

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION



Reaching Up To Christ and Out To Each Other
May 2026



*From the Pastor: **New Life, New Growth***

I don't know about you, but this time of year is so beautiful. Everywhere you look, there are signs of life — trees filling back in, flowers blooming, things we thought were gone coming back again, and animals and birds bringing their good morning wake-up calls. It doesn't happen all at once. It's slow. It's steady. But it's real.

And it makes me think about the church.

When we read Acts of the Apostles, we find new Christians learning how to *be* Christians. We're not reading about a group of people who had it all together. We're reading about people who were learning as they went. They didn't have a perfect plan — they just had faith. They stayed close to God and they stayed connected to each other. And Scripture tells us that day by day, God added to their number.

Day by day.

Not all at once. Not in big, dramatic moments every time. But in the everyday faithfulness of showing up, praying together, breaking bread, and caring for one another — God was bringing growth.

And that speaks right into where we are. Because we're in a season of new life ourselves. As a newly merged church, we're still learning. We're still finding our rhythm. We're bringing together different stories and different ways of doing things, and sometimes that can feel a little uncertain. But hear this — uncertainty does not mean God is absent. In fact, some of the most powerful things God does happen in seasons just like this.

This is a season where roots are growing.

And roots matter. Because before anything can bloom, before anything can really stretch and grow, those roots have to go deep. This is the work God is doing in us right now —deepening our relationships, shaping who we are together, teaching us how to love and serve as one body. And yes, continuing to build new relationships as God adds to *our* number.

So don't miss what's happening just because we aren't growing in a way you may think we should. God will bring the people who need God, who need Cornerstone, and who need to be a part of *our* something new. Don't overlook the small moments — the conversations, the shared prayers, the ways we're showing up for each other. That's where growth begins.

The early church didn't grow because they had everything figured out. They grew because they trusted God with what was right in front of them.

And that's what we're called to do too.

So, this month, when you see those signs of new life — when you see something blooming that wasn't there before — let it remind you: God is still at work. God is still bringing life. And God is still growing this church at the pace that is best for God's plan.

Day by day.

Amen.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Cindy

Lectionary Study for May:

Sunday, May 3:
Proverbs 4:10-18
Psalm 119:9-20
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 17:
Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 21:1-7
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 10:
Ezekiel 34:1-7
Psalm 115:1-11, 18b
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 24:
Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23



May Birthdays:

4th Dan Sliva
9th Robert Rumsey
10th David McManus
16th Kathy Starnes
19th Linda McCaullum
30th Angela Constantine

June Birthdays:

22nd Joan Owen
24th Teresa Boehme
24th Anne Price
27th Sandra Hudspeth

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.



Donations to Cornerstone can be made by using the **QR Code** or through **Zelle** by using our email address: ***crnrstone@comporium.net***.
Or mail your checks to: 2697 Heckle Blvd., Rock Hill, SC 29732

Check out Cornerstone's **Instagram** page: @umc.cornerstone
and

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

Schedule for Scripture Readers:

May 3rd: Diane Brewer
 May 10th: Steph Pilecki
 May 17th: Frank Knox
 May 24th: Ken Jones
 May 31st: Beth Dills

Schedule for Acolyte Schedule:

May 3rd: Emery Sliva
 May 10th: Teresa Boheme
 May 17th: DeeDee Anthony
 May 24th: Eli Henke
 May 31st: Gavin Sliva

Schedule for Offering Counters (Sunday mornings):

May 3rd: Linda McCallum; Dan Sliva
 May 10th: Teri Brothers; Diana Deyton
 May 17th: Debbie Jackson; Randy Hayes
 May 24th: JoAnn Till; Angela Constantine
 May 31st: Debbie Jackson

Schedule for Youth Sunday School Teachers:

May 3rd: Kathy Hurley
 May 10th: Dale Williams
 May 17th: Randy Hayes
 May 24th: Kathy Hurley
 May 31st: Kathy Hurley

Schedule for Worship Leaders:

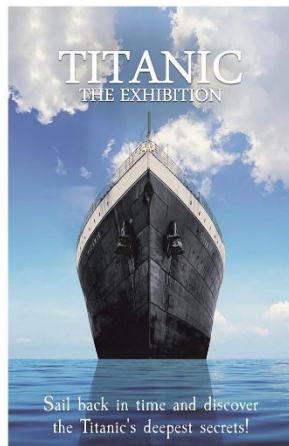
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 May 31st: Ken Jones

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 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/>



God's Precious Seniors

Saturday, June 13th

Tickets & Transportation \$55

Van-Bus TBD

RSVP - Debbie
803-417-3510 or

Debbie.jackson18@yahoo.com



From the Children's Committee



From Pastor Cindy

COMING SOON: LOVE * SERVE * LEAD UMC Class

Whether you are new to the church, have been here a while and ready to join now, are already a member but interested in learning more about the UMC, or helping others grow in their understanding, this class is a practical tool for learning how we live out our faith together.

Sign up on the sheet found at the back of the sanctuary and when we get a good sized group, Pastor Cindy will schedule a time convenient for interested persons to hold the class.

Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 31

It is that time of year when we recognize our graduates, young and old. From Kindergarten through High School, to young adults in college, to adults returning to school for additional education, to gaining a certificate for trade school; the end of May and the beginning of June is a busy time for completing educational requirements. Let's share our celebrations with our church family!

Send in your graduate's name, school, degree, any honors or special recognitions, and their future plans.

All graduates will be honored in a special bulletin insert and if we have local graduates who will be present on May 31st, let Pastor Cindy know and we will have a special gift for them presented during the worship service.

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May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 -9:30 am Good Eats -9:45 am Sunday School -11 am Worship	4 10:30 am Bible study	5	6 6:00 pm Choir Practice	7	8	9
10 -9:30 Good Eats fellowship -9:45 S.S. -11 am Worship	11 10:30 am Bible study	12	13 6:00 pm Choir Practice	14	15	16
17 -9:30 am Good Eats -9:45 am S.S. -11 am Worship -5:15 pm Finance Meeting -6:00 pm Church Council Meeting	18 10:30 am Bible study	19	20 6:00 pm Choir Practice	21 2:00 pm Nifty Knitters	22	23
24 -9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am S.S. -11 am Worship	25 -10:30 am Bible study -6:30 pm UMM Meeting	26	27 -3:00 pm-4:00 pm Divine Manor -6:00 pm Choir Practice	28	29	30
31 -9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am S.S. -11 am Worship -12:15 pm 5 th Sunday Potluck		<u>Offering Counters</u> -3rd: L. McCallum & D. Sliva -10th: T. Brothers & D. Deyton -17th: D. Jackson & R. Hayes -24th: J. Till & A. Constantine -31st: Debbie Jackson	<u>Scripture Readers</u> -3rd: Diane Brewer -10th: Steph Pilecki -17th: Frank Knox -24th: Ken Jones -31st: Beth Dills	<u>Acolytes</u> -3rd: E. Sliva -10th: T. Boheme -17th: D. Anthony -24th: Eli Henke -31st: G. Sliva	<u>Youth S.S. Teachers</u> -3rd: K. Hurley -10th: K. Hurley -17th: R. Hayes -24th: D. Williams -31st: K. Hurley	<u>Opening & Closing</u> Johnny Starnes <u>Altar Guild</u> Maxine Smith

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June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>10:30 am Bible study</i>	2	3 <i>6:00 pm Choir Practice</i>	4 <i>6:00-7:00 pm Addie McClintock Circle</i>	5	6
7 <i>-9:30 am Good Eats -9:45 am Sunday School -11 am Worship -12:15 pm Trustee Meeting</i>	8 <i>10:30 am Bible study</i>	9 <i>Statewide Primary Election</i>	10 <i>6:00 pm Choir Practice</i>	11	12	13 <i>GPS Titanic Trip</i>
14 <i>-9:30 Good Eats -9:45 S.S. -11 am Worship</i>	15 <i>-10:30 am Bible study</i>	16 <i>2:00-3:00 pm Wings of Faith Circle</i>	17 <i>6:00 pm Choir Practice</i>	18	19 <i>Salkehatchie Dinner</i>	20 
21 <i>-9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am S.S. -11 am Worship -5:00 pm Youth Group</i>	22 <i>-10:30 am Bible study -6:30 pm UMM Meeting</i>	23 <i>Statewide Primary Runoff Election</i>	24 <i>-3:00-4:00 pm Divine Manor -6:00 pm Choir Practice</i>	25	26	27 
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