

The Cornerstone Connection

March, 2026

The mission statement of Cornerstone United Methodist Church

“To know Christ and make Him known through faithful teaching, Spirit-filled preaching, and compassionate reaching.”

From the Pastor:

Spring Hope



March brings subtle but certain change. The days grow longer. Buds begin to appear where only weeks ago the branches looked lifeless and weighed down by ice and snow. Spring reminds us that renewal is not loud - it often begins quietly, beneath the surface.

All through Scripture, God uses images of growth and restoration. What looks dormant is not dead. What seems barren can bloom again. The same is true in our spiritual lives. There are seasons when faith feels steady and vibrant, and others when it feels hidden, waiting.

The promise of our faith is this: God is always present and always at work bringing new life. Even when we cannot sense God, even when we cannot see God's grace at work, grace is moving. Hope is taking root.

As you notice signs of spring this month, let them point you toward that deeper truth. Where might God be stirring new growth in you? In your family? In our church?

May we be attentive to the quiet beginnings of what God is doing among us and may we trust that every season, in its time, serves God's redeeming purpose.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Cindy Rumsey

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Lectionary Study for March:

March 1

Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm 1215
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 8

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 15

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 22

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

March 29

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16; 118:1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2:9-11
Matthew 21:1-11; 26:14-27:66



March Birthdays:

1st Teri Brothers
2nd JoAnn Till
5th Rachel Hughes
7th Linda Grant



15th Tanner Stovall
25th Mike Painter
28th Dale Williams

March Anniversaries:

30th Jim & Maxine Smith



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



We're on Social Media!

Check out Cornerstone's  Instagram page:
[@umc.cornerstone](https://www.instagram.com/umc.cornerstone)

Follow us and view our worship service each Sunday on Cornerstone's  page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CornerstoneUMCRockHill/>

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From the Finance Team:



*We are deeply grateful for your generous support of Cornerstone UMC!
Your contributions help us continue our mission and serve our community.*

Here are easy ways you can make a donation:



- **Scan the QR Code:**

- Open the camera app on your smartphone.
- Point the camera at our QR code until a link appears.
- Tap the link to visit our secure donation page and follow the prompts to complete your gift.

- **Donate with Zelle:**

- Open your bank or credit union’s app and choose “Send Money with Zelle.”
- Enter our email address: **crnrstone@comporium.net** as the recipient.
- Enter your donation amount and complete the transaction.

- **Mail a Check:**

- Write your check payable to Cornerstone UMC or Epworth UMC.
- Mail to: 2697 Heckle Blvd., Rock Hill, SC 29732

*Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference.
Thank you for being a valued part of our church family
and for helping us make a positive impact!*

February Budget Report

	February 26	Year to Date
Givings	\$12,816.00	\$20,794.41
Expenses	\$12,672.02	\$26,031.18
Ending Balances	\$143.98	-\$5,236.77
Jan-Feb Apportionments Due	\$1,163.82	\$2,327.64

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Prayer is an important part of our connection with God and with each other. Although it is not a time for gossiping, we are encouraged to lift each other up in prayer (1 Tim. 2:1) and to pray unceasingly (1 Thess. 5:16-18). We'd love to pray for you. Contact the church office by phone or email during church hours (Mon-Thurs 9-2 p.m.) or reach out to Pastor Cindy directly to submit a prayer request.



Congregational
Prayer for Growth

Lord, let your divine power flow through us! Bless us with the people who need us and the people we need to build your kingdom. May we remain fixated on your mission and serve with a servant's heart.
Amen.



In Loving Memory of
Ellen Helms
Given By
Johnny & Kathy Starnes
Debbie Jackson

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Volunteers in Service

Worship Leaders (Announcements):

March 1st – Dan Sliva
March 8th – Randy Hayes
March 15th – Bill Brothers
March 22nd – Maxine Smith
March 29th – Ken Jones

Scripture Readers:

March 1st – Diane Brewer
March 8th – Steph Pilecki
March 15th – Ken Jones
March 22nd – Bill Brothers
March 29th – Randy Hayes

Acolyte Schedule:

March 1st – DeeDee Anthony
March 8th – Gavin Sliva
March 15th – Emery Sliva
March 22nd – Teresa Boehme
March 29th – DeeDee Anthony

Offering Counters (Sunday mornings):

March 1st – Linda McCallum; Dan Sliva
March 8th – Teri Brothers; Diana Deyton
March 15th – Debbie Jackson; Randy Hayes
March 22nd – JoAnn Till; Angela Constantine
March 29th – Linda McCallum; Dan Sliva

Youth Sunday School Teachers Schedule:

March 1st – Kathy Hurley
March 8th – Angela Constantine
March 15th – Randy Hayes
March 22nd – Dale Williams
March 29th – Kathy Hurley

Cornerstone UMC is delighted to welcome our new members who joined our family via the church merger of Epworth UMC and Cornerstone UMC as of February 20, 2026. Be sure to introduce yourself if you do not already know them.

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Upcoming Mission Trip:

“Healing Guatemala” is a non-profit organization based in the US that aims to provide physical, social, and spiritual healing to those who live in Guatemala. It is operated by the Rev. Dr. Luke Rhyee, a pastor in the South Carolina Annual Conference. Medical and construction teams are needed. *If you are interested in learning more about this mission opportunity and being a part of an UMVIM team, please contact Jennifer Parker at jpclemsongirl@gmail.com.* Tentative trip dates are October 20th-30th, 2026 so don't delay in responding if you are interested!



Salkehatchie Camps for 2026 have been scheduled throughout the state. The Rock Hill camp is scheduled for June 20-27th. Registration begins March 2.

The link for information and other camp locations: <https://www.salkehatchie.org/>

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March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 <i>Daylight Savings Time</i></p> <p>9:30 am Good Eats</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11 am Worship</p> <p>12:15 pm Trustee Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30 am Lenten Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Service</p> <p>12:30 pm Lunch</p> <p>6:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Good Eats</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11 am Worship</p> <p>12:15 am Fellowship Meal</p> <p>5:15 pm Finance</p> <p>6 pm Ch Council</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 am Lenten Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9-4 Pastor out of Town for Clergy Meeting</p> <p>2:00 pm Wings of Faith Circle</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00 pm Addie McClintock Circle</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 am Good Eats</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11 am Worship</p> <p>5-7 p.m. Youth Group/ Confirmation</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30 am Lenten Study</p>	<p>17 <i>St Patrick's Day</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30 am Good Eats</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11 am Worship</p> <p>5-7 p.m. Youth Group/ Confirmation</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:30 am Lenten Study</p> <p>Newsletter items due to office</p> <p>6:30 pm UMM</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3:00 pm Divine Manor Bingo</p> <p>6:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2:00 pm Nifty Knitters</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>2-4 pm Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>4-7 pm Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale</p>
<p>29 <i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p>9:30 am Good Eats</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11 am Worship</p> <p>Pastor out of Town</p>	<p>30</p> <p>No Bible Study</p> <p>Pastor out of Town</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Pastor out of Town</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:00 pm Choir</p> <p>Pastor out of Town</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pastor out of Town</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pastor out of Town</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2-4 pm Easter Egg Hunt (Foul Weather Date)</p>

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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 am Good Eats 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship	30 No Bible Study Pastor out of Town	31 Pastor out of Town	1 6:00 pm Choir Pastor out of Town	2 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Pastor out of Town	3 <i>Good Friday</i> Pastor out of Town	4 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 2-4 pm Easter Egg Hunt (Foul Weather Date)
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 7:00 am Sunrise Service Breakfast 9:30 am Good Eats 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship	6 10:30 am Bible Study	7	8 6:00 pm Choir	9 5:30 pm Nominations Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Addie McClintock Circle	10	11
12 9:30 am Good Eats 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 5:15 pm Finance 6 pm Ch Council	13 10:30 am Bible Study	14 <i>St Patrick's Day</i> 9-4 Pastor out of Town for Clergy Meeting 2:00 pm Wings of Faith Circle	15 6:00 pm Choir	16 10-3:30 Pastor out of Town for Clergy Orders Meeting	17	18
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