

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION



Reaching Up To Christ and Out To Each Other
February, 2026

From the Pastor:

Love in Action

Because Valentine's Day falls in February, the entire month is often associated with hearts, cards, flowers, and expressions of affection. While these are meaningful gestures, Scripture reminds us that Christian love goes deeper. The love revealed in Jesus Christ is not merely sentimental—it is active, sacrificial, and transformative.

1 Corinthians 13 is often quoted at weddings but is also appropriate for other times. In this chapter, the apostle Paul writes, "Love is patient; love is kind... it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Corinthians 13:4, 7). This kind of love is not limited to those who are married (or preparing for a wedding), or even to those who are easy to love. This love should reach across divisions, extend forgiveness, offer compassion, and seek the good of others.

Jesus made this clear when he said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Christ's love took him to the cross, where he gave himself fully for the sake of the world. As his followers, we are called to embody that same self-giving love in our homes, our workplaces, our church, and our community.

Jesus didn't say that love is easy, not even the love of family. Love takes work. When you love like Jesus, you are patient with others, bearing all things, enduring all things. (I must add that any form of abuse is never one of the things to be endured though.)

This month, I invite you to reflect on how God's love is being made visible through you. Where might you offer encouragement, reconciliation, generosity, or service? At home, at work, in the church, and in the community. Also reflect on how our church might continue to be a place where Christ's love is not only proclaimed, but practiced? How might we bring hope to others by our love?

May we be known—not simply for what we say—but for how faithfully we love.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Cindy

Lectionary Study for February:



Sunday, Feb. 1st:

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15 (UMH 747)
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, Feb. 15th:

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 (UMH 739)
Psalm 99 (UMH 819)
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday, Feb. 8th:

Isaiah 58:1-9a
Psalm 112:1-9 (10) (UMH 833)
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13)
Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, Feb. 22nd:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32 (UMH 766)
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

February Birthdays:

2nd Diana Deyton
7th Linda Rossey
13th Edwina Jonas
22nd Maxine Smith
27th Steve Pilecki

March Birthdays:

1st Teri Brothers
2nd JoAnn Till
7th Linda Grant
15th Tanner Stovall
25th Mike Painter
28th Dale Williams

March Anniversary:

30th Jim & Maxine Smith

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 cnrstone@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/>

Scripture Readers For February:

Feb. 1st: Diane Brewer
Feb. 8th: Steph Pilecki
Feb. 15th: Ken Jones
Feb. 22nd: Bill Brothers

Acolyte Schedule For February:

Feb. 1st: DeeDee Anthony
Feb. 8th: Gavin Sliva
Feb. 15th: Emery Sliva
Feb. 22nd: Teresa Boehme

Schedule for offering counters (Sunday mornings):

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

Schedule for Youth Sunday School Teachers:

Feb. 1st: Kathy Hurley
Feb. 8th: Angela Constantine
Feb. 15th: Randy Hayes
Feb. 22nd: Dale Williams

We welcome Gail Reynolds as our new Administrative Assistant for the church office! Gail moved to Rock Hill from Charlotte last summer and has experience working at Hickory Grove UMC in Charlotte.

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!

<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Given By</i>
Reid Lefler	Johnny and Kathy Starnes Ken and Sharon Jones Debbie Jackson Randy Hayes Mike and Carol Painter Linda and Howard McCallen
Buck Beckham	Kathy and Johnny Starnes
Ellen Helms	Edwina Jones



Souper Bowl Lunch – Sunday, February 8

Please bring your favorite soup.

There will be a sign-up sheet located in the back of the sanctuary if you are interested in bringing soup.

There will be a Love Offering received for Pilgrim’s Inn.



Please join us for the Senior Group’s (GPS) Valentine Party on Saturday, February 14 from 1 pm – 4 pm at Cornerstone UMC.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

*will be held on February 18 at 5:30 pm
at Cornerstone UMC.*

New Lenten Bible Study

will begin on Monday, February 23 at 10:30 am.
We will be studying "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado.
Please let Pastor Cindy know if you are planning to attend.

Lenten Worship Service

will be held at Cornerstone on Wednesday, March 4th
at 12:00 p.m. with a light lunch to follow

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/>

**We're Having a Chicken BBQ
and Bake Sale!
FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, March 28th
4-7 pm**

**\$15.00/plate (1/2 chicken, baked beans, slaw, roll)
Carry-out only**

Finance Report

Thanks to your donations designated towards Apportionments, we met 100% of that obligation for 2025.

As we begin a new year, offerings received are well short of meeting January expenses. The bad weather last week, resulting in the church being canceled, did not help. Offerings to date for January total only \$7,550.00, Our expenses of \$12,153.96 leaves a January shortfall of \$4,603.36 excluding apportionments.

We know finances are tight, but the Finance Committee asks everyone to prayerfully consider an extra gift however large or small towards meeting our financial needs.

Please don't hesitate contacting me or Johnny Starnes if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support and blessings to all,

Sharron Jones, Finance Chair

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Johnny Starnes, Treasurer

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Communion -9:30 am Good Eats -9:45 am Sunday School -11 am Worship -12:15 pm Trustee mte</p>	<p>2 10:30 am devotional study at CUMC</p>	<p>3 Pastor Cindy out of town (Bishop's School)</p>	<p>4 6:00 pm Choir Pastor Cindy out of town (Bishop's School)</p>	<p>5 Pastor Cindy out of town (Bishop's School)</p>	<p>6 Pastor Cindy out of town (Bishop's School)</p>	<p>7 Pastor Cindy out of town</p>
<p>8 -9:30 am Good Eats -9:45 am Sunday School -11 am Worship "Soup"er Bowl lunch after worship Pastor Cindy out of town</p>	<p>9 10:30 am devotional study at CUMC</p>	<p>10 Pastor Cindy-out of town clergy meeting</p>	<p>11 6:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day 1-4 pm GPS (Seniors) Valentine's party at CUMC</p>
<p>15 Transfiguration Sunday -9:30 Good Eats -9:45 S.S. -11 am Worship 5-7 p.m. Youth</p>	<p>16 10:30 am Devotional study at CUMC</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30 pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 1st Sunday in Lent -9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am S.S. -11 am Worship -5:15 pm Finance -6 pm Ch Council</p>	<p>23 10:30 am Lenten study at CUMC Newsletter items due in to office</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 6:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
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29 Palm Sunday -5th Sunday lunch -Easter lily orders due in -Pastor Cindy-out of town (after worship)	30 10:30 am Lenten study at CUMC Pastor Cindy-out of town	31 Pastor Cindy-out of town				
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