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**Look for the Tanzania
Trees at each campus
throughout the month of
August. Choose a tag to
sponsor supplies for
ministry activities for the
Tanzania Mission Trip.**



Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





Jason's Journal

"After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"

Luke 10: 1-2

Last year our family began making plans to travel to Kenya for a mission trip. Some of our best friends serve as missionaries in Kenya running an orphanage and school. This month our family will be traveling to Kenya for a 10 day mission trip. We are excited about this wonderful

opportunity to see how God is moving and working in another part of the world. We are overjoyed to be able to minister with and be ministered to by followers of Jesus there.

As we have been preparing for the trip, I have been thinking about the above passage of Scripture. There are a few things in this Scripture that jump out and speak to my spirit. One of the first things is that Jesus sent out people ahead of him to every town and place Jesus intended to go. When I think of those words, I am reminded of Jesus giving The Great Commission to go into all the world making disciples. Which reminds me it is Jesus' intention to spread his message all over the world and he sends us, the church, to go to those places. Secondly, Jesus said to his disciples, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."* These words declare that there is much work to be done in sharing the message of Jesus, the time is now, and we should urgently share Jesus' message. Thirdly, Jesus said, *"Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* Jesus' instruction to ask the Lord to send out laborers is giving the implication of when we make this request to the Lord, we are in essence signing up to be the answer to our request. In other words, as followers of Jesus we are all to be sent in some way sharing the Good News of Jesus.

My saying that we are all sent to share the Good News of Jesus does not mean we are all called to be sent to foreign countries to share the Good News of Jesus. However, it does mean we are all sent. Maybe we are sent out with the message of Jesus to our families, to our friends, and to people we do not know. Maybe we are sent when we get up and go to work or school each day. Maybe we are sent when we go to the grocery store. Wherever we find ourselves in our day to day lives, let us remember we are sent by Jesus to share with all those around us the love, grace, and hope of Jesus through our words and our actions.



Join us to celebrate the Ministry and Mission of the St. Mark UMC Coronaca Campus on Friday, August 9, at 6:30 PM for a fellowship meal followed by a celebration service at 7:15 PM. RSVP by Wednesday, August 7, to Paige at office@stmarkgreenwood.com or 864.229.5416.

Worship Attendance Year to Date Average

As of July 28, 2024

8:45 AM - BPC	84
8:45 AM - RSC	81
10:00 AM - TCC	30
11:00 AM - BPC	94
11:15 AM - RSC	117
8:45 Stream - BPC	60
10:00 Stream - TCC	21
11:15 Stream - RSC	31
Worship Attendance	497
Sunday School Attendance	90

The next copy of *The Witness*, the church's monthly newsletter, will be emailed out Thursday, August 29.

Deadline to submit information to the church office for the newsletter is Monday, August 19.

Copies of the August Birthdays list, August Anniversaries list, and Upper Rooms for July/August are located at the narthex/welcome area at each campus.

IN MEMORIAM

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

John 11:25-26

- * Michael "Mike" W. Dorn
* August 1, 1944 - July 16, 2024
- * George Franke
* October 7, 1934 - July 18, 2024

The Pastors and congregation extend Christian sympathy to the following members of our church family.

- Frank Coyle and his family on the death of his mother, Sara Stevenson Coyle, on July 20.

Welcome to the St. Mark Family

Join the staff of St. Mark in welcoming our new church member: Matthew Miller, Eliot Epplesheimer, and Judah Euland.



Eliot Epplesheimer and Judah Euland



Matthew Miller



Installation Service for The Reverend Chris Lollis

You are invited to join us as we welcome our new District Superintendent to the Greenwood District of the SC United Methodist Church and to Greenwood, SC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024, 3:00 P.M.
ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
550 HIGHWAY 72 BYPASS NW
GREENWOOD SC 29649

Reception immediately following in Founders' Hall



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)

In 2014, Navy Admiral William McRaven delivered the Commencement address to the graduating class at the University of Texas. Admiral McRaven titled his address, *If You Want to Change the World. He begins his address with these words: “If you wanna change the world, start off by making your bed.”* I have listened to the beginning of Admiral McRaven's advice many times when I wake in the morning, and my motivation is lacking. St. Mark, making your bed in the morning, completing that simple task first thing, makes a difference! Now normally I stop after hearing Admiral McRaven's reminder to make the bed. However, today as I write this, I listened to his words once again as I woke up lacking, but I was unsure what I was lacking. In his commencement address, he says, *“If you want to change the world, don't back down from the sharks, and measure a person by the size of their heart, not by the size of their flippers.”* All good advice, but still something was lacking. Then, Admiral McRaven ends his address with these words: *“The power of hope, the power of one person, changes the world by giving hope.”* HOPE! That it is. There are times when the presence of hope is lacking. In our lives, we face setbacks and uncertainties more than ever, yet St. Mark, as followers of the way of Jesus, we are a people of HOPE!

What does it mean to be people of HOPE when hope is lacking? In Paul's letter to the Roman church, Paul is addressing two groups, Christian Gentiles and Christian Jews. Both groups were experiencing a lack of hope due to setbacks and uncertainties. The Christian Gentiles felt that God was rejecting the Christian Jews because they were rejecting the gospel, and they were concerned that God called them because of the choices they would make. The Christian Jews were concerned that in Paul's focus on Christian Gentiles, he was turning their back on his people, and they felt they should not support the mission that Paul was planting in Spain. In the face of a lack of HOPE due to the setbacks and uncertainties of the time, Paul offers these words to the Christian Jews and Christian Gentiles: “Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.” (Romans 15:7-9). I believe what Paul is telling the Roman church and us, St. Mark, is that the power of hope lies in the hope of one, Jesus, who has changed the world, is changing the world, and will always change the world. Paul is calling for the Roman Church and us to live with HOPE in the present fully realized kingdom of God now and to live with HOPE in the expectation of the full realized kingdom of God that is to come. So church, I invite you to receive the benediction, this benediction by Paul:

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)

St. Mark, be people of hope!

Pastor Joey

We are hiring!

Church Nursery Worker Needed

Availability on Sunday mornings year round and Sunday evenings spring and fall are a necessity. Other times throughout the year will also be needed. Inquire for details.

Contact
julie@stmarkgreenwood.com



Hello St. Mark Family!

As I write this, I am just a few days back from being at Salkehatchie Summer Service. We spent the week in Rock Hill working on homes in the area. This was a new camp for all of us and, to be honest, I was a little nervous. I didn't know anyone except the group from St. Mark. I didn't know what the schedule was, what the meals were, or what the plan was for each day. It was something new. Quickly my nervousness went away as I realized how welcoming and open everyone was. The work that we were there to do was the same as at any camp. We worked on the home of Mrs. Graham. She needed a roof and so we spent the week ripping off the old roof and the old plywood and putting down the new roof. It was a team effort. We all worked

together, about six of us, making her home warmer, safer, and dryer, knowing that we couldn't have done it alone - at least not in a week. Over the course of the week, friendships were formed, our faith was strengthened, and our mission on this earth was made very clear - love God and love people. That's what we are called to do. That's our mission and it's lived out so well through Salkehatchie Camps all over our state. But it's not just Salkehatchie. There are ministries like this all through the United Methodist Church that help us to live out our mission that Jesus has sent us on. This mission is not limited to just one time of year, this is a mission we are called to live out each and every day.

Summer is still here but school is starting back and routines are getting back in order. As we approach this season of life, I am excited. I am excited for where we are headed as a church, and I am excited for the missions and ministries that are before us. As we begin this month of August and prepare for what the rest of 2024 has in store for each of us, I can't help but think of our true mission as your pastors. What are we really called to do? Who are we really called to be? What is the message that we are called to preach? There has been a lot of talk about this by various groups over the past several months. What I keep reflecting back on is what Paul says in chapter 2 of 1 Corinthians.

*“You'll remember, friends, that when I first came to you to let you in on God's sheer genius, I didn't try to impress you with polished speeches and the latest philosophy. I deliberately kept it plain and simple: first Jesus and who he is; then Jesus and what he did—Jesus crucified.”
1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (Message).*

So knowing what we are called to do as followers of Christ (Love God and Love People) and knowing what we are called to preach as pastors (Christ and Christ Crucified), I say we make an agreement. Let's move into the remaining part of 2024 with the mindset that in all that we do we will Love God and Love People and that in every message we speak we will continue to speak the truth of Christ and Christ Crucified. That's what has gotten St. Mark here over the past 59 years and that is what will continue to be the driving force of our church, loving God and loving people all the while preaching the truth of Christ and Christ crucified. As long as we do that, no matter what anyone says, we cannot go wrong.

I hope and pray that this month is an amazing month for each one of you and I hope to see YOU in CHURCH! BRING A FRIEND!

Pastor Robby



connectional giving makes a difference

South Carolina Conference

Conference Benevolences
\$2,339,964 (2023) | \$2,083,451 (2024)

Nurture and outreach arm of our Annual Conference. Largest portion supports congregational specialists and the administration and programs of Connectional Ministries, as well as the Board of Ordained Ministry, Archives and History, Cabinet emergency fund, the South Carolina United Methodist Advocate and the Episcopal residence.

Retiree Health/Transition/Contingency
\$800,000 (2023) | \$200,000 (2024)

Provides subsidy for health insurance premiums for retired clergy, and grant funds for those in significant transitions, such as disability.

District Superintendent Compensation
\$1,292,176 (2023) | \$1,292,176 (2024)

Provides salary of \$107,681 for each of the 12 superintendents.

Equitable Compensation Fund
\$565,000 (2023) | \$365,000 (2024)

Helps pay salaries of pastors serving churches that are not able to meet the minimum standards set by the Annual Conference. Also provides primary support for new church start pastors.

District Administration
\$821,822 (2023) | \$746,822 (2024)

Provides for district office operations, secretary's salary, District Connectional Ministries, institutional share of the superintendent's pension and insurance, continuing education and travel.

Conference Administration
\$1,647,514 (2023) | \$1,435,814 (2024)

Covers expenses of the Annual Conference session, the Journal, conference secretary, treasurer's office, clergy services coordinator, other administrative expenses.

Congregational Development
\$955,708 (2023) | \$855,000 (2024)

Assists in the purchase of land for new church sites, helps newly organized churches and assists in revitalization programs for existing churches.

Campus Ministry
\$672,729 (2023) | \$600,000 (2024)

Supports full-time campus ministries in Charleston, Clemson, Columbia, Greenville, Orangeburg and Rock Hill, and part-time ministers in Florence and Greenwood.

Conference Pass-Through to Affiliates

Senior College Scholarships
\$950,000 (2023) | \$850,000 (2024)

Helps provide quality education in a Christian setting for students at Claffin University and Columbia and Wofford colleges; 1/3 of total receipts goes to each institution.

Spartanburg Methodist College
\$588,018 (2023) | \$488,000 (2024)

Support fund for the college, providing academic programs, work-study opportunities and programs for those with special academic needs.

Methodist Homes Resident Assistance
\$400,000 (2023) | \$375,000 (2024)

Supports residents of three retirement communities around the conference

Camps & Retreat Ministries
\$319,800 (2023) | \$284,000 (2024)

Provides for the development, operations and maintenance of facilities operated by South Carolina Camps & Retreat Ministries across the conference.

What is connectional giving?

The main way United Methodists support the ministries of the church is through our apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the church-wide budget to conferences and local churches.

General & Jurisdictional

World Service
\$2,176,172 (2023) | \$1,849,746 (2024)

Lifeline of our connection. Supports the programs, resources and materials of the general boards and agencies at home and around the world.

Episcopal Fund
\$644,453 (2023) | \$547,785 (2024)

Funds our share of support for all active and retired bishops (salary, housing, travel, pensions, office expenses).

General Conference Administration
\$258,403 (2023) | \$219,643 (2024)

Covers expenses of the General Conference, Judicial Council, other General Church administrative agencies.

Ministerial Education
\$735,010 (2023) | \$624,759 (2024)

75% of receipts support United Methodist seminaries and 25% remains in South Carolina for scholarships and grants to seminary students.

Interdenominational Cooperation Fund
\$57,483 (2023) | \$48,861 (2024)

Supports church activities in mission with other Christian communions (the World and National Councils of Churches and the Consultation on Church Union).

Black College Fund
\$293,189 (2023) | \$249,211 (2024)

Support for 10 historically black United Methodist colleges (including Claffin University) and one medical school in the United States.

Africa University Fund
\$65,614 (2023) | \$55,772 (2024)

Continues development of the United Methodist university in Zimbabwe.

Jurisdiction Mission/Ministry
\$29,328 (2023) | \$29,328 (2024)

Covers expenses of Jurisdictional Conference, missions, programs and administration of the SEJ.

A PDF version of this publication can be downloaded at umcsc.org/treasurer.

where our apportionments go

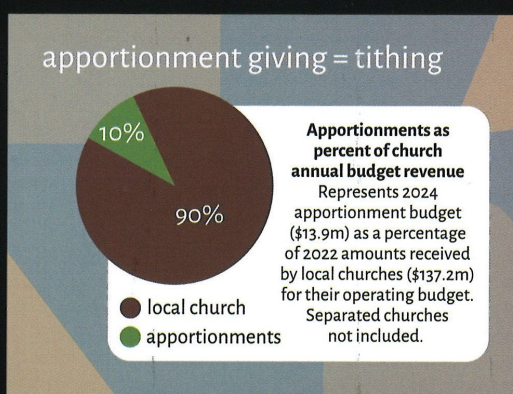


Here in the South Carolina Conference – at the local church, district and conference levels – we are constantly seeking a more excellent way to become better equipped for ministry in the midst of the changing realities of our culture.

We know that we can do so much more together as The United Methodist Church than we could ever do as individuals or congregations. When we consolidate our resources through apportionments, we share our gifts in a way that makes real what would otherwise be impossible.

Through this connectional giving, we respond to disasters near and far. We support young people through United Methodist colleges, campus ministries and Africa University. We support the global Abundant Health initiative that seeks to impact the lives of children around the world so they might claim Jesus' promise of abundant life.

This kingdom-building work is why we pledge to support the church's ministry through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. We commit ourselves to being the hands and feet of Jesus.



We make disciples, train leaders, and create new places for new people. We address the needs of children and those who live in poverty.

It is good to remember that the point of our apportionment giving is never the money. It is about faithfully sharing in being a part of the Body of Christ – doing Christ's work.

For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. — Galatians 6:8



AUGUST PREACHING SCHEDULE AND SCRIPTURE

St. Mark, the last Sunday of July we began the journey through one of my favorite chapters in John's Gospel, John 6. This month we will continue together the journey of John 6 and all that it has to say to Christ's church. I hope you will take the opportunity to read ahead the powerful words of Jesus in John 6. I pray the words of Jesus in John 6 will bless us and challenge us, as Jesus is calling us to faithfully follow Him.

Rev. Jason Wilson

August 4th - John 6:24-35

- District Superintendent, Rev. Chris Lollis at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
- Rev. Joey Gambrell at the Coronaca Campus 10:00 AM
- Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Rivers St. Campus 8:45 AM at 11:15 AM

August 11th - John 6:35, 41-51

- Rev. Joey Gambrell at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
- Mr. Todd Philcox at the Rivers Street Campus 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM and Rev. Robby Lybrand assisting in worship

August 18th - John 6:51-58

- Rev. Jason Wilson at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM and Rev. Joey Gambrell assisting in worship at 11:00 AM
- Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Rivers Street Campus 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM

August 25th - John 6:56-69

- Rev. Jason Wilson at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM and Rev. Joey Gambrell assisting in worship at 11:00 AM
- Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Rivers Street Campus 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM

WESLEY COMMONS

St. Mark/Wesley Commons
Fellowship
Thursday, August 1
10:30 AM

Wesley Commons
Asbury Hall Chapel
1110 Marshall Road



ST. MARK BRIDGE KIDS

What can you expect from our children's ministry?

Our mission is to make disciples by drawing children into the presence of God through dynamic worship. We provide a safe, nurturing environment full of fun, fellowship, study, and worship. Your children will have leaders who are invested in their lives and who will lead them in their relationship with Jesus with kindness, love, and through a demonstration of their own faith. Our children's ministries will again, as in the past two decades, use a combination of First Look, 252 Basics, and various Group curriculums, rooted deep in the word of God.

We want preschoolers to grow up making wiser choices, building stronger relationships, and developing a deeper faith. Our preschool curriculum combines child development and theology to create a comprehensive children's ministry curriculum and strategy. In the preschool years, a child will form their first impression of God's love.

God made me.
God loves me.
Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

We want your kids to grow up making wiser choices, building stronger relationships, and developing a deeper faith. Our children's curriculum combines child development and theology to create a comprehensive children's ministry curriculum and strategy. In the elementary school years, kids will grow in wisdom, faith, and friendship.

I need to make the wise choice.
I can trust God no matter what.
I should treat others the way I want to be treated.




KREW WILL KICK OFF AUGUST 11TH WITH A WATER DAY!

Register today at www.stmarkbridgekids.com/registration

Join us for **KREW - Kids Really Excited about Worship - Sundays 4:30-6:00**. This high energy ministry is for children aged K2-5th grade. Register for KREW at www.stmarkbridgekids.com/krew

Digging Into The Life of Jesus leads kids in walking in Jesus's footsteps from birth to resurrection to ascension. Kids don't just learn about the historical Jesus; they get to know him personally. Through the Life of Jesus Sunday School Curriculum, they'll discover that Jesus is a real person a real friend who makes a difference in their lives today.



Spark SUNDAY SCHOOL

JOIN US as we DIG INTO the life of JESUS!
Sundays, 10:00-10:45 • Rivers Street Campus

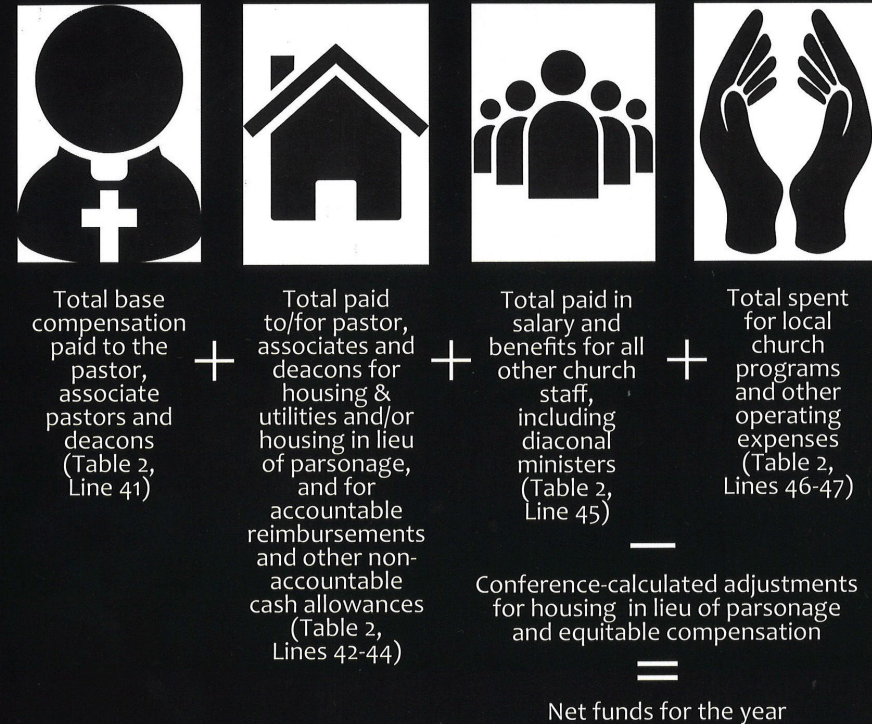
Preschool - K2-K4
Early Elementary - K5-2nd Grade
Older Elementary - 3rd-5th Grade

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how apportionments are calculated

Apportionments are calculated from Statistical Table 2 for each church in the conference. These amounts are collected in January. We refer to the total of the selected lines as "Net Funds." They include:



Important points

- The placing of actual expenses on Table 2 is very important
- An expense should only be reported once on Table 2
- Church spending on capital additions/improvements, debt repayments, direct billing and missions does not factor into the apportionment calculation if reported on the correct lines
- Membership is not considered when calculating apportionments
- Once apportionments are set, they cannot be changed. Apportionments are set shortly before they are published.

HOW APPORTIONMENTS ARE CALCULATED

$$\frac{\text{My church's average net funds}}{\text{Sum of all churches' average net funds}} \times \text{Conference budget} = \text{My church's apportionment}$$

Once these are added for each church, we allocate apportionments based on a weighted two-year average. So the 2024 apportionment calculation will be calculated with an average based on the amounts reported in 2022 and 2021.

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sowing to the spirit

Galatians 6:8



how apportionment giving connects us and sustains us



EPIC STUDENT MINISTRY

WWW.STMARKEPIC.COM

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM OUR STUDENT MINISTRY?

EPIC is an acronym for Endless Possibilities in Christ. We are using the same curriculum at EPIC Sunday Nights that we have used since 2009. The curriculum addresses each student's need to be closer to God and to fervently follow Him. The truth is, a student's relationship with God, others, and themselves is life-changing—but only if they understand those relationships in a biblical context. So, in addition to the big three relationships, there are some core theological insights we want to make sure a student doesn't miss. We call these the three basic truths, and every lesson, story, and topic re-enforces one of these truths.

We want middle schoolers to believe:

- I will follow Jesus because he knows me better than I know myself.
- I will love God because God never stops loving me.
- I will live my faith so others can know who Jesus is.

We want high schoolers to believe:

- I'm created to pursue a relationship with my creator.
- I trust what Jesus did to transform the person I need to become.
- I live to demonstrate God's love to those around me.

We want to make sure teenagers don't just believe the right things, but these truths begin to transform their lives and become the foundation of an everyday faith. At EPIC Sunday Nights and at IGNITE Sunday school, expect your students to learn Biblical truths taught in a sound Biblical way by leaders who truly know and care about them.

Join us for our Water Wars kickoff - open to grades 6-12! We have much more coming this fall - new series, EPIC Games, and MORE!

IGNITE Sunday School meets from 10:00-10:45 Sunday mornings upstairs at Rivers Street! All students in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend.

AND IN CHRIST YOU HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO FULLNESS. HE IS THE HEAD OVER EVERY POWER AND AUTHORITY. COLOSSIANS 2:10



St. Mark gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **Rev. Milton McGuirt** by Rev. Taylor and Joyce Campbell.
- To *The Good Samaritan Fund* in loving memory of **Jerry Wilson** by Skip Heintzelman.
- To *The General Fund* in loving memory of **Jerry Wilson** by Sandy Wilson.



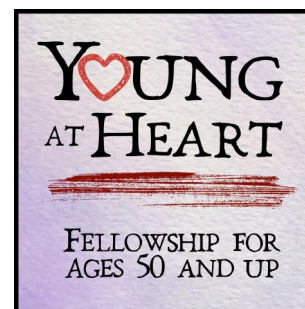
Items needed at the Food Bank:
 Canned tuna, chicken, or salmon,
 Peanut butter and jelly, Meals in a can
 (chunky soups, stew, chili) Canned fruits in
 its own juice or water, Canned food with
 pop-top lids, Dried beans (pinto, blackeyed,
 kidney, lima, etc), Pasta (including whole
 grain), Rice (brown, white, yellow),
 Low-sugar whole grain cereals, Grits and
 Oatmeal (bag or box), Powder or shelf-
 stable milk Bottled water and fruit drinks,
 Healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried
 fruit).



Do you knit?

Our Tanzania Mission Team needs
 knitted washcloths by
 mid-September to take on the trip.
 If you would like to make and donate
 some, contact Cathy Trevino.

cathyt24@yahoo.com



- August 14, Monthly Luncheon, **Refuel of Abbeville**, 10:30 a.m. Join us for lunch and some social time at a new restaurant in Abbeville. They also have an ice cream parlor so save room for dessert!
- September 10, **Lake Lure Boat Tour and Lunch** at the 1928 Lake Lure Inn Adventure Travels Cost: \$120.00 Discover the beauty and charm of Lake Lure on a covered boat tour as you learn about the cultural history of Hickory Nut Gorge, Home to Lake Lure, NC. Cruise by local attractions and see the landmarks used in the movie "Dirty Dancing." You will enjoy a hot buffet lunch at the 1927 Lake Lure Inn. What a treat! After lunch there will be a stop and the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge home to more than 2000 species of plants. From the Bridge, you can look upstream to view the famous Chimney Rock and downstream where the river flows into Lake Lure surrounded by the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Flowering Bridge has been recognized by the National Federation as a certified wildlife habitat and certified and registered by the Monarch Watch as an official Monarch Waystation. What a beautiful day in the mountains! Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.
- October 19th, **The Sugar Bean Sisters** Milltown Players in Pelzer, SC Cost: \$15.00 In this wonderfully weird Southern Gothic comedy, the Nettle sisters are stuck in a Florida swamp and determined to escape spinsterhood - Willie Mae by going to Salt Lake and finding a good Mormon husband and Faye by hopping on the spaceship when the "space people" return for another visit. Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.
- December 6, **Holiday Fair** Cost: \$10.00 (Covers ticket, parking, and gas fee) Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year at the 54th Annual Holiday Fair at the Greenville Convention Center. Find a large selection of holiday arts, crafts, and gifts for everyone on your list. More than 350 crafters and commercial vendors are represented. We will use the Kids World bus to head up there and check everything out! Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.
- December 7, **Flat Rock Playhouse Christmas Adventure Travels** Cost: \$139.00 The tradition continues at A Flat Rock Christmas. Kick off the holiday season as you hear your holiday favorites that help you get in the Christmas spirit! Get excited as you share in the excitement and joy of this wonder Christmas production! Lunch is included at a local restaurant. Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.
- March 1, 2025 **And Then There Were None** Milltown Players in Pelzer, SC Cost \$15.00 Ten strangers are summoned to a remote island. All that the guests have in common is a wicked past they're unwilling to reveal and a secret that will seal their fate. One of Christie's darkest tales and a masterpiece of dramatic constructions. Its unfaltering tension will keep you guessing to the very end. Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up
- June 14, 2025 **The Odd Couple** Milltown Players in Pelzer, SC Cost: \$15.00 Felix Ungar, a neurotic, neat freak, is thrown out by his wife, and has no other option than to move in with his divorced, disheveled pal, Oscar Madison. The two men's conflicting habits, with Oscar's sloppiness classing with Felix's obsessive-compulsive cleanliness, prove to be a hilarious mismatch. Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.



If you can sew, volunteer to help make the quilts. If you can't sew, donations are always needed. If you hear of someone who might need a quilt, please make sure they want it and then contact Kay Gregory at 864-554-4740 or Patricia Rickenbaker at 864-980-4293 or email Stmarkprayerquilts@gmail.com.



St Mark Women

♦ **Book Sale** - Saturday, August 17 at the BPC. Books can be dropped off starting now in Debra's office, room 136, Mondays through Wednesdays 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

♦ Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study will resume August 20 with **The Chosen Season 4**. The group will meet from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM in room 104 at the BPC. Workbooks are \$13. Contact Sharon at sharonmanning82@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

♦ December 7-8, 2024 (Open to the Public) **2nd Annual Festival of Creches** in Founders Hall. We would love to have your nativities on display during the upcoming Festival of Creches. This year we would like everyone to bring their nativities on December 6 and set them up on the provided tables in Founders Hall at the Bypass Campus. You will take your boxes back home with you and then you can come pack and pick up your nativities on Monday, December 9. This was a big hit last year! Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com so we will know how many to expect.

If there is some craft or event you would like us to organize or you have a talent you would like to share, please contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com and she will get with the Women's Ministry Committee. We are looking for fun ideas.

Congratulations on your baptism

♦ Judah Euland Sunday, July 28, at the 11:15 AM worship service by Rev. Robby Lybrand.



Prayers of the Church

Prayer requests will remain on this list for three weeks unless we are notified differently.

RESIDENTIAL LIVING

Ansley Glen
(1408 Parkway, Greenwood, SC)
Faye Adams

Emerald Gardens
(201 Overland Drive,
Greenwood, SC)
Charlotte Koone

National Healthcare
(437 E Cambridge Ave,
Greenwood, SC)
Betty Lightsey

Wesley Commons
(1110 Marshall Road,
Greenwood, SC)
Ruth Clark
Jim and Dodie Conley
George and Betty Crane
Skip Heintzelman
Lee Kruzan
June Newman
Sam and Gene Zittrouer

Shut-In/Homebound
Mary Ellen Anderson
(864.223.5275)
1830 Alexander Road W
Greenwood, SC 29649
Dannie Bearden
c/o Khristy Lee
2419 Lafayette Street
Winterville, NC 28590

Jean Bedenbaugh
Lexington Medical Center
Extended Care
815 Old Cherokee Road
Lexington, SC 29072

Joyce Campbell
101 Shannon Street
Greenwood, SC 29646

Tom and Beth Downtin
122 Hemlock Ct
Greenwood, SC 29649

Mary Anna Evans
5800 Old Providence Road
Apt 4310
Charlotte, NC 28226

Evelyn Fennell
308 Marietta Drive
Greenwood, SC 29646

Charlie Helms (704.535.7848)
c/o Teena Williams
4600 Crofton Ct.
Charlotte, NC 28205

Miriam Laswell
122 Leslie Drive
Greenwood, SC 29649

Shut-In/Homebound Cont'd

Bob and Jean Lax
801 Musgrove St
Unit 84
Clinton, SC 29325

Wilma McCall
228 Rock Knoll Drive
Greenwood, SC 29646

Jackie Menaker
104 Hunters Village Drive
Greenwood, SC 29649

Mary Search
c/o Deb Search Willoughby
1410 Turwill Lane
Kalamazzo, MI 49006

Barbara Jean Smith
224 Elm Street
Greenwood, SC 29646

Barbara Sthare
118 Rutledge Road
Greenwood, SC 29649

MEMBERS AND REGULAR ATTENDEES

The Family of George Franke
The Family of Mike Dorn
The Purcell Family
Charles McDonald
Barbara Jean Smith
Jim Conley
Dodie Conley
Betty Moss McGuirt

MEMBERS' FAMILY

Linton Mann

MEMBERS' FRIENDS

Ronnie Price
Larry Hulsey
Two unnamed patients
Rev. Blake Kendrick
John Mark Scruggs
Brent Calvert
Will Coleman
Rebecca Hall
Ciara White
Valerie Hazlett
The Frost family (Will, Carrie, and Alex)

MILITARY

Jack Boyd - Army
Dr. JC Elmore - Army
Randall Geddings
Joshua Goff - Marines
Kos Kerhoulas - Navy
Mackenzie Latham - Air Force
Banner Peksa - Army

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Clemson:
Adam Prince, Caleb McLaughlin,
Caroline Addis, Clary Pederson,
Dawson Hudson, Emma Arnold,
Jasmine Creswell, Josh Godwin,
Julia Creswell, Lexi Layland,
Savannah Farmer, Taylor Case,
Will Godwin, and Wyatt Prince

College of Charleston:
Olivia Murray

Lander:
Caroline Rhodes, Dylan DeLoach,
Jeramiah Holmes, Jordan Mapes,
Rhianna Philcox, and TJ Freeman.

Mars Hill University:
Sarah Ellen Johnson

Piedmont Technical College:
Andrew Tripp, Dylan Gambrell,
Evan Boggs, and Savannah
Mallon

Presbyterian College:
Beatty Murray

Savannah College of Art and
Design:
Izaiah Holmes

The Medical University of South
Carolina:
Mae Furman

University of Georgia:
Haley McLaughlin

University of South Carolina:
Caroline Bell, Carter Rhodes, Meg
McGovern, Olivia DeTreville, and
Sadie McCrea

University of South Carolina,
Sumter:
Braeden McDonald

Winthrop:
Carlie Pundt

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Worship Services are: Bypass Campus: 8:45 am & 11:00 am Rivers Street Campus: 8:45 am & 11:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am</p>				<p>1 7:00 Men's Bible Study 5:15 Daisy Troop Meeting 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>2 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>6 4:30 Stroke Support Group Meeting 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>7 6:30 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>8 7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Founders Hall in use 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>9 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>11 4:30 KREW 6:30 EPIC</p>	<p>12 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>13 5:45 Girl Scouts 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>14 6:30 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>15 7:00 Men's Bible Study 5:15 Daisy Troop Meeting 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>16 Book Sale set-up in Founders Hall 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>20 Book Sale in Founders Hall</p>
<p>18 Book Sale in Founders Hall 12:45 Church Council meeting 4:30 KREW 6:30 EPIC</p>	<p>19 Information due for the church newsletter 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>20 9:00 Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>21 6:30 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>22 7:00 Men's Bible Study 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>23 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>24 Founders Hall in use all day 9:00 Wayne Goff Hall in use</p>
<p>25 3:00 Sanctuary and Founders Hall in use 4:30 KREW 6:30 EPIC</p>	<p>26 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>27 9:00 Ladies' Bible Study 5:45 Girl Scouts 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>28 6:30 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>29 7:00 Men's Bible Study 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>30 6:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	