

# ~THE ST. JOHN'S POST~

September 2026 Edition

## Celebration, Come and See!

As we turn our calendars to September, most people start thinking about pumpkin spice, picking apples, cooler weather, and going to the mountains to see the leaves change. If you're a United Methodist minister serving a local church, however, you are probably thinking about Charge Conference!

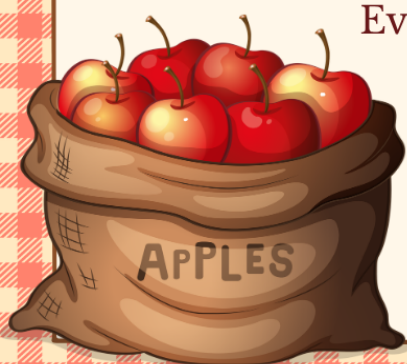
**This year, St. John's United Methodist Church will meet for Charge Conference on Monday, October 26, at 6:00 p.m.** You might ask, "What exactly is a Charge Conference?"

Historically, a Charge Conference was a Methodist unit consisting of one or more churches under the leadership of a pastor. Today, many United Methodist congregations have their own Charge Conference. Our District Superintendent, Dr. Anthony Hodge, will chair our meeting and lead us in a devotion.

This year, I would like us to think about Charge Conference as more than just another meeting. It is an opportunity for us to come together as a church family and celebrate where God has brought us, where we are today, and where God may be calling us next.

You may be thinking that Charge Conference is mainly for the pastor and church leaders, and you would be correct. Elected leaders have an important role to play, but Charge Conference is for the whole church.

Every member deserves to know what is happening in the life of our church. Charge Conference allows us to hear about our ministries, challenges, opportunities, and plans for the future.





We will take a serious look at what we have accomplished and what is yet to come. We will receive written reports from our leadership teams and ministries, including Finance, Trustees, Missions, Music, Youth, Children, JOY, Care Ministry, Stewardship, Education, Worship, W.E.E. School, SPRC, UMM, UWF, Lay Servant Ministry, and the Pastor.

Dr. Justin Isenhour, our Council Chair, will give an oral report highlighting many of the ministry opportunities we have experienced throughout the year. I will give the Pastor's Report, which will include membership statistics and an overview of the state of our church.

As we prepare for Charge Conference, it is also important to remember that every United Methodist church is going through this same process as part of our connectional structure. Local churches are connected to the district, the district to the conference, the conference to the jurisdiction, and the jurisdiction to the General Conference. We are part of something much larger than ourselves. As John Wesley famously said, **"The world is our parish."**

As I prepare for Charge Conference, I am reminded of the mission statement we changed several years ago to better reflect who Christ is revealed to be in the Bible:

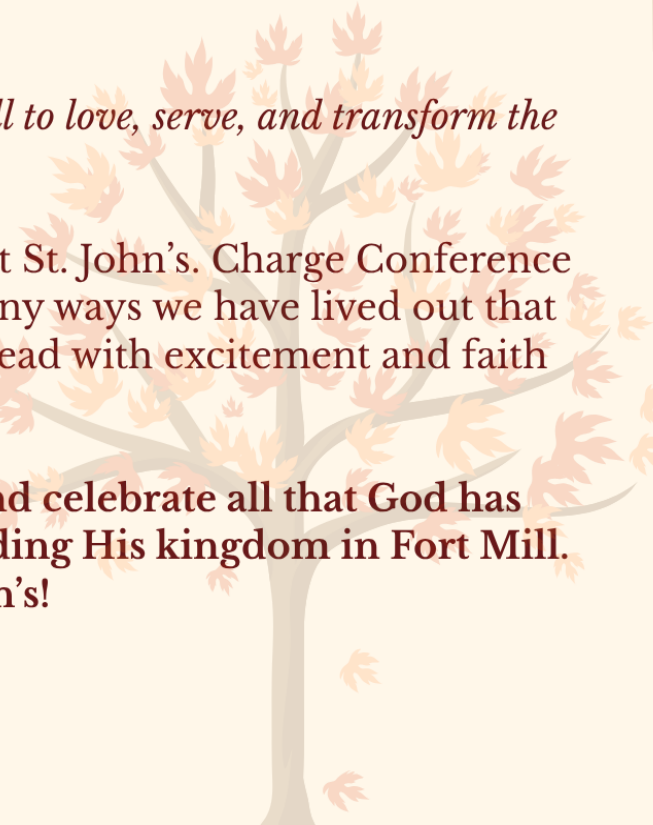
*"To be Christ to all people by living out God's call to love, serve, and transform the world."*

That mission is at the heart of who we are at St. John's. Charge Conference gives us an opportunity to celebrate the many ways we have lived out that mission during the past year and to look ahead with excitement and faith toward what God has in store for us.

I hope you will come out on October 26 and celebrate all that God has helped us accomplish as we continue building His kingdom in Fort Mill. Come and see what God is doing at St. John's!

Shalom,

Karen



# September Events & Reminders

\*If you have a need to use our facilities,  
please contact the church office  
for a full list of availabilities



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6/COMMUNION SUNDAY

Offering Supports UMCOR

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE:** 8:30 am Worship Service  
9:30 am Hospitality  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service

**EXERCISE W/AVIS:** Monday-Wednesday-Friday  
11:00am-11:30am  
Fellowship Center

### Upcoming Meetings

**September 16 @ 6pm**  
Missions Committee Meeting (MBC)  
**September 20 @ 12:15pm**  
Finance Committee Meeting (MBC)

### UNITED METHODIST MEN! Upcoming Events!

### Lunch Buddies:

Longhorn Steakhouse in Rock Hill is the next destination for the Lunch Buddies. We will get together on September 22 at 11:30 am for another time of good food, fun, and fellowship. Please plan to join us at the restaurant; their address is 2255 Cross Pointe Drive, off Dave Lyle Boulevard adjacent to I-77. Please sign up on the board in the hallway or on REALM by Sunday, September 20.

### PINTS FOR PADRES

Join us for Pints for Padres on Tuesday, September 1, from 6:30–9:00 p.m. at The Print Shop. Come enjoy a great evening of fellowship!

### UMM MEETING

The United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet on Sunday, September 20. The meeting time is TBA.  
**ALL MEN OF ST. JOHN'S UMC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

### Pumpkin Patch News!

#### The Pumpkins are Coming!

\*Our pumpkins are on the way! The truck is scheduled to arrive on Saturday, September 26, and we need lots of helping hands to unload. Volunteer sign-ups are now available, and lunch will be provided for everyone who helps. It's always a fun day filled with great fellowship, so we hope you'll join us!

\*Pumpkin Patch shift sign-ups are also now available! Volunteer shifts are scheduled in 2-hour increments, and the sign-up sheets are located on the sign-up tables. Thank you for volunteering and helping make this ministry a success!

### Church Office Hours

Church Office returns to regular hours the week of September 8:  
**Monday - Thursday (8:30am-2:30pm)**  
**Friday (8:30am-12pm)**

**\*The office will be closed Sept. 7 for Labor Day\***

### WEE School

WEE School begins on Tuesday, September 8.

First Spirit Night is Tuesday, September 22 at Bossy Beulah's!

### Wednesday Night Dinner

Weekly meals start back on September 9. Dinner will be served from 5:30pm-7pm. Check out our Wednesday Night Meal Flyer for more information.

# September Celebrations!

- September 1: Pat Pettus & Bethany Stone  
Tim & Bethany Stone - *Happy Anniversary!*
- September 2: Luke Meche
- September 3: Blair Skelton
- September 4: Anna Gilreath & Emily Lee
- September 5: Carolyn Griffin, Paige Harroff, **Ava Reavis, Brenna Reavis & Cora Reavis**
- September 6: Heidi McDonald
- September 7: **Grant Miller**  
H.F. & Meredith Jackson - *Happy Anniversary!*
- September 8: Chris Henley & Debbie Rouse  
Larry & Linda Spinks - *Happy Anniversary!*
- September 10: **Will Edwards** & Amy Bartholomew  
Marty & Katherine Burns - *Happy Anniversary!*
- September 11: Karen Radcliffe & Elisabeth Williamson  
Kirk & Jennifer Hardymon - *Happy Anniversary!*
- September 12: Rick Olinger, Joyce Patterson & Claudia Payne
- September 14: **C.J. McDonald**
- September 15: Gina Dyer-Goss & Debbie Ward  
Kenny & Debbie Rouse - *Happy Anniversary!*
- September 17: Tim Burwell & Michael Adkisson
- September 18: **Oliver Johnson**  
Chip & Trudie Heemsoth - *Happy Anniversary!*
- September 19: Rich Miller
- September 20: **Derek Helms** & Maggie Helms
- September 21: Warren & Crissy Anderson - *Happy Anniversary!*
- September 22: Peggy Bishop
- September 23: Amy James, Brandy Powers & Mandy Shamblin  
Ben & Amy James - *Happy Anniversary!*
- September 24: Colbyn King  
Bryan & Beth Meador - *Happy Anniversary!*  
Chip & Susan Morris - *Happy Anniversary!*
- September 26: **Shay Lewis**, Jack Koontz & Dawn Smith
- September 27: Evan & Margaret Barber - *Happy Anniversary!*  
Wes & Kristen Carter - *Happy Anniversary!*
- September 28: Dawna Spilmann  
Jon & Lise Turner - *Happy Anniversary!*
- September 29: Martha Jones & Steven Smith
- September 30: **Henry Crocker & Kees Vandergriff**  
Mike & Melissa McGady - *Happy Anniversary!*



# Join Us FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS for a **COMMUNITY MEAL!**



A WARM MEAL. FRIENDLY FACES. ALL ARE WELCOME.

*Donation Welcome!*



DINNER WILL BE  
SERVED FROM  
**5:30-7:00PM**



**FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
at St. John's United  
Methodist Church  
130 Tom Hall Street  
Fort Mill, SC 29715



*Everyone  
is welcome!*



*Great food. Good company. A chance to connect.*

## MENU SCHEDULE

|                                                                                     |                 |                                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|   | <b>SEPT. 9</b>  | Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Brownies<br>(Estate Planning)                          |
|  | <b>SEPT. 16</b> | Tacos, Black Beans, Rice, Dessert                                                           |
|  | <b>SEPT. 23</b> | Spaghetti with Marinara and Meat Sauce,<br>Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert                     |
|  | <b>SEPT. 30</b> | Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit                                                    |
|  | <b>OCT. 7</b>   | Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Dessert                                                             |
|  | <b>OCT. 14</b>  | NO MEAL                                                                                     |
|  | <b>OCT. 21</b>  | BBQ Shredded Chicken Sandwiches,<br>Tater Tots, Green Beans, Dessert                        |
|  | <b>OCT. 28</b>  | Halloween Meal- Mummy Hot Dogs, Chili,<br>Cornbread, Pumpkin Veggies, Halloween Desserts    |
|  | <b>NOV. 4</b>   | Baked Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert                                                    |
|  | <b>NOV. 11</b>  | Soups, Grilled Cheese, Salad, Dessert                                                       |
|  | <b>NOV. 18</b>  | Thanksgiving Meal- Roast Turkey, Dressing,<br>Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Assorted Pies   |
|  | <b>NOV. 25</b>  | NO MEAL                                                                                     |
|  | <b>DEC. 2</b>   | Tacos, Black Beans, Rice, Dessert                                                           |
|  | <b>DEC. 9</b>   | French Toast Sticks, Scrambled Eggs,<br>Grits, Bacon, Fruit                                 |
|  | <b>DEC. 16</b>  | Christmas Meal- Ham, Hashbrown Casserole,<br>Green Beans, Ambrosia Salad, Christmas Cookies |



\* Chicken Nuggets will be available at each meal for children.



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

# Children & Youth

The start of a new school year means a fresh start for our Children and Youth Ministries! We are excited for another year of growing in faith, building friendships, serving others, and discovering what it means to follow Jesus together.

We have already had a wonderful start to the new school year! In August, we celebrated our students and teachers with our Blessing of the Backpacks, reminding our children and youth that God goes with them wherever they go.

Our youth also hosted a special Children's Luncheon, welcoming our children and their families and helping everyone get excited about the year ahead. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children and youth to spend time together and for our younger members to see some of the older students who will be helping lead and serve throughout the year.

## **New Schedules for the New Year**

We have a few exciting changes to our weekly Children and Youth schedule this year:

### **REAL Kids**

Sundays | 2:30-3:30 PM

Our 4 year olds- 5th Graders will gather each Sunday afternoon for a time of Bible learning, games, friendships, and fun as they grow in their faith.

### **Youth Group**

Sundays | 4:00-6:00 PM | The Zone

Our youth will gather each Sunday afternoon for fellowship, games, Bible study, discussion, and opportunities to grow together. We are excited to have a dedicated two-hour time for our youth each week!

You can find the full Children and Youth schedule for the year below and mark your calendars for all of the exciting opportunities ahead.

We are grateful for all of the children, youth, parents, volunteers, and families who make these ministries possible. Whether you are a longtime participant or joining us for the first time, there is a place for you here! We can't wait to see what God has in store for our children and youth this year. Here's to a new school year filled with faith, friendship, laughter, service, and lots of fun!



ST. JOHN'S UMC-FORT MILL, SC

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FALL

REAL Kids: (9/13, 9/20,  
9/27, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1,  
11/15)

9/26- Pumpkins Arrive

10/16- Double Feature  
Movie Night

10/25- Trunk or Treat

10/28- Pumpkin Carving

11/8- Grocery Store  
Challenge

## WINTER

REAL Kids: (12/6, 1/10,  
1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/14, 2/21,  
2/28,

12/11- Wild Lights @  
Riverbanks Zoo

1/10- Chili Cook Off &  
Bake Off

2/7- Ice Skating

2/10- Family Friendly Ash  
Wednesday Service

## SPRING

REAL Kids: (3/7, 3/14,  
4/4, 4/18, 4/25, 5/16,  
5/23

3/21- Easter Egg Hunt

4/11- Sidewalk Chalk &  
Bubble Fest

5/2- Strawberry Picking

## SUMMER

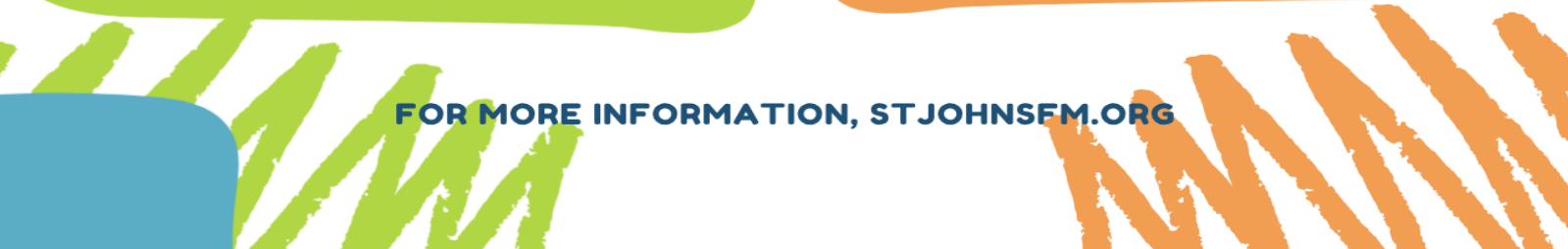
VBS

June 7-11th

Kindness Week

July 9-16th

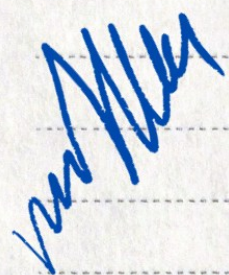
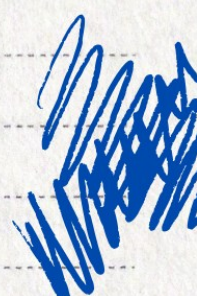
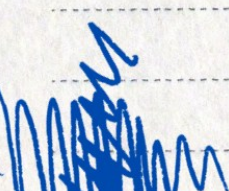
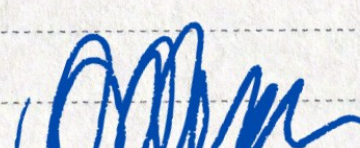
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# UMYF

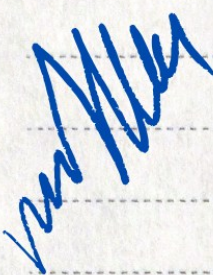
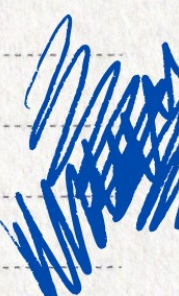
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- ☐ UMYF starts 8/9 (4:00pm-6:00pm)
  - ☐ High School Only-Knights Ballgame-8/28
  - ☐ Boomers vs. Zoomers- 8/30
  - ☐ NO YOUTH GROUP- 9/6
  - ☐ Chopped Cooking Competetion-9/13
  - ☐ 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Hang-9/18
  - ☐ Parking Lot Pot Luck-9/20
  - ☐ Pumpkin Patch Unloading-9/26
  - ☐ High School Only-Monster Mini Golf-10/11
  - ☐ Outdoor Movie Night- 10/16
  - ☐ Trunk or Treat-10/25 (No UMYF)
  - ☐ 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Hang-10/30
  - ☐ Tacos and Testimony Night-11/8
  - ☐ Sunrise on the Reaping Movie- 11/20
  - ☐ Harvest Sunday & Hibachi- 11/22 (No UMYF)
  - ☐ Christmas Parade-12/5
  - ☐ Angel Tree Delivery-12/12
  - ☐ NO YOUTH GROUP- 12/13 & 12/27
  - ☐ Luminary Set-Up & Winterfest-12/20
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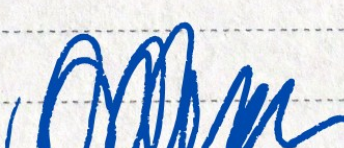


# UMYF

## CALENDAR

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- ☐ UMYF Starts Back- 1/10
  - ☐ Chili Cook-Off & Bake Off- 1/10
  - ☐ High School Only-Bonfire Night- 1/24
  - ☐ Shrove Tuesday- 2/9
  - ☐ Souper Bowl Offering (both services)- 2/14
  - ☐ Superbowl Party- 2/14
  - ☐ Mountain Trip- 2/18-2/21
  - ☐ Spring Fling Fundraiser- 3/5
  - ☐ You're in Charge (Youth Led)- 3/7
  - ☐ High School Only- Axe Throwing- 3/14
  - ☐ Easter Egg Hunt- 3/21
  - ☐ NO YOUTH (Happy Easter)-3/28
  - ☐ Friday Night Hang- 4/9
  - ☐ Pickle Ball- 4/18
  - ☐ NO YOUTH (Happy Mother's Day)- 5/9
  - ☐ Friday Nigh Hang-5/21
  - ☐ Last UMYF & BEAT THE BOMB OUTING-5/23

**Let us know your events and if you  
need Mallory, 843-504-5419**





# STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Melissa Morse, Chairperson, Stewardship Committee

## NEW ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR THIS MONTH!

The Stewardship Committee has arranged for an Estate Planning seminar to be conducted by the Simpson Law Firm, a firm that specializes in estate and elder law. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are pleased to have Holly Simpson, the founder of this well-known law firm, lead this free and very informative program where she will cover many subjects such as the difference between wills and trusts, the importance of Powers of Attorney, and she will review common estate planning mistakes and how to avoid them.

It should be a great presentation on these subjects. She will also answer any questions you may have about this area. To sign up please contact [stjohnsfm@comporium.net](mailto:stjohnsfm@comporium.net)



## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAYS ARE ALMOST HERE!

On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> St. John's will kick off the Stewardship Sundays program. This will begin 7 weeks of Sunday services, at both the 8:30 and the 11:00 services, where each week a representative from a St. John's committee will address the congregation and present information about their committee. It's important for everyone to know about each of these groups and how they serve the overall St. John's mission. We are grateful to those people who have volunteered to speak at these important Sunday services.

## STEWARDSHIP MEETING

If you are interested in joining the Stewardship Committee, our next meeting will be on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm in the Loft. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at [melissa.kay.morse@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.kay.morse@gmail.com)





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ESTATE ATTORNEY

**HOLLY SIMPSON**

SIMPSON LAW FIRM

**9**

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**6:00 PM  
EST**

## **WILLS VS TRUSTS**

### **WHICH IS RIGHT FOR YOUR FAMILY?**

**Attorney and Founder of Simpson Law Firm, Holly Simpson**, will lead a free, informative presentation designed to take the mystery out of Estate Planning. Learn the differences between Wills and Trusts, why Powers of Attorney matter, how to name guardians for minor children, and the common planning mistakes that can lead to confusion, unnecessary expense, and court involvement.

Whether you are just getting started or reviewing an existing plan, you will leave with practical information and greater confidence about protecting your wishes and making life easier for the people you love.

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**130 TOM HALL STREET**  
**FORT MILL, SC 29715**

**RSVP TO [STJOHNSFM@COMPORIUM.NET](mailto:STJOHNSFM@COMPORIUM.NET).**

# WEE School News!

Beth Meador, Director

Another summer has come and gone and we are so excited to begin a new school year. Our teachers are busy preparing their classrooms so they are ready to welcome our children on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to a wonderful year and ask for your continued prayers this school year.



## Spirit/Fundraiser Events

Mark your calendars! We are excited to have our Spirit Nights once again this school year. As always, thank you for your support of our W.E.E. School!



### 2026-2027 W.E.E. SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHTS

September 22nd  
5pm-9pm Bossy Beulah's



October 13th  
5pm-10pm Hobo's

January 12th  
4pm-8pm Paco's Tacos



February 23rd  
4pm-9pm Brixx Pizza

March 16th  
4pm-8pm Wing King



April 6th  
12pm-9pm Whit's Custard





## Music Department News!

Noah Sigsworth, Music Director



It has been such a joy to begin my time at St. John's, and I continue to be grateful for how warmly I have been welcomed into this community. There is already such a wonderful spirit of music here, and I'm excited to see it continue to grow.

Choir rehearsals have resumed, and I'm looking forward to bell choir rehearsals and Music Makers getting back underway in September. I'm especially excited to hear all sorts of folks making music together again! If you have ever thought about singing with the Chancel Choir, please know that all are welcome. And if ringing is more your speed, I'm sure Amber Boan and Katherine Burns would be delighted to have you join Golden Ringers, while Nancy Rivers would love to welcome you to Joyful Ringers. Reach out to them if you would like more info.

It was also a real treat to hear our youth sing on Salkehatchie Sunday. What a gift to see young people sharing their musical gifts in worship!

Behind the scenes, I'm already beginning to make plans for Advent, and I'm very excited about what is ahead. There are lots of wonderful possibilities, and I look forward to sharing more as we get closer.

I also want to offer a special thank-you to Lauren Harris for all she does to support the music ministry, and to the Isenhour family for the music they have shared with us. And thank you to everyone who has offered special music over the summer. There are too many people to name individually, but it has been a joy to hear so many of you sing, play instruments, and share your gifts. Be on the lookout for some more organ playing in the coming months!

Thank you for making music such an important part of the life of St. John's. I'm looking forward to all that we'll make together in the months ahead! ~Noah



# United Women in Faith

Looking for fellowship, friendship, and a little fun?

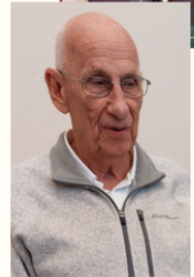
United Women in Faith is a wonderful way to connect with other women at St. John's while growing in faith and serving our church and community. Throughout the year, we enjoy a variety of activities together—from Bible studies and mission projects to lunches, outings, special events, and plenty of time for laughter and fellowship. Whether you've been part of United Women in Faith for years or are looking for a new way to get involved, we'd love to have you join us! Come be part of the fun, friendship, and faith!

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## Events this Year!

We began the year with our Winter Celebration, where we gathered to celebrate fellowship, service, and the contributions of those who make a difference in our community. During the celebration, Amy Bartholomew, Brenda Little, and Larry Taulbert were recognized with award pins for their outstanding service and dedication to our community. We are grateful for their commitment and the many ways they continue to make a positive impact.

In March, our ladies gathered at Philadelphia UMC for the annual Call to Prayer and Self Denial. Our ladies were honored to host this special program, which brings women together in prayer, fellowship, and service.



# Events this Year continued....

The summer months bring two special events for our UWF: Salkehatchie Summer Camp and our Summer Celebration.

In June, our ladies prepared a meal for the Catawba Camp Salkehatchie workers and served them at Pleasant Hill UMC. It was a wonderful opportunity to support these dedicated volunteers as they gave their time and energy to serve others in our community.



Our Summer Celebration was held on Sunday, August 23, in the Fellowship Center. We enjoyed delicious food, wonderful fellowship, and a special presentation from Heather Francisco, who shared stories and experiences from her family's missionary trip to Malawi, Africa. It was a meaningful afternoon of fellowship and inspiration as we learned more about their mission work and the people they served.

## **Faith in Action!**

From special celebrations and mission projects to prayer, fellowship, and supporting those in need, our ladies continue to make a difference both within our church and throughout our community. We are grateful for each woman who gives her time, talents, and heart to UWF.

Photos courtesy of Elaine Cryderman



# Missions Committee

Amy Bartholomew, Committee Chair

We are looking forward to continuing with our Saturday Projects on Saturday, September 19. This is a great way to carry on with the momentum we started during Kindness Week.

We will have three opportunities this month:

## Bethel Shelter

We will have our monthly visit to clean and restock the donation closets at the Bethel Day Shelter. You can meet Shawne Heeren in the church parking lot at 9:30am to carpool or meet her at the shelter at 10:00am: 546 S. Cherry Road, Suite S, Rock Hill. Please let Shawne know if you plan to attend.

## Washings of Hope

It's time to make more laundry detergent and dryer sheet bags for the local laundromat. The people who receive these are always so thankful for the blessing. A sign-up sheet will be shared if you would like to donate items or help us make the bags.

## Community Pantry and Refrigerator at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill

We will be making sandwiches to deliver to the refrigerator. A sign-up sheet will be shared for donations of sandwich items and volunteers to make the sandwiches. We will also be looking for a volunteer to deliver them.

Please check the lists of donation requests in the donation center outside the door to the fellowship hall. Check the lists of current needs for the Fort Mill Care Center and the Bethel Shelter.

## September Mission Spotlight: Community Pantry and Refrigerator

Covenant Presbyterian Church at the corner of Celanese Road and Mt. Gallant Road in Rock Hill has a community pantry and refrigerator for anyone in need. During Kindness Week, we adopted them for the week and delivered food daily. The food we delivered was often gone by the next day. We are going to make sandwiches on Sept. 19 to deliver to the refrigerator.

The great thing is that we don't have to sign up with Covenant Presbyterian to have a specific day to deliver food. Anyone can take food at any time. If you have food left over from a party, or you made too much food, this is a great place to take it! The pantry/refrigerator is located at the front of the church as it faces Mt. Gallant Road. It is in a little shelter that is added on to the building.

You don't have to enter the church. Please consider keeping this in mind as you do your weekly shopping.

*Missions Committee Next Meeting: 9/16 @ 6pm*

*All are Welcome!*





## PARKING LOT POT LUCK

Let's gather together for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and fun! St. John's will provide the fried chicken—you bring a side dish or dessert, and we'll take care of the rest!

We'll have yard games, a cake walk, and plenty of time to relax, laugh, and connect with your church family. Come hungry and ready to have some fun!

## GATHERING TABLE

The Gathering Table is all about pulling up a chair, sharing a meal, and getting to know people in our church family a little better. Groups of 8-10 people gather for dinner every other month throughout the year—no formal agenda, just good food, conversation, and connection.

As we look ahead to Fall, we have a few spaces available for new people to join in! If you've been looking for a simple way to build deeper relationships and get to know some of your church family, there's a place for you at the table.

## FALL ART MASTERPIECE

Join us for another fun afternoon of painting with Ruth Orwig on Sunday, September 27, from 2-4 PM. Come enjoy some creativity, conversation, and a little Fall fun as you create your own autumn masterpiece.

Cost is \$5 per person to cover materials. There are only 20 spots available, so be sure to sign up early!

Sign up on Realm or in the hallway. Bring a friend and join us for a fun afternoon of painting and fellowship!





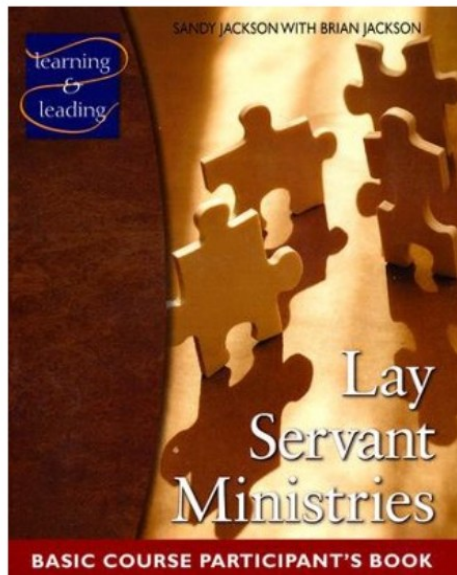
# Introduction to Lay Ministry

Won't you join us?

This class will meet:

September 13, 20, 27 & October 11

4:00pm - 6:30pm



Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

Sign-up is on Realm or on the sign up board.

Class facilitator: Nancy Rivers



# Epworth Children's Home

130th Anniversary Celebration!

Please join us for a joyful, family-friendly day celebrating Epworth's 130th anniversary on Saturday, October 17th, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The event on the beautiful and historic Epworth campus in Columbia, SC will feature delicious Shealy's BBQ! Pork and fried chicken plates are \$15 each with fixings and Kids' (10 and under) plates are \$10. Pre-orders are preferred, but walkup orders on day of event are welcome while supplies last.

In addition to lunch, the celebration will include:

- Live music
- A classic car display presented by the Columbia Classic Chevy Car Club
- Fun children's activities
- Campus tours
- And more!
- To reserve your plate, complete the order form at the Friends of Epworth website – [130th Anniversary Celebration – Friends of Epworth](https://friendsofepworth.org/epworth-130th-anniversary/).

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

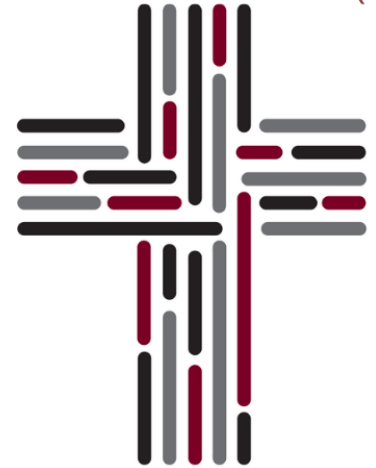
For more information, visit the link below:

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***...TO BE CHRIST TO ALL PEOPLE BY LIVING OUT GOD'S CALL  
TO LOVE, SERVE, AND TRANSFORM THE WORLD.***