

# THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION



*Reaching Up To Christ and Out To Each Other*  
*September, 2024*

## *From the Pastor:*

As I grow older, I find anything I eat sticks to me far longer than in younger years. I hear this is due to a metabolic slowing down of my body, and I can certainly tell I am slowing down. Can you (tell I am slowing down)? As a result, I have some excess baggage around my midsection. I never thought I would gain weight again after my cancer treatments, so I guess this is a mixed blessing.

I keep trying to cut back on the kinds of food that stick around longer -- fatty foods, desserts and starches. Remember the food group pyramid where starches were part of a balanced diet? Where did that all go?? To our bellies, is what the expert dieticians finally figured out. But these foods tend to be the tastiest and thus I haven't had much success dieting recently.

The same is true *outside* my belly. I tend to collect things I don't need when I could be a better steward of God's money. I tend to collect magazines, fishing equipment, golf balls, clothes, shoes and yes, food, to excess. So I've decided to take the money I would normally spend on the extras, and give that to Church and other charities. Turns out it is quite a bit, quite a bit. I didn't realize this until I began to see the clutter of all the extra stuff I had.

We are entering the time of year where our focus turns to Stewardship. The Biblical basis for financial stewardship is the tithe. Yet many people avoid doing the calculation (10%). The tithe is to be from first fruits of our time and earnings. Yet many people see church giving as a donation from what is left over after spending on other needs. "First fruits" is what the Bible says. I don't necessarily enjoy writing and preaching about stewardship, but sometimes it is necessary to share reminders. Please give as you are so led by your understanding of faith. In the coming months I'll be sharing more as the Spirit and our Church finances lead me to do so.

Peace, Irvin

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**Lectionary Study for September:**



Sunday, Sept. 1st:

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Ps 72 (795)  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>:

Proverbs 1:20-33  
Psalm 19 (UMH 750)  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

Sun., Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>:

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10  
Psalm 124 (UMH 846)  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

Sunday, Sept. 8th:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125 or Psalm 124 (UMH 846)  
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

Sunday, Sept. 22nd:

Proverbs 31:10-31  
Psalm 1 (UMH 738)  
James 3:13-4:3  
Mark 9:30-37

**September Birthdays:**

5<sup>th</sup> Debbie Jackson  
9<sup>th</sup> Austin Stovall  
10<sup>th</sup> Jim Smith  
13<sup>th</sup> Lucy Giles  
16<sup>th</sup> Jordan Stovall  
16<sup>th</sup> Delilah Henke  
24<sup>th</sup> Alex Constantine

**September Anniversary:**

George & Debbie Betancourt

**Coming Up Next Month**

**October Birthdays:**

4<sup>th</sup> Kim Williams  
13<sup>th</sup> Carol Painter  
18<sup>th</sup> Jakob McClain  
19<sup>th</sup> Rick Hasenjaeger  
26<sup>th</sup> Roxy McClain  
28<sup>th</sup> Maria Corley  
29<sup>th</sup> Robert Smith  
30<sup>th</sup> Irish Mae Haldeman  
31<sup>st</sup> Carol Bennett

**October Anniversary:**

14<sup>th</sup> Rick & Becky Hasenjaeger  
29<sup>th</sup> Dan & Crystal Sliva

Please contact Church office if there are any additions or corrections to the birthday & anniversary list.

For prayer e-mail and/or bulletin prayer list requests please notify the church office, 328-1496 or crnrstone@comporium.net (office hours are Mon-Thurs 9-2 p.m.). When the church office is closed, leave a voice mail on office phone or you may also email, call or text church secretary, Cary Bartelmo, cbartelmo@comporium.net; 803-372-7923.

Debbie Jackson has a Card Ministry—please contact her if you would like someone to receive a greeting card. 803-417-3510

Cornerstone's *Instagram* page: [Cornerstone UMC Rock Hill, SC \(@umc.cornerstone\)](https://www.instagram.com/umc.cornerstone) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)

**To view the worship service each Sunday on Cornerstone's Facebook page:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/CornerstoneUMCRockHill/>

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### Scripture reader schedule for Sept.:

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>: Steph Pilecki

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>: Ken Jones

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>: Randy Hayes

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Pilecki

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>: Anne Price

*If you are interested in being a scripture reader for worship services, contact church office.*

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### Acolyte Schedule for Sept.:

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>: Teresa Boehme

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>: DeeDee Anthony

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>: Elijah Henke

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Gavin Sliva

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>: Emery Sliva

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### Schedule for offering counters (Sunday mornings):

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>: Linda McCallum; Dan Sliva

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>: Debbie Jackson; Diana Deyton

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>: Dale Williams; Randy Hayes

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Debbie Jackson; Howard McCallum

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>: Debbie Jackson; Vicky Castro

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**Youth Group** will begin meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 5-7 p.m.

First meeting: Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at the church.

**Nominations Committee** - Next meeting is September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

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### From the Trustee Committee:

- After requesting a congregational advisory ballot and receiving results, the Cornerstone Trustees voted against hosting same sex weddings and to not accept a gay pastor. It should be noted that The United Methodist Church has always provided a "big tent" with regard to views on social issues. The General Conference of the UMC, in their legislative recap, said the following: "We respectfully hold space for differing views of marriage and who God calls into ordained and licensed ministry. We trust God to hold these differences, while we practice our belief and respect colleagues and churches who hold boundaries that support their understanding. We maintain an open table of Holy Communion for all by the grace of Jesus Christ. The UMC will not require any local church to hold or prohibit a local church or pastor from holding a same-sex marriage service on property owned by a local church. These changes bring the Book of Discipline to a neutral place where one group is not singled out for discrimination. It holds space for differing opinions within The UMC by avoiding broad mandates."

## **Christmas Stockings for Children in Jeremie, Haiti**

**These Christmas stockings will be distributed by the Methodist Church of Haiti in the Jeremie region to the needy children at Christmas, who otherwise would not have a gift.**

**These stockings should include the following items:**

- Large tube of toothpaste**
- Toothbrush**
- Bath size bar of soap (such as Dial)**
- Large plastic bottle of shampoo**
- One washcloth**
- One comb**
- One pair of child's underwear (girls or boys)**
- One toy (e.g.: stuffed animal)**
- One bag of candy (mints or hard)**

**All of the above should be packaged in a 2-gallon sized Ziploc bag. Please put a large decorative Christmas sticker on the outside of each bag. Please send \$1.00 for each Christmas stocking to help cover the shipping expenses. Deadline to have in at church is Oct. 24.**

### **Memorials**

#### *In Memory Of:*

*Barbara Brown*  
*Lucy Giles*  
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*Leoda Starnes*  
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#### *Given By:*

*Dottie Beckham*  
*Debbie Jackson*  
*Randy & Lynn Hayes*  
*Debbie Jackson*  
*Wesley Fellowship Class*  
*Randy & Lynn Hayes*  
*Jimmy & Sandy Gourley*  
*Beth Ferguson*  
*Virginia Novak*  
*Ken & Sharron Jones*  
*Brown & Kim Simpson*  
*Ronald & Deborah Myers*  
*Linda Waites*  
*Johnny & Kathy Starnes*  
*Mike & Carol Painter*  
*Oakdale Fire Dept.*  
*Beth Haile*  
*Friends of Crystal Sliva & family*  
*Ken & Sharron Jones*  
*Charlotte Paint Co.*  
*Jim & Maxine Smith*  
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*Darrell Starnes*

# CORNERSTONE UNITED METHODIST

# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1 Communion</b>                      -9:30 Good Eats                      -9:45 S.S.                      -11 am Worship                      -12:15 Trustee meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Labor Day</b>                      (Office closed)                      No devotional class</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 Choir practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 pm Addie McClintock Circle</p>	6	7
<p>8</p> <p>-9:30 Good Eats                      -9:45 S.S.                      -11 am Worship</p> <p><b>Epworth Children Work Day Offering</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 am Devotional study at CUMC</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 pm Choir practice</p>	12	13	<p>14</p> <p>1-3 pm Senior group (GPS) gathering at Cornerstone</p>
<p>15</p> <p>-9:30 Good Eats                      -9:45 Sunday Sch                      -11 am Worship</p> <p>5:15 pm Finance                      6:00 pm Church Council mtg</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30 am Devotional study at CUMC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 pm Wings of Faith</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 pm Choir practice</p>	19	20	21
<p>22</p> <p>-9:30 am Good Eats fellowship                      -9:45 am S.S.                      -11 am Worship</p> <p>-5-7 pm Youth group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:30 am Devotional study at Cornerstone                      6:30 pm UMM meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30 pm Nominations Committee meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00 pm Choir practice</p>	26	27	28
<p>29</p> <p>-9:30 am Good Eats fellowship                      -9:45 am Sunday School                      -11 am Worship</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday luncheon after Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:30 am Devotional study at Cornerstone                      Pastor Irvin-vacation</p>					
		<p><u>Offering Counters</u>                      1st: L. McCallum                      Dan Sliva                      8th: Debbie J.;                      Diana Deyton                      15th: D. Williams R                      andy Hayes                      22<sup>nd</sup>: Debbie J.;                      H. McCallum                      29<sup>th</sup>: Debbie J.;                      Vickv Castro</p>	<p><u>Scripture Readers</u>                      1st: Steph Pilecki                      8th: Ken Jones                      15th: Randy Hayes                      22<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Pilecki                      29<sup>th</sup>: Anne Price</p>	<p><u>Acolytes:</u>                      1st: Teresa Boehme                      8th: DeeDee Anthony                      15th: Eli Henke                      22<sup>nd</sup>: G. Sliva                      29<sup>th</sup>: E. Sliva</p>	<p><u>Opening &amp; Closing:</u>                      Johnny Starnes</p> <p><u>Altar Guild</u>                      Maxine Smith</p>	<p><u>Sunday Worship Schedule:</u>                      9:30 am Good Eats fellowship                      9:45 am Sunday School                      11 a.m. Worship Service</p>

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		1  <i>Pastor Irvin - vacation</i>	2  <i>6:00 Choir practice</i>  <i>Pastor Irvin - vacation</i>	3  <i>6:00 pm Addie McClintock Circle</i>  <i>Pastor Irvin - vacation</i>	4  <i>Pastor Irvin - vacation</i>	5  <i>Pastor Irvin - vacation</i>
6 <b>No Communion</b> <i>-9:30 Good Eats</i> <i>-9:45 S.S.</i> <i>-11 am Worship</i> <i>-12:15 pm Trustee meeting</i> <i>Pastor Irvin - vacation</i>	7  <i>10:30 am Devotional study at CUMC</i>	8	9  <i>6:00 pm Choir practice</i>	10	11	12  <i>Church picnic at Chester State Park</i>
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20 <i>-9:30 am Good Eats fellowship</i> <i>-9:45 am S.S.</i> <i>-11 am Worship</i> <i>-5-7 pm Youth group</i>	21 <i>10:30 am Devotional study at Cornerstone</i>  <i>6:30 pm UMM meeting</i>	22  <i>Charge Conference reports due in to church office</i>	23  <i>6:00 pm Choir practice</i>	24  <i>Haiti Christmas stockings due in</i>	25	26
27 <i>-9:30 am Good Eats fellowship</i> <i>-9:45 am Sunday School</i> <i>-11 am Worship</i>	28  <i>10:30 am Devotional study at Cornerstone</i>	29	30  <i>6:00 pm Choir practice</i>	31  <b>Halloween</b>		
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