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## From the Pastor's Desk

### Brilliant Hope

By Rev. Ricky Howell

*I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 (Common English Bible)*

We sure do love holidays, don't we? By the time you read this, we should be pretty close to Easter Sunday – meaning we're probably neck-deep in pastel colors, painted and plastic eggs, and all sorts of bunny and chick decorations. Stores (and potentially our homes) are most likely exploding with an abundance of seasonal décor and festivity. Now, I don't have a problem with all of this – I love me some Easter candy, after all – but I do find it strangely dissonant with the focus and mood we as a church are typically trying to establish at this time of year. After all, we're still in the season of Lent – an intentional time of self-reflection, fasting, and repentance as we prepare for Easter. How does this somber observance within the Church manage to coexist with the flamboyant celebration going on in the world around us?

As I reflected on that question, I was drawn back to a familiar passage: Jeremiah 29:11. There's a good chance many of us have read this verse ourselves or at least heard it quoted, most likely removed from its original context. To be fair, this is one of those verses that functions pretty well on its own, but when we consider its context it, takes on even greater meaning. Take a look at Jeremiah 29:10-14:

*The Lord proclaims: When Babylon's seventy years are up, I will come and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. 11 I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. 12 When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. 13 When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. 14 I will be present for you, declares the Lord, and I will end your captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have scattered you, and I will bring you home after your long exile, declares the Lord.*

Without getting too bogged down in history, this passage contains a message from God to the people of Israel (delivered through the prophet Jeremiah) during a time period referred to as "The Babylonian Exile." The Israelites had been conquered by the Babylonian Empire and deported – taken away from

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**From the Pastor's Desk** (continued)

their homes and separated from their communities. As you can imagine, it was a dark and incredibly discouraging time for them.

Throughout the rest of the book of Jeremiah (as well as in other books of the Bible), God calls upon the exiled Israelites to pray, repent, and reflect on the state of their hearts in relation to God. Sounds a bit like Lent, huh? Passages like Jeremiah 29:11, though, show us that God also repeatedly encouraged the people to cling to hope – a significant light in the darkness. We might think of it like enjoying bright decorations in the midst of a somber season, perhaps?

Do you see where I'm going with this? As odd as I sometimes feel preaching the seriousness of Lent while standing in the multi-colored shadow of the Easter Bunny, this year I'm challenging myself to see the brightness of the secular celebration of Easter as a reminder of the way God shines the light of hope into the darkness of our lives. Right now, we're rightfully focused on the difficult tasks of Lent – self-reflection, fasting, repentance – as a means of preparing our hearts and appreciating the sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf. But we'd also do well to remember that Lent doesn't end with Jesus' crucifixion and burial; it ends with Jesus' resurrection and God's triumph over sin and death. May we never forget that although we're currently living in a somber season of darkness, we still serve a God of brilliant hope.

Grace, Peace, and Love,  
Ricky



**Communications Committee Ancestry Search**

The Communications Committee is doing a little research on the ancestry of members of our church. We are looking for members whose families have the longest continuous membership at PUMC. If you have information about your family, please share it with Nancy Hellams (864-934-3461) or Becky Hopkins (864-934-6592).

**Congregational Life**

By Jo McConnell and Suzanne Atkinson

PUMC was host to the first Lenten Lunch in two years after the hiatus of the event due to Covid. It was an exciting day to bring 80 church members throughout the community together for Pastor Ricky's Ash Wednesday blessing. Congregational Life Team Members prepared and served soups, sandwiches, and desserts. This is one of the many Congregational Life responsibilities in the church.

Our next event is a church-wide picnic on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Barrett's Place playground. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks will be supplied by the church, with attendees bringing dishes to make the picnic complete – baked beans, slaw, sliced tomatoes and onions, salads, chips, desserts, and any other items you choose. Mark your calendar for May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.

Congregational Life will continue to prepare bereavement meals when church members lose a family member and take meals to families who have an extended illness or when a new baby is born. Anyone not already a member is encouraged to join a team. Contact the church office of your interest and you will be placed on a team.



*PHS Miss Landmark Pageant 2023*



*Miss Landmark  
Reagan Sloan*



*Miss Freshman  
Collins Cahaly*



*Miss Senior Runner UP  
Laney Smith*

### Stained-Glass Windows

Martha Jeffries

The story of stained-glass windows goes back to the Middle Ages when people learned the stories of the Bible by looking at the beautiful stained-glass windows in cathedrals and churches. Our church is no exception. In 1938, when the new church was built after the old church burned down from being struck by lightning, Miss Louise Simpson, granddaughter of Major R.F. Simpson, donated a stained window for the narthex of the church facing Broad Street.

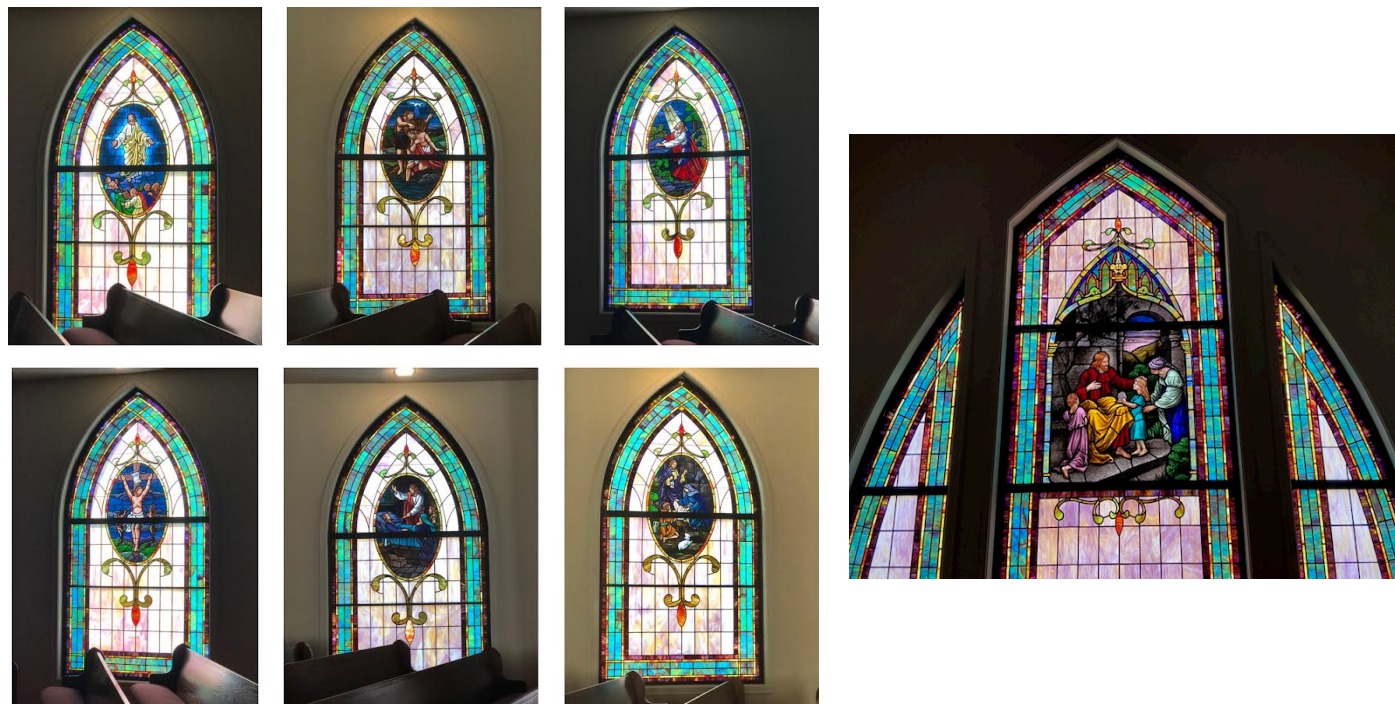
In 1988, the present sanctuary was built in the location where the old 1938 sanctuary previously stood. The committee that was charged to build the new sanctuary carried on the tradition of stained-glass windows.

The stained-glass windows in the sanctuary tell the stories of Jesus's life. The first one left of the pulpit is about the birth of Jesus. The second window is about the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist with the Dove coming down. The last one on that side is Jesus healing the sick child.

On the right side of the sanctuary, the first window is Jesus praying in the olive grove called Gethsemane. The second window shows the Crucifixion of Jesus. The third and last window is the Transfiguration of Jesus going up into heaven.

When the new sanctuary was built, the old stained-glass window was placed in the back of the balcony, which is the front of the church. This window tells the story of Jesus talking to the little children. Also, in each of the front two rooms off the narthex are windows of stained glass. These windows are colorful but without a story.

When the construction of the new sanctuary was started, members donated money for the windows in memory of a loved one. On the left wall of the narthex are three brass plaques telling who donated the windows, the pews, and the furnishings of the altar.



### Council of Stewards – Arlene Privette

March 14, 2023

Determining how PUMC should pursue discussions and decisions regarding the UMC has been challenging and frustrating. After conversations with several people, I decided to pursue discussion with the Pastor to begin to form a team to lead efforts to collect information that could facilitate the process. An ad hoc team has been developed to investigate fact-finding and sharing. In a few minutes, I will share with you the team composition and the charge to them. Efforts were made to include persons from all age levels and genders. Persons asked to be on this team were not chosen for a specific role they have in the Church nor a role on the Council of Stewards. These individuals do not represent a specific group in the church and are not soliciting information and viewpoints from church members. Their charge is to find information to share from available resources so that informed decisions can be made. I know that some individuals may feel that they should be on the team but we decided to keep the number rather small to facilitate group meetings. Persons were not solicited because of their respective views regarding the UMC deliberations and are charged to not interject personal bias into the fact-finding process. Deliberate efforts were made to include persons with technology skills to locate information on various websites (such as the SC UMC website and various church websites that have already gone through this process) and be able to succinctly communicate such information to church members. Much of this information will be sent via emails, videos, document and in meetings. This information will lead to further discussions and meetings, as outlined in the process.

The Council of Stewards has approved this team & process. Team chair contacts are Howard Corbett and Russ Guffee are: [hcorbett67@gmail.com](mailto:hcorbett67@gmail.com) and [rguffee@charter.net](mailto:rguffee@charter.net)

### Worship Committee

By Karen Link

While thinking about preparing for Easter at PUMC, I was reminded of all of the generous and talented people we are blessed to have at PUMC. Immediately, Butch Kennedy came to mind. Butch left his mark in many areas of the church. While ordering flowers to be placed on the cross we display in front of the church on Easter morning, I thought about how Butch built that cross and made it magically appear to be adorned. Then it would disappear until next Easter. Remember those who have left their mark here.

P.E.E.P.S. recognition, graduation recognition, and Mother's Day are just around the corner. The Worship Committee looks forward to celebrating with you.

"The flowering of the cross has been traced back to the 6th century. It is an especially striking and beautiful way to symbolize the new life that emerges from Jesus' death on Good Friday. Traditionally before the Easter Sunday service, the cross is covered with real flowers and the top draped in white. The entire cross is covered with flowers and is placed prominently at the front of the church to symbolize the new life in our risen Lord to all the worshippers present on Easter Sunday morning. The contrast between the starkly bare cross that worshippers have seen for 40 days and the living flower cross of Easter Sunday dramatically and visually represents the new life that we are celebrating after witnessing the very instrument of death and endings transformed by Christ's rising.

( <https://trinityupperville.org/news-updates/2018/3/1/the-flowering-of-the-cross>)



What are the different parts of a United Methodist Church Sanctuary?

By Shawn Howell

- Sanctuary:** This is the main worship space where the congregation gathers for worship services.
- Narthex:** This is the entryway or lobby of the church where people can gather before and after services.
- Altar:** This is a raised platform or table where the communion elements are placed during the service, and where the pastor may also deliver the message.
- Pulpit:** This is a raised platform or lectern where the pastor delivers the sermon or message.
- Lectern:** This is a reading stand or podium from which scripture readings and other parts of the service are read.
- Chancel:** This is the area of the sanctuary located at the front, near the altar and pulpit, where the choir and other leaders may sit or stand during the service.
- Nave:** This is the main area of the sanctuary where the congregation sits during the service.
- Aisle:** This is the pathway that leads from the entrance to the front of the sanctuary, separating the pews or chairs where the congregation sits.
- Chancel rail:** This is a low railing that separates the chancel area from the nave.
- Baptismal Font:** This is a basin used for baptisms, usually located near the entrance or front of the sanctuary.
- Candles:** These are used for symbolic purposes during the service, such as lighting the Advent wreath.
- Cross:** This is a symbol of the Christian faith, often displayed prominently in the sanctuary, such as on the altar or behind the pulpit.

\*Information gathered from the UMC.org website

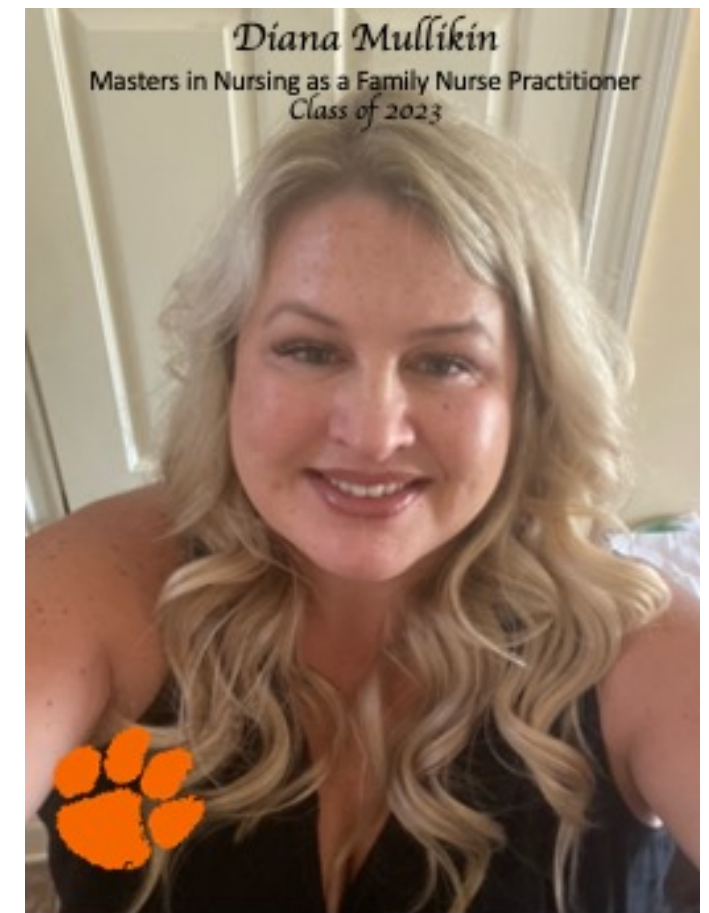
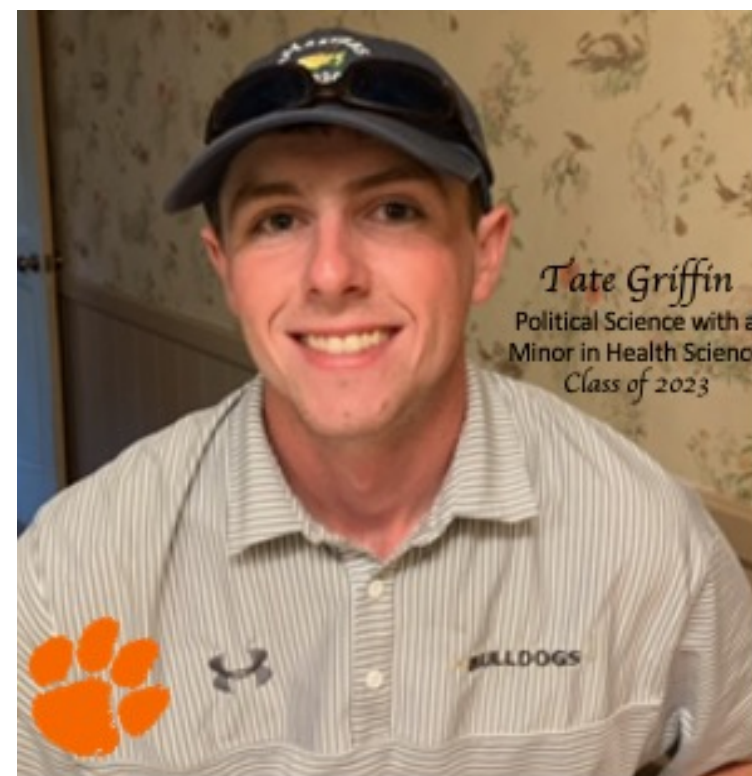
Outreach Committee

By Cindi Long

Thanks to all who joined us for our Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>! It was a great time of fellowship, food, and fun. Also, Thanks to everyone who helped with setup and cleanup. A special Thanks to Donna Abercrombie for an array of scrumptious desserts.



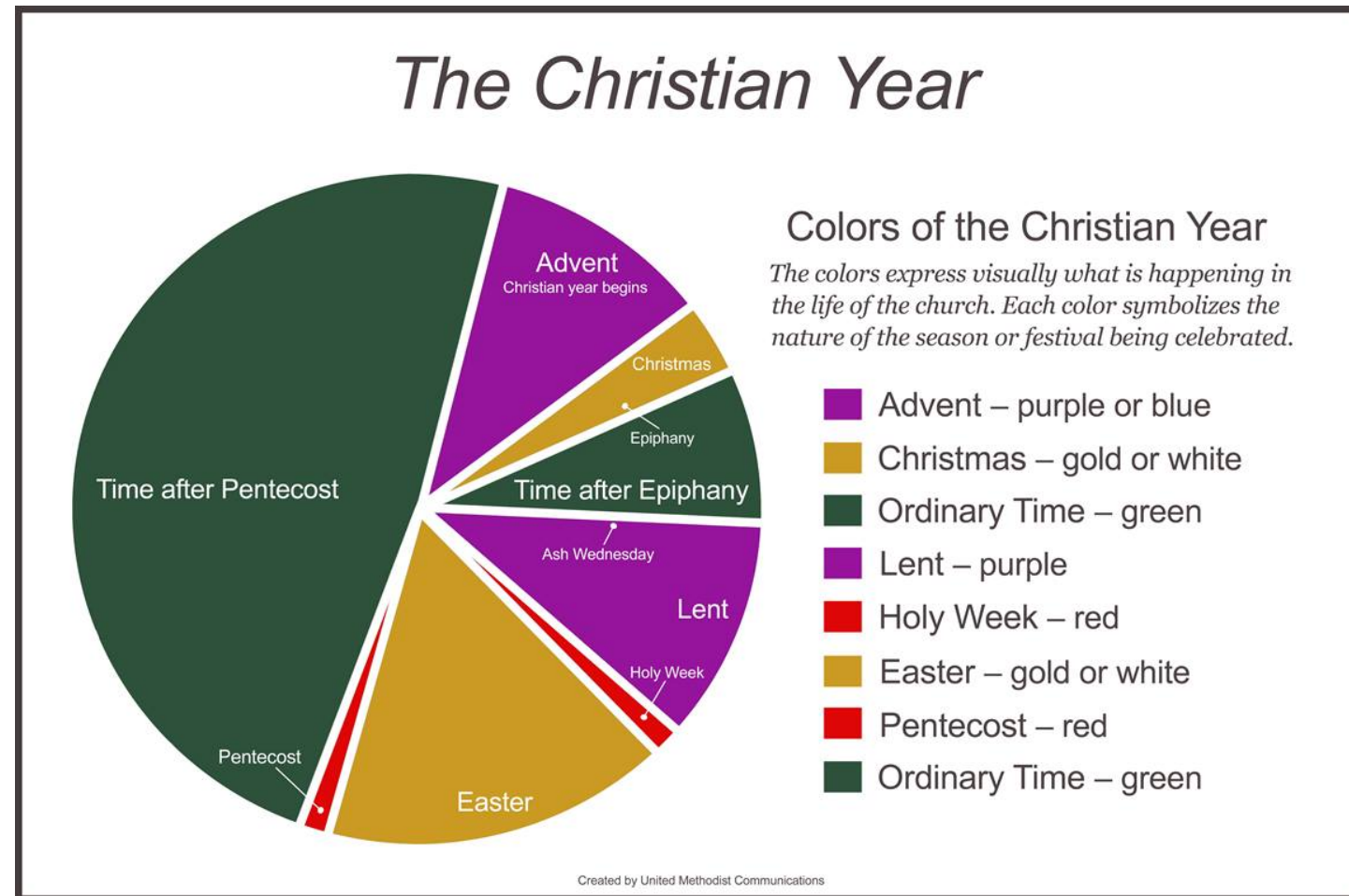
Our College Graduates



### Methodist Liturgical Colors / Parament Colors

By Becky Hopkins

“The Christian year has two cycles: the Christmas Cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and the Easter Cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost). Within each cycle are a preparatory season symbolized by the color purple and a festival season symbolized by the color white. After each cycle, there is an ordinary time of growth symbolized by the color green. Thus, there is a sequence of seasons using purple, white, and green in that order twice each year.” (The United Methodist Book of Worship)



- **Purple**, representing both royalty and penitence, is traditionally used during **Advent** and **Lent**.
- **Blue** symbolizes hope and may also be used during **Advent**.
- **White** and **Gold** are used at **Christmas** and **Easter** to symbolize joy and festivities.
- **Red** symbolizes the color of fire to represent the Holy Spirit on the **Day of Pentecost** and times when the work of the Holy Spirit is emphasized. During Holy Week it represents the blood of Christ. **Red** is also used for **ordinations, church anniversaries, and civil observances** such as **Memorial Day and Thanksgiving**.
- **Green** represents growth and is used during **Ordinary Time** (the season after Epiphany and the season after Pentecost.)
- **White** is used for weddings and funerals.

### Sunday Morning Social Needs Volunteers

By Jackie Corbett (Curry-Corbett Sunday School Class)

For several years, Bryan and Lynn Greene and Bruce and Jennifer Smith have taken care of getting to church early for all of us to enjoy snacks and coffee. They asked for help last year, and the Curry-Corbett Class, the Youth, and the Friendship/Fellowship Class took a month at a time. That still left them with at least 4 months each. This year, the Friendship/Fellowship Class volunteered for February 2023, and the Curry-Corbett Class volunteered for April 2023. There are lots of classes, committees, and individuals left that can volunteer for a month, 2 Sundays, or 1 Sunday.

Lynn Greene buys the food, and all you have to do for set up is to arrange it on platters, cut it into small pieces, and turn the coffee to “Brew.” Lynn has everything ready. Set up needs 2 people at 7:50 AM to get it ready for 8:30 AM when people start arriving at church. Take down (any time after 10 AM) needs 2 people to put everything back in containers and clean the coffee pot. The directions for set up and clean up are written and posted on the window in the kitchen. [See directions below.] You do not have to make casseroles or crockpots of grits. You can just use the items that Lynn purchases and leave items in the kitchen or take home with you. It can be simple or complicated. If you enjoy this time on Sunday, please think about signing up to help.

Thank you for participating in this on Sunday mornings.

#### Directions for Sunday Social

By Lynn Greene

Thank You for Helping with the Sunday Social!!

You may want to load the coffee cart with water and lemonade, which is in the refrigerator. These two containers stack on top of each other. Then roll out to the lobby area and start the coffee. Coffee is already set up; all you have to do is plug in and press the “Brew” button.

Then prepare everything else and take it out on one of the grey carts. All pastries are cut in ¼ and placed on trays. Please put out all pastries because they won’t last until next Sunday. In the freezer is a pan with ice in the bottom that can be used for yogurt and cheese sticks. Creamer is on the top shelf in the refrigerator; if you will add a layer of ice under the grid, this will keep it insulated.

Any leftovers that will not last until the next Sunday, please take with you. Please empty and wash the water container and coffee pot. Lemonade can go back in the refrigerator.

All washed dishes can be left in the drying rack, and I will put them up during the week.

Thanks Again!!





Alex Holbrooks  
Daniel High School



### Our High School Graduates



Laney Smith  
Pendleton High School



Collin Greene  
South Carolina  
Governor's School for  
Agriculture



Reagan Sloan  
Pendleton High School

Sandy was a hairdresser for a few years when she was young but mainly worked as an Administrative Assistant, most recently at USC Upstate and the Anderson School District 4 Administrative Office.

Jack graduated from the University of Missouri and was an accountant. He worked as a cost accountant and controller for various corporations in Missouri, Georgia, Arkansas, and Greenville, SC. After retirement, he taught school for 3 years at Chapman High in Inman, SC, and at Pendleton High School.

It was wonderful to spend time getting to know the Leonard's better and it is great to have them as members of PUMC.



#### New Members: Mike and Cathy Applequist

By Becky Hopkins

Mike and Cathy Applequist are Methodists by birth. Cathy was raised in Mount Carroll, Illinois. Except for college in Freeport and work in Chicago, she lived in Mount Carroll all her life before moving to South Carolina. Cathy taught Sunday School to kids in Mount Carroll for about 15 years. Mike was raised in Ohio and has lived in Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Illinois, and of course South Carolina.

In 2005, Mike and Cathy moved to Goose Creek, South Carolina, to chase grandkids. They joined the Saint James UMC in Goose Creek and served on various committees. For about 6 years, Cathy was on SPPRC, serving as chairwoman during more than one pastoral change. Mike served as treasurer for more than 2 years. They have also been in the bell choir. Cathy and Mike are reluctant to take on such important responsibilities again, after all, they are retired.

Cathy's kids are from her second marriage. Both of them live near Mike and Cathy now, Erica having a Pendleton address and Philip having a Piedmont address. When Cathy's kids moved up here, they followed them again in May of 2022. Mike has 3 kids, one birth son (Tim), and two adoptees (Miki and Lee) from Korea. They are scattered all over the United States map, none close to here.

Cathy was an Administrative Assistant for judges in Illinois for over 25 years. When they moved to Goose Creek, she started working for a law firm and did not like it at all. Then she joined the United States Passport Office in Charleston and loved it! Mike majored in Chemistry in college, then went on to graduate school in California and Pennsylvania, still practicing chemistry. In Illinois, he taught high school and junior high chemistry and related science classes in public schools. After moving to Goose Creek, Mike joined an environmental firm doing industrial chemistry, especially trace analyses of Uranium and its cousins.

Cathy's favorite hobby is scrapbooking. She has three bookshelves of scrapbooks upstairs about their grandkids and their vacations. She is also a great cook who likes to try new recipes. Mike's hobbies include crossword puzzles, major league baseball, and genealogy. He has built family trees going back at least two hundred years.

Cathy and Mike were already interested in Pendleton United Methodist when they moved to Pendleton in 2022 because their daughter knew members here. Carole Hambrick is their neighbor, so she encouraged them to visit. We are lucky that Cathy and Mike decided to join PUMC.



### New Members: Matt, Kris, Cole, Sam, and Kaitlyn Hersom

By Betsy Starnes

Matt and Kris are originally from Iowa (Iowa State University). They spent 4 years in Oklahoma while Matt obtained his Ph.D. (Oklahoma State University) followed by 16 years in Florida (University of Florida). In January 2020, Matt came to Clemson University as the Director of Piedmont Research and Education Center (all of the animal and agronomy research farms around campus). The family moved to Pendleton in April 2020, three weeks into the pandemic.

Matt is a runner and has run multiple marathons. Kris is a former ICU nurse, high school nurse, and currently is home taking care of Sam. Kris is on the Board of Directors for the Clemson Little Theater (CLT) and has co-produced multiple youth plays since moving here. Their oldest son Cole (23) graduated from University of Florida and currently Colorado working as a Food Technologist for Pilgrim's Pride and has become an avid mountain climber. Sam (21) graduated from Newberry High School (Florida). Sam lives with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a progressive muscle-wasting disorder that limits his physical abilities, but Sam doesn't let that stop him from enjoying life! He loves movies, music, superheroes, Legos, and his Clemson basketball team.

Kaitlyn (15) is a freshman at Pendleton High School (PHS). She enjoys her advanced classes and is an active part of the PHS Air Force JROTC. She has acted and assisted with 5 plays at CLT. They have two cats, Zoe and Loki, and four chickens to keep them busy.



The Hersoms started watching PUMC services online during the pandemic in 2020 and came to church in person for the first time in July 2021. They officially became members of PUMC right before Pastor Kim Strong left in May 2022. The Hersoms are happy to be a part of our church's Magi Program. Matt grew up in a Methodist church (Kris in a Lutheran church) and they had been members of a Methodist church in Florida. They were invited to church at PUMC before they even moved here by Ruthie Millar. Ruthie's cousin was actually a former teacher of their oldest son in Newberry, FL. Once they started coming in person, they were impressed by how welcoming everyone was and how wheelchair accessible it was. PUMC has been very inclusive for Sam, and he feels very loved here, as does the whole family.

### New Members: Jack and Sandy Leonard

By Nancy Hellams

Jack and Sandy Leonard join PUMC on September 11, 2022. They had previously been members of Clemson United Methodist. They moved to Boscobel in 2007 and their neighbors, the Atkinsons, gave them tickets to the PUMC Barbecue. They enjoyed it very much and saw people they knew. Sandy was also invited to sit at Suzanne's table for the Ladies' Brunch and Auction. After these two events and seeing folks they knew like their neighbors, the Atkinsons and Welches, they decided to visit PUMC and were delighted to see yet another neighbor – the Browns. Their first Sunday was also Ricky's first Sunday; they liked him and his message and decided that day to join PUMC, and we are so glad they did.

Jack and Sandy have been married for 26 years. They met through a mutual friend at the YMCA in Spartanburg taking Shag Lessons. Sandy moved to Spartanburg in the 1980s and Jack moved to Greenville in the 1970s. They moved to Boscobel because they both liked to play golf a lot and also enjoyed gardening. Together they have 4 children and 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grand dogs. They also have a 1 1/2-year-old 8-pound Havanese puppy named Dolly that is the joy of their life. Many of their children and grandchildren are Clemson graduates and enjoy attending the Clemson football games, which is very nice for them.

### P.E.E.P.S. Preschool and After School

By Ashley Stancil



#### Preschool

Hi, P.U.M.C.!! Spring is in the air here at P.E.E.P.S.! We are all looking forward to warm and sunny days. Our "littles" are, too; they love to go outside and play. We are so grateful that cold and flu season is coming to an end, as it seems our preschool has had every type of cold and sickness imaginable.

We just held Donuts for Dads, which was a wonderful event. It was great to honor our dads with crafts from their children, breakfast, and fellows hip. They have such an important role, and we want them to know how loved and appreciated they are. We also had a super fun St. Patrick's Day with lots of games and a very naughty leprechaun that made a mess in our classrooms!



P.E.E.P.S. has so many fun events coming up. We have an art day on April 21<sup>st</sup> for both Preschool and After School. Our very own Olivia Hueble, a talented local artist, is going to teach our students a class where we will be making special crafts to send home. We also have our annual Easter party and egg hunt. We are thrilled to have the Easter bunny hopping by to visit us this year in Preschool and After School. Our students are going to be so happy to see him!

#### Afterschool

After School is going great!! Registration started March 6<sup>th</sup>, and we already have 44 students signed up for next year! Our students are growing and learning so much. We love to see them working hard and improving on their academics. We are also continuously working on teaching our students conflict resolution, working as a team, and teaching them the importance of kindness.

The kids also recently earned a pizza party for having good behavior, and they had a blast playing games for St. Patrick's Day!

We are already teaching the children about Easter in our daily Bible Study, and it is so heartwarming to see them raising their hands to ask questions! It's a joy and honor getting to be a part of these young one's spiritual journey.



#### United Methodist Men

By Bud Starnes

Not much to report for UMM. We plan to have a Fall BBQ on October 14<sup>th</sup>, which coincides with the Pendleton Fall Festival.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Flowers: Modern Service 9 Food & Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10 Traditional Service 11	3 Parlor Reserved 3pm	4 Stewardship meeting @ 6 pm Trustees a 6 PM WOW @ 12 in the Parlor	5 First Thursday - TBA Communications In conference room @ 6 pm Holy Thursday Worship Service at 6:30	6 Supper Club - TBA Maundy Service @ 7 pm	7 Good Friday	8
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**Meet the PUMC Staff**

**Jeff Dillard – Audio-Video Coordinator and System/Network Administrator**

By Sheron Sweeney

Jeff Dillard’s job is to ensure that the sound in both the 9 am and the 11 am services is good in-house as well as online and to make sure the live broadcasts stream correctly. Ensuring the church computer network and all the computers are working is another job aspect. Jeff also updates the church website.

Apart from PUMC, Jeff works as a System/Network Administrator for Anderson School District 1, making sure that all the computers and systems are up to date, the network is reliable, and that no exterior individuals are able to get into the network.

Jeff and his wife, Meg, have two daughters (Kaydynce-19 and Laynie-17), a stepson (Lawson-16), and a dog (Sadie-14). Outside of work, Jeff’s hobbies include cooking, building computers and networks, working in the yard, and “building stuff” with his hands.



**Matthew Havice – Youth Director/Coordinator**

By Betsy Starnes



Matthew Havice serves as Pendleton United Methodist Church’s Youth Director/Coordinator. He teaches the middle and high school Sunday school class and leads the Sunday youth meetings as well. He also plays in the praise band during the early service.

Matthew grew up in Walhalla, SC, and attended Clemson University where he met his wife, Laurie. They have three children – Henry, Helen, and Elizabeth – and live in Anderson, SC. They have attended PUMC since 2006 when Henry was born. Outside of church, Matthew is a civil engineer and works in a hydraulics lab where they build physical models of pump stations, pipelines, and various large water transport structures. When not at church or working, Matthew enjoys hunting and fishing, and playing in the lake with family and friends.

**Ashley Stancil – Director of P.E.E.P.S.**

Ashley Stancil is the Director of Pendleton Education and Enrichment Programs and Services (P.E.E.P.S.). She oversees the general operations of the Preschool and After School program making sure the needs of our students and staff are met. However, the most important thing she does is ensure both the Preschool and After School children are educated about Jesus and His love for us.

Ashley is married to her wonderful husband, Josh, for over 11 years. They have 3 children: Landon (20), Asher (19), and Avenley (9). Landon is currently working fulltime and enjoys snowboarding. Asher is about to begin real estate school and enjoys kayaking. Avenley is currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and enjoys dancing. They also have a cat named Mable and a Pomeranian named Millie, whom they all adore!!

When not working or caring for her family, Ashley enjoys tending to her garden, spending time with family and friends, crafting, kayaking and being in the outdoors, traveling, attending concerts, and watching plays. She also loves devoting her time to others by volunteering at her church every Sunday and any time they have special events. Ashley has also volunteered with her children’s PTO and has done community cleanup.





**Meet the PUMC Staff**

**Adam Coats – Continued:** A Hardcore (abs and core) and Bootcamp (full body) class weekly. Prior to serving as a principal in Anderson Three, he worked as an assistant principal and teacher in Anderson Five and the School District of Oconee County.

Adam and his wife, Kaileigh, have been married for almost 12 years and together have two beautiful daughters (Ansley-7 and Charlie-3). Ansley is in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Charlie is currently in 3K. Kaileigh is a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Midway Elementary in Anderson School District Five.



Outside of Adam’s busy work schedule, he is currently working on his doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. He also tries to live a pretty active lifestyle by participating in Crossfit and regularly participating in Spartan Races across the southeast. He loves spending time with his family, going on vacation to exciting places, and cheering on the Clemson Tigers.

Our Pastor Ricky Howell and our Administrative Assistant Lynn Greene were introduced previously in our newsletter, so we thought we would just ask them each what they liked the most about their jobs at PUMC.

Rev Ricky Howell- “The thing I enjoy most about working at PUMC is being a part of such a positive and influential force in our community. I'm proud that our church is prominent, well-respected, and ideally positioned to witness to the love of Christ in powerful and transformative ways.”

Admin Assistant Lynn Greene - “My favorite thing about working at PUMC is the people. Our Church Family shows love, support, and most of all, friendship. Thank you, Church Family, for your continued Love and Support!!”



**Helping Hands**  
By Cindi Long

In February, we had a small group that enjoyed an afternoon of painting at Glaze in Clemson. There was a lot of laughing and painting. Don't think we have a Picasso, but you never know!

Our next gathering will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM with location TBD. Mark your calendars to join us! Helping Hands is for all ladies of PUMC. We will be discussing our mission project for April & May, which will be gathering items for Clemson Community Care. We will have tubs at the side entrance and in the P.E.E.P.S. area.

Items needed for Clemson Community Care

2lb sugar, 2lb flour, Cooking oil, Grits/Oatmeal, Dry Pasta, Canned meat, Canned fish, Canned mixed vegetables, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Shelf-stable milk, Canned/instant potatoes, Canned beans, Pork and Beans, Pasta sauce (plastic container), Soup, Dry beans/rice, Canned tomatoes/tomato sauce Crackers

All Toiletries, Paper Products, Clothes Detergent, Dish Soap, Baby Diapers/Wipes

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Please Note:  
UMYF and Club 22:6 Meet on Sunday Evenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Parlor reserved @ 3	2 WOW @ noon in the parlor	3	4 First Thursday Lunch - TBA	5	6
7 Flowers: Nancy Hellams Modern Service: 9 Food&Fellowship: 9:30 Sunday School: 10 Traditional Service 11 <b>Church Picnic 4-7 at Veteran's Park</b>	8 Parlor reserved @ 3	9 WOW @ noon in the parlor	10	11 Supper Club - TBA	12	13
14 <b>Mothers' Day</b> Flowers: Sue Twilley Modern Service: 9 Food&Fellowship: 9:30 Sunday School: 10 Traditional Service 11	15 Parlor reserved @ 3	16	17 Finance Committee @ 6 PM Conference Room	18	19	20
21 Flowers: Sue Twilley Modern Service: 9 Food&Fellowship: 9:30 Sunday School: 10 Traditional Service 11	22 Parlor reserved @ 3	23 WOW @ noon in the parlor Council of Stewards at 6 PM	24	25	26 PHS Graduation	27
28 Flowers: Arlene Privette Modern Service: 9 Food&Fellowship: 9:30 Sunday School: 10 Traditional Service 11	29 <b>Memorial Day</b> Parlor reserved @ 3	30	31			

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4 Flowers: S Aikinson Modern Service: 9 Food&Fellowship: 9:30 Sunday School: 10 Traditional Service 11	5 Parlor reserved @ 3	6 Trustees Meeting in Bosdell Reception Area @ 6 pm	7	8 Communications Committee Meeting in Conference room @ 6:30	9	10
11 Flowers: Modern Service: 9 Food&Fellowship: 9:30 Sunday School: 10 Traditional Service 11	12 Parlor reserved @ 3	13 Stewardship Meeting in Bosdell Reception Area @ 6 pm WOW @ noon in the parlor	14	15	16	17
18 <i>Father's Day</i> Flowers: Modern Service: 9 Food&Fellowship: 9:30 Sunday School: 10 Traditional Service 11	19 Parlor reserved @ 3	20	21	22	23	24
25 Flowers: A Watkins Modern Service: 9 Food&Fellowship: 9:30 Sunday School: 10 Traditional Service 11	26 Parlor reserved @ 3	27 WOW @ noon in the parlor	28	29	30 Deadline for Newsletter articles to Becky Hopkins	

Meet the PUMC Staff

Josh and Brandi Runion – Co-Children’s Directors

By Cathy Welton

As Co-Children’s Directors, Josh and Brandi oversee children’s activities for K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade. This includes teaching Sunday School and Club 22:6, the children’s program that meets on Sunday afternoons. They also plan other community outreach events such as Easter on the Square, Vacation Bible School, Back Pack Blessing, and Trunk or Treat on the Square. Club 22:6 hosts pool parties and trips to mini golf and Denver Downs Farm. They also share their singing in church and caroling at Clemson Downs.

As active members of PUMC, Josh and Brandi enjoy other roles in the church other than the Children’s Ministry. Josh serves as a lay leader and has delivered the morning sermon on several occasions. Brandi enjoys singing with the praise band at the contemporary service and being a member of the Cantata each year. In years past, she has also served on the Finance Committee, helped as an interim bookkeeper, and audited the church’s finances.

Josh is currently in his 14<sup>th</sup> year with Cahaly’s Custom Clothing as the Chief Operating Officer. Brandi currently works in the Finance Department at Anderson School District Five as the Accounting Manager. Brandi also has a consulting business where she does part-time accounting for local business.

Josh and Brandi have 3 children – Bradley (13), Caroline (10), and Emma Grace (8) – who are very active in their extra-curricular activities including baseball, softball, basketball, and gymnastics.



Janet Dowis – Organist

By April Haynes



Janet plays the organ to provide music for the Traditional Service. She usually plays the prelude, hymns, offering, doxology, and postlude each week. She occasionally accompanies soloists during the service as well as plays music for weddings and funerals.

Janet retired after teaching at the elementary level for 33 years. After graduating from Carson-Newman College with a degree in Music Education and an emphasis in Pipe Organ, she taught 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> -grade general music and 6<sup>th</sup> -grade beginning band in Raleigh, NC, public schools. She also taught 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> -grade general music in GA. After moving to the Clemson area, she obtained Elementary School Certification and taught 1<sup>st</sup> grade for 10 years, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for 14 years, and worked as a part-time Resource Teacher for 3 years. Janet started teaching piano at the age of 14 and has taught around 70 students over the years.

Janet lives in the Seneca area with her husband, Joe, and has three children and two grandchildren. She grew up in FL, began playing the piano at age 8, and started playing the organ at the age of 12 in the church where her father was Pastor. After graduating college and while her husband was in graduate school, she served as Organist at churches in NC, GA, and SC.

Adam Coats – Music Director

By Sheron Sweeney

Adam Coats’ job entails anything related to music within the church. This includes, but is not limited to, planning the music for the traditional service and the choir, rehearsing and conducting the choir, playing the piano (as needed), ordering music, consulting with the audio department, and serving as a resource to the Praise Team in the contemporary service.

Outside of PUMC, Adam works each day as the Principal of Starr-Iva Middle School in Anderson School District Three which keeps him pretty busy. For fun, he also works as a part-time group fitness instructor for the Anderson YMCA teaching