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FOLLOWING CHRIST FROM CITY CENTER

Letter from the Pastor

Martin Luther is credited with this interesting story.

Two mountain goats meet each other on a narrow ledge just wide enough for one of the animals. On the left there is a sheer cliff, and on the right a deep lake below. The two face each other. What should they do? They cannot back up — that would be too dangerous; they cannot turn around because the ledge is too narrow. Now, if the goats had no more sense than some people, they would meet head on and start butting each other until they fell into the lake below.

Luther tells us that goats have better sense than that. One lies down on the trail and lets the other literally walk over him — and both are safe. They must be willing (at least one of them) to humbly lie down and let the other pass over him. If they were like some folks, they would argue about WHO should lie down and WHO should walk over; but evidently "Goat-sense" is common sense.

Is there any need to make an application to ourselves? How often our stubbornness results in tragedy. How hard to be the least, to humble ourselves for the best interest of both. We hear folks say, "I'm going to stand up for my rights!" How much better it would be to meekly "suffer wrong" and be the least. It is a hard lesson to learn. Another says, "It's the principle of the thing I'm fighting for. It's not the few pennies involved, or the insults I've born — but I must defend my principles!"

Remember the PRINCIPLE thing is LOVE, and the Bible says "LOVE ... is kind; seeks not its own" (1 Corinthians 13:4, 5). Better allow yourself to be "walked over" than to quarrel.

Grace and Peace,
R.T. Bowling, III

2026 Fall Lay Servant Ministry School

The Fall 2026 Lay Servant Ministry School will be held on September 18-20 at Main Street UMC, 210 Main Street N, Greenwood, SC.

Register by September 11, 2026 online or by mail. Courses Offered are:
BASIC

Polity: Life Together in the United Methodist Connection

Heritage: Living Our United Methodist Beliefs

Justice in Everyday Life

September 18: 6:30 - 8:30 pm Zoom only

September 19: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm In person

September 20: 2:00-5:00 pm In person

Book list & registration options are on the Greenwood District Website:

[Greenwood District - South Carolina UMC \(umdsc.org\)](https://www.umdsc.org)



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Church Council

Quarterly Meeting ~ September 13th
There will be a light lunch following the 11 am Worship Service, and the meeting will begin at 12:45 pm. Please mark your calendar! Chairs of committees please submit your reports.



The Church will be closed on Sept. 7th.

Flowers for our Worship Services

September 6 Available
 September 13 Sunni Bond
 September 20 The Painters
 September 27 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, September 1st
 10:00 am ~ Wesley Commons

Celebration Circle

Wednesday, September 9th
 10:30 am ~ Fellowship Hall

Our guest speaker will be Anthony Price, the director of Pathway House, who will discuss options on how we can help this community. A light lunch will be served immediately following the meeting. Let's gather together and look forward to all God has in store for the season ahead.

Check out this opportunity! Some of you may remember Mary when she served as an associate pastor here at Main Street. If you'd like to go to this dinner at Advent UMC in Greenville, let Allie or Sharon know so we can carpool. Seventy years of women clergy~ how amazing is this?



Women's Low Country Boil

All women are invited to Main Street's 1st Women's Low Country Boil!

September 15 at 6:00 pm at David and Cathy Painter's

[119 Attaway Way](#)

Check our website to RSVP:

www.mainstreetgreenwood.org or call the church office. Donations are appreciated!

Parking is limited so please carpool if you can.

Stewardship and Finance

Financial Report as of August 30, 2026

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
YTD Contributions:	\$469,245	\$347,308	(\$122,937)
YTD Expenses:	\$469,245	\$386,281	\$ 82,964

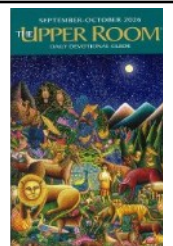
Reminder: If you are going to make a legacy gift to the Foundation, the check needs to be written to Main Street Church Foundation. Thank you.

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



Epworth's 2026 Annual Work Day Offering

On Sunday, September 13th, our congregation will participate in the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to support the children, youth, and families served through Epworth's ministries across South Carolina. This offering raises crucial financial support to care for children and families, as Epworth is not part of the standard conference budget apportionment. Epworth served 2,230 children, youth, and families through its statewide programs in 2025. Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to participate. To learn more about Epworth, visit www.epworthsc.org.

Main Street
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All-Men's Choir



September 27th

September 27th!

Come to the Choir Room @ 10:30 am to rehearse the Anthem. All men are welcome, youth to senior adult~no experience necessary.

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:

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

Mark Your Calendars:

- September 6 - No Youth (Labor Day Weekend)
- September 13 - Bowling Outing (5:30-7:30)
- September 18 - Breakfast Club (Cost covered & transportation provided afterwards - let Preston know if you need a ride!)
- September 20 - Bruster's Outing (5:30-7:30)
- September 26 - Sunday ELEVATE activity TBD

Further Out:

- October 14 - Youth serving Engage meal
- October 25 - Fall Festival
- November 29 - Hanging of the Greens
- January 15-17 - Encounter Winter Retreat at Lake Junaluska



Pictured Above & Below: Lake Day

Thank you to David and Cathy Painter for hosting us on August 23 for Youth Lake Day! Thank you as well to our chaperones. Youth had a fun evening at the lake!



Pictured Below: TopGolf on August 1

Along with delivering soda tabs (pictured left), youth had an outing to TopGolf!



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.



We extend Christian love and sympathy to: Beverly Burton and family on the death of her brother, Randy Burton of Alabama on August 8, 2026.
Tommy McNeil on the death of his sister, Marilyn Harvester of Texas, on August 26, 2026.

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Susan Pinckney, Phil Lucas

(Lori Bassett's father), Cheryl McCord, Goforth family, Tommy Rambo, Pam Dawes, Betty

Staples, Elaine Dukes, Marian Adams, Henrietta Morton, Brad Wenner, 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 in Small Groups

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

Tuesday Hymnology Class

Back by Popular Demand!

Resumes **September 8th**

11:00 am in the Choir Room

Led by Myra Greene

Thursday Morning Study

Parables of Jesus

"Simple Stories with Large Truths"

Begins **September 17th** 11:00 am in the Library

Led by Rev. Bowling

Special Engage Meal - September 16th Fundraiser for Bereavement Fund

Did you know we have 4 Bereavement teams with about 14-16 members on each team? These teams rotate and the members volunteer to prepare, serve a meal, and clean up when a member of our church passes away. Our church covers the cost of the meat. We offer the family a choice of having a meal for them here at church in the fellowship hall or have a meal delivered to their home. On the 16th, we are going to recreate a typical meal complete with tablecloths, flowers on the table, china, silver and crystal serving pieces, silverware, and stemware. This vital ministry is a way we can serve, comfort, and show love to the grieving family members. Please consider joining us and supporting this ministry. You will be amazed at what all is involved!

In Memoriam

Jackie Daniel
August 22, 2026

Wednesday Nights

Engage Meal: 5:15 - 6:00 pm

- September 2 Taco Bar
Children's Ministry
- September 9 Meat and 3 plus dessert
New Opportunity Church
- September 16 Chicken, green beans, mac n cheese,
deviled eggs, fruit salad, and dessert
Bereavement Committee
- September 23 **Open-call the Church office to sign up**
- September 30 Hamburgers, fixings, and dessert
Missions and Dula Class

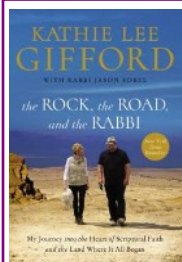
Looking for a fellowship and fundraising opportunity?

Available meals: Sept. 23 and Oct. 7

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 Account# 5701- General Kitchen Supplies. Thank you.**



Adult Program: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

September 2nd - October 7th
Fellowship Hall

'the Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi'

Six-session video study 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.

Led by Glenn Williams

Sessions

1. Bethlehem: Where It All Began
2. Nazareth: The Early Years
3. Capernaum: Ministry Headquarters
4. Galilee: Ministry Grounds
5. Mount of Olives: The Triumphal Entry
6. Jerusalem: Crucifixion and Resurrection



Engage

Wednesday Evenings

6 - 7 pm

allison.wooten@mainstreetgreenwood.org 864-344-1414

wendy.hill@mainstreetwood.org 864-993-6328

Field trip!

On Wednesday, August 26, the Youth and Children visited the Humane Society. They took over \$300 in pet food and supplies collected as an outreach project during Bible School. Love and giggles were abundant! Hard to tell who enjoyed it the most ~ those with 2 legs or 4! The children have agreed-they are ready to go back!



"Fun In The Sun!"

On Sunday, August 23rd, the children enjoyed a pool party! Many thanks to the Dula family for hosting at Stoney Point.

CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays

- 2 Preston Goforth
- 3 Ed Munnerlyn
Addison Leopard
Jamison Tinsley
Wendy Hill
- 5 Chuck Bell
- 7 Annie Grimshaw
- 9 Barry Campbell
Ruple Harley,
Chrissy Andrews, Brent Rowland, Bayne Rowland
- 10 Glenn Williams, William Culbertson, Stella Oliver,
- 11 Coleson Marino,
- 12 Jeff Smith
- 13 Wesley Kelly
- 16 Sally Maxie, Benjo Smith, Brittany Smith
Brenda Sams
- 17 Gina Jolly, Sunni Bond
- 18 Angie Baker
- 19 Tom Goeden
- 20 Phillip Grimshaw,
- 21 Cheryl McCord
- 22 Bob Cureton, Jo Patterson, Richie Pinckney,
- 23 Claudia Cason
- 24 Lamar Maxie
- 25 Fred Wactor
- 27 Barbara Gates
- 28 Betty Strange
- 29 Rhonda McGinnis, Athena Hagood
- 30 Nita Rudy, Kim Gultch



September Anniversaries

- 12 Dewitt and Cindy Smith
- 21 Brian and Chrissy Andrews



Church Wide Event
Children & Youth (\$4),
Adults (\$10)
Lower Eastern Cherokee
Nation- Gray Court SC
POW WOW
Saturday, September 26th, 2026
3688 Warrior Creek Road,
Gray Court

Let's learn more about the rich cultural traditions of our Native American neighbors. We will experience the tribal grounds, drumming, dancing, storytelling, crafts, and Indian Flat Bread for lunch. Meet at the church play ground area at 9:00 am to car pool or ride the bus. We will leave around 1:00 to return home.

Sign up by using Realm, the church website, or calling the office @229-7551 or Marilyn Murphy @993-1900.

Here's your chance to go to a real POW WOW!



Looking forward... October

- October 1 - Greenwood High Football Meal
- October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - G'wd United Ministries Suppers
- October 4 - World Communion
- October 17 - Soup Kitchen - Team #2
- October 20- Charge Conference - 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- October 25 - Fall Festival



Congratulations to Beverly Burton on being a new grandmother to Griffin Rose Runyan. She is the daughter of Burton and

Noelle Runyan of Atlanta. Griffin made her arrival at 11:59 pm on August 27th.

Your Main Street family shares in the joy this little one will bring!



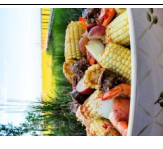
Youth and Children at the Humane Society

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



Food Ministry
1-3 pm in the
Fellowship Hall

September 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 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:00 am Susanna Circle 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship	2 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Member Support Mtg. 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Engage Children's Ministries 6:00 pm Engage Youth 6:00 pm Engage Adult Program 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	3 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am After the Ascension Bible Study 7:00 pm Pick up Basketball	4 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool	5
6 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship	7 Labor Day Holiday Church is closed. 	8 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship	9 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:30 am Celebration Circle 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Engage Children's Ministries 6:00 pm Engage Youth 6:00 pm Engage Adult Program 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am District Confirmation Interest Meeting 1:00 pm Food Ministry	11 7:00 am Youth Breakfast Club 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool	12
13 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 12:00 pm Church Council Lunch and Meeting 5:30 pm Youth Bowling Outing 	14 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	15 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:00 pm Women's Low Country Boil 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship 	6 Mud Pies Consignment Sale 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Engage Children's Ministries 6:00 pm Engage Youth 6:00 pm Engage Adult Program 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 Mud Pies Consignment Sale 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Parables of Jesus 'Simple Stories with Large Truths'	18 Mud Pies Consignment Sale 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool	19 Mud Pies Sale 8:30 am Greenwood District Lay Servant Ministry School 9:00 am Soup Kitchen Volunteers TEAM #2 The Culbertsons and Dulas 
20 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 2:00 pm Greenwood District Lay Servant Ministry School 5:30 pm Youth Bruster's Outing 	21 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:30 pm Family Ministries Mtg. 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	22 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 4:15 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship	23 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Engage Children's Ministries 6:00 pm Engage Youth 6:00 pm Engage Adult Program 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	24 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Parables of Jesus 'Simple Truths...' 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball	25 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool	26
27 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball	28 8:00 am Children's Ministry to Riverbanks Zoo 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	29 6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship	30 5:15 pm Engage Supper 6:00 pm Engage Children's Ministries 6:00 pm Engage Youth 6:00 pm Engage Adult Program 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal			September 17 through September 20 September 20 9:00 am-6:00 pm Wednesday through Friday 9:00 am-2:00 pm Saturday



Children's Ministry Volunteer List

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

Acolytes and Crucifer:

September 6 Crawford Burns with Josh Albon
September 13 Campbell & Finnley Smith with Addy McCaslan
September 20 Cori D'Alessandro & Crawford Burns with Mary Margaret Skinner
September 27 Diana Fields & Maggie Shirley with Ryder Larkins

Sunday School & Extended Session:

Allison Wooten and Wendy Hill

Nursery: Sydney Sluder & Kim Gultch

Kids Consignment Sale

**Open to the Public-
September 16th-19th**

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

9 am to 6 pm

Saturday 9 am to 2 pm

(1/2 price items if indicated)



The bye - bye buggy is the best! Just ask Anne & Lou!



Bookies and
Cookies for
Grandparents'
Day was
August 27 &
28.
Such fun!

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