


Central

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVE GOD | LOVE PEOPLE | MAKE DISCIPLES

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
NOVEMBER 8, 2026
*Volume 71* *Green* *Issue 45*

The Prelude "I Love to Tell the Story" Arr by. Hamlin

Praise & Worship Through Music "Thy Word"

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Hymn "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" #540

*The Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed"

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was Crucified, Dead, and Buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Anthem Chancel Choir

Sacrament of Holy Baptism Lawson Ellis Kennedy

Children's Moments

The Offertory Praise Team

*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Song of Preparation Praise Team

*The Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:1-13

The Sermon "Under a Watchful Eye"

Rev. Keith Stewart

*The Hymn "Seek Ye First" #405

*The Benediction

*Choral Benediction Chancel Choir

The Postlude "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" Arr by. L. Smith

*We stand as we are able.



The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Lawson Ellis Kennedy's baptism and in honor of his sister and brother by his family.

**Serving This Week**

| | |
|---|---|
| Trustee (Unlock Church) | Liz MacDonald |
| Trustee: (Lock Church) | Buren Mitchell |
| Ushers: | Captain: Mark Vedder<br>Brian Summer |
| Greeters: | David and Fran Senn |
| Children's Church: | Annie Laurie Dorroh and Mary Glover |
| Acolyte: | Charlie Northcutt |
| Nursery: | Elizabeth Morago and Lucy Brown |
| Offering Stewards: | Don Haile and Jill Longshore |
| Sound System: | David Force |
| Video System: | Millie Livingston |
| Springfield Friends: | Kathy Cinnamond |

**The Week Ahead**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Sun., November 8** | 9:00 am | Sunday School |
| | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| **Mon., November 9** | 10:00 am | Circle 1 (Gathering Room) |
| **Tues., November 10** | 11:30 am | New Ventures Fall Bingo (Henry Hall) |
| **Wed., November 11** | 10:30 am | Wednesday Morning Bible Study |
| | 6:30 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |

## Announcements

### The Wednesday AM Bible Study

We are continuing our study, it is the Book of Amos by the author, Jennifer Rothschild. This week's study is "Live Hopeful"
Please Join Us Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in the Seekers Room.

### New Ventures 55+ Fall Bingo

We are excited to gather for a wonderful time of fellowship at our New Ventures Fall Bingo on **Tuesday, November 10, at 11:30 AM in Henry Hall**. If you would like to attend, please sign up by calling the church office at 803-276-3903. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Children's Friendsgiving

All Children are warmly invited to a special Friendsgiving celebration on **Sunday, November 15, from 5:00PM to 6:30PM in Henry Hall**. It will be an evening filled with fun, fellowship, creative crafts, and a delicious meal. The church will provide the chicken tenders, and the children will bring their favorite holiday side and/or dessert to share. We look forward to sharing this time of gratitude together!

### 5th Sunday Brunch

Join us for fellowship and food! Our 5th Sunday Brunch will take place on **Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 9:00 AM in Henry Hall.** Please note that **Sunday School will not meet that day** so that we can all share this special time together. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Pledge Cards**
We appreciate everyone who has already submitted their pledge card for the upcoming year! If you have not yet had the opportunity to return yours, there is still time. Pledge cards are available in the sanctuary vestibules and the church office. Your faithful stewardship directly supports our ministries and shared missions. We are deeply grateful to you all! God Bless You.

**An Invitation to Join us at Chancel Choir Rehearsals**
The Chancel Choir is preparing for a mini–Christmas Cantata for **Sunday, December 13**. We invite anyone who would love to join us. Please come to rehearsals and sing with us. Wednesdays from 6:30pm-7:00pm will be Cantata practice on the following days: **November 11, December 2 (after children's program), and December 9.** Thank you!
**New Ventures 55+ Mark Your Calendars!**
White Elephant-December 8

**Join Us for the 2026 Christmas Parade!**
We are excited to invite you to join us for the **2026 Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 21st.** We will meet in the church parking lot by the bus at **4:00 PM before heading over to the official parade lineup**, with the parade **officially beginning at 5:00 PM.** This year's theme is inspired by the Grinch, and we encourage everyone participating to **dress up like the Whos** to help us spread the joyful Christmas spirit! We'll be featuring our bus in the parade, with a group of volunteers walking right behind it. If you would like to join us, please call the church office to sign up. **ALL AGES WELCOME!**
Additionally, we are looking for **volunteers to help decorate the bus on Monday, November 16 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.**
If you would like to donate Christmas or Grinch themed decorations for the bus, please drop them off at the church office or contact Jackie at 803-276-3903. Thank you!!

**Church Office Closed** 
In observance of Veterans Day, the church office will be **closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2026.** We will **reopen with regular church hours on Thursday, November 12.** We hope that you and your loved ones have a safe and wonderful holiday. Today, and every day, we pause to Honor and Thank ALL our Veterans in our congregation and community for their courage, dedication, and service.

**GAAP Thanks You (October 4, 2026)**
To members of Central United Methodist Church,
Your generous support of GAAP, our weekly food ministry is greatly appreciated by the volunteers and the **70 to 80 families** who are served weekly. Central is a leader in this ministry in serving food each Saturday to those in need. **Thank you!**

**Manna House**
Central's Congregation provided the workers for Manna House food pantry during the week of October 27th and 29th. A total of **12 families and 28**

**individuals were served**. Thank you to Central volunteers Susan Glenn, Mary Glover, Becky Stuart, and Jennie DuBose!

**Manna House** and **GAAP**
**Manna House** is located at DSS on Wilson Road and is open from 1:00-2:00 pm each Tuesday and Thursday. (Applicants may now receive food once per month as needed.)

**GAAP** is open every Saturday at O'Neal Street UMC for those in need or to volunteer.

Food Pantry (10am-12pm)
Love Thy Neighbor Clothes Closet (10am-1pm)
Feed Thy Neighbor Kitchen (11am-1pm) for a hot nutritious meal that's served to those in need.
*Collection Boxes are located near the College Street entrance for both ministries.*

**Financial Report**

| | |
|---|---|
| Total Budget 2026 | 497,075.00 |
| Weekly Budget Needs | 9,559.13 |
| Received on 11/1/2026 | 11,375.36 |
| Other Funds Received on 11/1/2026 | |
| Building Fund | 1,100.00 |
| Discretionary | 237.00 |
| UMCOR | 100.00 |
| Trunk or Treat – NHS | 50.00 |

**ATTENDANCE 11/1/2026**

10:00 am Worship: 118

Sunday School: 64

**Church Information**
We operate under an abuse prevention policy designed to help us protect children, youth, and vulnerable adults from harm.
We are a Stephen Ministry Church

**To Join:** Feel free to speak with or contact the pastor should you wish to join with this congregation of Christ's Church or have any other need.

**Nursery:** Available to children 0-3 years old and located on the 3rd floor. The ushers can direct you there.

**Staff Information**
**Pastor:** Rev. Keith Stewart
**Administrative Assist:** Jackie Benitez
**Financial Secretary:** Lyn Bethea
**Director of Music:** Chris Wofford
**Organist:** Becky Smith
**Nursery Attendant:** Elizabeth Morago

# Prayer List

**Members**

Richard Carter
Michael Charles
Jim Clamp
Jim Harris
Penny Harvey
Mike & Kathy Keim
Kristin Keim
Tori MacDonald
John & Patsy Miller
Charles Simmons
Linda Turner
Betty Wiggins
Kathy Spotts
Carol Thompson
Harriett Rucker Family
Ed Kyzer
Carolyn Partridge
Lillian Hoeschen Family
Joan Kyzer
Greg & Pam Casto -Family
David Dorroh

**Military and First Responders**

Sheriff Lee Foster
Patrick Griffith
Jack Lawrence
Jake Longshore
Benjamin Moore
Sarah Jane Harrison
Andy Stout
John Ralph Williams
Casey Wilson
Tyler Wilson
Justin Clevenger
Cody Bacon

**Friends of Central**

Judy Bobb, *mother of Cindy Moore*
Chris Cook, *Vicki's aunt*
Lavina Chandler, *sister-in-law of Becky Smith*
Laurie Copps, *niece of Trish MacDonald*
Nancy Cottingham, *sister-in-law of Jennie DuBose*
Kate Epps, *daughter-in-law of Mike & Peggy Epps*
Madison Gandy, *great niece of Michelle Williams*
Charlie Harris, *friend of MacDonald family*
Jamie Hitcher, *friend of Ellen Roberts*
Jennifer McCullough, *daughter of Cynthia & Frank Downs*
Rev. Alan Mears, *friend of Pastor Laura & Mike*
April Moore, *friend of Central*
Joyce Myers, sister of Kim Moore
Amy Roberts, *sister of Susan Haile*
Mahaylia Schumpert, *friend of Ellen Roberts*
Ethan Stout, *nephew of David Stout*
James Michael Torrence, friend *of Eppses*
Amelia Walker, *sister of Polly Carter*
Mike Whitesides, *son of Paulette Mayer*
Kathy Bethea, *Sister-in-law of Earle and Lyn Bethea*
Julie Sease Dennis, *friend of Polly Carter*
Lori Pressley, *sister of Carla Cruickshanks*
Jackson Parker, *student at Ruben Elementary*
Scott Wishart, *friend of Doug Gayman*
Tavin "Blue" Wicker, *friend of the Fosters*
Dr. Allen Charles, *father of David & Michael Charles*
Lisha Senn, *mother of Jeremy & Maggie Senn*
Elizabeth Weikel, *friend of Jill Longshore*
Brenda Gunter, *friend of Lillian Bouknight*

*Help us keep this list current. If you know of any names that need to be added or removed, please contact the church office.*

## YOUTH

**November 7 (9:30 AM**) – Volunteering at GAAP (O'Neal St UMC).
**November 22 (5:00 PM)** – Friendsgiving (Redeemer).

## Thanksgiving Giving



### Sunday, November 22, 2026

As we gather on **Sunday, November 22,** we invite everyone to participate in a special ministry to support our neighbors. We kindly ask that you bring a bag filled with grocery items when you join us for Sunday School or Worship. Please place your gifts directly in the Chancel area when you arrive. Following the worship service, the bags will be carried over to Manna House, which provides essential food and household staples to families in need in our community. Bags are available in the church office and vestibules.

**Items Needed**

**Canned Goods:** Meats, fruits, juices, vegetables, soups, milk, and spaghetti sauce.

**Pantry Staples:** Peanut Butter, Jelly, rice, grits, sugar, flour, cornmeal, dry cereal, dry milk, spaghetti, and macaroni & cheese dinners.

**Household & Personal Care:** Paper towels, Bathroom Tissue, Bath Soap, Laundry Detergent, Toothpaste, and Dish Soap.

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

*The Lord Jesus Himself said, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." Acts 20:35*

***Po Box 67/ Corner of Johnstone and Caldwell streets***
***Newberry, SC 29108***
***Email: Centralumcnewberry@gmail.com***
***Email: Bkstewart@umcsc.org***
***803-276-3903***