

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION



Reaching Up To Christ and Out To Each Other
April 2026



From the Pastor:
April Showers Bring May Flowers: From Hardship to Hope

There is an old saying that reminds us, “April showers bring May flowers”. Without the rain, we wouldn’t be blessed with the beautiful flowers we so enjoy this time of the year.

It’s a simple truth from nature, but it also speaks deeply to the life of faith. Seasons of rain are not always pleasant. Storms can feel heavy, inconvenient (have you ever noticed that it always seems to rain when we have something planned?), and sometimes overwhelming. Yet rain is the very thing that prepares the ground for new life. So it is with us.

Many of us walk through difficult seasons marked by grief, uncertainty, disappointment, change, or weariness. In those moments, it can be hard to imagine anything good growing from our struggles. It seems like the storm will last forever and our umbrella is broken. But God has a way of being the umbrella, of bringing beauty out of hardship, and hope out of places that once seemed dry and crumbling away.

As we continue through this season of spring, we are reminded that God is always at work, even when the skies are gray. The hardships we endure do not have the final word. Christ meets us in the rain, walks with us through the storm, and leads us beyond it. In God’s hands, even the hardest seasons can become the soil where faith deepens, compassion grows, and new possibilities begin to bloom.

Perhaps you are in a season of showers right now. Take heart. God is not finished with you yet. The rain will not last forever, and the Lord who tends the garden of our lives is faithful. In time, what feels like hardship today may become the very place where grace blossoms most beautifully.

May this month encourage us to trust God in every season and to look with hope toward what God is bringing forth. After the rain, flowers come. After hardship, by God’s grace, renewal comes.

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Cindy

Lectionary Study for April:



Sunday, April 5:

Acts 10:34-43
Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18
Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 19th:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, April 12th:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 26nd:

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

April Birthdays:

6th Peggy Frese
9th Diane Brewer
16th Dottie Beckham
23rd Ellie Mobley
24th Lynn Hayes

April Anniversaries:

2nd Angela and Andrew Constantine

May Birthdays:

4th Dan Sliva
10th David McManus
16th Kathy Starnes
19th Linda McCaullum
30th Angela Constantine

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 Pastor Cindy, 864-386-2765; carumsey@umcsc.org.**



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and*

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

Scripture Readers For April:

April 5th: Diane Brewer
April 12th: Steph Pilecki
April 19th: Ken Jones
April 26th: Bill Brothers

Acolyte Schedule For April:

April 5th: Teresa Boheme
April 12th: DeeDee Anthony
April 19th: Eli Henke
April 26th: Gavin Sliva

Schedule for Offering Counters (Sunday mornings):

April 5th: Teri Brothers; Diana Deyton
April 12th: Debbie Jackson; Randy Hayes
April 19th: JoAnn Till; Angela Constantine
April 22nd: Linda McCallum; Dan Sliva

Schedule for Youth Sunday School Teachers:

April 5th: Angela Constantine
April 12th: Randy Hayes
April 19th: Dale Williams
April 26th: Kathy Hurley

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 jpcllemsongirl@gmail.com.* Tentative trip dates are April 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 will be June 20-27th. For more information and other camp locations, go to:

<https://www.salkehatchie.org/>

Finance Report

	March 2026	Year to Date
Giving	16,427.64	37,248.37
Capital Improvement Donation	<u>(3,500.00)</u>	<u>(3,500.00)</u>
Net Givings	12,927.64	33,748.37
Expenses Paid	(24,171.23)	(58,272.89)
Capitol Improvement	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>20,500.00</u>
Net Expenses	(11,177.23)	(37,772.89)
Bottom Line	1,756.41	(4,024.52)
Jan., Feb., & Mar., Apportionments Due	1,163.82	3,491.46

Please don't hesitate contacting me or Johnny Starnes if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support and blessings to all,

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Confirmands

On Easter Sunday, April 5, we recognize Gavin and Emery Sliva not only for their completion of the confirmation class, but also for being confirmed and becoming members of our church body.

Below is a letter they have written and would like to share with the congregation.

Our confirmation process has been fun, enjoyable, and very helpful in the process. Some people that we want to thank during this is Kathy Hurly and Pastor Cindy. The whole Cornerstone Church family has also been there for us. Pastor Cindy helped a ton by cutting the process time in half. We are so happy to be officially joining the church and to be further be a part of more things to come. This has also helped us to become closer to the Lord.

Gavin and Emery Sliva

From the Children's Committee



We would like to thank everyone who donated candy and eggs, as well as those who helped stuff the eggs and decorate. We had a wonderful egg hunt with 44 children and many parents in attendance. Everyone seemed to have a great time! Lynn Hayes shared the true Easter story with everyone, while Debbie Betancourt projected the pictures on the screen. Sharon Jones made Easter cookies for the children to decorate; many others did so many things to make this event a success. Best of all the children had a lot of fun and left knowing a little more about God's love!

Thank you all!
The Children's Committee

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April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 -12:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Service at Bethel UMC -6:00 pm Choir -Pastor Cindy out of town	2 Pastor Cindy out of town	3 Pastor Cindy out of town	4 10:00am-2:00 pm Stations of the Cross
5 Easter Sunday -7:00 am Sunrise Service & Light 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 Practice	9 -5:30-6:30 pm Nominations Committee Meeting -6:00-7:00 pm Addie McClintock Circle	10	11
12 -9:30 Good Eats -9:45 S.S. -11 am Worship -12:15 pm Trustee Meeting -5:15-6:00 pm Finance Meeting -6:00-7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	13 10:30 am Bible study	14 2:00-3:00 pm Wings of Faith Circle	15 6:00 pm Choir Practice	16	17	18 12:00-5:00 pm Nifty Knitters Party; everyone welcome!!
19 -9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am S.S. -11 am Worship -6:00-7:00 pm Youth Meeting	20 10:30 am Bible study	21	22 6:00 pm Choir Practice	23 2:00 pm-3:00 pm Nifty Knitters	24	25
26 -9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am S.S. -11 am Worship	27 -10:30 am Bible study -6:30-7:30 pm UMM Meeting	28	29 -3:00 pm-4:00 pm Divine Manor -6:00 pm Choir Practice	30		
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3 <i>-9:30 am Good Eats -9:45 am Sunday School -11 am Worship -Blessing of the Pets (details coming)</i>	4 <i>10:30 am Bible study</i>	5	6 <i>6:00 pm Choir Practice</i>	7	8	9
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