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From the Pastor's Desk

New Year, Same Grace

By Rev. Ricky Howell

When I was a child, my family used to make a few trips every year to visit both sets of my grandparents who lived in Pennsylvania. During one such trip, one of my grandmothers decided to surprise me by giving me a new toy robot to play with. I can remember how excited I was by the newness of that gift; it was the only thing I was interested in...that is until I accidentally broke off one of its legs. That incident was doubly disastrous, because not only did I get in trouble for breaking the toy so quickly, I also immediately lost interest in it completely. What had been such a source of happiness and joy suddenly had become an object of sadness, disappointment, and shame.

That experience has been on my mind as the New Year approaches because I expect many of us (myself included) will endure similar feelings in the near future. You know what I'm talking about; most of us typically enjoy a certain amount of excitement and motivation at the beginning of January. THIS is the year we'll finally lose weight, get in shape, stop smoking, manage our time better or learn to play guitar or whatever other goals we might set for ourselves. And while we may eventually find success, there's also a good chance that life will get in the way, we'll find our plans derailed, and what was once a source of excitement and hope will become a source of sadness, disappointment, and shame.

Please know that I don't bring up this subject in order to "rub salt in the wound." Rather, my intent is to offer encouragement and hopefully inspire us to extend some grace to ourselves. For while the changes we're hoping to make ARE most likely important, they are ultimately NOT what determines our worth. Listen to these words from Titus 3:4-7 (New Living Translation):

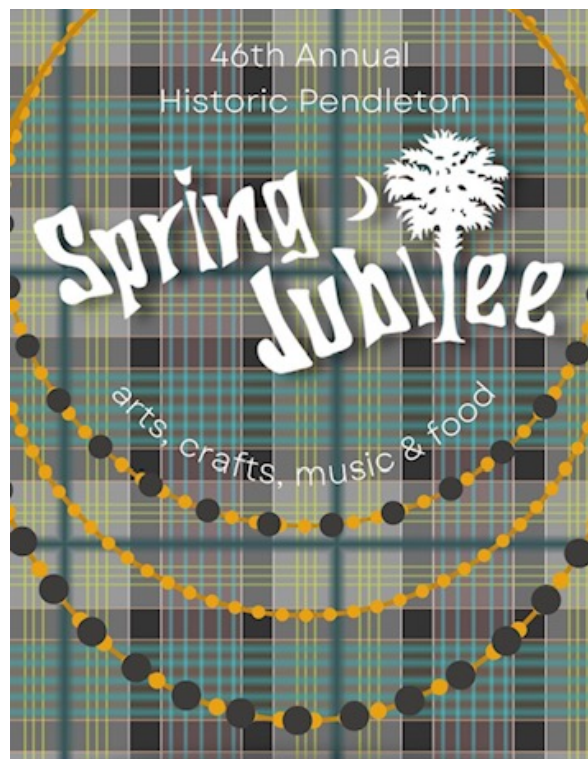
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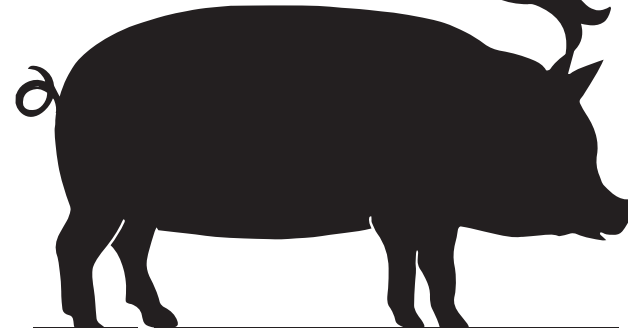
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From the Pastor’s Desk (continued)

When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, ⁵ he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. ⁶ He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. ⁷ Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

Granted, these verses address spiritual “new life” rather than any physical or lifestyle changes we’re hoping to make, but I wanted to point out God’s heart on display here. We’re told that God saves us, forgives us, redeems us, gives us more chances NOT based on our own achievements or successes but solely because of the generous grace and love God freely pours out upon us. God knows we’re going to mess up, fail, fall down, not get things right the first time or even the twentieth time, and none of that affects how God feels about us. God still looks at us and sees beloved children worth loving—blemishes and failures and all.

And you know what? That remains true even if we cheat on our diet, skip a few days at the gym (or stop going completely), relapse into a bad habit, or abandon one of our new goals after only a week or two. We can try again. We can fail again (and again and again). We can eventually succeed...or not. Regardless of how successful we are at the changes we’re hoping to make, God’s love for us is consistent and unfailing. So, if we’re looking for a worthy resolution or goal or whatever we want to call it to kick off the New Year, let it be this: May we learn to accept and embrace the unconditional love that God has for us, and may we learn to love ourselves in the same way. It may be a new year, but God’s grace remains the same—always and forever.

Grace, Peace, and Love,
Ricky

Children’s Ministry

By Josh and Brandi Runion

The children on PUMC had a full month of December. We did a test run of our new Sunday School Curriculum, the Bible App for Kids, using an iPad and our new TV in the clubhouse. (Thank you, Trustees and Mr. Bryan, for hanging it for us.) The kids love the interactive features, animations, games, and themes that link the story of the Bible together as a unified story that leads to Jesus.

We spent a lot of Sunday School time practicing our Christmas Carols which we were able to perform in both worship services. We also went to Clemson Downs and to several of our “older friends” homes to sing and spread Christmas cheer.

In Club 22:6, the kids handmade Christmas cards and delivered them to our “older friends” and to the folks at Clemson Downs.

Also in Club 22:6, the children wrote in their own words and handwriting what they felt was the true meaning of Christmas. We included those letters in the food bags that went to the Magi families.

We will begin the New Year diving into our new Sunday school curriculum and seeing where the journey of the Bible takes us. In Club 22:6, we have several events planned, including a family game night in which you all are encouraged to come and play along with the kids. More details to come!

Gift of Magi Program



By Bruce Smith

This year has been my first year taking over full-time and allowing Howard and Jackie Corbett to take a much-needed break from their many years of service to the MAGI Program. I will say that the processes and schedules that Howard and Jackie put in place made this a very easy transition. Both were instrumental in helping me through the process, and I could not be more appreciative of their love and guidance throughout. This Christmas, we distributed over 843 gifts to 281 children and gave out almost 5,000 pounds of food to 101 families. I can't thank all the volunteers enough that made this happen. I would especially like to thank Jane Massey and Lamar Marsengill for all their help in managing and coordinating the program. I would also like to thank the LeFils family (Donnie, Dalene, Morgan, and Mason), the Hersom family (Matt, Sam, Kaitlyn, and Kris), and the Ruff family (Ian, Angel, Evie, and Owen) for all their support and time as well. This year a special praise and thank you goes out to Anolyn Watkins, Jane Coakley, and Kaleigh Smith for last-minute shopping and wrapping. Other volunteers this year included Annie Mitchell, Laney Smith, Josh Runion, Crickett and Austin Colcolough, Blake Sloan, Jennifer, Sam and Alex Walker, Ruthie Miller, Dale Shaw, Pastor Ricky, and all those that participated and provided gifts and financial resources to allow us to continue this program. We will now take a much- needed deep breath and get ready to begin again in May to start our Summer Food Distributions. I want to thank everyone for your continued prayers and gifts throughout the year. God Bless!

College Age Bible Study

By Bruce Smith

Our College Age Bible Study is still going strong. We concluded our fall semester meetings on November 30 and will pick back up in January for the spring semester. We averaged about 11-14 young people aged 18-22, and this semester focused on topics and questions submitted by the attendees. I had them all anonymously submit topics or questions they had, and we randomly picked the cards for discussion each week. This gave us an opportunity to look at scripture related to the topics, opened discussion among the group, and opened hearts for all those in attendance. We would love to have more join us, especially the boys, as it’s a very female-driven group right now. So, if you know of anyone that would be interested in attending, please let me know. Until then, take care, and God Bless.



On November 1, 2022,

Ruthie Millar received the

Tri-County Technical College’s

Distinguished Alumni Award!

Christmas Customs: Hanging of the Greens
Martha Jeffries

As we finish the Advent Season of Christmas, one of the customs from church history is The Hanging of the Greens. We share with Christians around the world and through the ages, the memory and anticipation of Christ’s coming. We festively decorate our church with symbols of life, joy, and hope. The church is decorated the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent.

The wreath’s circle reminds Christians of God’s endless love and mercy. The holly with evergreen prickly leaves and red berries suggests that the Child born in a manger would wear a crown of thorns and shed drops of blood. In our sanctuary, the shepherd’s hook at the middle of the balcony wreath represents Christ our shepherd. Butch Kennedy created this shepherd’s hook.

The Advent Wreath has five candles. Each Sunday of Advent, we light a candle. The first candle represents hope; the second, peace; the third, joy; and the fourth, love. On Christmas day we light the center candle, the Christ candle.

The Chrismon tree is part of our decorations. The word “Chrismon” comes from the words “Christ” and “monogram.” Many of the symbols represent Christ and were used by the early Christians 2,000 years ago. In those days, people were often illiterate, so symbols were used to communicate the key ideas of the Christian faith.

In 1957, Frances Kipps Spencer at Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia, thought the brightly colored lights and decorations were not appropriate for a worship setting. She created the Chrismons in gold and white, with white lights on the tree. White represents Jesus’ purity and gold, God’s majesty.

Spend some time studying the Chrismons hanging on our tree and consider what they represent. The fish represents Jesus; the dove, the Holy Spirit; the 6-point star of David, the six days of creation; Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end of all things; the Angel, the messengers of God; and the butterfly, symbol of resurrection, are just a few Chrismons.

The Chrismon information came from the December 2019 issue of The Lutheran Witness magazine.

To fully understand the meaning of Hanging of the Greens, you need to take part in this Christmas ceremony. See the chairperson of the Worship Committee next November.



Stewardship Committee
By Carol Burdette

As 2022 comes to an end, the Stewardship Committee wants to give the members of PUMC a round of applause. Because of your generosity, we now owe less than \$300,000 on the \$750,000 loan that was taken out in 2020 to pay for our renovations...THIS IS NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE!! We kicked off the campaign to become debt-free in April 2021, and the Stewardship Committee’s goal is to show zero debt on this loan by June of 2024. I have no doubt that when PUMC sets a goal, it can be reached! Thank you for your giving.

Also, thank you to those of you who bought the beautiful Christmas cards to support our efforts. Thank you to April Haynes for the stunning pictures and Arlene Privette for her determination to sell them!!

Please put the Shrove Pancake Supper on your calendar for February 21st.

Lastly, if you are considering Legacy Gifts, please don’t forget that you could put PUMC in your estate planning, and especially the debt campaign.

Thank you again for giving and Happy New Year!

The Worship Committee
By Karen Link

The Worship Committee enjoyed several projects during the holidays. We provided altar flowers for homecoming and Thanksgiving, and we created a special bountiful harvest display. We hosted a Chrismon-making workshop to enhance our sanctuary Christmas tree. It was well attended and lots of fun.

Many thanks to all who joined us for the Hanging of the Greens. We added two new Christmas trees in the social hall to be enjoyed by those attending the 9 AM Service.

It has been a pleasure to work with this wonderful committee. We look forward to many projects in the new year. God bless PUMC.



PUMC Sunday School Classes

By Shawn Howell

Pendleton United Methodist Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10:00 AM Sundays:

Nursery (Nursery Room)

Our nursery is for infants through preschoolers. Please contact Morgan Kirven (803-486-5756) for more information.

Children's Class (Clubhouse)

Our children's Sunday School class is for Grades K through 5 and meets in the Clubhouse located in the last classroom upstairs in the new building. Please contact Josh Runion (864-637-9030) for more information.

Youth Class (Youth Room)

Our youth Sunday school encompasses grades 6-12 and meets in the youth room from 10:00-10:30 Sunday mornings. We typically discuss Pastor Ricky's sermons and how they pertain to middle and high school students. Please contact Matthew Havice (864-940-8102) for more information.

College Class (Nursery Room)

Our college class is an informal gathering of college-age young adults who share life events together. We have a fun dynamic and all are welcome. Please contact Ruthie Millar (864-247-0661) for more information.

New Perspective Class (Room 218)

The New Perspective Class is for ages 25 and beyond (typically with children). This class is focused on bringing biblical education into today's issues. Life can be hectic with work, marriage, kids, finances, and school. Our focus is on biblical learning, open and honest discussion, service, and application so that we may Know Christ and Make Christ Known. Please contact Bruce Smith bruce.smith@geograph.tech for more information.

Curry-Corbett Class (The Parlor)

The Curry-Corbett class is for ages 60+. This class is taught by Howard Corbett and George Atkinson. The class focuses on biblical scripture and how it applies to daily living. Please contact Howard Corbett (229-343-4830 or hcorbett67@gmail.com) for more information.

Learning To Walk Class (Room 100 beside the Narthex)

The Learning to Walk Class welcomes all ages who share a desire to grow more like Christ. This class functions as a warm and friendly small group in which we spend the first part of our time sharing praises and petitions followed by prayer. We attempt to apply scriptural principles to our everyday attitudes and actions. We end our session in a prayer circle with our pastor as we lift him and the upcoming worship service in prayer. Please contact Burney Drake (864-221-5775, cbcsdrake@bellsouth.net) or Anolyn Watkins (864-934-6049, awtkns@clemson.edu) for more information.

Fellowship Class (Old Choir Room)

The Fellowship class meets in the old choir room which is located at the top of the stairs outside the left entry at the front of the sanctuary. This class welcomes a variety of ages and is taught by Ralph Welton, Cindi Long, and Pete McConnell. The class studies the Faith Connections lesson series which is theme-oriented and traditional Bible study. Please contact Ralph Welton at edwlsur@clemson.edu for more information.

Youth News

By Matthew Havice

The youth group has been active throughout the latter portion of 2022 and is excited about the new year. We have our fundraiser BBQ planned for Saturday, Feb. 11, serving from 11-2. We will cook all Friday night and will have BBQ plates, Brunswick stew, and whole butts for sale (pre-sale ticket only – no whole butts will be available for purchase on the day of the fundraiser). Prices are as follows:

BBQ plate -\$12	Bulk pulled pork -\$12
Quart stew -\$12	Whole butts -\$40

We also have our winter/spring retreat scheduled for March 10-12. We will be staying at a mountain house with self-led worship and fellowship throughout the weekend. Along with these dates, we'll be back on our regular Sunday schedule with middle and high school Sunday school each Sunday at 10 am and evening worship on Sundays at 4:30.

United Methodist Men

By Bud Starnes



The United Methodist Men plan to meet next on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Arlene Privette has graciously offered to prepare the breakfast of sausage and pancakes, so please bring your appetite!! Also, please inform Bud Starnes of your attendance at this meeting by calling or texting 864-710-0526 or by emailing him at starnesb@bellsouth.net to ensure adequate breakfast is provided. We will discuss our plans for a Spring fundraiser and other activities.

Future meetings will be held on the second Saturday of the month, being February 11th and March 11th (to support the Youth BBQ fundraiser).

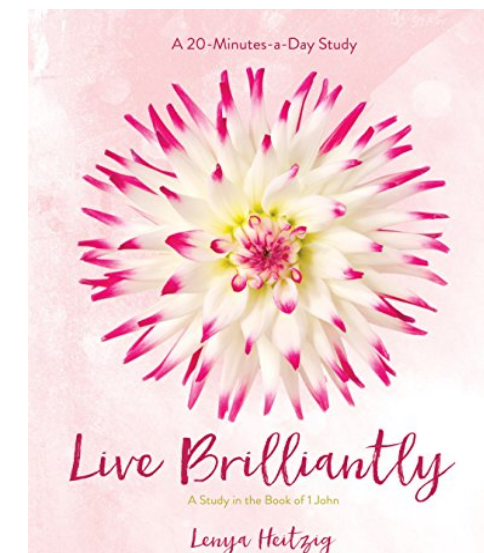
Women of the Word (WOW)

By Cathy Welton

The WOW Bible study group, led by Kathy Williams, will begin a new book on January 10, 2023. We'll be using Lenya Heitzig's Live Brilliantly, A Study in the Book of 1 John, continuing in the Fresh Life Series.

WOW meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm in the parlor. Women of all ages are invited if your schedule permits.

If you are interested, please contact Kathy Williams at (864) 617-6230 so we can order a book for you.



AND THEY LIVED A LIFE THAT WITNESSED.

Yes, they did. They were always wanting to make things better, but not be recognized for what they did. So that's why I said, "quiet service." They'd rather it just be better and people appreciate it rather than knowing who did it. And, truthfully, I think I'm kind of that way.

DID Y'ALL HAVE HORSES GROWING UP?

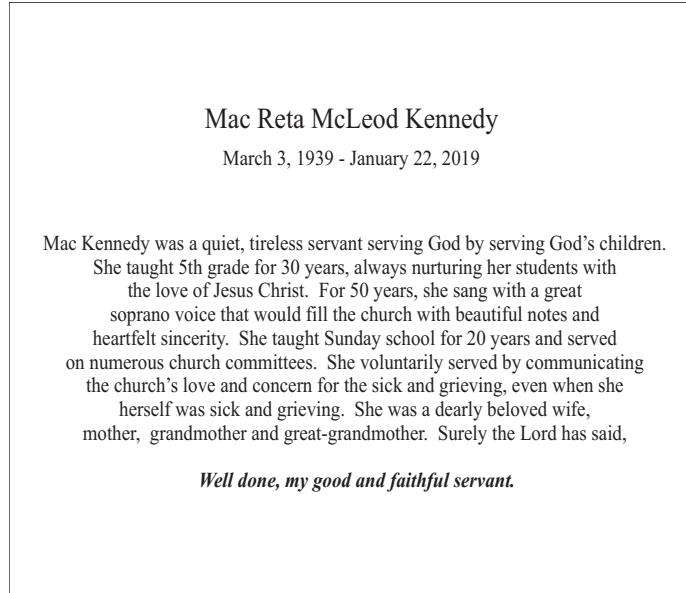
Yes, there was only one instance where Daddy made a specific comment when Momma was so sick, and the horse that he had gotten when he retired, he couldn't ride him anymore. He had to take all the horses over to Poag Reid's to board them for a little bit because that was at the time when his younger sister in New York wasn't doing well. He got home and he said, "You know, this is the first time that there's not been a horse on this property." That was tough for him.

DID YOUR MOMMA RIDE?

No, Momma didn't ride because her daddy used to buy and sell and trade horses, and she said it's because a horse tried to rub her up on barbed wire, so she didn't get back to riding again. So, Momma wouldn't, but Daddy would take me to the horse shows, and we'd do stuff together. He tells the tale that I actually trained the 2-year-old pony that I got when I was 4. Daddy said, "I didn't train him; you did." So, I was basically in the saddle before I could walk. Momma loved seeing them and doting on them, but riding them? No. That was a daddy/daughter deal.

I LOVED SEEING THE PICTURES OF YOU WITH YOUR DAD RIDING.

I think that was the best thing for me because, during Covid, when they shut down the forest where you couldn't go hiking or riding, I could tell the four walls were starting to close in on Daddy. That's after he had gotten a second horse – that way, we could both ride together –so then we would go and ride there just on the property. It turned into where we joined Maggie Walters on Sunday afternoons. We'd meet at 2:00 PM, which is why I wasn't going to be there for anything that happened at church on Sunday afternoons because I was going to be with my Daddy. I'm so glad that I made that decision and committed to it.



Write-up form Mac Kennedy Dedication Plaque in Choir Room

Helping Hands

Cindi Long

Our mission project was collecting socks & undershirts for the men at Clean Start. Our box was overflowing – thanks to everyone!

We have changed our meeting time to 1 pm. This prevents being out at night. Our next meeting is on January 25 at 1 PM at Ruffage. Make plans to join us!

**Congregational Life**

By Jo McConnell and Suzanne Atkinson

Congregational Life serves an important role in the life of the church, especially in times of sickness and death. The year 2022 was a record year of service for the group with eleven deaths and the group serving meals or receptions for nine of them. In addition, five families were provided meals during a sickness. Most were for three days a week for several weeks. It takes a lot of dedication to serve this many needs in the church, and all the members were eager to help. Their hard work is deeply appreciated.

Merry Thanksmas was again a fun day to celebrate the pastor, his family, and PUMC staff. The Palmer Social Hall was decorated with colorful turkeys and Christmas trees made by many ladies of the church using low country long-leaf pinecones. Lucky winners got to take one home to enjoy during the holidays. The covered dish meal provided by the attendees was delicious, especially the fried turkeys. Bryan Greene and his team did an outstanding job, starting early in the morning to have them ready by mealtime. Thanks to all who made it a day of festivity and good eating!!

If you are interested in serving on a team, please contact the church office, and your name will be added to the group.



The Wheels on the Bus
Bringing the Gospel to Riverside Middle School Students
By Judy Estep



Christian Learning Centers of the Upstate (CLC) exists to reach public-school students with the truth of God’s Word to help them come to saving faith in Jesus and live their lives for His purpose.

The program is often called Released Time. Parents can release their children from school during an elective class to leave campus and receive a Christian education.

Pendleton UMC is a host church for seventh and eighth-grade students from Riverside Middle School. We have close to one hundred students currently in these classes. Our church has a “safe sanctuary” policy requiring two adults to be present at any gathering of children or youth. We currently have eighteen dedicated volunteers and several substitutes serving this ministry.

Nathan Foxx is the lead teacher for these classes and feels so rewarded to bring Bible teaching and prayer to these public-school students. He stated that many of these students have never heard Bible stories that we take for granted. For example, recently he had a student come up to him after class and say, “Mr. Foxx, thank you for telling me the story of Jesus’ birth. I had never heard it before.” Now that brings joy to your heart!!

Also, this year two students have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and another one, because of the influence of CLC, experienced salvation in their youth group. Last year six students received Christ for the first time through CLC.

Riverside Middle School’s CLC has seeded the high school and helped it to double in size in the span of just one year. Riverside Middle School’s Fellowship of Christian Athletes has grown to approximately one hundred students. Clearly, God is on the move at RMS!

The first and foremost way to support this ministry is with your prayers! In addition, candy and school supplies are much appreciated. A financial contribution is another opportunity to partner with CLC. CLC Upstate and all of its teachers are completely supported by donations. More information about CLC and giving options are available at <https://www.clcupstate.org>. Each of these will impact these youth and our community, not just now, but for generations to come.

There are some vacant seats on the bus. Will you be willing to take a ride? The view is spectacular, and your heart will be warmed!



church reached out and sent cards, so that was kind of like her personal ministry besides being so involved with the church.

Mom and Dad were really active in their Sunday School class, and each year, their class would purchase fruit, put fruit baskets together, and distribute them to shut-ins. They also led a Monday night Bible study. It was after we had a revival one year, and small groups were formed from that, and the Bible study group they were associated with – including the Hoopers, the Drakes, Mom and Dad, and several others – but Daddy would lead that prayer group a lot of times.



Monday Night Prayer Group-mid to late 90’s

Another thing Daddy was really involved in, other than the BBQ, was a Monday morning prayer group with the men. There was a group of them that would come, and they’d eat their cereal and drink their coffee, and then they’d have their Bible study during that time frame. So, I guess Mondays were kind of important to them.

Each year for Easter, Dad would put up/take down the cross with the drapes and the flower cross (which he made) each year. During Salkehatchie, Dad enjoyed being a member of the breakfast team, as well as serving as a site runner or helping finish a site

Both Mom and Dad served on a lot of different committees. Mom would be on the SPRC, the Worship Committee, and those kinds of committees. Dad would be on the more hands-on types of committees. He was on the Trustees Committee and also the Cemetery Committee, where he was actually helping lay things out and planning where the plots should be located.

So, they both had their hands in a lot of things through the church throughout the years, but each one in their own way.

PLUS HOLDING DOWN FULL-TIME JOBS AND A FAMILY...

Yes. Mom was a K-5 teacher – well, she actually ended up being a 5th-grade teacher for 30 years – I guess that’s what people remember her for – so working with the church and music ended up being kind of a stress reliever for her.

We had so many nice remembrances of Dad, and even though he didn’t have a lecturer status or faculty status [at Clemson University], he was actually teaching labs out at the Horse and Sheep Farm, and so many people had commented about their times with Daddy and stuff he taught them, and lessons learned that weren’t necessarily from a textbook.

WHAT’S THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE EACH ONE OF YOUR PARENTS (OR BOTH TOGETHER) HAD ON YOUR LIFE?

Dad and I shared the love of horses. Momma and I shared the love of music. But as far as values, the biggest takeaway is that if you’re going to do something, you’re going to do it right; it’s not going to be half-done! And do it with your whole heart, and I guess that’s something that I’ve always put to mind. I always get put out with folks that are just in-name-only on committees, and that’s what Mom and Dad instilled in me. And that hard work pays off also.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR PARENTS TO BE REMEMBERED FOR?

Their quiet service. They wanted to do things in the background that made things better, but they didn’t want to be recognized for it.

REMEMBERING BUTCH AND MAC KENNEDY

(Interview with April Haynes by Sheron Sweeney and Nancy Hellams)

HOW DID YOUR PARENTS MEET AND HOW LONG WERE THEY MARRIED?

They actually ended up going to high school together. Daddy traveled a lot growing up, and although he attended Eutawville Elementary School, they both attended Holly Hill High School, and that’s where he met Mom. And of course, they dated all through high school and got married once Momma graduated college.

WHERE WAS YOUR MOM IN SCHOOL?

Momma went to Columbia College. That was back when it was an all-girls school, and Daddy talked about going down there from Clemson to visit Mom and going to her dances and different socials.

WOULD HE HITCHHIKE?

He actually had an old car that he would drive, so luckily, he didn’t have to hitchhike to go see her. When Mom graduated college, Daddy was still attending Clemson at the time, and they got married in 1961 and before he graduated from Clemson in 1962. They were married for 58 years when Mom passed away and in 2021, they would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.



Butch and Mac Kennedy – Thanksgiving 2016

WHEN DID YOUR PARENTS JOIN PENDLETON UMC?

They started coming to PUMC a few years after I was born. Mom taught in Clemson schools because that’s where Daddy was in school, and they were going to Clemson United Methodist Church at that time. She and Daddy built the house that they were in in 1966, so I would have been 3 years old at that point, and I’m thinking they may have been going to PUMC prior to that. So that was maybe 1964-65, somewhere right around in there, when they started going to PUMC and had been there ever since. With our granddaughter attending PUMC when she can, our family has been attending PUMC for four generations.

DO YOU RECALL THEM SHARING ANY SPECIFIC MEMORIES OF THOSE EARLY YEARS AS PUMC MEMBERS, INCLUDING WHY THEY CHOSE OUR CHURCH?

Leard Crenshaw was the reason that they joined PUMC. Leard was handicapped and church members loved and accepted him for who he was. Dad thought that if they could love and accept Leard, then this was the church for them. (Leard Crenshaw was a son to Eva Crenshaw – Mary Pearson’s brother – uncle to Joe and Steve Pearson.) Mom and Dad were also looking for a church that had a good Children’s Ministry.

WHAT AREAS IN THE CHURCH WERE YOUR PARENTS INVOLVED IN?

Mom was a member of the chancel choir for 50 years, taught Sunday School for 20 years, and helped with Vacation Bible School many years. For many years, Mom would play the piano and lead the kids in singing before Sunday School each week. Mom took on the ministry of sending cards to people from the church, whether it be while they were sick or sympathy cards or birthday cards. She would do that, and she funded it out of her own pocket. She never had that done through the church. A lot of folks don’t understand where all that came from in the history, but she thought it was important that the



Mac leading the music at VBS-mid to late 70’s

P.E.E.P.S. Preschool and After School

By Ashley Stancil

Preschool

Hi, PUMC family!! What an exciting time of year. I think the kiddos would agree. We are all eagerly awaiting the Christmas holiday. Friday, December 9th, the four’s class decorated gingerbread houses. The kids and parents had a blast, and I believe the children may have gone home a little wired from the sugar. Ha! We also enjoyed a wonderful Christmas program, Pajama/Movie Day, Christmas parties, and even pictures and a visit from Santa!! We love this time of year and love making it magical for all our “Little PEEPS”!

After School

P.E.E.P.S. After School has been studying really hard to finish the last few weeks before break with good grades. We have also had a lot of fun making ornaments and crafts. We are so happy to have Miss Kathy back with us and, most importantly, back to good health. Our staff and students have missed her dearly. She leads our After Schoolers in a daily devotion which is so important to our students. We wish you all a very happy, safe, and magical holiday season!!



Outreach Committee

By Cindi Long

Thanks to everyone that joined us for Homecoming at PUMC! It was a special day for all. A huge thank you to all that brought food – I don’t believe anyone left hungry. Outreach has plans for the coming months!

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Please Note:
UMYF and Club 22:6 Meet on Sunday Evenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Flowers: Modern Service 9 Food & Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10 Traditional Service 11	2 Parlor Reserved 3 PM	3	4	5 First Thursday Lunch - Traditions at 11:30 Communications In conference room @ 6:30 PM	6	7 United Methodist Men at 7:30 AM
8 Flowers: Modern Service 9 Food & Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10 Traditional Service 11	9 Parlor Reserved 3 PM Outreach Committee 6:30 PM	10 WOW @ 12 in the Parlor	11	12 Supper Club Dolce Vita @ 6 PM	13	14
15 Flowers: Modern Service 9 Food & Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10 Traditional Service 11	16 Parlor Reserved 3 PM <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	17 SPRC @ 6 PM in Parlor	18	19 Finance Committee at 6 PM	20	21
22 Flowers: Modern Service 9 Food & Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10 Traditional Service 11	23 Parlor Reserved 3 PM	24 WOW @ 12 in the Parlor Worship Committee 6 PM Council of Stewards 6 PM	25 Helping Hands 1 PM at Ruffage	26	27	28
29 Flowers: Modern Service 9 Food & Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10 Traditional Service 11	30 Parlor Reserved 3 PM	31				

2023 PUMC BUDGET	
Adult Ministry	\$1,000.00
Children's Ministry	\$3,000.00
Church Hospitality Fund	\$2,800.00
Communications	\$1,362.00
Confirmation Class	\$800.00
Congregation Life	\$800.00
Council Contingency Fund	\$500.00
History and Archives	\$200.00
Kitchen Supplies	\$750.00
Music	\$3,200.00
Nursery	\$375.00
Safe Sanctuary	\$500.00
Stewardship	\$250.00
Student Ministry (College)	\$1,000.00
Worship	\$4,000.00
Youth Ministries	\$3,000.00
Sub Total	\$23,537.00
<u>Outreach & Witness</u>	
Camp Providence	\$0.00
Clemson Community Care	\$2,000.00
Discipleship	\$300.00
Graduation Bibles	\$200.00
Family Promise	\$0.00
Haven of Rest	\$300.00
Learning Center Upstate	\$600.00
Magi Christmas	
Missionary Supp-Reyes	\$2,000.00
Missionary Supp-Rhyee	\$2,000.00
Missionary Supp-Smith	\$0.00
Outreach Contingency	\$1,500.00
Sub Total	\$8,900.00
<u>Staff Parish Rel Com</u>	
Administrative Assistant	\$30,000.00
Children's Director	\$11,488.98
Music Accompanist	\$5,569.20
Music Director	\$17,733.25
Nursery Special Services	\$250.00
Nursery Worker	\$3,866.60
Organist	\$6,500.00
Youth Director	\$9,733.50
Sub Total	\$85,141.53
<u>Clergy Reimbursement</u>	
Pastors Continuing Ed	\$800.00
Pastor's Travel & Prof Exp	\$6,000.00
Pastor's Annual Conf Exp	\$600.00
Sub Total	\$7,400.00
<u>Other SPRC Exp</u>	
Pastor's Comp	\$96,825.00
Pastor's Moving Fund	\$3,500.00
Continuing Ed - Staff	\$250.00
Payroll Taxes for Staff	\$9,000.00
SPRC Contingency Fund	\$500.00
Workman's Comp Staff	
Sub Total	\$110,075.00
Trustees	
Church Maintenance	\$30,000.00
Cleaning Contract	\$14,980.00
Windows/Carpet Cleaning	\$2,000.00
Lawn Contract Church	\$6,160.00
Mulch & Trimming	\$1,200.00
Lawn Contract Parsonage	\$2,500.00
Insurance	\$12,625.00
Parsonage Maintenance	\$2,500.00
Technology Sub-Committee	\$2,500.00
Live Streaming	\$2,500.00
Utilities	\$30,000.00
Sub Total	\$106,965.00
Other Operating Exp	
Laity Annual Conf Exp	\$1,150.00
Direct Billing Conf Items	\$25,526.00
Office Equip and Supp	\$10,200.00
Conf. Apportionments	\$36,527.00
(Colleges & Homes)	\$909.00
Sub Total	\$74,312.00
TOTAL	\$416,330.53
Needed Per Week	\$8,006.35



Clemson Community Care is a community services organization serving residents of Clemson, Central and Pendleton by providing food and in some cases help with rent and utilities. Pendleton United Methodist Church has partnered with CCC, accepting food donations as part of our ministry in outreach. There are several bins conveniently located for folks to drop off donations which are delivered to CCC regularly.

Pantry needs include: 16 oz. bottles of cooking oil, 2 lb bags of flour and sugar, canned fruit, canned meat and fish, canned vegetables, dry pasta, oatmeal/grits, pork and beans, rice, shelf stable milk, soup, tomato sauce/paste. All donations are appreciated. Please be certain these are not out-of-date or damaged. Consider donating food as a way to serve your community.



Supper Club will be on January
12th at
Dolce Vita at 6 PM.
Located on Highway 81 in
Anderson. Please let Martha
Jeffries know if
you plan to attend
864-940-5823.

2023 Council of Stewards					
Council Leadership		Administrative		At-Large members	
Chairperson	Arlene Privette	S/P.P.R.C. Chairperson	TK Page	Class of 2023	Bill Hoffman
Vice-Chairperson	Bruce Smith	Finance Chairperson	Al Williams		Wayne Link
Lay Leader	George Atkinson	Treasurer	Billy Martin		ian Ruff
Recording Secretary	Anolyn Watkins	Asst Treasurer/Counting Cord.	Jennifer Crenshaw		Shannon Majsztrik
Senior Pastor	Ricky Howell	Financial Secretary		Class of 2024	Jerry Miullikin
Director Staff (Voice/No Vote)		Church Historian	Martha Jeffries		Andi Cahaly
Music Ministry Director	Adam Coats	Membership Secretary	BJ Smart		Dalene LeFils
Youth Ministry Director	To Be Filled	Communications	Nancy Hellams		Lynn Greene
Children's Ministry Directors	Josh & Brandi Runion	Lay Member to AC	Josh Runion	Class of 2025	Tyler Williams
Nursery Ministry Director	Morgan Kirven	Lay Member to AC	Mary Bess Johnson		Jackie Corbett
Preschool Director	Ashley Stancil	Alternate LM to AC	George Atkinson		Lynn Crenshaw
After School Director	Ashley Stancil	Alternate LM to AC			Steve Welch
Administrative Assistant	Lynn Greene			Nurture Ministries	
Interim Youth Director	Matthew Havice			Congregational Life Co-Chairs	Jo McConnell
Ministry Representatives Elected by Group		Outreach & Witness Ministries			Suzanne Atkinson
UMW President	Douglyn Guthrie	Outreach Chairperson	Cindi Long	Stewardship Chairperson	Carol Burdette
UMM President	Bud Starnes	Pre/ Afterschool Chairperson	Bruce Smith	Worship Chairperson	Karne Link
Trustee Chairperson	Bryan Greene	MAGI Ministries	Bruce Smith	Children's Ministry	Jennifer Smith
Other Clergy-(Voice/Vote)			Ian Ruff	Youth Ministry	Matthew Havice
Retired holding CC Membership	Bobbie Ethridge			Young Adult Ministry	Ruthie Millar
				Senior Adult Ministry	Martha Jeffries
				Kitchen	Lark Martin
2023 Committees & Boards					
Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee		Committee on Lay Leadership & Nominations		Preschool & Afterschool Committee (PEEPS)	
Class of 2023	Anolyn Watkins	Class of 2023	Ralph Welton	Class of 2023	Shannon Majsztrik
	Alanna Arant		Alanna Arant		Cathy Welton
	Bud Starnes	Class of 2024	Joe Pearson	Class of 2024	Mason Lefils
Class of 2024	zruthie Millar		Diane Guffee		Alanna Arant
	TK Page - Chair	Class of 2025	Ruthie Millar	Class of 2025	Bruce Smith, Chair
	JC Cook		Martha Jeffries		Heather Furbree
Class of 2025	Matt Hersom	Pastor	Ricky Howell - Chair	PEEPS Coordinators	Ashley Stancil
	Laura Pearson	Lay Leader	George Atkinson	SPRC Representative	TK Page
	Lori Sloan	Finance Committee		Trustee Representative	Bryan Greene
AC Delegate	Mary Bess Johnson	Chairperson:	Al Williams	Finance Representative	
Lay Leader	George Atkinson	Lay Leader:	George Atkinson	Outreach Representative	Cindi Long
Board of Trustees		Trustee Rep:	Bryan Greene	Children's Ministry Rep.	Brandi Runion
Class of 2023	Bryan Greene - Chair	Treasurer:	Billy Martin	Preschool Parent	Ali Dodge
	Pete McConnell	Asst. Treasurer:	Jennifer Crenshaw	Afterschool Parent	Mandy Satterfield
	Arlene Privette	COS Chair:	Arlene Privette	Treasurer	Billy Martin
Class of 2024	Billy Martin	PPRC Rep:	TK Page	Outreach & Witness Committee	
	Preston Cox	Stewardship Rep:	Carol Burdette	Cindi Long (Chairperson)	Bryan Greene
	Becky Oliver	Lay Delegate:	Mary Bess Johnson	Becky Hopkins	Patsy Greene
Class of 2025	Evan Link			Tim Fuhrer (Salk Lunch)	Anolyn Watkins (Magi)
	TK Page			Jane Coakley	Michala Osbirn
	Kristin Mosely			TBN (Release Time)	Billy Martin
Cemetery Committee (Trustee Sub Committee)		Worship Committee		Communications Committee	
Trustee President will Chair		Ginger Clark	Matthew Havice	Nancy Hellams (Chairperson)	Becky Hopkins
Bryan Greene - Chair	Billy Martin	Adam Coats (Music Director)	Sheron Sweeney	Judy Estep	Betsy Starnes
Martha Jeffries	Becky Oliver	Dougalyn Guthrie	Karen Link - Chair	Lynn Greene	Shawn Howell
Dale Shaw	Russ Guffee	Anolyn Watkins	Suzanne Atkinson	April Haynes	Sheron Sweeney
	Paul Coakley	Jackie Corbett	Cindi Long		
		Alanna Arant	Katherine Towns		
Sr. Pastor: Rev. Ricky Howell		Lay Leader: George Atkinson			
Sr. Pastor is a member of Each Committee and Board		Lay Leader is a member of Each Committee and Board			

>>> February 2023

Please Note:

UMYF and Club 22:6 Meet on Sunday Evenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 First Thursday Lunch - TBA Communications In conference room @ 6 pm	3	4
5 Flowers: Modern Service 9 Food & Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School. 10 Traditional Service 11	6 Parlor Reserved 3 PM	7	8	9 Supper Club- TBA	10 Youth Lock-In	11 Youth BBQ 11-2
12 Flowers: Modern Service 9 Food & Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School. 10 Traditional Service 11	13 Parlor Reserved 3 PM	14 WOW @ 12 in the Parlor Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19 Flowers: Modern Service 9 Food & Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School. 10 Traditional Service 11	20 Parlor Reserved 3 PM Presidents' Day	21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6-8 PM	22	23	24	25
26 Flowers: Modern Service 9 Food & Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School. 10 Traditional Service 11	27 Parlor Reserved 3 PM	28 WOW @ 12 in the Parlor Council of Stewards 6 PM				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 First Thursday Lunch - TBA Communications In conference room @ 6:30 PM	3	4
5 Flowers: Modern Service 9 Food & Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10 Traditional Service 11	6 Parlor Reserved 3 PM	7	8	9 Supper Club- TBA	10	11 United Methodist Men at 7:30 AM
12 Flowers: Modern Service 9 Food & Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10 Traditional Service 11	13 Parlor Reserved 3 PM	14 WOW @ 12 in the Parlor	15	16 Finance Committee at 6 PM	17	18
19 Flowers: Modern Service 9 Food & Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10 Traditional Service 11	20 Parlor Reserved 3 PM	21	22	23	24	25
26 Flowers: Modern Service 9 Food & Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10 Traditional Service 11	27 Parlor Reserved 3 PM	28 WOW @ 12 in the Parlor	29	30	31	



BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

Nancy Cox 1
TJ Williams 1
Diana Mullikin 3
Dave Wall 4
Logan Parker 5
Alex Holbrooks 7
Mark Hopkins 9
Meghan Bowers 9
Lena Mullikin 12
Al Williams 12
Roger Estep 12
Mike Steepy 16
Ken Brown 17
Susann Hellams 17
Jake Link 18
Craig Cahaly 20
Jane Acevedo 20
Sue Hurst 22
Kaitlyn Hersom 23
Ken Culberson 23
Yvonne Brown 24
Jack Leonard 30
Courtney Morgan 31

FEBRUARY

Evan Link 1
Lawson Eaves 4
MJ Barrs 4
Juliana Allen 5
Kim Becker 8
Harvey Haynes 9
Katie Barnette 9
Mike Applequist 11
Terry Williams 11
Cathy Welton 12
Mary Ellen Mullikin 12
Tylor Furbee 12
Dougalyn Guthrie 15
Sheron Sweeney 15
Burney Drake 17
Kaleigh Smith 17
Gary Collins 18
Adam Guthrie 19
John Rowland 19
Greg Barnette 20
Adam Coats 22
Donna Abercrombie 22
Bill Hoffman 25
Lori Sloan 25
Mike Allen 25
Laney Smith 28

MARCH

Ivy Steepy 2
Jane Coakley 2
Bob Muth 5
Travis Furbee 6
Ed Clayton 9
Charles Thomas 11
Shannon Majsztrik 11
Kathy Williams 12
Bryan Greene 15
Howard Greene 15
Reagan Sloan 15
Becky Oliver 16
Mary Bess Johnson 16
Helen Havice 17
Anolyn Watkins 18
Olivia Mullikin 19
JC Cook 21
Caitlin Williams 23
Dale Shaw 24
Joey Lee 24
Linda Macy 25
Lindsey Crenshaw 26
Lark Martin 30

ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

Jack & Sandy Leonard 17

FEBRUARY

Craig & Andi Cahaly 1
Howard & Patsy Greene 25
Hal & Donna Abrecrombie 26

MARCH

Chris & Mary Bess Johnson 24
Ben & Lindsey Crenshaw 25

