

**Midweek Boost** – Meet every Wednesday in the FLC starting at 5:00pm with BYOFood & Fellowship, each week is a different theme as we Empower with Hot Topics, Engage with the Community, and Embrace the word. On Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, we will play some “Reindeer Games”.

**Music Ministry** – The following music ministries meet every Wednesday evening, extended care for children from 6:30pm-7:30pm for adult programming:

- Children’s & Preschool Choir Ages 3 – Grade 6 – 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Chancel Choir – 7:30pm – 8:30pm

-Lessons & Carols – December 8, 2024 during 11:00am service. Come join us as we celebrate Jesus’ birth with our annual Service of Lessons & Carols. Scripture readings and anthems by our Chancel Choir, Junior Choir, guest tenor soloist Dominic Armstrong, and an instrumental ensemble will take us through the prophecy, birth, and lordship of our Savior. You will be blessed! Please invite your friends and neighbors!

-Junior Choir Christmas Musical – December 15, 2024 during 11:00am service. “The Littlest Christmas Tree.”

**Youth News:**

-Revolution time is almost here, January 24-26, 2025. Please use the following link to sign up: <https://mthebronstudents.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2596866>. We will be sleeping at the church Friday Night and Saturday night. Your child will need their bible, sleep away bag, an air mattress or sleeping bag. They will also need money for any merchandise they would like to purchase and for just in case we decide to go out for a meal as a group.

-Youth Sunday Night-

- o 12/08/24 – Trip to the Living Christmas Story at Union UMC
- o 12/15/2024 – Youth Christmas Party

**Adult Fellowship News:**

-Drivers needed for church bus for different adult fellowship events. Contact Susan Renfroe at 803-719-1350 or Cathy Neeley at 803-760-2283.

-December 7, 2024 @ 5:00pm – A bus trip to Union UMC in Irmo to view their drive-thru of the Living Christmas Story. The bus holds 15 passengers and we will be leaving at 5:15pm. Sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. Snacks and water will be provided.

-December 12, 2024 @ 12:30pm in the FLC– Adult Fellowship Christmas Party. You’ve heard of Christmas in July, right? But what about July at Christmas? Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and friendship! Bring a sweet or savory finger food for all to enjoy. Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center. The program will be a sing-a-long of favorite summer songs!

**Alternative Christmas Gift Project 2024** – The Clyde Hendrix Circle is existed to sponsor this outreach ministry again this year. The following projects have been selected: Alston Wilkes Society, Free Medical Clinic, Killingsworth Home, Nancy Perry Children’s Shelter, Toby’s Place, & Snack Sacks (Riverbank Elementary). We will be in the Welcome Center on the following Sundays to collect your monetary donations: December 1<sup>st</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup>, & December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustees Meeting** – December 2, 2024 @ 6:00pm

**UWF** – invites all ladies of the church to help us usher in the Christmas season at our Christmas Celebration and Banquet on Tuesday, December 3, at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center. Our theme this year is “Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come.” Our UWF will furnish the meat, and HOPE Circle will provide desserts. Please bring a side dish to share. Lauren Tolcher will entertain us with Christmas songs, and we will sing some songs together. If you are planning to attend, please text Mary Nell Trussell (803) 609-4160 or your circle president by noon on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like a ride to and from the meeting, text Lexie Chatham (803)212-8350. Please plan on joining us for a time of fun and fellowship!

**Native American Elder Basket Project** – As a Christmas project, the UWF is collecting staple food products, personal care items and household necessities for the Native American Elder Basket Project. A laundry basket is located in the Welcome Center for items such as canned goods, body wash, and laundry detergent. Everyone is encouraged to bring baskets and goods for this project. Items will be collected through December 4<sup>th</sup> for distribution at Christmas.

**UMM** – Friday, December 6, 2024 @ 6:30pm Church wide Steak Supper. You can purchase your tickets on line at <https://mthebronstudents.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2613590> or you can get your tickets from the church office or from a member of the UMM.



**December 1, 2024 at 11:00am**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
*Making Disciples for the Transformation of the World*



*In case of an after-hour/weekend pastoral emergency, please call the church 803-794-8273, press 9 as prompted. You will be directed to the pastor on call.*

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| <b>Worship Attendance: 11/24/2024</b><br><b>Totals: 163 in-person, 30 online</b><br><b>New Life Contemporary Service 8:45am –77 In-person, 15 online</b><br><b>Traditional Service 11:00am –86 In-person, 15 online</b> |   |
| <b>Heritage Building Fund:</b><br><b>Building Fund Balance to Date:</b> \$2,118,065.78<br><b>Current Loan Balance:</b> \$1,764,142.48   | <b>Year-to-Date: 11/17/24</b><br><b>Contributions:</b> \$765,949.04<br><b>Expenses:</b> \$799,587.22<br><b>Surplus/&lt;Deficit&gt;:</b> <\$33,638.18> |

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Processional and Suite for Christmas" arr. Holland Adult Handbell Choir

\* Chimes

\* Call to Worship

\* Hymn, UMH #211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs.1,2,6,7* VENI EMMANUEL

\* Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed) UMH#881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Gloria Patri UMH #70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was  
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Lighting of Advent Candle

Congregational Response

**While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to  
watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already  
at work in our midst.**

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus arr. Red  
Chancel Choir

\* Doxology UMH#95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43: 16-21, NRSV

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out  
chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished,

quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am  
about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the  
wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the  
ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen  
people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Sermon "A New Thing"

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...glory is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Prayer after Receiving

\* Hymn, UMH #203 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* ELLACOMBE  
(During the hymn you may bring your commitment card to the front and place it in the basket.)

\* Benediction

\* Postlude Toccata on Let All Mortal Flesh and Of the Father's Love  
Owens

\* Congregation is invited to stand if able.

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*Minister: Rev. Cynthia Taylor; Liturgist: Rev. Morgan Byars; Director of Music: Thomas Brunson; Organist: Dr.  
Louis Playford; Altar Guild: Cathy Neeley & Beth Warren; Ushers: Tyler Jackson & Robert Cline; Greeter:  
Elizabeth Burritt & Georgia Heise; Lay Reader: Doris Layton; Acolyte: McCarley Leviner*

*Altar flowers given in honor of Anita Way on her 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday by her  
children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren.*