage Supper - 5:15 in the Fellowship Hall
-ELEVATE - 6:00-7:00 in the Youth Room

Mark Your Calendars:
-November 1 - Shopping Outing for Operation Christmas Child (5:30-7:30)
-November 8 - Youth & Children Stuff the Shoebox Party (4:00-6:30)
-November 13 - Breakfast Club (Cost covered & transportation provided afterwards - let Preston know if you need a ride!)
-November 15 - Shopping Outing for Giving Tree Project (5:30-7:30)
-November 22 - Fireside Sunday at Debbie Tharpe's
-November 29 - Hanging of the Greens

Further Out:
-December 5 - Poinsettia Surprise Delivery
-December 11 - Walk Through Bethlehem
-December 13 - Christmas Play
-December 13 - Youth Christmas Party
-January 15-17 - Encounter Winter Retreat at Lake Junaluska

Ramp Service Project (Bottom Right)

Special shout-out to Cole, Benjo, Mary Margaret, Rosemary, Kate, and Addy for assisting Glenn Williams with a ramp project! These youth spent time serving the Lord and having an impact during their fall break on the first week of October. Keep Elevating!



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.



Chick-Fil-A Night at Engage

Thank you to these awesome youth for serving our Engage meal on October 14!



Fall Festival

A fun time was had at the Fall Festival on October 25! Youth had the "Jungle Bus" and the "Bug Mobile" for Trunk or Treat! Way to go!





Continuing Prayer Concerns: Ellison Albon, Wendy Hill, Terry Martin, Susan Pinckney, Cheryl McCord, Aaron Greene, (Myra's brother), Jaliyah Cade, Pam Dawes, Betty Staples, Sandra Lewis, Elaine Dukes, Marian Adams, Sherman Culbertson, Joe Chapman, Sam Pinckney, Devon and Peggy Aaron, Richard Pinckney, Sara Catherine Wilkinson, our church, peace around the world and within our city and county, 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
FAMILY • FRIENDS • FELLOWSHIP

ENGAGE in Small Groups

Engage is not just on Wednesdays~ Options are available to suit your schedule.

Tuesday Hymnology Class

Back by Popular Demand!
Meets the first three Tuesdays of the month
11:00 am in the Choir Room
Led by Myra Greene

Thursday Morning Study

Parables of Jesus
"Simple Stories with Large Truths"
Meets each Thursday - 11:00 am in the Library
Led by Rev. Bowling

Missions

Greater Greenwood United Ministry's Thursday evening Free Medical Clinic was well- fed during the month of October~ thanks to Main St. UMC! We are blessed to help this vital ministry.





The November/December Upper Room devotionals are available in the church office, the narthex, and side door entrance
$1.00 regular print ~ $1.50 large print

Wednesday Nights

Engage Meal: 5:15 - 6:00 pm

November 4 Smothered Steak & Chicken, Salmon Patties, Mac'n Cheese, Turnup greens, Carrots, Corn Bread, & Banana Pudding
New Opportunity Church

November 11 Ham, Pineapple Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls and Dessert
Celebration Circle

November 18 Thanksgiving Meal
Family Ministries

November 25 Happy Thanksgiving—No Engage

Thank you for RSVPing by1:00 pm on Monday each week @ **mainstreetgreenwood.org**
This helps our "chefs" plan and prepare!

*****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.**

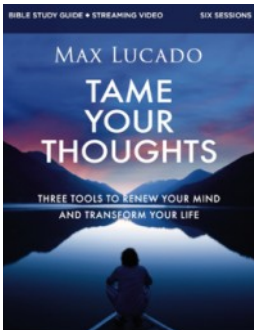
Believe it or not, it's already time to plan for meals and programs for the Spring Semester of Engage. The dates are **January 20th—May 5th,** with No Engage on **March 24th** as it is Holy Week. Please call the church office if you are led to lead a book or Bible study. Thank you so much!

Adult Program: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Video study by Max Lucado called "Tame Your Thoughts".

Main Points:
*Take thoughts captive
*Test each message against the truth of Scripture
*Interrupt poisonous thought threads
*Think and act like Jesus

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall



MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Children's MINISTRIES

Engage

Wednesday Evenings
6 – 7 pm
allison.wooten@mainstreetgreenwood.org 864-344-1414
wendy.hill@mainstreetwood.org 864-993-6328

*****Save these Dates*****

November 8th
Operation Christmas Child
Stuff the Shoe Box Party @ 4-6:30

November 29th
Hanging of the Greens

December 4th - Parent's Night Out
5:30 -8:00 pm

December 12th - Christmas Play
Rehearsal & Christmas Party

December 13th - Christmas Play
11:00 am Service



Pumpkin Carving Party
October 21
21 Kiddos ~ Awesome!







Fall Festival Fun~ Trunk or Treat, Cake Walk, Costume Contest, Bouncy House, Games and Pop Corn!!!





Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child RETURNS

Boxes and instructions are located outside the office. We want every child to know God loves them. Please return boxes by **November 8th**





Church Wide Christmas Outreach Project

THE GIVING TREE

The tree will be set up outside the Fellowship Hall by the stained glass windows. When you take a tag, you are providing Christmas for middle school students and their siblings who are not served through DSS. Please return gifts unwrapped by **December 1st**

Contact Wendy or Allison with questions or more info.

CELEBRATIONS

November Birthdays



1 Shell Dula
Karen Boring
3 Bob Bennett
4 Lori Bassett
Michael Fisher
Aubrey Hoy
Mary James Grimshaw
6 Joey Bagwell
7 Barbara Fields
11 Debbie Tharpe
12 David Painter, Abby Dent
14 Bradley Funderburk
15 Isaac Shaffer
17 Sherman Culbertson, Hannah Leopard
19 Andy Hagood
20 Mary Margaret Skinner
22 Jarratt Smith
27 John Sprouse, Christine Shirley
29 Anne Drake
30 Gary Patterson

November Anniversaries



4 Steven and Mary Lyle Cathcart
23 William and Martha Culbertson
24 Grant and Macon McCaslan
25 Steve and Cindy Skinner

Board of Trustees News

The Board of Trustees recently were able to have the kitchen deep–cleaned. Many thanks to the congregation's participation in the Easter's Lenten Offering that helped off-set the cost.

Thank you to all who helped with the Trustee Work Day on October 17. Much was accomplished by the 21 volunteers. Outside, trees were trimmed, and the playground was spruced up. Inside, closets were cleaned out as well as the refrigerator and pantry in the kitchen. Also, the sacristy and choir loft received some much needed TLC.







Women's Choir—October 18th

- **Needs**: Canned Fruits
  Peanut Butter
  Canned Vegetables
  Breakfast Bars
- **Upcoming Dates:**
  November 12
  December 10
  January 14



Looking forward… December

Parent's Night Out - December 4th
Children's Christmas Play - December 13th
Church Council Meeting - December 13th
Church-wide Christmas Caroling - Date to be determined
Christmas Eve and Communion Service - December 24th

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Sunday 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 5:30 pm Elevate Youth 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball	**2** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	**3** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Susanna Circle 11:00 am Hymnology Class 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship	**4** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Member Support Mtg 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Children's Ministries 6:00 pm Elevate Youth 6:00 pm Engage Adult Program 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	**5** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Parables Of Jesus 5:15 pm Hanging of the Greens Planning Meeting 7:00 pm Pick up Basketball	**6** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool	**7**
8 Veteran's Day Sunday 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 4:00 pm Stuff the Shoebox Party 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball 	**9** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	**10** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Hymnology Class 5:30 pm Missions Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship	**11 Veteran's Day** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:30 am Celebration Circle 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Children's Ministries 6:00 pm Elevate Youth 6:00 pm Engage Adult Program 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	**12** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Parables of Jesus 1:00 pm Food Ministry 5:30 pm SPRC Meeting 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball	**13** 7:00 am Youth Breakfast Club 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool	**14**
15 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 3:00 pm Funeral - The Mortons 5:30 pm Elevate Youth 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball	**16** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:30 pm Family Ministries Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	**17** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Hymnology Class 4:15 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship	**18** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Children's Ministries 6:00 pm Elevate Youth 6:00 pm Engage Adult Program 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	**19** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Parables of Jesus 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball	**20** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:00 am Mud Pies Thanksgiving Feast	**21** 9:00 am Soup Kitchen Volunteers TEAM #4 Ella Winfield, the Connells, and the Campbells 
22 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 12:00 pm HOG Decorating and Chili Lunch 5:30 pm Elevate Youth Fireside Sunday 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball 	**23** 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911 7:00 pm Greenwood Community Thanksgiving Service	**24** 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship	**25 Church Closed for Thanksgiving**	**26 Happy Thanksgiving!** 	**27 Church Closed for Thanksgiving**	**28**
29 First Day of Advent 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 6:30 pm Hanging of the Greens	**30** 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911					**We hope to see you at our events! Call the Church Office with any questions.** **864-229-7551**

Children's Ministry Volunteer List

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

Acolytes and Crucifer:

November 1 Crawford Burns & Cori D'Alessandro with Mary Margaret Skinner
November 8 Diana Fields with Addy McCaslan
November 15 Maggie Shirley with Ryder Larkins
November 22 Finnley & Campbell Smith with Peyton Larkins
November 29 Crawford Burns & Cori D'Alessandro with Josh Albon

Sunday School & Extended Session:
Allison Wooten and Wendy Hill

Nursery: Sydney Sluder & Kim Gultch

Wedding bells rang at Mud Pies! Congratulations to Madison Baker Collins, one of our infant teachers. She and Jacob were married on October 10th. We wish you much happiness.



Angel Tree—Canned Food Drive Begins December 1st. Items donated will go to MSUMC's Food Pantry.











Thank you to the precious mom who provided us with all the apples!

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