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From the Pastor's Desk

Thanks and Bye for Now By Pastor Kim Strong

In the words of Paul McCartney and John Lennon, the past 45 years have been a long and winding road for myself and my wife, Margo. We remember vividly the first church and parsonage we lived in way up in Slater, SC. We actually lived in the old JP Stevens medical clinic that had been given to the church and converted into a parsonage. It was huge for two people. It was the first of many, some memorable and a couple that are forgettable, places we have called home.

We have lived in more places than most folks. From Anderson to Conway to Greenville to Charleston to Rock Hill and a couple of places in between, we have been circuit riders of the faith. We have met and served thousands of people. Some days, and some people, were better than others but that's true for all of us regardless of our callings and professions.

A friend of ours who is a District Superintendent looked at our places we have served and said, "The Methodist Church hasn't always been good to you." I disagree. Some places I thought were going to be great were not, and some places I thought were going to be terrible turned out to be the best places we have served.

I can completely and honestly say that I could not have done this for all these years without my wife. She is my rock. I long for her strength and courage. Many times, I have sought her face in a crowd to calm my nerves and give me the strength to say or do what I had to do.

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From the Pastor's Desk (continued)

I found this song by General Johnson from the Chairman of the Board a couple of years ago. It says what I feel, and it is a thank you to my wife for traveling this road with me that now leads us to retirement.

Sometimes I think about it, where did all the time go
 Seems like just yesterday I never thought of growing old
 When I look in the mirror it's my daddy's face I see
 Slowly but surely time has taken its toll on me
 Shattered dreams and scattered schemes
 The check was always in the mail
 If success is material things
 I guess I failed
 But if I could live my life all over again
 I wouldn't change a thing
 If I could live my life all over again
 I wouldn't change a thing
 Cause if I could change one second of my life
 Chances are
 I wouldn't have you

As we move into a new stage of our life, we wish nothing but the best for Pendleton UMC and our new Clemson friends. May God continue to bless you and all future ministers as together you carry on God's work in this beautiful town.

With Love,
 Kim Strong

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Has one of your children made the Dean's List? Have you received an award at work? Help us share and announce your good news and accomplishments! In order to ensure your news makes the newsletter, we need to hear it from you! We certainly don't want to leave your good news out! Send information about your or your family member's achievements to beckyh230@yahoo.com so we can put it in the PUMC Download!



Bloom Where You Are Planted by Judy Estep

*But blessed are those who trust in the Lord
and have made the Lord their hope and confidence.
They are like trees planted along a riverbank,
with roots that reach deep into the water.
Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by
long months of drought.
Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.
Jeremiah 17: 7-8*

Once upon a time a girl named Davie from Spartanburg, SC, and a guy named Ed from Central, SC, met in Columbia, SC, and decided to hitch their wagon to the stars, marry and begin their journey through life together. They were blessed with daughters Caroline and Lynn and grandchildren Austin, Ian, Grace, Wilkins, Kirkley, Sloan, and Stokes. During their marriage, they were privileged to travel and reside in various places in the United States as well as in Vancouver, British Columbia, and Natal, South Africa. Retirement brought them to Pendleton when they purchased The Glen, a historic house with an extensive yard, where Davie's green thumb flourished, resulting in a stunning landscape.

Ed and Davie's retirement years have been filled with community involvement. As a member of the Historic Foundation, Davie's contributions were many. Her efforts to beautify the area are seen all through the town, especially in the spring when the daffodils bloom. Ed's leadership made Barrett's Place Playground a reality for generations to enjoy. Together they dedicated many hours to town cleanups.

They have been active influential members of Pendleton United Methodist Church, serving not only our congregation, but also as representatives of Christ in the community. To honor these two wonderful people, the Covenant Sisters Bible Study Group donated an Overcup Oak Tree, chosen with Davie's input, to be planted on church grounds. A ceremony was held on February 6, 2022, to dedicate and bless the tree. This tree symbolizes their strength, endurance, wisdom, knowledge, stability, and love of beauty with its roots that will grow deep into the soil.

From the diagnosis of her cancer to her final days with us, Davie was an inspiration to all with her steadfast faith, strength, and courage.

Their legacy lives on like a beacon of light illuminating this place where they bloomed and call home!



Remembering Margaret Gambrell by Katie Barnette



“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.”

The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer that we are all taught when we are young. For many years at PUMC, this prayer was taught to the 3- and 4-year-old Sunday School class by my grandmother, Margaret Gambrell, better known to me as Markin. For many years, she would teach one of the youngest groups in our congregation with her helper, Ms. Anne Hooper, the Lord’s Prayer, important Bible verses, and favorite Bible stories. And she would end each class with the Lord’s Prayer and send us off with a Graham Cracker.

Markin was a long-time member of PUMC and enjoyed attending the Traditional Service. She read her devotions daily, and when she was unable to attend Church, she continued to read her Bible daily. She set an example for not only the young members of our church when she taught Sunday School, but she also set an example for me. Markin passed away on November 2, 2021, at the age of ninety-two and will be greatly missed. I know that I will always remember how she taught me to say the Lord’s Prayer.

The Worship Committee by Karen Link

The worship committee is looking forward to upcoming special services and holiday observances with plans to continue many traditions and to add a few new ideas.

We recently presented the P.E.E.P.S.’s Staff with “thank you” bouquets, and we also added a spare permanent arrangement to the flower options for the altar.

As in years past, we will be decorating the cross in front of the church with fresh flowers on Easter Sunday morning. Plan to bring blooms from your yard.

We are looking forward to meeting over the summer (date to be announced) to make new Chrismons to add to our sanctuary Christmas tree.

Please consider signing up for a date to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of someone or to observe a special date. The sign-up board is located at the side entrance to the sanctuary near the office. You can contact Teresa in the office to give her details about how you would like your information to appear in the bulletin.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is happy to welcome Cathy Welton and Katie Barnette to the group. Each of them comes with skills that enhance the operations of the committee.

Communications Committee continued

Other members of the committee are Nancy Hellams (Chairman), Judy Estep, Lynn Greene, April Haynes, Becky Hopkins, Betsy Starnes, and Sheron Sweeney.

In addition to the newsletter, the Communications Committee makes wellness checks with PUMC senior citizens.

Please contact any of the committee members if you have contributions to the newsletter or if you see a communication need that we can address.

The Second Church Building on the Corner of Broad and Cherry Street By Martha Jeffries

The year was 1938. The month was May. A very bad storm hit Pendleton, South Carolina. During the storm, lightning struck the steeple of Pendleton Methodist Church. Because the fire-fighting equipment was not sufficient to put out the blazing fire, the church burned to the ground. The piano, along with a few other furnishings, was saved by members and friends of the church.

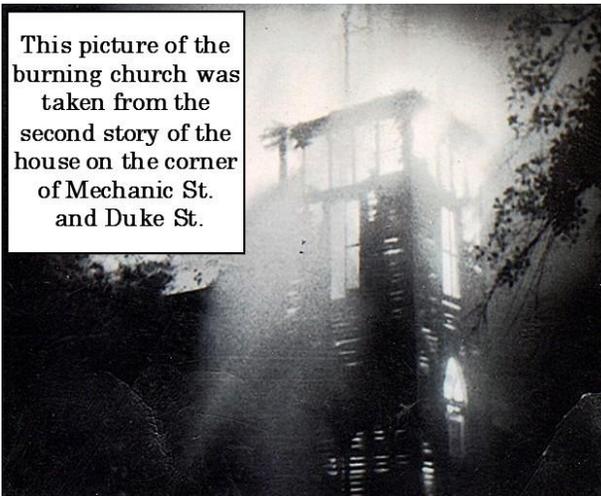
Reverend J.B. Connelly (his picture is in the current History Hall) encouraged the members to rebuild their church as soon as possible. Under his leadership and the leadership of W.M. Crenshaw, the rebuilding was started.

As with small towns, many people joined in to help. The high school offered the use of the auditorium during the time of construction. Donations of money, supplies, and labor came from the members as well as the other people of the town. Donations came from as far away as Anderson!

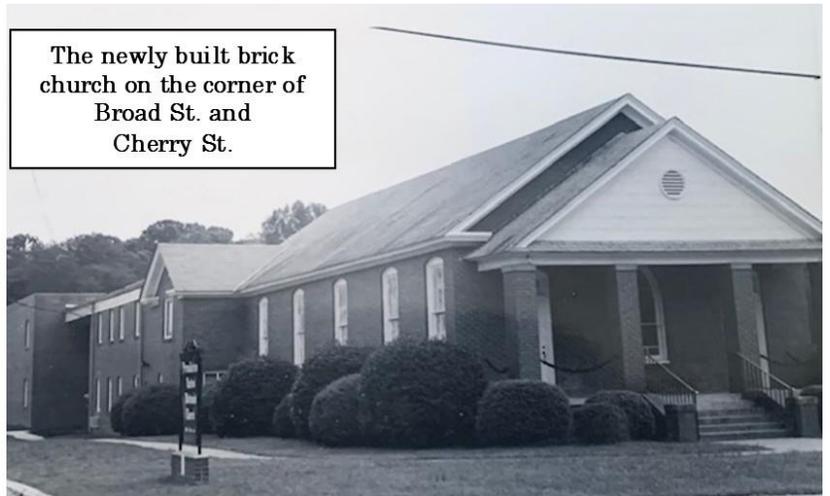
In November 1938, only 5 months later, the new church building was ready for services. The church was constructed of wood and brick, but it did not have a steeple. The sanctuary had a seating capacity of 250 people. Sunday School classrooms and a room that served as a social hall were behind the sanctuary.

This church building served the Methodist congregation for many years. As the congregation grew, so did the church, with additions. More about that later.

This picture of the burning church was taken from the second story of the house on the corner of Mechanic St. and Duke St.



The newly built brick church on the corner of Broad St. and Cherry St.



College-age Bible Study by Bruce Smith

The College-age Bible study has continued to grow over the last few months. We are averaging around 10-15 students each month for dinner and discussion. We are completing a study on the book of Revelation, but discussions and prayers are always intentional and welcomed. We try to offer a safe space for these young adults to talk about delicate issues they face each day. It has been a blessing to see so many of the regulars that bring guests and those that were guests also bring guests. The semester is coming to an end soon, and we will be taking a break during the summer, but the plan is to continue to meet each month during the school semester. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Bruce Smith at 864-245-0860.



UMCOR Global Ministries - The United Methodist Church Ukraine Relief

(Copied from UMCOR website and edited for this newsletter)

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the **United Methodist Committee on Relief** assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need.

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to *Advance 982450 UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery*. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line and mailed to:
Global Ministries/UMCOR GPO
PO Box 9068
New York, NY 10087-9068
- Give through Pendleton United Methodist church by writing a check to PUMC with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line or cash in an envelope marked the same. You may also give online through our website choosing the option for UMCOR.

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

PEEPS by Ashley Stancil



- PEEPS Preschool and After School are registering for the 2022-2023 school year. We currently have 41 kids registered for Preschool, 15 students registered for After School, and paperwork is continuing to trickle in.
- We can't wait to hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party Friday, April 8th.
- Preschool has started hosting a new program called Soccer Shots every Friday here at PEEPS and the kiddos love it! The coaches are amazing, and the kids are learning about teamwork, respect, and discipline all while learning soccer skills. We currently have around 13 students signed up for this program.
- Preschool and After School are currently holding a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. The program that raises the most "dough" will have a pizza party!! We have a church member order form in the Bosdell



reception area for anyone who would like to order. The orders will be due on April 4th. Doughnuts will be available for pick up Friday the 8th during PEEPS hours or Sunday the 10th. Orders will be labeled and left in the Bosdell reception area for pick up.

Thank you for all of your continued support!!

Peeps Day at P.U.M.C Sunday, March, 27 2022

Upcoming Preschool Events:

April 8- Easter Parties/Egg Hunt
 April 11-15 – PEEPS Closed (Spring Break)
 May 6 -Muffins for Moms 8:00-9:00
 May 20 – End of the Year Program
 May 25 – End of the Year Picnic/ Last Day of PEEPS

Upcoming After School Events:

April 11-15 - PEEPS Closed (Spring Break)
 May 25- Last Day of PEEPS After School

Children's Ministry by Josh Runion

Easter is just around the corner, and we are extremely excited to be able to bring our Easter celebration back to the town square. The Children's Ministry will host the event Saturday, April 16th at 10 am. Kids will have opportunities to play games, decorate Easter eggs and of course, hunt Easter eggs filled with candy. Most importantly the kids will be able to hear the Easter story to know why we celebrate this day and why it is a big deal. We invite the church and our community to come and enjoy the kids and celebrate this day with us.

Our Sunday School class has been very interactive. We are so proud of the participation of the kids. We get a lot of questions and responses from our weekly lesson videos that create great conversations. It is great seeing the kids explore their faith journey and seeing their faces light up when something in the biblical story becomes real in their lives.

Our Club 22:6 time has been filled with giving back. We sent Valentine's cards to several church members and other folks in the community. We also made cards to be stuffed into the weekend snack pack program sponsored by the United Way.

Flower Sign-up 101 by Sheron Sweeney

Have you been wanting to provide flowers for a Sunday service in the sanctuary, but you've held back because you didn't know the procedure? Here's a little "Flower Sign-up 101" to help you out.

The first step is to write your name and phone number on an open date of your choice on the "Flower Sign-up" board located in the hallway just before you enter the sanctuary from the Cherry Street side of the church. The board is leaning up against the wall on the hallway table. Once you've done that, our administrative assistant, Teresa Brown, will contact you to find out who you (and any others) want to dedicate the flowers to. This might be in honor or memory of someone or multiple people, or perhaps in celebration of a special occasion. This information will be put in the Sunday bulletin for the date you choose. (Note: While the flowers are intended for the altar in the sanctuary, those who attend the 9:00 AM modern service in the Fellowship Hall are encouraged to participate in the flower program as well.)

You may use whichever florist you prefer to provide the flowers. Some of the local florists have a code for access to the church and can bring them in (usually on the Saturday afternoon before the service) and place them in the appropriate place on the altar. Just make sure you ask them if they have access; if not, you or someone from the church with access will need to meet them at PUMC to let them in. You can also pick them up from the florist yourself. When you purchase the flowers from a florist, the cost also includes the container that holds the arrangement, which is yours to keep afterwards.

Another option is to do a floral arrangement yourself if you are so inclined and gifted to do so. You may use your own vase or one of the church's vases which are found in the *sacristy*, the preparation room at the front of the church through which the choir enters the sanctuary each Sunday.

Flower Sign-up 101 continued

One of our church members, Jennifer Crenshaw, who arranges as a hobby, is also available to help as her schedule permits. She charges only for the flowers (usually \$25-30) and is happy to use whatever vase or flowers you may have in your yard as well. Most often she uses one of the church's vases for her arrangements.

Likewise, church member Jane Coakley has graciously offered to be a resource for providing arrangements. She usually gets flowers from the yard or floral section of the grocery store and just charges for that, but she is glad to use whatever flowers you'd like. You can contact Jane at janecoakley83@gmail.com.

What type and color of flowers are chosen is usually based on whatever is appropriate for the season. For instance, you could ask a florist to make an arrangement of spring pastels for the spring season or fall colors for autumn. Holidays throughout the year, as well as the liturgical calendar of the Christian year, can also help dictate what an arrangement might look like.

No matter who does the flower arrangement, it is your responsibility to remove them from the sanctuary after the service. You may take them home for yourself, or you might consider taking them to a nursing home or a shut-in who might enjoy them. Also, if you are involved in a wedding, funeral, or another event at the church in the latter part of the week, and flowers are a part of that event, you may want to leave them at the church for Sunday's service. However, you would need to check with Teresa in the church office (864-646-3355) to coordinate that in case there are already flowers committed to that coming Sunday.

If you use, or have someone else use, one of the church's vases for your arrangement, please make sure you clean it before putting it back in the sacristy. If you take it home, it should be brought back to the church by midweek in case someone else wants to use it the next Sunday.

Please contact Teresa if you have any additional questions concerning providing flowers for Sunday services, and let's start filling up those empty slots on the "Flower Sign-up" board!

Outreach by Cindi Long

What a thrill for PUMC to celebrate our P.E.E.P.S. program on March 27. This is an awesome avenue for us to minister to our community! The P.E.E.P.S. along with their families joined us for worship where we had a delightful performance from these children. Thanks to the P.E.E.P.S. staff for all of their hard work. There was a meal with wonderful food following the service! A huge thanks to all who assisted.

Outreach has also provided meal trains for two of our families. This helps ease the burden of preparing meals when a family has more important care to provide. The receiving families so appreciate it.

Make plans now to join us on Sunday, June 26, for a covered dish meal. Bring a full picnic basket filled with yummy food.

Helping Hands by Cindi Long

On March 20, Helping Hands met at Fiesta Grill 2 in Pendleton. Fifteen ladies attended, and everyone enjoyed the food & fellowship. Our next gathering will be on April 20. We will be going to Fuji in Anderson for a fun evening of hibachi meals. Make plans to join us. We will meet at PUMC at 5:45 to carpool.

Our mission project will be gathering toiletries for Safe Harbor. As you travel, please bring home the travel-sized toiletries for our baskets. When the ladies enter Safe Harbor, they bring nothing with them. A basket will be placed near the side door for contributions

Mother's Day Parade

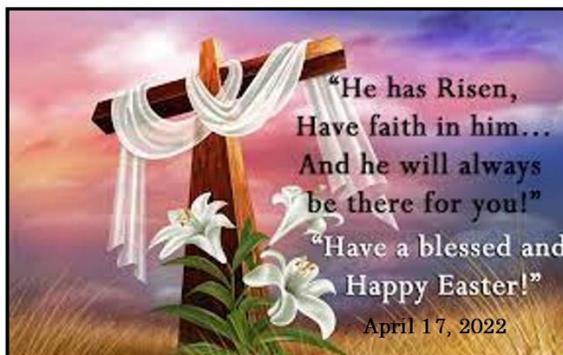


Be a part of the First Annual Pendleton Mother's Day Parade on Saturday, May 7, at 3:00pm. All parade entries due by April 15th. Check out the facebook link for more information and entry form <https://facebook.com/events/s/Pendleton-south-carolina-mothe/527795382198432/> or call Don Peppers 864-209-5632 or print out entry form from the Pendleton Rhinos website: <https://pendletonrhinos.com/>.

Donations Are Needed for the Silent Auction/Brunch Fundraiser on April 23, 2022!

Are you Spring Cleaning? Maybe you have a treasure or two that you would like to donate. Donations may be new, slightly used, vintage, antique or handmade.

Call Carol Burdette
864-934- 5143



Spring Brunch & Auction
April 23, 2022 from 11 - 1
PUMC Fellowship Hall
To Benefit Church Building Campaign

How can you help?

- Volunteer to host a table for 8 friends. Tables are \$100. Create your own theme and decorate accordingly with centerpiece and place settings.
- Let Carol Burdette know if you would like to buy a ticket to attend the brunch. Tickets are \$12.50 each.
- Volunteer to help set-up or clean-up
- Donate new, slightly used or treasured items for the Auction. There is a room on the second floor of the church for drop off donations. All are appreciated.
- Bring plenty of cash to bid on Auction Items.

**YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS
THIS SPECIAL EVENT!**
Call Carol Burdette today
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Reminder:

**If you have not made a pledge to the Building Campaign,
it is not too late!**

Please contact Carol Burdette

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16, 2022
10:00 AM UNTIL 2:00PM

VETERAN'S PARK
500 LEBANON RD., PENDLETON SC

MINISTRY THROUGH
WORD | SONG | MUSIC | DANCE | FELLOWSHIP

Family Fun, Games, Food, Car Show

RAIN DATE: TBD

Contact: Elder Joe Moss @864.633.8975 for more info