THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION



Reaching Up To Christ and Out To Each Other

From the Pastor:

November 2026

More Than a Season of Thanks



November invites us to pause and give thanks. We gather with family and friends, count our blessings, and remember the many ways God has cared for us. But as followers of Jesus, we know that gratitude is about more than what we say around the Thanksgiving table. It is about how we live each day.

Paul reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to "give thanks in all circumstances." That doesn't mean we have to pretend everything is good or be thankful for the hard things themselves. It means that even when life is uncertain, we can trust God to be faithful. We can give thanks knowing we are not alone.

When I think about Cornerstone, I have so much to be thankful for. I see God's love in the people who quietly serve behind the scenes, give generously, care for neighbors, and share their time and talents. You may not always see the difference you make but it matters. So much of the life of our church happens beyond Sunday morning.

That doesn't mean we don't have challenges. We have financial concerns, building needs, and questions about the future. Those things are real, and gratitude doesn't ask us to ignore them. But it does help us remember that our needs are not the whole story. God has already placed much in our hands, and we have gifts to share.

Our mission is "To know Christ and make Him known through faithful teaching, Spirit-filled preaching, and compassionate reaching." That is what we are here to do, together. God's blessings are not just for us to enjoy. They are also an invitation to reach out and be a blessing to someone else.

So this Thanksgiving season, I invite you to join me in asking not only, "What am I thankful for?" but also, "How can I share what God has given me?" It is a simple question, but one that can make a difference in how we live.

My prayer is that our gratitude will show in the way we care for one another, in our willingness to give, and in the love we share with those around us.

After all, what better way to thank God for our blessings than to use them to bless someone else?

Happy Thanksgiving!

In God's love,

Pastor Cindy

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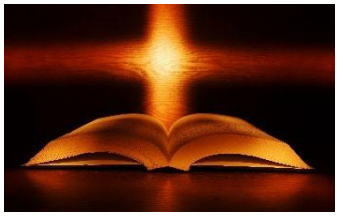
Lectionary Study for November:

Sunday, November 1:
Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday, November 8:
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, November 15:
Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, November 22:
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46



Sunday, November 29:
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

November Birthdays

1st Marty Monahan
2nd Patrick Stovall
8th Crystal Sliva
8th Bill Tippins
11th Gayle Sullivan
15th Pastor Cindy Rumsey
18th Linda Waites
23rd Carol Martin
25th Bill Fincher
25th Matt Starnes
27th Sharron Jones

November Anniversaries

11th Mike & Beth Dills
17th Dale & Peggy Frese
23rd Dean & Annie Slate

December Birthdays

1st John Owen
5th Anne Sullivan
17th Randy Hayes
23rd Edith Blafield

Please contact the 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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Or mail your checks to:2697 Heckle Blvd., Rock Hill, SC 29732



Schedule for Scripture Readers:
November 1st: Frank Knox
November 8th: Bill Brothers
November 15th: Ken Jones
November 22th: Ken Jones
November 29th: Diane Brewer

Schedule for Worship Leaders
November 1st: Dan Sliva
November 8th: Randy Hayes
November 15th: Bill Brothers
November 22nd: Maxine Smith
November 29th: Ken Jones

Schedule for Acolyte Schedule:
November 1st: Teresa Boehme
November 8th: DeeDee Anthony
November 15th: Elijah Henke
November 22th: Gavin Sliva
November 29th: Emery Sliva

Schedule for Offering Counters (Sunday mornings):

November 1st: Linda McCallum & Dan Sliva
November 8th: Teri Brothers & Diana Deyton
November 15th: Debbie Jackson & Randy Hayes
November 22nd: JoAnn Till & Angela Constantine
November 29th: Debbie Jackson



Schedule for Youth Sunday School Teachers:
November 1st: Kathy Hurley
November 8th: Kathy Hurley
November 15th: Randy Hayes
November 22nd: Dale Williams
November 29th: Kathy Hurley

Finance

From the Pastor

Stewardship – The Gift of Gratitude

November is a season of thanksgiving, a time where we pause to recognize the many blessings God has placed in our lives. But gratitude is more than simply saying "thank you." True gratitude inspires us to respond, and one of the ways we respond to God's goodness is through faithful stewardship.

In 2 Corinthians 9:11, Paul writes, "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us." What a wonderful reminder that our generosity doesn't end with the gift itself. It becomes an opportunity for others to experience God's love and give thanks.

At Cornerstone, every gift of time, talent, and financial support helps us fulfill our mission: "To know Christ and make Him known through faithful teaching, Spirit-filled preaching, and compassionate reaching." Our giving supports worship and discipleship, maintains the spaces where ministry takes place, and helps us extend Christ's love beyond our church walls. Even the everyday expenses of operating the church serve a greater purpose when they support the work God has called us to do.

As we approach the end of our budget year, however, we must also acknowledge a significant financial challenge. Cornerstone is facing a substantial budget deficit, and we need the help of our entire congregation to finish the year as strongly as possible. While we are grateful for the faithful generosity of so many, our current giving has not kept pace with our financial obligations. We cannot ignore this reality, nor can we expect a few individuals to carry the responsibility for all of us.

This is an opportunity for each of us to prayerfully consider our part in supporting the ministry of Cornerstone. If you are able, would you consider making an additional year-end gift or increasing your regular giving for the remainder of the year? Every gift, regardless of size, helps us move toward closing the gap. Our goal is not simply to balance a budget, but to ensure that Cornerstone has the resources to continue the ministry God has called us to do.

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, may we also consider how we can use those blessings to make a difference. Stewardship is gratitude put into action. When we give faithfully and serve generously, our thanksgiving becomes more than words—it becomes a witness to God's love.

May our gratitude inspire our generosity, and may our generosity strengthen Cornerstone's ministry today and for the future.

With God's Blessings,
Pastor Cindy

🍪🍰Cornerstone UMC's 2nd Annual Cookie Walk! 🍪🍰

Get ready for some homemade goodness! Just in time for the holidays

🗓️**Saturday, November 14** ⏰ **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**
📍 **Cornerstone United Methodist Church -** 2697 Heckle Blvd.

Come discover a delicious assortment of homemade treats and more!

🍪 **Homemade Cookies, Brownies & Candies** - A wonderful variety of sweet treats!

🎂 **Cakes, Pies & Breads** - Homemade favorites perfect for sharing with family and friends!

🤹 **Frozen Casseroles** - Take home a delicious, ready-to-heat meal for those busy days!

Whether you're stocking up on holiday goodies, looking for something special to share, or simply treating yourself, there's something for everyone!

❤️Come early for the best selection!

Bring a friend, spread the word, and join us for a morning filled with homemade goodness!

🍪 We can't wait to see you! ❤️

Cornerstone United Methodist Church Planning Retreat
Saturday, December 5, 2026
Planning Together · Growing Together · Serving Together

You are invited to join us for an important Church Planning Retreat as we prayerfully consider where God is leading Cornerstone UMC in 2027 and beyond.

This retreat will provide an opportunity for us to share ideas, strengthen our ministries, and work together toward a common vision for the future.

Our retreat will focus on three key areas:

Strategic Planning - Identifying our priorities, opportunities, and goals for the future of Cornerstone UMC

Shepherding Teams - Developing a plan for strengthening congregational care, connection, and relationships

2027 Church Calendar - Coordinating worship, ministries, missions, fellowship, and special events for the coming year

Lunch will be provided, offering us an opportunity to enjoy food, fellowship, and conversation together.

Your voice, ideas, and participation are important as we seek to build a stronger, more connected, and mission-focused church.

Together, let's plan with purpose, lead with faith, and move forward in ministry!

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An Evening of Gratitude

Join the Rock Hill area United Methodist Churches for a special evening of **worship, fellowship, and thanksgiving** as we come together to share God's blessings and extend His love to others.

Wednesday, November 18 **6:00 PM**
Bethel UMC—1232 Curtis Street

Following worship, we will share a meal at the Bethel Men's Night Shelter.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to serve 10 people. The participating churches will provide the main entrée.

A love offering will be received during worship to support Bethel Shelters.

Come with grateful hearts and a spirit of generosity as we give thanks, share a meal, and serve our neighbors.

All are welcome!



Upcoming Events

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 • 9:30 am Good Eats Fellowship • 9:45 am Sunday School • 11:00 am Worship Service • 12:15 pm Trustee Meeting	**2** • 10:30 am Bible Study TBD: Feeding Winthrop Wesley	**3** 5:30 am-8:30 pm 2026 Statewide General Election	**4** 6:00 pm Choir Practice	**5** • 6 pm Addie McClintock Circle • 6:30 pm YAM (Young Adult Ministries) • 7:00 pm UMYM (United Methodist Young Men) at Winthrop Wesley	**6**	**7**
8 • 9:30 am Good Eats Fellowship • 9:45 am Sunday School • 11:00 am Worship Service • 5:15 pm Finance Meeting • 6:00 pm Church Council Meeting	**9** • 10:30 am Bible Study • 5:30 pm Strategic Planning Focus Group Meeting	**10** • 2:30 pm Wings of Faith Circle Meeting	**11** • 6:00 pm Choir Practice	**12** • 6:30 pm YAM (Young Adult Ministries)	**13**	**14** • 10:00 am-12:00 pm Cookie Walk
15 • 9:30 am Good Eats Fellowship • 9:45 am Sunday School • 11:00 am Worship Service • 12:15 pm Children's Committee Meeting • 4:00 pm Youth Group Meeting	**16** • 10:30 am Bible Study	**17** •	**18** • 6:00 pm Choir Practice • 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Community Meal	**19** • 2 pm Nifty Knitters • 6:30 pm YAM (Young Adult Ministries)	**20** GPS Weekend Getaway!	**21**
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29 • 9:30 am Good Eats Fellowship • 9:45 am Sunday School • 11:00 am Hanging of the Greens Worship Service	**30** • 10:30 am Bible Study					

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Faith Fun Corner

