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HAPPY  
100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY!



Mrs Myrtle Bishop celebrated her  
**100th Birthday**  
on December 31, 2021!

*Congratulations!*



Carol Burdette  
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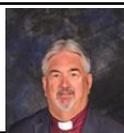
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## From the Pastor's Desk

### One Solitary Life by Pastor Kim Strong

As I was doing some cleaning up in my office this past week, I found a hidden treasure in the back of a desk drawer. It had fallen out of a notebook I've had for 30 years. It was a poem written by an unknown author entitled "One Solitary Life."

"He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held an office. He never had a family of his own or owned a home. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but himself. Twenty centuries have come and gone and today he is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched and all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one solitary life."

One person. We often think that one person cannot make a difference in the world we live in. That is not true. It only takes one person to make your life miserable and one person to make your life grand.

Maybe the person who made your life better was a schoolteacher, a minister, a childhood friend, a colleague at work, a parent, or that special soulmate God blessed you with. God designed these people with you in mind and put you together so you could enjoy one another.

As we start a New Year, pray, and ask God to make YOU the difference in another person's life, their week, or maybe just for one day. One solitary life. You can make a difference.

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**BBQ Success – “Thanks!” from Carol Burdette**

Many thanks to all of you who helped to make our BBQ a success -- the youth who made the sauces and who stayed up all night to help with preparation for Saturday, Matthew Havice and all the men who helped him cook the BBQ all night on Friday, and Bryan Greene for the oversight of the Brunswick stew and as my go-to for all information.

Thank you to those who donated the meat, buns, beans, slaw, taco shells & salsa, paper goods, delicious cakes, and the printing of the tickets, posters, stickers, and banner!! Thanks to all of you who volunteered to serve those coming in to pick-up and eat in! Thanks to all of you who sold and bought tickets. Everyone working together brought in \$5,533!!!!!!!!!!!! Y'all are the BEST!

PS: If you haven't made a pledge to the Building Campaign, it is not too late, please see me (Carol Burdette).

**Happy New Year from the Stewardship Committee**

As a Christian, supporting our church financially is one of the most important things we can do. Through the Word, we are encouraged to tithe and give to ensure the work of our Father is done. It is our hope that you will continue to support our Building Campaign Fund. In April, we will celebrate the first year of three toward eliminating our debt on the renovation of our facility. I know that we have made great progress, but your faithfulness in giving will determine our success in meeting our goal!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIVING AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT OF OUR BBQ!!

May God bless you with a healthy and prosperous New Year!  
Carol Burdette

**Outreach Committee  
by Cindi Long**

The Outreach Committee has started off the 2022 year with plans to reach out to our church family as well as the Pendleton community. We are discussing the many areas in which our church can witness to those around us. Our first meeting is on January 24 to plan for the year. Many thanks to those who have agreed to serve. Look for more details to come soon!

### Congregational Life

by Jo McConnell

The Congregational Life Teams had lots of activities to finish out 2021. A bereavement meal was served to the family of Margaret Gambrell, long time member and Sunday School teacher, on November 4. It was our privilege to honor her in this final token of our love and respect. Thanks to Team B (Martha Jeffries) for the delicious meal.

The family of Tom Collins, long time member of the church and husband of Gary Collins, was served a bereavement meal on November 21 in the parlor. The delicious meal was prepared by Team G (Linda McCaskill).

The church celebrated our staff at our November 21 Merry Thanks-mas combined worship service, followed by a covered dish meal. Thanks to the Greens and crew for frying turkeys and to all who added to the bountiful table of food. Nativities made by a church member were the centerpieces and enjoyed by all.

Children, youth, and adults enjoyed decorating gingerbread houses on December 5. The typical candy-covered cottage was created, but there was also a pretzel-covered log cabin and a tiki house with sand, a few examples of the group's creativity. Great fun was had by all.

Reverend Kim and Margo welcomed us into the parsonage for a holiday drop-in on December 19. The house was beautifully decorated and chatting and laughter filled the air. The Congregational Life teams provided Christmas goodies. Special thanks to the Strongs for their hospitality.

Congregational Life team captains will be meeting in January to plan 2022. If you are not a member of a team, please contact the church office, and you will be added to one of the six teams who work hard all year to support the church and the people.



**The First Methodist Meeting Place in Upstate South Carolina  
by Martha Jeffries**

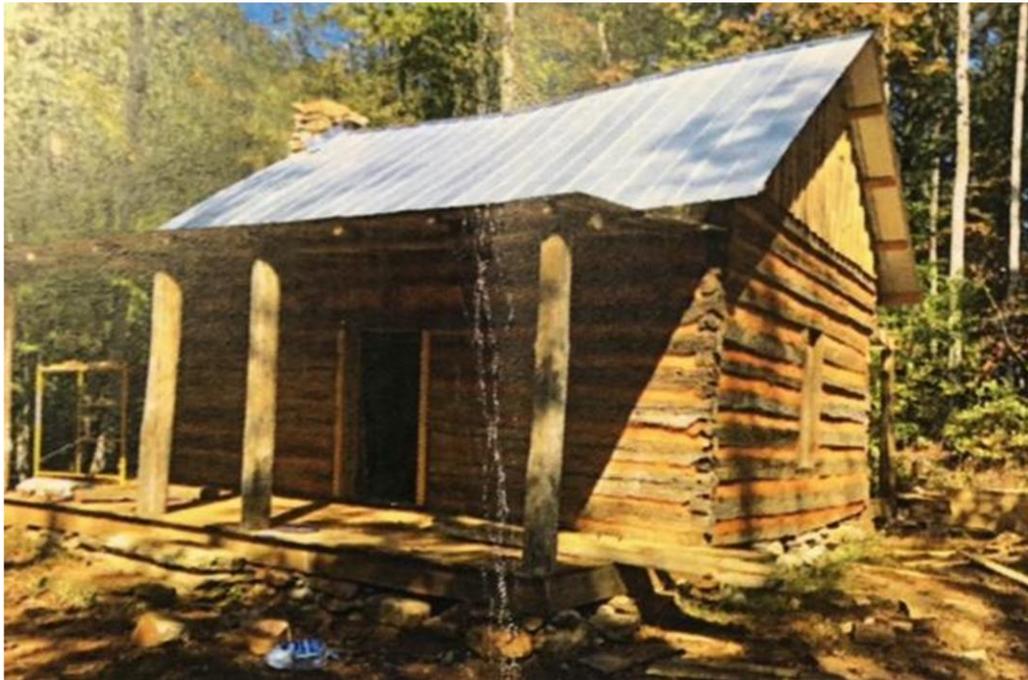
The first Methodist Meeting Place in Upstate South Carolina was in a log cabin known as the Burdine Lodge in the Dacusville Community. It was the home of Samuel Burdine, an early Methodist in 1796. It is documented in the journals of Bishop Francis Asbury as his lodging place after he traveled through the treacherous Saluda Grade into South Carolina.

The United Methodist South Carolina Historical Society worked with the Pickens County Historical Society to move the cabin to the Hagood Mill Historic Site north of Pickens on Highway 178.

The cabin was dedicated on November 13, 2021, after years of raising money and rebuilding the log cabin. Representatives from Pickens County government and South Carolina State Representatives attended the dedication ceremony. Bishop L. Jonathan Holston of the South Carolina Conference gave the dedication and blessing.

The property of Hagood Mill Historic Site has many historic structures and is open to the public free of charge.

If you are interested in joining the United Methodist Church Historical Society, I can give you the information. (Martha Jeffries -- 864-940-5823) There are two meetings a year.



**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Howard and Jackie Corbett**  
by Nancy Hellams and Sheron Sweeney

Thank You,  
Jackie & Howard



This quarter, we are featuring Howard and Jackie Corbett in our Member Spotlight as directors of the MAGI Ministries program at Pendleton UMC. Long before they held this leadership role, they made their home in numerous other cities in the Southeast.

**What year did you move to Pendleton the first time, and why did you choose PUMC as your church?** We moved to Clemson in 1974 and to Pendleton in 1978. Christie was 7, and her first teacher in Pendleton was Anne McMahan (2nd grade). Jennifer was 3. When we first moved to Clemson, we lived in Tom's Trailer Park, where Food Lion is today. Shortly after the move, our refrigerator stopped working. A neighbor told us that C&D Appliances in Pendleton had worked on theirs. A gentleman by the name of Harry Dunlap worked on our refrigerator for over 2 hours. He invited us to come and visit Pendleton UMC since we were new in town and looking for a church. We did, and it changed our lives in many ways. Harry and Rose sat by us near the back of the church for many months. By the way, Mr. Harry did not charge us anything to fix the refrigerator.

**What year did you move away, and what year did you return? What changes did you notice?** We moved to Memphis in 1994, to Albany, Georgia, in 1998 and back to Pendleton in 2011. The first change we noticed was the addition that included the PEEPS area and Palmer Social Hall. There were new outreach programs such as CLC, Salkehatchie and The MAGI Project. We felt right at home when we returned, and everyone welcomed us as if we had never left.

**What advice would you give to a young couple joining our church today?** We would encourage them to not only join, but to get involved. PUMC is a very active church and offers all age groups many opportunities to serve.

**What has the MAGI Ministry meant to you?** We got involved in MAGI Ministries almost immediately when we returned in 2011. Doug Hursey passed the Ministry to me in 2012. Our church mission statement is to "Know Christ. Make Christ known." While the MAGI Ministry accomplishes both, we feel it has a focus on making Christ known. In the 10 years of our involvement, the program has generally included 16 churches and assisted 100 families with 300 children. It has also grown into a summer food distribution program to assist families when their children are not in school. To us, the most meaningful part of MAGI is matching a community of loving people with a group of people that are less fortunate.

**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Howard and Jackie Corbett (continued)**

**What are your goals for this ministry?** The goal of MAGI Ministries is to provide gifts and groceries for children so that they can experience the magic of Christmas. MAGI Summer provides groceries in June, July, and August when the children are out of school. A new program being launched is “MAGI Kitchen.” The meals are prepared and served at PUMC for 5 to 6 families. MAGI Ministries is in a good position with many willing volunteers and generous donations. The fact that 16 different churches and two school organizations work together makes this ministry a community effort. It is a living model for young people to learn how churches respond to “a neighbor in need.” It is an opportunity for every Christian living in this area to “Make Christ Known.”

**The following is this year’s post-Christmas MAGI Ministries Report – by Howard Corbett**

The MAGI Christmas numbers are in. We assisted 104 families with 274 children. The collective family size totaled 484 individuals. One can only imagine the excitement of the children opening 3 separate gifts on Christmas morning. The gifts consisted of pants, shirt, and their requested toy.

MAGI Ministries was supported by 16 churches and two school organizations. All the churches are located in the Anderson County School District 4 area. The two school organizations were Pendleton High School Beta Club and Mt. Lebanon PTO.

It takes many volunteers for MAGI to work. One of the great strengths of this ministry is that we never are in a position of not having enough people. You and the other churches seem to show up with more than we have space for. Another strength is your generosity. Despite our growth the past few years and pandemic concerns, our financial position has remained strong. Your time and resources are a true testament to your commitment’s faith and love.

Saying, “Know Christ. Make Christ known” is one thing; living it is quite the other. MAGI Ministries is living it.

In December, we had a trial run with MAGI Kitchen. A crew of volunteers prepared and served 6 families at our church. We will continue to work ourselves into this ministry. It is a “work in progress” so look for updates in the coming months.

I am happy to report on the transition of leadership in MAGI Ministries. Bruce Smith, with the assistance of Ian Ruff, will assume leadership of all phases of MAGI Ministries. It has been my and Jackie’s pleasure serving in this capacity the past ten years. Thankfully, the next generation, with strong backs, are stepping forward. Please give them your prayers and full support.



### A Picture Book Bible by April Haynes

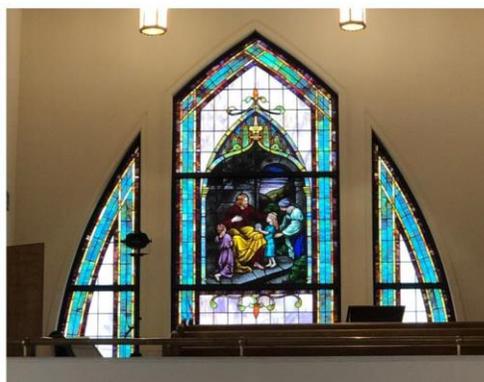
Have you ever had something that immediately brings back cherished memories when you see it? Every time I'm in the sanctuary, I can enjoy such an item and love how the light glimmers at contrasting times of the day.

During a time when the majority of people could not read nor afford Bibles, stained-glass windows served as a picture book depicting Biblical events to teach them the stories of the Bible. The individual colors used in the windows provide a deeper meaning to each of the pictorial representations.

PUMC's sanctuary has a wonderful collection of stained-glass windows that promote reverence and beauty. The oldest of them depicts Matthew 19:14 "Let the little children come to me." The colors in the picture could be interpreted to represent heaven, hope, love, truth, divinity, humility, suffering, endurance, growth, and rebirth.

From 1938-1987, it was the only full-color stained-glass window in the sanctuary and was the focal point of the front foyer entrance from Broad Street. In 1987, that sanctuary was taken down to make way for the current sanctuary. Luckily, it was decided that it would again be featured from the Broad Street sanctuary entrance and can be viewed in the balcony. The non-pictorial stained-glass windows from the old sanctuary were turned into Christmas ornaments.

There are many reasons to feel a sense of belonging at PUMC; however, for me, seeing this window each time I'm in the sanctuary reaffirms ... "this is my church." When you think of PUMC, what makes it feel like "your" church?



### Children's Ministry by Josh Runion

Our Children's Ministry had a busy December. We assisted Helping Hands by stuffing stockings with Club 22:6 branded wristbands. A few days later, we took several Club 22:6 members to Queens Mill, a new community near Pendleton Elementary, and went door to door wishing the homeowners a Merry Christmas and giving them a fully stuffed stocking. We finished our trip by treating the kids to some snacks from QT.

After doing a video version last year, we were glad to bring back our annual Club 22:6 Christmas Caroling trip. We went to Clemson Downs and journeyed to several different parts of their facility led by our tour guide, Ms. Ruthie. While we were there, we were able to speak and sing to Mr. Harry. We then traveled around our community to visit Mrs. Hellams, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Freeman, the Kirkleys, Guthries, and Rev. Bobbie Ethridge. We concluded our trip by caroling at the parsonage for the guests at the Parsonage Drop-In.

We are looking forward to the new year and new adventures with Club 22:6. In Sunday School, we will begin by reviewing well-known biblical stories and taking a deeper look to find God in each story to help kids look for God in their everyday lives.



### Helping Hands by Cindi Long

Helping Hands has been remarkably busy in the fall. We have visited several restaurants to enjoy the company of each other.

Our fall project was making stockings for our shut-ins. What began as a small project instantly became a major undertaking! It was decided that since there are so many new homes in Pendleton, we should spread the news about PUMC. The sewing machines of many got to work making stockings! Stockings were then stuffed with candy & information about the happenings at PUMC! Finally, the stockings were delivered to each new home and to our shut-ins! What a joy it was to know that we were sharing the good news about PUMC with our town!

Thanks to all that helped sew, stuff & deliver!

This insert along with goodies was in each stocking delivered to new neighborhoods.

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Prayers**  
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**Join us to celebrate this Christmas Season and year-round**

**Christmas Carols**  
Dec. 15 - 10:30 a.m.

**Christmas Eve Communion**  
Dec. 21 - 7:00 p.m.

**Church-wide service**  
Eve. 20 - 10:00 a.m.

**Regular Sunday Services -**  
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery and Children.



## P.E.E.P.S

2022

Hello PUMC and Happy New Year!! Our staff and the kids are all excited to be back, and we are slowly getting back into the swing of things. This is always a fun time of year for us. The children have started soaking in all they have been learning here at preschool. It's always nice to see their achievements and growth. At this point, our "littles" are comfortable with us and enjoy coming to school, which is wonderful! We are happy to have two new preschoolers who we know will be a wonderful addition to our crew.

After School is chugging along. The kids had a blast on the half day we had before Christmas break. They played games, watched the Polar Express, and had hot chocolate and goodies!

Registration is fast approaching. Our contact information and important dates are listed below. Please feel free to reach out if you would like to set up a tour or if you have any questions! We wish each of you a very blessed year!!

**Important Dates:****Preschool:**

January 17 - MLK Holiday/PEEPS CLOSED  
 February 7 - Registration Begins for PUMC Members  
 February 8 - Registration Begins for Current Students  
 February 14 - Open Enrollment Begins  
 March 11 - Donuts for Dads (8:00-9:00 am)  
 March 14 - Professional Development Day/PEEPS Closed

**After School**

January 3 - 1<sup>st</sup> day back from Christmas Break  
 January 17 - MLK Holiday/PEEPS CLOSED  
 March 1 Registration Begins for PUMC Members  
 March 2 Registration Begins for Current Students  
 March 7 Open Enrollment Begins

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As always, thank you, PUMC, for allowing us to be a part of this wonderful church and for giving us the opportunity to love on these babies and teach them about the love of Christ!

Blessings, Ashley Stancil



## BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Nancy Cox	1 Evan Link	1 Ivy Steepy 2
T.J. Williams	1 Lawrence Eaves Long	4 Jane Coakley 2
Diana Mullikin	3 MJ Barrs	4 Bob Muth 5
Dave Wall	4 Juliana Allen	5 Travis Furbee 6
Logan Parker	5 Kim Becker	8 Wesley Rushton 6
Alex Holbrooks	7 Harvey Haynes	9 BJ Wilson 9
Mark Hopkins	9 Katie Barnette	9 Ed Clayton 9
Meghan LeFils	9 Terry Williams	11 Charles Thomas 11
Lena Mullikin	12 Cathy Welton	12 Shannon Majsztzik 11
Leonard (Al) Williams	12 Mary Ellen Mullikin	12 Kathy Williams 12
Roger Estep	12 Taylor Furbee	12 Bryan Greene 15
Mike Steepy	16 Dawne Scott	14 Howard Greene 15
Kenneth Brown	17 Geoffrey Rushton	14 Reagan Sloan 15
Susann Hellams	17 Dougalyn Guthrie	15 Becky Oliver 16
Jake Link	18 Sheron Sweeney	15 Mary Bess Johnson 16
Craig Cahaly	20 Bette Rogers	17 Helen Havice 17
Jane Acevedo	20 Burney Drake	17 Anolyn Watkins 18
Margo Strong	22 Kaleigh Smith	17 Olivia Mullikin 19
Sue Hurst	22 Gary Collins	18 J.C. Cook 21
Ken Culberson	23 Adam Guthrie	19 Caitlin Williams 23
Yvonne Brown	24 John Rowland	19 Dale Shaw 24
Courtney Morgan	31 Carmen Hawkins	20 Joey Lee 24
Pat Hackman	31 Greg Barnette	20 Linda Macy 25
	Adam Coats	20 Lark Martin 30
	Donna Abercrombie	22
	Bill Hoffman	25
	Lori Sloan	25
	Mike Allen	25
	Ashley Welton	26
	Laney Smith	28

## ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY	MARCH
Craig & Andi Cahaly	1 Chris & Mary Bess Johnson 24
Steven & Julie McLeod	4 Ben & Lindsey Crenshaw 25
Jack & Dougalyn Guthrie	15
Howard & Patsy Greene	25
Hal & Donna Abercrombie	26