

# THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION



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

## *From the Pastor:*

Thanksgiving is approaching and it is during this season we, as Christians, have the need to ask, “What am I thankful for?” Typical answers include family and friends, good health, good food, a good living situation. But what if, rather than being thankful for what we do have, we turn the question around and ask, “What am I thankful for that I don’t have?”. What might those answers be? We might be thankful for not living in a poverty-stricken community or neighborhood, although there may be some Church members who do. We can be thankful for not having food shortages, droughts and famines. We can be thankful for not having problems finding good medical care. We can be thankful for not having to go to a Church, homeless shelter or soup kitchen for a Thanksgiving meal without family. We can be thankful for not living in a war-torn country. We can be thankful for not having to live without power or clean water. We can be thankful for not living as a people without hope.

While we are thankful for not living in these kinds of conditions, it points up the fact that other people in other places do. Thinking this way moves us toward sensing what it is be like to be in another person’s shoes. It opens our heart to giving more to help others.

This is the way Jesus intends for us to think and feel when we more fully understand his Kingdom message. Jesus spent most of his adult life reaching out to those who were sick and in need and calling for his followers to do the same. His miracles and healings were signs of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

This Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us attempt to be disciples who spread a little more heaven on earth by putting ourselves in other people’s shoes. Think about being helpful to those who don’t have many reasons to be thankful during Thanksgiving and Christmas. By doing so, you’ll begin to see and share the Kingdom vision has in store for the world.

*Irwin*

**Lectionary Study for November:**



Sunday, Nov. 3rd:

Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 24 (UMH 755)  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
John 11:32-44

Sunday, Nov. 17th:

1 Samuel 1:4-20  
1 Samuel 2:1-10 (UMH 834)  
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-15  
Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, Nov. 10th:

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17  
Psalm 127 (UMH 777)  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, Nov. 24th:

1 Samuel 23:1-7  
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18) (UMH 849)  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

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**November Birthdays:**

1<sup>st</sup> Marty Monahan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Patrick Stovall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lisa Starnes  
8<sup>th</sup> Crystal Sliva  
18<sup>th</sup> Linda Waites  
23<sup>rd</sup> Carol Martin  
25<sup>th</sup> Bill Fincher  
25<sup>th</sup> Ellen Helms  
25<sup>th</sup> Matt Starnes  
27<sup>th</sup> Sharron Jones

**November Anniversaries:**

11<sup>th</sup> Robert & Billie Smith  
21<sup>st</sup> Mark & Irish Haldeman

**Coming up Next Month:**

**December Birthdays:**

1<sup>st</sup> John Owen  
5<sup>th</sup> Anne Sullivan  
17<sup>th</sup> Randy Hayes  
23<sup>rd</sup> Edith Blafield

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 \(@umc.cornerstone\) • Instagram photos and videos](https://www.instagram.com/umc.cornerstone)

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

### Scripture Reader For November:

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Steve Pilecki  
 Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>: Diane Brewer  
 Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>: Steph Pilecki  
 Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>: Ken Jones

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

### Acolyte Schedule For November:

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Emery Sliva  
 Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>: Teresa Boehme  
 Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>: DeeDee Anthony  
 Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>: Elijah Henke

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

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Linda McCallum; Dan Sliva  
 Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>: Debbie Jackson; Diana Deyton  
 Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>: Dale Williams; Randy Hayes  
 Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>: D. Jackson; H. McCallum

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

If you would like to help the UMM feed breakfast at the Bethel Men's Shelter Christmas morning, there is a sign-up sheet in back of the Sanctuary.

Individual snack items and k-cups are collected and taken to the hospice house each month by JoAnn Till and Marlene Dial. The collection basket is in the Wesley fellowship room.

**If you are not a member of the choir, but would like to participate in the Christmas Cantata on December 14<sup>th</sup>, please come to the choir practices, held every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. We'd love to have the extra voices!**

### Memorials

In Memory Of:  
 Rick Hasenjaeger  
 Leoda Starnes  
 Leoda Starnes  
 Cecil Settlemyre  
 Rick Hasenjaeger  
 Leoda Starnes  
 Leoda Starnes

Given By:  
 Wings of Faith Circle  
 Donnie & Nancy Craig  
 Ladies Auxiliary-Oakdale Fire Dept.  
 Margie McCarter  
 Diane Hale  
 Dottie Beckham  
 Harold Alewine

**Mission News:****Report from Jim Smith**

*On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 an UMVIM team of eleven, led by Mike Burgamy, arrived in Cuba. Our mission was to work at Camp Cannan to paint dormitory rooms and lay tile on the second story walkway. Camp Cannan is a Methodist Camp, very similar to our Asbury Hills Camp. We arrived there on Saturday, but unfortunately, the camp had no electric power. On Sunday we went to a local Methodist Church, but still no power.*

*Monday through Thursday we worked doing the painting and laying the tile. We were able to get our project finished under less than ideal conditions. The hurricane hit on Wednesday, but luckily we were on the opposite side of the island; however, there was still some work stoppage due to heavy rain and no power. We definitely got to experience what it's like for those who live in Cuba.*

*The staff was able to prepare our meals cooking on a wood stove, and we ate by the light of flashlights. The camp director was able to get a generator hooked up to the well pump, so we at least could have water to take a bath.*

*Thursday afternoon we returned to Havana, where there was a lot of damage from the storm. There was no power on the whole island, and the kitchen staff was unable to cook our evening meal. We went out looking for somewhere that was open so we could get some food, just like people in Cuba have to do all the time. We finally found an ice cream parlor and sandwich shoppe open.*

*A decision was made that if possible, we should change our flight so that we could come home Saturday, thus giving the Cuban people relief from having to take care of us during such a difficult time. Thankfully, we were able to get the flight changed and came home earlier. All in all, this was a very challenging but rewarding mission journey. Thanks to everyone at Cornerstone for their prayers during this trip!*

*Jim Smith*

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**POINSETTIAS**

*We have arranged special pricing with a local florist of \$15.00 per poinsettia in order for members to decorate our church sanctuary for the Christmas holiday. If you would like to purchase a plant in honor or memory of someone, please sign below and either bring to the church or mail it to: Cornerstone UMC, 2697 Heckle Blvd., Rock Hill, SC 29732. Be sure to mark your envelope “for poinsettias”.*

*Orders and money need to be turned in no later than Sunday, December 1st, 2024.*

*I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias at \$15.00 each for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_*

*In HONOR Of: \_\_\_\_\_*

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*In MEMORY Of: \_\_\_\_\_*

\_\_\_\_\_

*GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Senior group (GPS) trip to museum in Charlotte  (set clocks back 1 hour before bed)
3 <b>Communion All Saints Sunday</b> -9:30 Good Eats -9:45 S.S. -11 am Worship -12:15 pm Trustee mtg <b>-3 pm Charge Conf. at Epworth</b>  <b>Daylight Saving Time ends</b>	4  10:30 am Devotional study at CUMC	5  (General election voting at CUMC)	6  6:00 pm Choir practice	7  6:00 pm Addie McClintock Circle	8	9
10 -9:30 Good Eats -9:45 Sunday Sch -11 am Worship  5:15 pm Finance 6:00 pm Church Council mtg	11 <b>Veterans Day</b>  10:30 am Devotional study at CUMC  UWF feeding Winthrop Wesley	12  6:00 pm Wings of Faith Circle meeting	13  6:00 pm Choir practice	14	15	16
17 -9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am S.S. -11 am Worship  -5-7 pm Youth group	18 10:30 am Devotional study at Cornerstone  6:30 pm UMM meeting	19	20	21  5:30 pm Choir practice	22	23
24 <b>Christ the King Sunday</b>  -9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am Sunday School -11 am Worship	25  10:30 am Devotional study at Cornerstone	26	27  No Choir practice  Cary- vacation day	28  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>  (Office closed)	29	30
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<p>22 -9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am S.S. -11 am Worship</p>	<p>23 10:30 am Devotional study at Cornerstone  Cary-vacation</p>	<p>24 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion Service at Epworth  Cary-vacation</p>	<p>25 <b>Christmas Day</b>  Feeding breakfast at homeless shelter  (Office closed)</p>	<p>26  Cary-vacation</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
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