



## From the Pastor

Have you ever dreamed of making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and walking in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, Pastor B is inviting you to join him January 24 thru February 3, 2024 on just such a trip. As part of your pilgrimage, you will visit the place of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized, Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle, and the beautiful Mount of Beatitudes, to name just a few.

You will also take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, tour the fortress of Masada, pray at the Western Wall, learn about Qumran and the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, explore the desert oasis of Ein Gedi, celebrate Holy Communion at the Garden Tomb, and if you choose, enjoy a relaxing spa experience at the Dead Sea.

Furthermore, you will enter the Holy City of Jerusalem and its surroundings, experiencing up close the many sites so crucial in the life of Jesus and so precious to his followers, such as the traditional or representative sites of Jesus' trial, death, burial, resurrection and ascension. And, if you wish, you will be given an opportunity to renew your baptismal in the Jordan River and/or your marriage vows at Cana of Galilee.

This inspiring, life-transforming experience with *Friends Tours & Travel*—a premier travel agency that specializes in trips to the Holy Land—includes airfare & transfers from Charlotte, NC, baggage handling, accommodations at exceptional hotels, buffet breakfast & dinner daily, itinerary and tour guides and all entrance fees to special sites—all for only \$4,600 per person!

For more information or to get a brochure, please contact Pastor B (843-274-0898). Don't delay, because one must have a current passport by the date of departure that is valid 6 months after February 3, 2024. You will also need to have paid a \$1,500 deposit per person by September 24, 2023, with the balance due by October 24, 2023.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor B

## The Walk to Emmaus

Do you seek . . .

- Spiritual Renewal
- A new understanding of God's grace and love?
- Worship and community with other believers?
- Answers to questions about your faith?
- A new dedication of your everyday life to God?

If you do, then the Walk to Emmaus is for you!

The Walk to Emmaus seeks to inspire, challenge, and equip leaders for Christian action in their homes, places of work, and communities. On an Emmaus weekend you will sing, reflect, pray, learn, share Holy Communion, participate in small groups, experience God's grace in community and in the world, and understand Christian love in action.

The Walk to Emmaus is based on Luke 24:13-35.

Upcoming fall weekends are:

- **Men's Walk: October 5-8, 2023**
- **Women's Walk: October 12-15, 2023**

For information contact Leonard (803-924-5794) or Therry May (803-924-5793). There are many other Emmaus members in our congregation who will also be glad to answer any questions you may have.



Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM.

## August Assistants Traditional Service (9:00)

### **ACOLYTES**

September 3 - Nolan Amick  
10 - Kyle Graham  
17 - Ethan Counts-Wohnig  
24 - Bristol Freeman

### **CROSS BEARERS**

September 3 - Jennifer Amick  
10 - Madison Graham  
17 - Charlotte Hargreaves  
24 - Melissa Freeman

### **USHERS**

Lonnie Finley, Hunter Shaw,  
Bill Joiner, Ron Charette

### **GREETERS**

Eddy and Linda Richardson

### **TRUSTEE**

Ken Cope

### **LAY READERS**

September 3 - Jennifer Amick  
10 - Madison Graham  
17 - Mitch Lowder  
24 - Camille Dixon

## Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study Group starts back on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30 a.m. Come share a devotion and fellowship with one another!



## United Methodist Men

The UMMen meetings resume on Monday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. They meet on the third Monday of every month in the Christian Life Center. A meal is served at each meeting and an informative program is presented. All men are invited to participate! Contact David Mitchell (864-420-6584) with any questions.



## August Assistants Contemporary Service (11:15)

### **GREETER**

Joe and Marquerite Palmer

### **USHERS**

Lee Boozer, Elijah Abrams,  
Josh Meetze, Blake Cantrell

### **LAY READERS**

September 3 - Heather Studer  
10 - Chris Butler  
17 - Chris Johnson  
24 - Wightman Youth

## Average Attendance for August

9:00 Worship - 132  
11:15 Worship - 83  
Combined Worship - 214  
Church School - 126

## Special Gifts to Wightman

### **Operating Budget**

In memory of Lt. Michael Wood by Cathy Floyd

## Monthly Financial Summary

General Funds (total)	\$ 133,209.80
Designated Funds	47,979.02
General Funds Available	85,230.78
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>184,842.27</u>
Total Funds	\$318,052.07

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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- Sept. 1 - Tina Hatch  
2 - Helen Mitchell, Randy Suber  
3 - Everett Hamm, William Hamm  
4 - Sandra McLain  
5 - Larry Graham, Edith Kinard  
6 - Drucie Counts, Noelle Rankin  
Lyric Grimsley  
7 - Maryanne Atkinson, Krystal Sanders  
10 - Denny Koenders  
11 - John Walker, Ed Barcomb,  
Judy Joiner, Kaden Myers  
12 - Savannah Perez, Emma Haven  
13 - John Myers 14 - Ike Allred  
15 - J.T. Longshore 16 - Susie Barnett  
17 - Woody Wilkie, Donna Parnell,  
Xander Devall, Meagan Elwood,  
Tristan Lever  
18 - Daniel Floyd 19 - Isabella Perez  
20 - Dennis Armstrong, Mary Wilkie,  
Nancy Blackburn, Jennifer Amick  
21 - Paulette Halfacre, Grace Bernardo,  
Jade Thomason, Easton Mollohan  
22 - Myrna Killian, Vic Theriot, Brenna Perry  
23 - Stevie Lawrence, Blake Longshore  
24 - Marcelle Ackerman, Will Morse  
25 - Casey Hughes  
28 - Penny Hamm, Nolin Metts, Kevin Kempson

- 29 - John Hargreaves, Kay Ravan, Sally Farmer  
30 - Martha Waller, Devonna Summer,  
Alex Rhodes

## Happy Anniversary!

- Sept. 1 - Tim and Maria Chandler  
4 - Chad and Melonie Senn  
Nelson and Brenda Perry  
Mark and Amy Kirkland  
5 - Blair and Mary Williams  
10 - Don and Rita Stone  
Kirksey and Rhonda Koon  
Cole and Tori Harper  
Sam and Bailey Worley  
12 - Keith and Kayla Rankin  
Brian and Seabron LeCompte  
14 - Kyle and Laura Kneece  
15 - Randy and Patti Suber  
16 - Jim and Paula Stewart  
17 - Terry and Tina Brown  
19 - Trent and Kelli Fowler  
22 - Sam and Nancy Gause  
25 - Justin and Janet Davenport  
Aaron and Corie Franklin  
27 - Jimmie and Cassandra Phibbs

## Brunch and Bonding

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Join us in the CLC during the Sunday School hour on October 29 for Brunch and Bonding! It's a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and fun!

## Pumpkin Palooza

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Pumpkin Palooza will be Saturday, October 14th, 11:00-1:00. We need people to help set up at 9:30 and clean up at 1:00. Other helpers will also be needed for the various attractions. Please contact Heather Studer (803-727-3685) if you can give a little of your time for this great outreach to the community!



## The Chosen Bible Study

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Season 3 of "The Chosen" is out! Anyone interested is invited to join on Sunday afternoons at 3:30pm from September 10th through October 29th in the fellowship hall to watch each episode followed by a short discussion and Bible study related to it. Arrive by the kitchen door. Please let Laura Barnett (843-274-0977) know if you're coming or have any questions. You do not have to have watched previous seasons in order to enjoy this amazing portrayal of Jesus and those who encountered Him. Come and encounter Him in a new way!



## Lay Servant School

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The dates for the fall session of Lay Servant School are September 17 & 24, 2023 at Main St. UMC, 211 N. Main St., Greenwood 29646. The cost is \$35 per course and the deadline for registration is September 8. You can register by mail or online at the Greenwood District Website.

# Epworth Children's Home Work Day Offering

Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? Epworth is currently serving over 350 children and families through their Residential and Independent Living programs, statewide Foster Care program, the Epworth Center for Counseling, the Early Intervention Center, and prevention services. Each of these children have found refuge in the ministry we share in SC. Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 127 years through the generous support of churches like ours! We will participate in the annual Work Day Offering on Sunday, September 10th, to benefit the children who are served by Epworth. Epworth is not an apportioned item and relies heavily on this offering to provide for the children who are in their care. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) or find them on social media.



## United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith will meet Tuesday, September 5 in the Old Fellowship Hall at 3:00 pm. The program will be "Reconnecting With Our Bodies" presented by Jane Shuler. Maryanne Atkinson and Margaret Boozer will provide the snack. All women of the church are invited to attend.



## JOY Group

The JOY Group will be recognizing first responders at their meeting on September 11. JOY Group members and first responders planning to attend should RSVP by contacting Rosemary Bowers (803-924-1574), filling out a form at church, or contacting the church office (803-364-2340).



# UMKIDS



## Children's Sermons

September 3 Communion  
10 Madison Graham  
17 Rosemary Bowers  
24 Henry Dominick



## Children's Church

September 3 Moses and the Burning Bush  
10 The First Passover  
17 Parting the Red Sea  
24 God Provides Manna

## VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in helping with Sunday School or Children's Church, please let Jennifer Boozer know. Give her a call at (803-924-5460) or send her an email at [jsbooz74@gmail.com](mailto:jsbooz74@gmail.com).

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to those that were able to join us for our backyard games on August 27. We had a great time playing games outside then moved inside for a few more!



**Our next activity will be in October. Be on the lookout for more details soon!**



# September 2023

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Holy Communion- 9:00 & 11:15 am  Youth Activities- 4:00-6:00 pm	<b>4</b> Labor Day - Offices Closed	<b>5</b> United Women in Faith - 3:00 pm	<b>6</b> Men's Bible Study - 6:30 am M&Ms—11:00 am Chancel Choir- 6:30 pm Christmas Canta- ta - 7:15 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Epworth Work Day Offering Emmaus Luncheon 12:30 pm The Chosen Bible Study-3:30 pm Youth Activities- 4:00-6:00 pm	<b>11</b> JOY Group - 11:00 am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Men's Bible Study - 6:30 am M&Ms—11:00 am Chancel Choir- 6:30 pm Christmas Canta- ta - 7:15 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Committees- 12:30 pm Council-1:30 p.m. The Chosen Bible Study-3:30 pm Youth Activities - 4:30-6:00 pm	<b>18</b>  UMMen - 7:00 SOS - 7:00 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Men's Bible Study- 6:30 am M&Ms—11:00 am Chancel Choir- 6:30 pm Christmas Canta- ta - 7:15 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> The Chosen Bible Study-3:30 pm Youth Activities - 4:30-6:00 pm	<b>25</b> Newsletter Deadline - 12:00 pm  Loaves and Fish- es-5:30-7:00 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Men's Bible Study- 6:30 am M&Ms—11:00 am Newsletter Staff - 2:30 pm Chancel Choir- 6:30 pm Christmas Canta- ta - 7:15 pm	<b>28</b>  Friends of God - 5:30 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Youth Kickball Tournament

**WIGHTMAN UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

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**Sunday Schedule**

**Traditional Worship – 9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.**

**Contemporary Service – 11:15 a.m.**



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