

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION



Reaching Up To Christ and Out To Each Other
October, 2025

From the Pastor:

October – A Time for Change

October is a month signifying change. The leaves begin to turn beautiful colors of yellow, orange, pink, and red and every variation in between. It is a great time to take a road trip to see the beautiful scenery. The weather begins to cool off, marking an end to the endless heat of Summer. Fall decorations begin to show up, including all the Halloween pumpkins, spiderwebs (both real and not), skeletons, ghosts, monsters, and black cats.

The kids are settled in their classrooms and teachers are well into their lesson plans for the year. Farmers across the country are harvesting their crops and Fall festivals, state fairs, and other outdoor events offer a myriad of opportunities for Fall entertainment.

October also holds the end of National Hispanic Heritage month which goes from September 15th through October 15th; Columbus Day, originally observed on October 12th and now celebrated the 2nd Monday of October, commemorating the landing of Christopher Columbus in the Americas; Breast Cancer Awareness; Halloween and Reformation Day, both observed on October 31st.

Reformation Day remembers the day that Martin Luther pinned the 95 Theses on the door of Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germanyⁱ. The Theses were 95 proposals for debate concerning questionable actions by the Catholic Church meant to open discussions but ended up causing Luther to be excommunicated (or excluded) from the Church.

Therefore, this day is recognized as the beginning of the Protestant Church, a time of change for many Christians beginning with the Lutheran Church and now comprising tens of thousands of denominations including the United Methodist Church.

And speaking of a time for change, the United Methodist Church is in a time of change following the separation of many churches from the UMC. But change is not a bad thing. It brings a chance for revitalization. A time to recommit ourselves to the ministry that Jesus called us to, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matt. 28:19-20 NIV).

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The question is, how can we do more to reach our community and bring the unchurched into our congregation? It begins with relationships. Conversations with neighbors, fellow shoppers at the grocery store, beauty and barber shops, coffee shops and restaurants, gyms and recreation centers. Wherever you are in the vicinity of others, you can get to know people, and, in that conversation, you can add an invitation to join you on Sunday morning. Even if all you do is to share the online worship link, that is a beginning. So, let us step outside of the building and share this wonderful church with others.

Pastor Cindy

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Fun fact: Halloween, a holiday observed on October 31 and noted for its pagan and religious roots and secular traditions. In much of Europe and most of North America, observance of Halloween is largely nonreligious, celebrated with parties, spooky costumes, jack-o'-lanterns, pumpkin carvings, and the giving of candy. But the holiday also marks the beginning of Allhallotide, a three-day Christian triduum dedicated to remembering the dead that begins with Halloween (October 31) and is followed by All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2).ⁱⁱ

ⁱ <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Reformation-Day>.

ⁱ <https://www.britannica.com/topic/October-month>.

Lectionary Study for October:**Sunday, Oct. 5th:**

Lamentations 1:1-6
 Psalm 137 (UMH 852)
 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, Oct. 19th:

Jeremiah 31:27-34
 Psalm 119:97-104 (UMH 750)
 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
 Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, Oct. 12th:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
 Psalm 66:1-12 (UMH 790)
 2 Timothy 2:8-15
 Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, Oct. 26th:

Joel 2:23-32
 Psalm 65 (UMH 789)
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Luke 18:9-14

October Birthdays:4th Kim Williams13th Carol Painter18th Jakob McClain26th Roxy McClain28th Maria Corley29th Robert Smith**October Anniversary:** Dan & Crystal Sliva**November Birthdays:**1st Marty Monahan2nd Patrick Stovall3rd Lisa Starnes8th Crystal Sliva15th Pastor Cindy Rumsey18th Linda Waites23rd Carol Martin25th Bill Fincher25th Ellen Helms25th Matt Starnes27th Sharron Jones**November Anniversaries:**11th Robert & Billie Smith23rd Dean & Annie Slate

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.

Cornerstone accepts online donations through **Zelle**; please use our email address, crnrstone@comporium.net for directing your payment to the church.

Cornerstone's **Instagram** page: @umc.cornerstone

To view the worship service each Sunday on Cornerstone's Facebook page:

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

Honorarium:

In Honor of: Vicky Castro's sister *Given by:* Vicky Castro

Memorials:

In Memory of: Collyns Jo Rogers *Given by:* Mr. & Mrs. Trey Rogers

In Memory of: Leoda Starnes *Given by:* Johnny & Kathy Starnes

Charge Conference will be held Sunday, Nov. 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at Cornerstone.

Scripture Readers For October:

Oct. 5th: Diane Brewer

Oct. 12th: Bill Brothers

Oct. 19th: Steph Pilecki

Oct. 26th: Ken Jones

Acolyte Schedule For October:

Oct. 5th: Teresa Boehme

Oct. 12th: DeeDee Anthony

Oct. 19th: Gavin Sliva

Oct. 26th: Emery Sliva

Schedule for offering counters (Sunday mornings):

Oct. 5th: Linda McCallum; Dan Sliva

Oct. 12th: Debbie Jackson; Diana Deyton

Oct. 19th: Vicky Castro; Randy Hayes

Oct. 26th: JoAnn Till; Linda McCallum

Schedule for Youth Sunday School Teachers:

Oct. 5th: Kathy Hurley

Oct. 12th: Angela Constantine

Oct. 19th: Randy Hayes

Oct. 26th: Dale Williams



This year Cornerstone will celebrate its 30th anniversary!

Date: Sunday, November 9th, 2025

Please plan to attend, as we welcome former pastors and also former members of Cornerstone to worship with us and share a meal! Watch for more details in the coming weeks!

Children's Ministry News:

The Cornerstone children have been busy with the beginning of school as well as starting our Old Testament study. They finished the book of Genesis in August, and began Exodus in September. We are in the process of planning activities and mission projects for the remainder of the year, as well as beginning to look at Children's Church curriculum for 2026.



We would like to thank everyone who has already donated candy for our annual Trunk or Treat. We need volunteers to bring their cars that night. This is a great community event that is always a lot of fun for our volunteers. It is a great way to let young families know who we are and where we are located. Please consider volunteering, **Friday, October 31, 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

United Women in Faith News:

Thank you to all who supported the Rock Hill District United Women in Faith Annual Meeting that Cornerstone hosted on September 27. Your prayers and talents provided a wonderful experience for those attending.

Snacks and k-cups continue to be collected for Hospice and Community Hospice House and are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued giving of these items and thank you to Marlene Dial and JoAnn Till for delivering them.

The Addie McClintock Circle and the Wings of Faith Circle invite all ladies to join us in our fellowship and mission endeavors. Our meetings are at the church and are posted on the church calendar. The Addie McClintock circle meets on the first Thursday each month at 6 pm. Their circle leader is Crystal Sliva. The Wings of Faith circle meets on the second Tuesday each month at 2 pm. The circle leader is Maxine Smith. All ladies are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you and your friends at our next meeting!



Nifty Knitters is our new group where at least 15 ladies (from Cornerstone and the community) meet every 2 to 4 weeks and knitted hats for nine organizations. To date more than 550 hats have been knitted, and they are given to men, women, and children who are at Bethel Shelters, Rock Hill Radiation Therapy Center, Atrium Health Lavine Cancer Centers in Rock Hill and Pineville, Hospice and Community Care Hospice House, Open Arms Child Care of Pilgrims Inn, Divine Manor Assisted Living, Atrium Health Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte, and Epworth Children's Home in Columbia. The Nifty Knitters continue to knit to meet the continued needs of these organizations. We currently have close to 200 available beanies. We request information on any needs that have possibly been overlooked.

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CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR CHILDREN OF HAITI

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

- 4.6 oz or larger, tube of toothpaste
- One medium sized toothbrush
- One bath size bar of antibacterial soap (ex. Dial)
- One washcloth
- One comb – large tooth
- One toy (something small) ex. stuffed animal
- Mints or hard candy

All of the above should be packaged in a one or two gallon size ziplock bag.

Please send \$2.00 for each Christmas stocking to help cover the shipping expenses. These kits will be collected at the United Methodist Volunteers in Missions warehouse in Leesville, SC and from there shipped to Haiti.

Thank you so much for reaching out to help those who are in need of our help.

Please bring to Cornerstone by November 1st.

United Methodists volunteers in Missions-South Carolina

Contact Jim Smith if you have questions.

Seniors Group (GPS) News:

Trip to Asbury Hills on Saturday, October 18th. Bus will leave Cornerstone at 8:00 a.m. and return around 6 or 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$45.00 per person. RSVP: Debbie Jackson, 803-417-3510.

Committee Chairs: Please have items for the newsletter in to the office on the Mondays of the last full week of the month.

Meeting minutes of the September 14th Church Council meeting are in the rack in back of the Sanctuary.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 pm Choir practice	2 2:00 Nifty Knitters 6:00 pm Addie McClintock Circle	3	4
5 Communion -9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am Sunday School -11 am Worship -12:15 pm Trustee meeting	6 10:30 am devotional study at CUMC	7	8 6:00 pm Choir practice	9	10	11
12 -9:30 Good Eats -9:45 Sunday School -11 am Worship -5:15 Finance meeting -6:00 Church Council	13 Columbus Day 10:30 am Devotional study at CUMC	14 2:00 pm Wing of Faith Circle	15 6:00 pm Choir practice	16	17	18 8:00 am Seniors group (GPS) trip
19 -9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am S.S. -11 am Worship	20 10:30 am Devotional study at CUMC 6:30 pm UMM meeting	21	22 6:00 Choir practice	23 2:00 pm Nifty Knitters	24	25
26 -9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am Sunday School -11 am Worship -5-7 pm Youth	27 10:30 am Devotional study at CUMC Newsletter items due in to office	28	29 6:00 pm Choir practice	30	31 Halloween 5:00-6:30 pm Trunk or Treat at Cornerstone	
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2 Communion/ All Saints Sunday -9:30 am Good Eats -9:45 am Sunday School -11 am Worship -12:15 pm Trustee mtg	3 10:30 am devotional study at CUMC	4 Church bldg. use for Municipal Election Day	5 6:00 pm Choir	6 6:00 pm Addie McClintock Circle	7	8
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