

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION



Reaching Up To Christ and Out To Each Other
November, 2025

From the Pastor:

November – A Time for Remembrance

We begin the month of November by remembering the saints that have gone before us on All Saints Day. Traditionally in the Christian church we honor all our loved ones who have gone to heaven in the previous year on the first Sunday in November. We also remember *all* the saints throughout history who have gone before us; those we have known and those we have only heard or read about.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” (Hebrews 12:1 NIV)

The next day of remembrance is Veteran’s Day observed on the 11th of the month. It is this day when we honor all Veterans of the US armed forces. Persons who have served any amount of time in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, or Navy; whether in war time or peace, are honored for their willingness to sacrifice their time and even lives to defend the United States. Just as each person who serves within the church is an important part of ministry, no matter what role they serve in or how visible or invisible their service is; so it is for veterans of the US armed forces. Each job is an important part of the whole and we could not enjoy our freedoms without them. Don’t forget to thank a veteran when you see them.

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
(John 15:13 NIV)

The third day of remembrance is Thanksgiving Day when we are intentional about giving thanks to God for all we have. The traditional thanksgiving was an annual celebration to give thanks for the bountiful harvest, but we have since expanded our thankfulness to all gifts and blessings provided by God. Our celebrations still include many foods of the bountiful harvest; from green-bean casserole, to pumpkin pie, and for many, the turkey is still the centerpiece of the Thanksgiving table. *(continued on next page)*

(Pastor's letter, continued):

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. ⁵For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

Therefore, as we move forward toward the hectic days of Advent, Christmas parties, and other holiday events, let us be reminded of the greatest thing we are thankful for, Jesus Christ our Savior who gave his life so that we could be among the saints in heaven. Take a moment each day to breathe, to remember, and to be thankful.

Pastor Cindy

Fun fact: The first national Thanksgiving celebration was observed in honor of the creation of the new United States Constitution! In 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation designating November 26 of that year as a “Day of Publick Thanksgiving” to recognize the role of providence in creating the new United States and the new federal Constitution.

Washington was in his first term as president, and a young nation had just emerged successfully from the Revolution. Washington called upon the people of the United States to acknowledge God for affording them “an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.” This was the first time Thanksgiving was celebrated under the new Constitution.ⁱ

ⁱ <https://www.almanac.com/comment/136141>

Lectionary Study for November:



Sunday, Nov. 2nd:

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144 (UMH 840)
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

Sunday, Nov. 16th:

Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12 (UMH 839)
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, Nov. 30th:

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122 (UMH 845)
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday, Nov. 9th:

Habakkuk 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (UMH 857)
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, Nov. 23rd:

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November Birthdays:

1st Marty Monahan
2nd Patrick Stovall
3rd Lisa Starnes
8th Crystal Sliva
15th Pastor Cindy Rumsey
18th Linda Waites
23rd Carol Martin
25th Bill Fincher
25th Ellen Helms
25th Matt Starnes
27th Sharron Jones

November Anniversaries:

11th Robert & Billie Smith
23rd Dean & Annie Slate

December Birthdays:

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

Cornerstone accepts online donations through **Zelle**; please use our email address, crnrstone@comporium.net for directing your payment to the church.

Cornerstone's **Instagram** page: [@umc.cornerstone](https://www.instagram.com/umc.cornerstone)

To view the worship service each Sunday on Cornerstone's Facebook page:

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

Charge Conference will be held Sunday, Nov. 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at Cornerstone.

Scripture Readers For November:

Nov. 2nd: Bill Brothers
Nov. 9th: Randy Hayes
Nov. 16th: Ken Jones
Nov. 23rd: Diane Brewer
Nov. 30th: Steph Pilecki

Acolyte Schedule For November:

Nov. 2nd: Teresa Boehme
Nov. 9th: DeeDee Anthony
Nov. 16th: Gavin Sliva
Nov. 23rd: Emery Sliva
Nov. 30th: Teresa Boehme

Schedule for offering counters (Sunday mornings):

Nov. 2nd: Linda McCallum; Dan Sliva
Nov. 9th: Debbie Jackson; Diana Deyton
Nov. 16th: Vicky Castro; Randy Hayes
Nov. 23rd: JoAnn Till; Linda McCallum
Nov. 30th: Debbie Jackson; Teri Brothers

Schedule for Youth Sunday School Teachers:

Nov. 2nd: Kathy Hurley
Nov. 9th: Angela Constantine
Nov. 16th: Randy Hayes
Nov. 23rd: Dale Williams
Nov. 30th: Kathy Hurley

Committee Chairs: Please have items for the newsletter in to the office on the Mondays of the last full week of the month.



Cornerstone celebrates its 30th anniversary!

Date: Sunday, November 9th, 2025; 11:00 a.m.

Please plan to attend, as we welcome former pastors and also former members of Cornerstone to worship with us and share a meal! Rev. Michael Walker will be the guest preacher.

The **Children's committee** is looking for volunteers to help in the nursery during the church service. We are trying to have two people prepared to volunteer in case we have a family attend with an infant or a toddler. If you are willing to be placed on the schedule please let Linda McCallum, Sharron Jones or Maxine Smith know.

Year To date Financial Status as of 10/29/25

Offerings

Undesignated funds received	\$125,404.22
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Distributions

Expenses paid from undesignated funds	<u>\$140,550.85</u>
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Year To Date Deficit (15,146.63)

Past Due July, Aug, Sept & Oct 2025

Apportionments	(5,119.32)
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Designated - Apportionments	1,000.00
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Bottom Line Year-to-date deficit (21,265.95)

*** Paid for from Designated Funds	<u>13,500.76</u>
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Sharron Jones, Finance Chair

Johnny Starnes, Treasurer



Come join us on November 15th from 10am-1pm for Cornerstone's 1st annual Cookie Walk!

Cookies sold by the pound; cakes, candies, and pies! Oh my! Get your Thanksgiving deserts and be ready for your guests; freeze some for those Christmas gatherings which will be here

before you know it; or just buy some to enjoy with your evening beverage of choice; hot chocolate, a glass of milk, coffee, or cider.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>Haiti stockings due in to church</i> <i>Set clocks back one hour before bed-Daylight Saving Time ends</i>
2 Communion/ All Saints Sunday -9:30 am Good Eats -9:45 am Sunday School -11 am Worship -12:15 pm Trustee mtg -Daylight Saving Time ends	3 10:30 am devotional study at CUMC	4 Church bldg. use for Municipal Election Day	5 6:00 pm Choir	6 6:00 pm Addie McClintock Circle 6:30 pm Merger Committee meeting at Epworth UMC	7	8
9 -9:30 Good Eats -9:45 S.S. -11 am Worship -Cornerstone's 30th Anniversary Celebration Sunday -5:15 Finance -6:00 Church Council	10 10:30 am Devotional study at CUMC	11 Veterans Day 2:00 pm Wings of Faith	12 6:00 pm Choir	13 2-4 pm Nifty Knitters	14	15 10-1 pm Cookie Walk at Cornerstone
16 -9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am S.S. -11 am Worship 5-7 pm Youth	17 10:30 am Devotional study at CUMC 6:30 pm UMM meeting Feed Weslev	18 Church building use for possible runoff election	19 6:00 pm Choir	20	21	22
23 -9:45 am Sunday School -11 am Worship -Angel Tree gifts due in -2:00 pm Charge Conf. at CUMC	24 10:30 am Devotional study at CUMC Newsletter items due in to office	25	26 No Choir	27 Thanksgiving Day (Office closed)	28	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent -9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am Sunday School -11 am Worship		<u>Offering Counters</u> 2nd: L. McCallum Dan Sliva 9th: Debbie J.; Diana Deyton 16th: Vicky Castro; Randy H. 23rd: JoAnn Till.; L. McCallum 30th: D. Jackson; Teri Brothers	<u>Scripture Readers</u> 2nd: Bill Brothers 9th: Randy Hayes 16th: Ken Jones 23rd: Diane Brewer 30th: Steph Pilecki	<u>Acolytes:</u> 2nd: Teresa Boehme 9th: DeeDee Anthony 16th: Gavin Sliva 23rd: Emery S. 30th: Teresa Boehme	<u>Youth S.S. Teachers:</u> 2nd: K. Hurley 9th: Angela Constantine 16th: R. Hayes 23rd: Dale Williams 30th: Kathy Hurlev	<u>Opening & Closing:</u> Johnny Starnes <u>Altar Guild</u> Maxine Smith

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	1 <i>10:30 am devotional study at CUMC</i>	2	3 <i>6:00 pm Choir</i>	4	5	6
7 Communion -9:30 am Good Eats -9:45 am Sunday School -11 am Worship -12:15 pm Trustee mtg -Poinsettia orders due in	8 <i>10:30 am devotional study at CUMC</i>	9	10 <i>6:00 pm Choir</i>	11	12	13 <i>GPS Christmas Party (tentative)</i>
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28 -9:30 am Good Eats fellowship -9:45 am Sunday School -11 am Worship	29 <i>10:30 am Devotional study at CUMC</i>	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> <i>No Choir</i> <i>Cary-vacation</i>			
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