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Letter from the Pastor

October is Quite A Month.

As this communication reaches you, the month of October is upon us. October is a time of change in the Northern Hemisphere. The heat of summer is leaving and cooler days are beginning. The sunlight of summer is waning and sunsets are getting earlier. The leaves change from the green of summer to a beautiful autumn tapestry of gold, brown, and red. In sports, it is the time of year that Major League Baseball concludes with the World Series and football is in its full fury with seasons being defined. In politics, it is a time when campaigns are making their closing appeals for your vote.

October is no different in the church. It is the time of year when we elect new officers for leadership, begin planning next year's budget, and enjoy autumn fellowship occasions. Our choir begins its frenetic preparations for Advent and Christmas Seasons in October. The Youth and Children's Ministries are working on projects for the coming Advent and Christmas seasons.

I want to encourage all of you to be a part of the church and its activities during this great month of the year. If you have been in the summer doldrums, October is a great time to reconnect with the Body of Christ called Main Street UMC. See you at church!

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



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Happy Fall Y'all!

Fall Festival - Sunday, October 25
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Trunk or Treat

We're collecting individually wrapped candy!

Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Thank you!!

Music Ministry



The Church will be closed on Oct. 12th.

Flowers for our Worship Services

October 4 Stockman
October 11 Available
October 18 Bond
October 25 Available



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



Susanna Circle

Tuesday, October 6th
10:00 am ~ Wesley Commons

Celebration Circle

Wednesday, October 14th
10:30 am ~ Fellowship Hall

Calling all Circle members to come on October 14th at 10:30 am. We will be gathering to help make blankets for the children at the Pathway house. Please bring your scissors as we make tie blankets.



Men's Low Country Boil

All men are invited to Main Street's Men's Low Country Boil on October 6 at 6:00 pm at David and Cathy Painter's [119 Attaway Way](#)

Call or email David to let him know you are coming.

864-706-2584 or dcpainter75@gmail.com

Donations are appreciated!

Parking is limited so please carpool if you can.



October 18th!

Calling all women, youth to senior adults, this is your chance to sing for worship! Come fill the choir loft! Meet in the Choir Room on October 18th @ 10:30 am to rehearse a simple, familiar song to sing as the anthem. Come singing joyful praises to our God ~no experience necessary.



Sunday, October 4, 2026

As we gather around the Lord's table, we recognize our unity in Christ, joining with our brothers and sisters in Holy Communion. Let us draw faith and inspiration from being part of a community of millions of believers.

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.

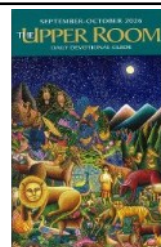
Member Support Team

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!

The September/October 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



Membership/ Evangelism

Greenwood High Football Meal ~ October 1, 2026

For the 3rd year, we provided a meal for the players and coaches. This has been a highlight for us! David Painter provided a devotion. If you'd like to help next year with the meal or volunteering to cook,



serve, or even donating monetarily, we'd appreciate it. We prepared and fed about 50. Contact the church office @ 864-229-7551 or Jo Patterson, our

staff liaison, to sign up to help next year!



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 October 7):

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

Mark Your Calendars:

- October 11 - Tentative Putt-Putt Outing (5:30-7:30)
- October 14 - Youth serving Engage meal
- October 16 - Breakfast Club (Cost covered & transportation provided afterwards - let Preston know if you need a ride!)
- October 25 - Fall Festival

Further Out:

- November 8 - Main Street Roundup
- November 29 - Hanging of the Greens
- January 15-17 - Encounter Winter Retreat at Lake Junaluska



Bowling

Youth had a bowling outing to Expo 300 on September 13! Included was a devotion on "staying in our lane" but also being willing to help as the Holy Spirit leads!

Treasure Hunt

September 27 was a perfect night for a treasure hunt at Grace Street Park, plus a Bible lesson on the Parable of the Hidden Treasure!



Bruster's

On September 20, youth went to Bruster's for dessert & had a devotion on being alert!

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!



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.



Rafting (Left)

The youth went whitewater rafting at US Whitewater Center in Charlotte on September 30! A fun time was had for this outing during the fall break!



We extend Christian love and sympathy to: Lori and Jon Bassett and family on the death of her father, Phil Lucas, on September 11, 2026.

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Jo Patterson, Madalin Radcliffe, Susan Pinckney, Cheryl McCord, Pam Dawes, Betty Staples, Elaine Dukes, Marian Adams, 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

In Memoriam

John Lawrence Sherrill
September 26, 2026

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Henrietta Rosson Morton
September 26, 2026



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



Greenwood Area Caregiver Support Group

This support group now meets each month at the Greenwood Hospice Store, 217 North Creek Blvd. Join this free group to connect with information, encouragement, and support for all caregivers, regardless of diagnosis, during your care giving journey. Light refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday Nights

Engage Meal: 5:15 - 6:00 pm

October 7 Covered dish! Your choice!

Bring your favorite dish! You can bring a salad, a vegetable, a casserole, a crockpot meat dish or a dessert! We are changing it up a bit this Wednesday. Anyone can come, no cost this night, just bring a dish!

October 14 Chick-Fil-A

Our Youth are hosting this fundraiser!

October 21 Hot dogs, chili, slaw, chips, and dessert

The Dula Class is hosting this fundraiser

October 28 Pork tenderloin, corn on the cob, hash

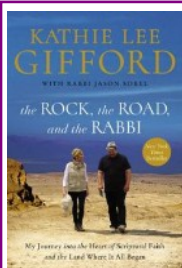
brown casserole, rolls, and dessert

Family Ministries is hosting this one!

Thank you for RSVPing by 1:00 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**

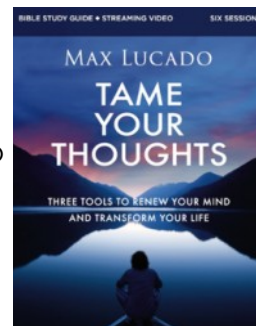


Adult Program: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

October 7th in the Fellowship Hall
'the Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi'
This is the last stop where Kathie Lee Gifford visits sites in Israel that have impacted her life. As she shares her story, Rabbi Jason Sobel, a messianic Jewish rabbi, provides

background details into the language, culture and heritage that make the story of the New Testament come alive. By Glenn Williams.

Starting October 14th
We will be starting a new video study by Max Lucado. It's called "Tame Your Thoughts". Join us each Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 pm.





Engage

Wednesday Evenings

6 – 7 pm

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Zoo trip!

On Monday, September 28, the Children visited the Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia! They saw most all of the animals, and even fed a giraffe! The trip home included a stop at Rush's for milkshakes!



Loose Change (Right)

On Sunday, September 27, the children collected loose change for Loose Change Sunday! Proceeds will go toward Operation Christmas Child.



CELEBRATIONS

October Birthdays

- 1 Ryder Larkins
- 2 Miriam Garner
- 4 Sissie Noble,
Cathy Painter,
Marisa Rogers, and
Hunter Hill
- 5 Carol Burgess
- 6 Madalin Radcliffe,
Will Thompson
- 10 Tara Smith
- 13 Wells Massengill, Jared Styron
- 14 Carol Harley, Lomax Murphy
- 16 Tyler Larkins, Cindee Stewart
- 17 Carolyn McCutcheon, Holden Styron
- 18 Caroline Hawthorne, Laine Wiedemann,
Dennis Jones
- 21 Trace Meredith, Kim Clark, Laney Smith
- 22 Eddie Bartless
- 23 Alice Grimshaw, Cindy Harris
- 24 Finnley Smith, Ron Osborne
- 25 Ken Kittle
- 26 Lindsay Burns
- 27 Bernie Bautista, Elaine Dukes, Rossie Corwan,
Mary Lyle Cathcart, Alexia Karademitros
- 29 Sarah Hartung, Kim Charles, Jim Garner



October Anniversaries

- 12 Josh and Mary Kate Skinner
- 19 Phillip and Taylor Grimshaw
- 21 Lincoln and Rhonda McGinnis
- 24 Howard and Carolyn Thomes
- 26 Townes and Rosann Jones



Looking forward... November

- November 1 - All Saint's Sunday
- November 21 - Soup Kitchen - Team #4
- November 22 - Church family decorating day
- November 23 - Community Thanksgiving Service
- November 25 - Church closed - holidays
- November 26 - Thanksgiving Day
- November 29 - First Day of Advent-
Hanging of the Greens
and Poinsettia Orders



You are invited!  

Fall Festival

Sunday, October 25
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Trunk or Treat 3:00-3:30
Games and Crafts 3:30-5:00
Cake Walk 4:00
Costume Contest 4:30



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Join us on the 25th for Halloween FUN!

Missions

One of October's mission projects is to provide supper each Thursday this month for the Clinic volunteers at Greater Greenwood United Ministries. Main Street has supported this ministry for many, many years and are blessed to be able help in this small way. Thank you, Missions, Drake Class, Men's Club, Dula Class, Genesis to Revelation Class, and Cornerstone Class.

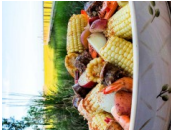
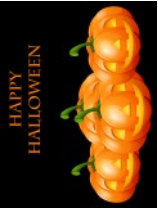


- **Needs:** Canned Fruits
Peanut Butter
Green Canned Vegetables
- **Upcoming Dates:**
October 8
November 12
December 10



Food Ministry
1-3 pm in the
Fellowship Hall

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
We hope to see you at our events! Call the Church Office with any questions. 864-229-7551				1 11:00 am After the Ascension Bible Study 5:30 pm SPRC Meeting 7:00 pm Pick up Basketball	2	3
4 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball	5 5:30 pm Board of Trustees Mtg 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	6 10:00 am Susanna Circle 11:00 am Hymnology 6:00 pm Men's Low Country Boil 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship 	7 11:00 am Member Support Mtg. 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Engage Adult Program 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 11:00 am District Confirmation Interest Meeting 1:00 pm Food Ministry 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball	9	10 Birthday Party
11 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 5:30 pm Elevate Youth 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball	12 Church Office Closed 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 4:00 pm Mud Pies Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	13 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Hymnology Class 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship	14 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:30 am Celebration Circle 4:30 pm Confirmation Class 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Children's Ministries 6:00 pm Engage Youth 6:00 pm Engage Adult Program 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	15 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Parables of Jesus 'Simple Stories with Large Truths' 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball	16 7:30 am Mud Pies Pre-school	17 9:00 am Soup Kitchen Volunteers TEAM #3 Pam Faulkner, Myra Greene, the Painters, and the Wiedemanns 
18 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 3:00 pm Greenwood County Historical Society 5:30 pm Elevate Youth 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball	19 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	20 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Hymnology Class 6:30 pm Charge Conference 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship	21 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 4:30 pm Confirmation Class 5:00 pm Pumpkin Carving Party 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Children's Ministries 6:00 pm Engage Youth 6:00 pm Engage Adult Program 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Parables of Jesus 'Simple Truths...' 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball	23 7:30 am Mud Pies Pre-school Nemo at Community Theater	24
25 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 3:00 pm Fall Festival 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball 	26 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	27 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship	28 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 9:00 am Mud Pies to Corn Maze 4:30 pm Confirmation Class 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Children's Ministries 6:00 pm Engage Youth 6:00 pm Engage Adult Program 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	29 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Parables of Jesus "Simple Truths" 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball	30 7:30 am Mud Pies Pre-school	31 Happy Halloween! 



Children's Ministry Volunteer List

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

Acolytes and Crucifer:

- October 4** Crawford Burns with Mary Margaret Skinner
October 11 Campbell & Finnley Smith with Addy McCaslan
October 18 Cori D'Alessandro & Crawford Burns with Peyton Larkins
October 25 Maggie Shirley & Bernie Bautista with Ryder Larkins

Sunday School & Extended Session:

Allison Wooten and Wendy Hill

Nursery: Sydney Sluder & Kim Gultch



Thank you, thank you, to all who made our Fall Consignment Sale the biggest and best, yet! We will see you back in March for the Spring Sale.

Allison & Wendy



Board of Trustees News

All are invited to join in cleaning up our beautiful church campus, inside and out, on October 17th! The Trustees are hosting a church-wide Clean Up Day. Come be part of this morning together.

"I rejoiced with those who said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"
-Psalm 122:1



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