

WELCOME



A COMMUNITY OF HOPE
NORTHEAST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WE ARE **GLAD** YOU ARE HERE

WORSHIP

9:00 AM Traditional
10:10 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Contemporary

STAFF

Mac Kinnett
Pastor
Bonnie Riley
Director of Children and Youth Ministries
Svetlana Royal
Chancel Choir Director
Sean Riley
Crossing Guard Leader
Ka-Young Lee
Pianist
Dale A. Purvis
Office Manager
Laura Lee
Nursery Coordinator

OFFICE HOURS

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday - Friday

GIVING

Set up one-time or automatic giving for your tithes and offerings at www.neumc.com or download the app at joyfully2umc.org.

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December 31, 2017

THIS WEEK AT NEUMC

MONDAY

New Year's Day

TUESDAY

Church Office Closed

1:00 PM Lay Down My Burdens Reunion Group (Library)

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Education Building, Room 205)

WEDNESDAY

7:15 AM Men's Prayer Group (Contact Dan Christmus)

4:00 PM Deadline for Bulletin Announcements

6:30 PM Youth Small Groups
(Education Building, Youth Rooms)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

7:00 PM Rooted in Christ Prayer Group (Library)

7:00 PM Crossing Guard Practice (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY

Epiphany

You crown the year with
Your goodness,
and Your paths drip with
abundance.
Psalm 65:11



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Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed January 1 & 2, 2018.

2017 Contributions

Contributions will continue to be accepted for 2017 through December 31. To receive credit for your 2017 donations they need to be turned in on or before this date. Any contributions received after December 31 will be posted to your 2018 giving statement. Annual statements will be sent by email to the email address that is listed in the church database the second week of January 2018. Please make sure your email address is up-to-date. Members without e-mail addresses can pick up their sealed statement in the church narthex. Any questions, please contact Dale Purvis, Financial Secretary at the Church Office.

Lay Down My Burdens Reunion Group

The Lay Down My Burdens Reunion Group will meet on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Library. Contact Mary Furse, 699-6557 for additional information.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet on January 8, 2018 in Room 102. Dinner begins at 6:30 PM. The business meeting starts at 7:00 PM. All men are welcome to join us for food and fellowship.

Revolution 2018

This is a statewide United Methodist youth conference. The dates are January 26, 27 and 28. It's a weekend long event and a highlight every year for our students. It's held at the Township Auditorium and we will stay at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The total cost is \$160 for the first student and \$140 for siblings. If your student doesn't care about a t-shirt, then you can deduct \$15. We are always willing to work with you on payments, so let me know if we need help. We don't want any student to not attend due to finances.

Bonnie Riley, Director of Children and Youth Ministries

God's Storehouse

God's Storehouse monthly food item for January is canned or dried beans. God's Storehouse is a faith-based outreach program that assists the needy throughout the greater Columbia, SC area. Staffed primarily by volunteers from area churches, God's Storehouse provides food, clothing and household supplies to our neighbors in crisis at no cost to them.

God's Storehouse
731 Risley Road, Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 691-1622

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS OUR SERVICE

10:30 AM	Worship Service	143
5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service	84
7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service	123
	General Budget:	\$6,188.83
	Online Giving:	\$687.92
	Other Designated Gifts:	\$865.00
	Capital Fund:	\$19.34

TODAY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Fink

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS

Christopher Wargel & Colby Cheatham

PRAYER ROOM

Jane DeCristofaro

COMMUNION PREPARER

Mary Anne Lockard

COMMUNION SERVERS

Larry & Danna Griner
John & Mary Anne Lockard

OFFERING

OFFERING COUNTERS

Tammie Sloop & Spencer Miller

9:00 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK

Lauren Nutter

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPER NEXT WEEK

Elizabeth Nutter

11:00 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK

Hannah Williamson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEXT WEEK

Bonnie Riley

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPER NEXT WEEK

Lauren Tocci

10:30 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

First Sunday after Christmas Day

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As the Prelude begins, please prayerfully prepare for worship.

PRELUDE (*Acolyte*)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP, 415

“Take Up Thy Cross”

GERMANY

Words: Charles W. Everest; Music: William Gardiner

HYMN, 413

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

BOYLSTON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

“Resolutions”

ANTHEM

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

Words: Caroline V. Sandell-Berg; Music: Swedish melody

SCRIPTURE LESSON, *John 15:1-11*

THE PROCLAMATION

Brothers and sisters, the Christian life is a life found in Christ, redeemed from sin, and consecrated to God.

Through baptism we have entered into this life and the new covenant of Jesus Christ. He is the Mediator of this covenant, sealed with His own blood so it would last forever.

On one side of this covenant stands God, who promises to give us new life in Jesus Christ, the source and perfecter of our faith. Every day God proves His goodness and grace to us, showing us that His promise still stands firm. On the other side, we stand as those who promise to no longer live life for ourselves but instead to only live for Jesus Christ, because He has loved us and given His life for us.

We come today to renew our covenant with God. Many generations have done this before us.

Today with both joy and sincerity, we renew the covenant that binds us all to God.

THE CONFESSION – LAY LEADER

We seek to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ, but sometimes we fall short. Let us now examine ourselves before God, humbly confessing our sins and submitting our hearts so that we do not deceive ourselves and cut ourselves away from God. Let us pray:

Loving God we confess to you our sins. Please forgive us for the weakness of our worship...

for the selfishness of our prayers... for our inconsistency and unbelief... for the ways we neglect

Your fellowship and grace... for our hesitation to tell others about Christ... for the ways we deceive ourselves and others...

Forgive us for when we waste time and when we misuse the gifts you have given us.

Forgive us for when we have made excuses for the wrong things we have done and when we have avoided responsibility.

Forgive us that we have been unwilling to overcome evil with good and that we have not been ready to carry our cross. Forgive us that we have not allowed Your love to work through us to help others and that we have not made their suffering our own. Forgive us for those times when instead of working for unity we made it hard for others to live with us because of our lack of forgiveness, inconsiderate judgment, and quick criticism.

Forgive us for when we have not tried to reconcile with others and when we have been slow to seek redemption.

Forgive us also for these sins that we silently confess to you now.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

God, the Father of all mercies, is faithful to cleanse us from our sins and restore us to Christ’s image. Praise and glory be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

SONG

“In Christ Alone”

| *“My Hope Is Found”*

| *“On Christ the Solid Rock”*

THE INVITATION

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants. Give yourselves to him, and know that you belong to him. Christ has many things for us, his servants, to do. Some things are more easy and honorable, others are more difficult and disgraceful. Some are suitable to the things we like and what we are interested in; others are the opposite of both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves.

It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ. Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be your servant, under your command.

I will no longer be my own.

I will give up myself to your will in all things.

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

Lord, make me what you will.

I put myself fully into your hands:

**put me to doing, put me to suffering,
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

I freely and with a willing heart, give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

Christ is Savior to those who are His true servants. He is the source of all salvation to those who obey. To be His servant is to consent fully to His will. Christ accepts nothing less. Christ will be all in all, or he will be nothing. Now confirm this truth in holy covenant. Make it a reality in your life in these ways:

First, set apart time in your day to be spent alone with the Lord. Seek to perceive God's special care for you and gracious acceptance of you. Carefully think through the words of this covenant and its conditions. Examine your heart, even if you have freely given your life to Christ. Consider the sins in your life. Reflect on whether you are willing to choose Christ's holy laws and strict commands. Be sure you are clear in all of these so you do not lie to God!

Second, uphold a serious spirit of holy awe and reverence.

Third, claim God's covenant. Do not trust in your own strength and power but rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength. In this way, He will empower you to keep your promise.

Fourth, be determined to be faithful. You have given your heart and life to God. You have opened your mouth to dedicate yourself to the Lord. With God's power, never go back to your former way of living.

And last, be prepared to renew your covenant with God. Fall on your knees. Lift your hands. Open your hearts to the Lord as we pray:

THE COVENANT PRAYER

**Righteous God, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,
see me now as I fall down before You.**

Forgive my unfaithfulness when I have not done your will.

God requires that you rid yourself of every idol in your life.

From the bottom of my heart, I here and now renounce every idol in my life.

In Your power I will watch for any temptation that will lead me away from You.

Through Jesus Christ, God offers to be your God if you allow Him to be.

**Before all heaven and earth, I here and now acknowledge You,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as my Lord and God.**

**I vow to give all of myself, body and soul, to be Your servant
and to serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.**

God has given us Jesus as the only way and means to salvation.

Jesus, I here and now accept You as my Lord.

I renounce my own unworthiness, and vow that You are the Lord, my righteousness.

I renounce my own wisdom and take You for my only guide.

I renounce my own will and take Your will as my law.

Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.

Jesus, I here and now make this covenant with You and accept whatever comes in life.

Through Your grace I promise that neither life nor death will separate me from You.

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

I here and now willingly take on Your yoke and burden.

All Your laws are holy, just, and good.

**I accept them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions,
promising I will strive to order my whole life around your direction.**

I will not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.

The Almighty God searches and knows your heart.

O God, You know that we have made this covenant today in sincerity.

If You find anything false in us, guide us and help us to set it right.

And now, glory be to You, God the Father.

From this day forward, I shall look upon You as my God and Father.

Glory be to You, God the Son.

You have loved me and washed me from my sins in Your own blood. From this day forward, I shall look upon You as my Savior and Redeemer.

Glory be to You, O God the Holy Spirit. By Your almighty power, You have turned my heart from sin to God. From this day forward I shall look upon You as my Comforter and Guide.

O mighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have now become my Covenant Friend.

And I, through Your infinite grace, have become Your covenant servant.

You are mine and I am Yours. So be it.

May this covenant that I have made here on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION SONG AND CONCLUDING SONGS

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" | "New Year"

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING AND GRACE

*** Please stand as you are able.**

MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS

- **The family of Barbara Butler**, upon her death.
- **Nate**, grandson of Gail Luckey, recovering from a significant concussion on while playing soccer at school.
- **Patty Carrigan**, David Mitchum's sister, recovering at home following hospitalized for serious heart issues.
- **The victims, families, firefighters and other emergency responders** of the California wildfires.
- **Ray Brinson**, recovering at home following rehabilitation at HealthSouth.
- **Martha Coombs**, who is under hospice care.
- **Our military and first responders.**
- **Our missionaries:**
 - Tom & Emma Henry** — Appalachian Mountain Leadership (AML), a ministry based in Boone, NC, which facilitates Christian outdoor adventure experiences.
 - Matt & Jenny Williams** (Matt.Williams@cru.org and Jenny.Williams@cru.org)
Matt and Jenny are missionaries with Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) in Indianapolis. They minister to college students at Butler University and IUPUI, an urban campus of Indiana University and Purdue University. Matt and Jenny and their son Caleb live in the Indianapolis metro area.
 - Steve & Stephanie Bredesen**, in Nakalanda, Uganda, as directors of Eagle's Nest Clinic and Eagle's Primary School.
 - Abbu**, the Bredesen's neighbor, that he will either allow them to drill a well on his land or sell the land to them so that they will have a fresh water supply.
 - Ben & Jenny Reyes:** Ben, born in Puerto Rico, and Jenny, born in Brazil, have ministered in Brazil and Paraguay since their marriage in 1989. They have two sons, Phillippe and Mathias. The Reyes work locally in discipleship, leading Inductive Bible Study seminars, and teaching on the subjects of church planting, mission to Muslims, mission in the local church, and effective short-term mission trips.
- **Salkehatchie families:** Valerie Alexander, Ms. Pierson, Ms. Jesse and Ms. Coates
- **Our pastor and staff members.**

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILIES OF THE WEEK

Monday	January 1	Floyd Hedlund
Tuesday	January 2	Charlie & Ann Henry
Wednesday	January 3	Paul & Yong Hensley
Thursday	January 4	Bill & Pat Hoesly
Friday	January 5	Dave & Gloria Humphreys

HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY

We are a family. As such we encourage anyone who feels led by God to visit those who are sick or homebound. We also encourage your visits to those who are new to this family of believers and to those whom or that have visited.

Bob & Elsy Anderson Lee Chandler Bonnie McBurnett Sabra Stewart

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team create shawls and other items for you to share with those who need encouragement. When you give a shawl away, you are sharing the love and prayers of NEUMC. The prayer shawls are kept in the Prayer Center if one is needed. Please remember to sign the journal. If you need assistance, please see a staff member.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team