

# ***Knightly News***

*May-June 2025*



## **K**NIGHTSVILLE Methodist Church

Faith - Family - Fellowship



**A Church That Matters  
Mission Statement**

***We will  
Glorify God,  
Commit to Christ,  
Teach the Truth,  
Fellowship through Faith,  
and  
Love the Least, Lost & Lonely.***

### **Knightsville Methodist Church**

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May Birthdays:

02 Scott Duffy  
 08 Danny Carr  
 10 Hunter Trudell  
 11 Alan Greenberg  
 14 Jeff Karns  
 15 Jim Lowe  
 15 Mackenzie Beggs  
 16 Ann Staton  
 16 Abby Cate Harris  
 16 Maxine Hagmann  
 17 Hannah Johanneman  
 23 Curtis Crowe  
 23 Erin Page  
 24 Jack Couch  
 26 Joe Mauney  
 26 Sara Nunn  
 27 Mae Vroman  
 28 Kelli Volf  
 31 Allison Cathey  
 31 Anna Speakman

May Anniversaries:

03 Pastor Robert & Cindy Harper  
 14 Brad & Cherie Bates  
 19 Jerry & Heather Wade  
 25 John & Lisa Niemiec  
 29 Charles & Amber Cathey



June Birthdays:

01 Shawn Boykin  
 01 Brenda McCoil  
 03 Becky Torchio  
 05 Yarissa Thomas  
 06 Bubba Thompson  
 09 Terry Hannah  
 10 Gary Strickland  
 11 Tommy Rogers  
 12 Judy DeHarde  
 14 Deirdre Smith  
 15 Patricia Jones  
 17 Graydon Cornette  
 18 Emily Pennington  
 19 Cooper Clark  
 21 Joyce Rollinson  
 24 Betty Patrick  
 25 Jennifer Syssa  
 26 Kayderce Ciacchi  
 28 Melinda Wood  
 30 Steve Thompson

June Anniversaries:

01 Allen & Gloria Murray  
 01 David & Kelli Willison  
 05 Preston & Bailey Dawes  
 12 Ken & Lois Mettler  
 12 Dan & Joyce Rollinson  
 16 Danny & Laurie Carr  
 17 John & Debbie Parks  
 22 James & Lynn Wimpee  
 26 Richard & Erin Woods



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## Youth Sunday



## Vacation Bible School 2025!

July 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

Preschool- 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Registration

Youth Volunteers

Rising 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade



<https://vbspro.events/p/kmc>



# Confirmation Class 2025

## Celebrating Your Confirmation!

We rejoice with our 2025 Confirmands as they took this **important step in their faith journey**! Confirmation is not just a moment—it is a commitment, a declaration, and a beautiful beginning of a deeper walk with Christ.

As **Romans 12:2** reminds us: *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."*

May their faith continue to grow, their love for Christ deepen, and their walk with Him be filled with **grace, wisdom, and joy**. Your church family celebrates and will stand beside them as they live out the calling God has placed on each of their hearts.

**Congratulations Confirmands JR Clark, Matthew Clark, Matthew Thomas, Dylan Wade, Kennedie Carr, Aubrey Till, & Coralie Barela! May the Lord bless and guide you always.**







## Embracing Growth

Over the past eight years, your church has experienced remarkable growth, a testament to God's faithfulness and the unwavering commitment of our Global Methodist congregation. With 200+ new members, we have seen our family expand, bringing fresh energy, perspectives, and a deepened sense of community.

Our ministries and missions have flourished, allowing us to reach more people and serve with greater impact. From local outreach programs to global initiatives, our church has become a beacon of hope, actively demonstrating Christ's love beyond our walls. Increased community engagement has strengthened relationships with our neighbors, fostering unity and shared purpose.

Worship opportunities have multiplied, providing diverse ways for individuals and families to encounter God's presence. From traditional services to contemporary expressions of faith, we've created spaces for worship that resonate across generations. Our focus on discipleship and spiritual growth has yielded transformed lives, with members deepening their faith and stepping boldly into their God-given calling.

While growth brings blessings, it also presents challenges. Expanding worship spaces, storage solutions, and communication systems are key areas where we must continue to adapt. But through it all, our vision remains clear—we are committed to being the most loving place in town, a church that reflects the heart of Jesus in all we do.



As we move journey forward, let us remain steadfast in faith, united in mission, and focused on building the church God has called us to be. Together, we will embrace growth, overcome obstacles, and continue to shine His light in Knightsville and beyond.

Blessings, Pastor Robert

## *Did you Know?*

Let me ask you a question. Give thoughtful consideration before you present your answer. The question is this: If we had to forgo the celebration of Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, or Pentecost, which one would seem the least crucial? Take your time. Most, me included, would have a tough time picturing a year with no Christmas, no Holy Thursday/Good Friday, or no Easter, all of which we just celebrated this church year so far.

Many Christians, because of the congregational and cultural emphasis of the first three, would say, "Well, if I must choose, I can do without Pentecost." I would say: "Absolutely not!" The bottom line of what I am trying to say from the Bible in Acts 2 is that without Pentecost the other three celebrations would not be celebrated at all!

There could not have been a Good Friday without the advent of Christ's coming which we celebrate at Christmas. Good Friday, as we remembered via our Stations of the Cross, would have been a meaningless martyrdom without the victorious resurrection of Jesus Christ which we celebrate at Easter.



But it is Pentecost that enables the gift of faith by which you and I can know that the birth, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ are for us! Jesus was not finished when He rose from the dead and ascended to be with His Father and glorified. He came back to give the greatest gift of all -- the gift of His own Spirit to live in us.

It is with the excitement of this reality that we focus in June on Pentecost. Wear **Red** to church on June 8<sup>th</sup> to symbolize the Fire or Flame of the Spirit upon us.

Knightsville Methodist Church has members who have experienced a renewed sense of purpose and inspiration in their lives from the Holy Spirit. Let us continue to display that Spirit in the months to come.

Pastor Bill Masciangelo

## Announcements

### WE CARE COMMITTEE

The We Care Committee needs YOUR Help!

Please consider signing up to assist during various events. Signing up does NOT mean that you are signed up for every event. It just means that you will be called to see if you are available.

You can sign-up to set-up an event, clean-up, serve, or help in the kitchen.

Help as often as your schedule allows.

Please contact Michelle Hammond or the Church office to sign up.



**The AV Team is looking for help, if interested please email [avdept@knightsvillemc.org](mailto:avdept@knightsvillemc.org)**

The KMC Food Pantry will be open the 2nd & 4th Friday of May & June from 9am-11am. You can drop off donations at the church office.



### Food Pantry Needs

Canned Soup

Canned Tuna

Spaghetti O's and like items



These are all items that have not been able to get routinely or in quantity in quite awhile at the Food Bank. **Any donation, any quantity is greatly appreciated.** If you have questions, please feel free to email us at [pantry@knightsvillemc.org](mailto:pantry@knightsvillemc.org).

Thursday  
Morning  
Bible Study

9:30 AM

Fellowship Hall



**JOIN OUR  
CHANCEL CHOIR!**

**REHEARSALS IN THE  
SANCTUARY**

**SUNDAY'S 9:00 AM**





## Silver Sheep Senior Ministry MISSION STATEMENT

The Senior Adult Ministry's mission is to provide Christian fellowship and opportunities to nurture and support one another through events, studies, and trips.

Start joining us for fellowship, food, and fun! We will be playing Bingo, have a guest Speaker and Lunch! Hope you will join us!

Our next meeting will be June 20th from 11:00am—1:30pm.

Sign-up sheets will be available to help with the head count for food June 8th & 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Orrange at [seniorministry@knightsvillemc.org](mailto:seniorministry@knightsvillemc.org)



### Pickle & Praise

Pickleball & Praise is held in the KMC Family Life Center every Sunday from 1pm -3 pm and every Wednesday

from 6pm to 8pm. It is free to participate and there is no reservation required. We hope to add League play in the Future. Contact Claudia Persavich with any questions at 440-289-7842.

## Angel Society for Intercessory Prayer

We meet weekly in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. Come any week you are available. We will be praying for the Church Prayer list. We will hopefully be able to shorten the list. When two or more people pray together it is considered a Corporate Prayer and it is much more powerful than individual prayers. Anyone in need of prayer with any situation will be addressed. "Hands on Healing" prayers is also very effective and another powerful way to pray. Show up and let us pray for you. Come let us Pray for you or pray with us.

Pam Hoard - (843) 367-6574  
pamela.hoard@yahoo.com



Join Us All Summer Long at 10:10am for Agape Worship

May 18<sup>th</sup> thru August 31<sup>st</sup>

*"The thief comes only in order to steal, kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance to the full, till it overflows."*

*-John 10:10*

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you know how to knit or crochet?  
Do you want to learn?

A group of women meet once a month to gather these prayer shawls, pass out free donated yarn, and visit as they work.

Most of the shawls get completed at home and brought back the next month.

A shawl can be any size. 12 inches by 40 inches or think of a large scarf and that would be a place to start. As you knit or crochet pray over you work for those who will be receiving the Shawl. They are given to Pastor Robert to take to shut ins, visitations at hospitals and nursing homes. It allows the receiver to know someone has prayed for them and they are not forgotten.

Come one, come all – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday morning of every month at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. P.S. Men can learn too. Find a new hobby and join us in this mission. For more information call Ginger Atwell 843-693-0859.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

## Men's Breakfast Club



We will gather for a great time of fellowship, food, and following God's call for our lives. The next gatherings will be Saturday June 28th, July 12th, and August 9th in the mornings at 7:00 am in the Family Life Center.

## Sunday School Classes

**Kingdom Heirs** is an interactive Sunday school class where attendees share in each others lives from week to week. We believe that everyone in our class is fully capable of teaching life lessons. David and Tricia Beal facilitate discussions and encourage everyone to participate in the current lesson. We are currently working on a six week Bible study based on "It's a Wonderful Life" this lesson will take us through the end of the year. Our next bible series will begin in early 2025. This lesson is from the book "Twelve Ordinary Men" and is an in depth study of the twelve disciples.



The **Sue Knight** Sunday School Class has been in meeting at Knightsville Methodist Church for over 3 decades. It is a class made up of mature older adults, both singles and couples, who gather weekly in a circle of love arrangement to support and add to the spiritual maturity of its members through weekly Bible study, prayer and Christian fellowship. The class is led by the husband-and-wife team of Shawn and Dianne Boykin, and you can always count on a study that brings life lessons right out of the pages of God's word.



New Adult Sunday School class.... **Abundant Life**

Due to the growth of our current adult Sunday School Classes and to provide the opportunity for more people to attend and actively participate in the discussions, we have decided to start an additional class for adults. This class will begin on Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> and will be facilitated by Jim and Martha Vaughn. The inaugural class curriculum will be Great Characters of the Bible by Dr. Alan Stringfellow . This is the study of characters of ordinary people that God used to accomplish extraordinary tasks. The class reviews what scripture reveals about each character and how God used them. Our first week we studied Adam. Next will be Eve then Cain, Able, and Seth followed by Noah and his sons. We are looking forward to learning and deepening our understanding of how god has blessed us. The class will tentatively meet in room 104 across from the pastor's office and the designated Sunday School hour which is generally 10am. Study books will be furnished at no cost to participants.



The **Purpose Driven** Adult Sunday School Class is a welcoming, prayer centered, interactive space where we delve deeply into scripture through discussion and personal reflection, aiming to apply biblical teachings to our everyday lives, fostering a strong sense of community and fellowship among members while encouraging open questions and diverse perspectives on the text; it's not just about learning facts, but about real-life application and spiritual growth together. \*We are currently going through the book of Revelation\*

## KMC Kids/Youth



**When: Sunday 10:00 am-12:00 pm**

**Where: Fellowship Hall**

**If you are interested in information or would like to volunteer,  
please email [children@knightsvillemc.org](mailto:children@knightsvillemc.org)**

**We are in need of volunteers to help facilitate the Squires Ministry lesson on Sunday Mornings. Please consider volunteering. We cannot have a ministry without help.**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> 1 hour Squires Ministry**

**Be on the look out for Wonderful Wednesday Wandering on our Group Me**



**When: Sunday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Where: Eph 6 Room (Fellowship Hall)**

**If you are interested in information or would like to volunteer,  
please email [youth@knightsvillemc.org](mailto:youth@knightsvillemc.org)**

**We are in need of volunteers to make Eph 6 a success. We really need some male leaders. We currently have none.**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Look-Up Lodge**

**Stay tuned for other summer activities on our Group Me.**



## *Support Groups*

### While We're Waiting Support Group for Bereaved Parents - Summerville, SC

... for parents grieving the loss of a child at any age

We invite you to join us for a time of hope and  
encouragement in Jesus Christ.

This group typically meets on the third Thursday of  
every month from 6:30 - 8 pm. Meeting this month on:

**Thursday, June 19**

at Knightsville Methodist Church  
1505 Central Avenue  
Summerville, South Carolina

For more information, call or text Jill Henry at 843-509-0324 or  
Thomas Henry at 843-509-6843 or send an email to [tah5101@aol.com](mailto:tah5101@aol.com).

[www.WhileWereWaiting.org](http://www.WhileWereWaiting.org)

## *Women in Christ*

Our circles will meet May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm. We will meet in the Steve Miller conference room in the fellowship hall.

Our circles will take a break for the summer and will not meet until September.

Our Tea Room and Silent Auction raised \$6,000. We were able to give \$2,000 each to the children and youth ministries and Pa's Food Pantry. Our next Tea Room and Silent Auction will be March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 2026. We plan to add another charity or two to share our money with. Thank you to everyone who participated. You all are the best.

We are planning a lady's retreat for June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am - 2 pm. Lunch will be served. We will also have a guest speaker. Please contact Lisa Patrick if you would like to volunteer to help or if you would like to like to attend. All ladies are welcome.

Circle leaders are:

Glory Morning - Anna Speakman 479-206-4453

Clara Myers - Chris Craven 843-460-0392; Deborah Berger 478-451-9484

Pearl Murray - Lynn Wimpee 843-817-3934

# STAY SALTY

IN COVENANT WITH CHRIST

JUNE 21, 2025  
FABULOUS FELLOWSHIP  
WITH LIKE-MINDED LADIES

10 AM - 2 PM  
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

GUEST SPEAKER - LAURA DROZE, CHRISTIAN AUTHOR  
"I AM WHO I AM"

BASED ON HER TRUE STORY OF SEXUAL ABUSE, TEEN PREGNANCY DRUG ADDICTION,  
AND REDEMPTION THROUGH CHRIST.

There will be five breakout sessions (choose two)

1. Continuation of "I Am Who I Am" by Laura Droze
2. How do I Pray? Answers to all your questions by Pam Hoard
3. Angels Among Us. Listen to a story while making a prayer bracelet to take with you by Ginger Atwell
4. Transitions in Business and Life. Hear about making life-changing decisions by Rebecca Collett, former news anchor at Channel 2
5. KAIROS Prison Ministries. Learn about this vital ministry in SC by Dianne Boykin

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SCAN ME 

# Meet the Mustard Seeds

These beautiful young humans sing in the **Mustard Seeds** choir. They arrive in the sanctuary *after* the Traditional Service each week and spend 25 minutes learning all types of Christian songs - from old-fashioned hymns to spirituals to some of the latest contemporary Christian music they hear on the radio.

There have been a few changes since regrouping and starting earlier this year (2024/2025) in September/October. Originally our time was from 10:10am to 10:25am each week, but *most* everyone is now coming in earlier. These guys come in from 10am-10:30am because they are having such a great time not only learning new music, but they are developing closer relationships with each other.

Each week, we begin by practicing the songs they are adding to their rehearsal list, then we (typically) take the last few minutes to talk about what is on their mind and/or what has happened in their lives that week. They are also given the chance to "vote" on the songs they enjoy most and want to perform next - majority rule! We end each practice/rehearsal with "Shalom Chaverim" (Peace Be With You) which is also our ending prayer. This has become our favorite of any of the songs we perform.

Granted, there is never enough time for all we would like to do and we know these wonderful young people have a LOT of activities they participate in, but we do get a LOT done in this short time we are given each week and when we leave going out into our world, it is with a smile and a song in our hearts. By the way, just this year, we have learned (and memorized) 10 songs, plus we continue to add at least one song each week!

## **Currently we have the following singers in the Mustard Seeds:**

Millie Kate Bates  
Jane Campbell  
Sarah Campbell  
Elizabeth Cathey  
Breah Ciaccia  
Nealy Pate Fallow  
Carys Ferguson  
Riley Page  
Bayleigh Stewart  
Josey Stewart  
Hayden Tremblay

## **What is your favorite color?**

**Bayleigh Stewart** - "My favorite is Teal!"

**Josey Stewart** - I love teal too!

**Jane Campbell** - I LOVE purple

**Sarah Campbell** - I love purple too (and I'm Jane's sister!)

**Riley Page** - purple is my favorite too



**What is your favorite genre of music? There was a LOT of variety with this question and here are the top favorites of everyone:** Country, Olivia Rodrigo, Hip Hop, K Pop, Contemporary Christian and "the stuff that Mizz Layne plays!"

## **Now let's talk about junk food, favorite dinner food and snack food:**

Favorite candy - Gummies and Skittles (it was unanimous)

**Breah Ciaccia** - Italian food - Ziti pasta with cheese)

Cookies - Oreos (again, unanimous)

**Millie Kate Bates** - Goldfish Crackers

Milk Chocolate (once again, unanimous)

.....By the way - No one said anything about donuts - KK or Dunkin'!

## **Besides music, do you have any favorite hobbies, games or sports?**

Crocheting, Gymnastics, Art (mainly painting), Soccer, Karate, Cheerleading

## **Why do you sing with the Mustard Seeds?**

The music is fun, It makes me happy to sing, I like learning the new songs, It gives me time to spend with my friends. And the answer I really enjoyed hearing was **"it helps me learn more about God!"**

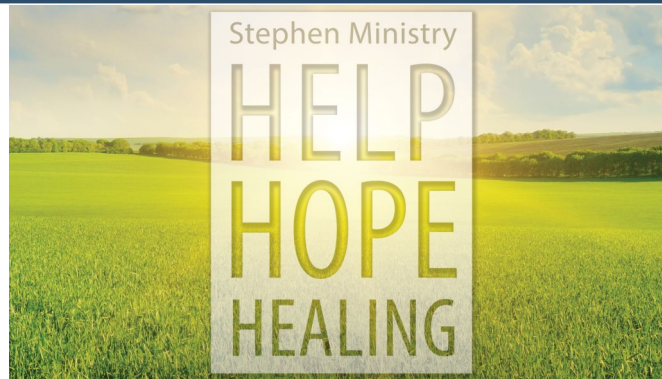
If you have a child that is elementary school age and loves music, there is always room for new singers and we would love to have them participate. You can contact me - Layne Thompson - [choir@knightsvillemc.org](mailto:choir@knightsvillemc.org) OR [laynethompsonmusic@gmail.com](mailto:laynethompsonmusic@gmail.com). Also, if you would like to support the singers, we definitely need parents who want to participate with activities as we grow. Thank you parents and guardians for allowing your child/children to participate. This is an exceptionally wonderful group of young people who are attentive, talented, energetic and bring love and joy to our time together. God has blessed us immensely!



# Easter Sunday







### **Out of the Shadows**

**"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end  
He will stand upon the earth." ~ Job 19:25**

The year 1741 was a very depressing one for George Frideric Handel. His latest opera failed. His Italian opera company in London disbanded. That same year Queen Caroline passed away and the commissions Handel had received for composing music for royal occasions all but dried up. A stroke experienced several years prior not only affected Handel physically, but affected his music also. It seemed as if he had lost the genius that made his music so popular.

Late that year Charles Jennens, a poet known by few, sent Handel a manuscript with a request that Handel set it to music. When Handel read the copy, the words gripped him. Suddenly he came alive! Immediately he began to put the words to music. He labored all through that night and much of the following day. In fact, he worked day and night for 22 more days, barely stopping to eat or sleep.

When his composition was finished, he sensed that it would be a true masterpiece. His Messiah was performed the following year and was an immediate success.

The words that Jennens wrote that inspired Handel and lifted him out of the pit of despair were about the Savior: "He was despised and rejected by men. He looked for someone to have pity on him, but there was no man. He trusted in God. God did not leave his soul in hell. I know that my Redeemer lives. Rejoice. Hallelujah!"

If you are in a time of despair or just a bit stressed out because of a life situation, the Stephen Ministry can help. We can listen. We can pray with you. We cannot solve your problem, but we can "be there" for you and support you as you work to resolve whatever it is that life has thrown at you.

**"We care, but only God can cure."**

Your active Stephen Ministry team members at KMC are: Diane Boykin, Amber Cathey, Doug Hammond, Pam Hoard and Peggy Lawton. For more information contact Pam Hoard (843-367-6574).

## *Holy Spirit Moments*

"They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumblin' word. They nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumblin' word. They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumblin' word. Not a word! Not a word? Not a single word." Last night, I did something that I have never done in sixty-two years of life on this earth. I went to a Good Friday service at my church that was a presentation of the "Way of the Cross", a modern adaptation of an old Christian tradition that goes back to the fifth-century. Those in attendance participate in "carrying the cross" for Jesus along the Via Dolorosa or "sorrowful way" believed to be the route in Jerusalem that Jesus took on his way to the crucifixion. The Way of the Cross is marked by 14 significant stations representing events that occurred on that Good Friday when Jesus was tortured and hung on a cross to die.

The service last evening began with the choir singing "He never Said a Mumbin' Word" the old Negro spiritual in a haunting A cappella style that fell over the hushed crowd of those in attendance. You could feel the agony that must have been in the hearts of the women who followed Jesus after watching him die a torturous death on that cross, and knowing that there was nothing they could do to help Him.

From that point on, I solemnly watched as volunteers took up the cross to travel the way to the first station. This station remembered when Jesus was condemned to death by Pilate. As the first group of volunteers hoisted the cross onto their shoulders I pondered that at just this moment, an innocent man, blameless and without sin had just been condemned to death by crucifixion to the shouts of "crucify him, crucify him" coming from the same people who had proclaimed him as King just 5 days earlier as he entered the city to the waving of palm branches and shouts of "Hosanna." I can hear Pilate, frustratingly say to the assembly of elders and chief priests that after examining the evidence he cannot see any reason to condemn Jesus to die on a cross, but I can also see and hear the crowd shouting over and over, "Crucify Him, Crucify Him!" And then Pilate complies with their wishes, giving his verdict and directions for the guards to proceed. But with all of that, what impacted me the most at that moment was the knowledge that Jesus knew that this moment was coming. I felt a pain and emptiness that is hard to describe, knowing that I, like the disciples who would deny knowing Jesus in the moments after his arrest and crucifixion, was responsible for hurting Jesus that day. I have offended Him and grieved Him on so many occasions with my words and actions, my contempt for others.

I was jolted back to the moment, in the field outside of my church, as the choir sang "Were you there, when they crucified my Lord." As the choir finished the verse, the cross arrived at the second stopping point. It was a stop to reflect on how Jesus must have felt, knowing that his compassion and love for humanity had been cast off as a crowd of people who had been worked into a frenzy by political wrangling and shenanigans contributed to a movement to repay his goodness and mercy with torture and death. My mind went away from the field to some corner in Jerusalem and I saw Jesus pause to pray and I heard those lining the way jeering at him, spitting at him. Accusing him of things he could never do.

As another group of volunteers, offered to carry the cross, this time in silence there was no singing, I watched, seeing Jesus in my mind's eye, not my fellow church members, carry that cross to the 3<sup>rd</sup> station. I saw Jesus, stumble and fall and I caught a glimpse of some of the Jewish leaders and members of the Sanhedrin who had angrily sought to kill Jesus as they denied His claims to be the Son of Man, I saw them watching as Jesus stumbled and fell to the ground and I noticed a couple looked away, so as to not humanize their part in this dreadful scene that was playing out. But mainly, I saw them as proud and accomplished, feeling as if they had exterminated another threat to their power and influence. Again, the silence as the cross arrived at this third-station brought me back to Good Friday 2025 and a prayer to Jesus to grant us strength to deal with the pain we feel when we are betrayed. Yet, we struggle to forgive those who betray us, Jesus freely forgave them, those who were torturing him.

On the way to the fourth station, and back to my mystical experience, I see Jesus' mother Mary and at that very moment, His eyes meet her eyes. My heart is strangled by the pain and suffering I see on Mary's face as she fights back tears that just won't relent. And I see pain, returning to her pain, from Jesus as he looks upon her with compassion and love. The choir sings, "sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there, when they crucified my Lord." And I feel pain for Mary, as I remember images of her smiling down with tears of Joy at that babe in the manger, knowing the unequalled love of a mother, I hurt for her.

As a handful of additional volunteers hoist the cross on their shoulders for the short walk to the fifth station, I see Simon of Cyrene, who was traveling to Jerusalem for the Passover, as he is pulled out of the crowd by the Roman Guards and forced to carry the cross a portion of the way up the hill. I realize, they are not wanting to relieve Jesus of the weight of the cross, no not at all, they simply do not want him to die before they have a chance to torture him some more. I watch as Jesus stumbles along in front of Cyrus toward the hilltop. I would expect the crowd to have begun to have some feelings of remorse seeing Jesus in such poor state, but no, not at all. They were still mocking him and spitting on him. He could have replied back to them, but not a word. I notice periodically he stops, and I can tell he is praying. But the prodding continues. In silence new volunteers lift the cross and begin toward the seventh station. I noticed that the "crown of thorns" that the guards had placed upon his head was gouging into his skin and I imagined the stinging and burning that his eyes must be feeling as they were flooded with this mixture. Along the way, I see a compassion filled woman emerge from the crowd. She has a cloth and she stops Jesus to wipe the blood, sweat and tears from His face. What really strikes me about this act of compassion is that the woman realized, "this is all that I can do" and she didn't hesitate, even though her own life could have been in danger. I wonder to myself, "what can I do?" It hits me hard, realizing that I would possibly have kept the cloth in my pocket.

At the next station, the eighth station, I see Jesus after falling to the ground for a second time, pick himself up and continue to trudge along His way. For the first time, I glance ahead and I see a group of women gathered along the way. They are weeping uncontrollably as they see Jesus struggling step by step and when he falls for a third time, they gasp and a couple of them fall to the



## *Holy Spirit Moments (continued)*

ground, themselves exhausted and overcome with grief. By the time the cross reaches the ninth station, I too am becoming to feel a sense of heavy grief. And then I hear Jesus, straining for the strength to speak as he says to the women, "Do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and your children." At this station, there was no singing but I listened as the reader at the station prayed, "Lord Jesus, I weep for the sorrows that I have caused in my life and for the offenses I have committed against God. Suddenly, I was moved to a place deep within myself and for a moment I was consumed with remorse for things I have said and done. Sixty-two years of life sped past the pre-frontal cortex of my brain as I relived and regretted so much. I remember the story from earlier in the week when Jesus descended the hill toward the city gates of Jerusalem, knowing that even though the city was buzzing with joy and anticipation for the coming Messiah he knew and now we know, how the week would go. But I remember the words from Luke 19:42 when Jesus upon seeing the city, pondered the plight of the city and the people as he cried out, "Oh Jerusalem, if you, even you had only known on this day what would bring you peace, but now it is hidden from your eyes." And I realize, He could just as easily be saying, "Oh Doug, if you, even you had only known on this day what would bring you peace." And I hurt deeply knowing that I fall short, every day and that because of my shortcomings, He had to do all of this for me. At the same time, I begin to fear for those who don't hear the gospel, who deny parts of Holy Scripture or live their lives in a way that does not emphasize authentic faith but in a manner that emphasizes their own desires, pleasures, actions and possessions. I not only feel remorse for my own behavior but at this moment I worry significantly about a world full of people who as William Wilberforce says in his book *Real Christianity*, live their lives in a manner that "if the truth were to be told, they probably think that Christianity is a future reward in Heaven that they (and those they love) receive in return for having endured certain religious expectations here on earth."

This station really impacts me in an extremely sorrowful way. I feel myself standing in place as the rest of those in attendance follow along behind the children who are now carrying the cross to the tenth station. Upon arriving at the tenth station, once again my mind travels back to that morning in Jerusalem and I hear the sickening thud of the hammer as it strikes the nails that are piercing Jesus hands and feet and I watch in anguish as they raise the pole into the sky. The words I hear my good friend and fellow choir member Tony sing, brings me back to that field beside the church on Good Friday 2025 "Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?"

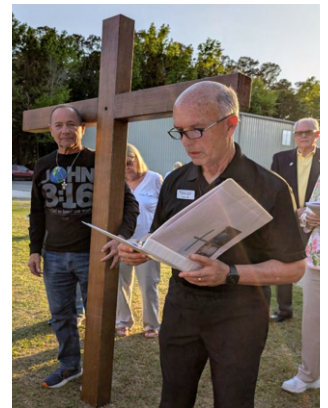
At the eleventh station, I see Jesus high above the ground on a cross, in obvious pain and suffering a plight that I can not imagine, ministering to a criminal. Here is the Son of Man, absent of sin, full of righteousness and suffering from the worst punishment ever laid out upon an innocent man and he is putting the soul of a criminal first with an act of mercy and grace resulting in the criminal's sins being wholly forgiven. As the speaker begins to pray, I am reminded of how often I am so focused on my pain and plight that I forget to take care of others. That one hits home. I reflect and question myself, what is in my heart? Do I act out of atonement or out of attainment. Am I working for God's will be done or do I have my own agenda?

As more children from the church scramble to be a part of the bearing of the cross and the cross arrives at the twelfth station, I see Jesus most beloved, John standing in the crowd beside Jesus' mother Mary. I see her grief and pain and once again it causes my heart to hurt. I can imagine Michelle, my wife, if she were to have to watch, God forbid, one of her son's tortured and beaten in this brutal fashion. And I watch John, as he surveys what his teacher and Rabbi is having to endure. He reflects on the time that he, along with his brother James, asked to be seated at the side of Jesus as He ushered in His Kingdom and he remember Jesus asking, "Can you drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized." Then I hear Jesus say to John and Mary, "Behold your mother and woman behold your son" as he transferred care of His mother to John, his beloved.

Moving once again, I follow the cross to the thirteenth station. Strangely though, I still cannot get over the sorrow that I felt back at the ninth station when I realized the gravity of the pain that I have caused Jesus and the Holy Spirit with my life and actions. However, I am once again transported to a place on Calvary that day when I hear the Roman Soldiers casting lots for Jesus' garments. Then almost instantaneously, I hear and feel Jesus cry out from the cross in His last agonizing breath, "It is done!" At first I think he means that his pain and suffering is done, that he has died. But then I realize it is much bigger than that. IT IS DONE. My sins are forgiven, His Mercy Saved Me. And strangely the remorse that I began to feel earlier when my life's failures flashed before my eyes is replaced with new life. Life that tells me, "I did it for you because I know you can't do it for yourself, now follow me!"

I don't really remember much about the experience after that. But as I sit here on Holy Saturday writing this, I know that Sunday is coming and what a glorious day it will be. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you.

Doug Hammond



## *Welcome to our Church Family*



**Judy Sepela**



**Helen Palka**



**John & Kathy Gillespie**



**Kent, Donna & Kelli Brasher**



**Billy & Barbara Leopard**



**Renold & Vickie Steele**



**Nick & Helen Cawood**

# MARK your CALENDARS!

**5 JUNE** – Bible Study, Fellowship Hall Classroom, 9:30-10:30am

**Angel Society for Intercessory Prayer**, 11am-12pm Fellowship Hall Conference

**6 JUNE** – Plastic Mat Ministry, 1-3pm, Fellowship Hall

**HOPE Mission Ministry – Parents Night Out**, 6-10pm Family Life Center

**7 JUNE** – Men's Breakfast Club, 7-8:30am, Family Life Center

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual KMC Golf Tournament**; The Club at Pine Forest, 930am-5pm  
1000 Congressional Blvd, Summerville, SC 29483

**Church Workday**, 9a-2pm, Family Life Center

**TLC Smyrna Small Group**, 4-5:30pm. Fellowship Hall

**8 JUNE** – Adult Sunday School, 9am

**Children's Church**, 10am, Fellowship Hall

**Agape Worship** – 10:10am

**Pickleball Open Play**, 1-3pm, Family Life Center

**Eph 6 Youth**, 6-8pm, Fellowship Hall

**9 JUNE** – Monday Morning Breakfast Club; 10am @Perkins, 1700 Trolley Rd.

**10 JUNE** – Women In Christ Morning Circle, 10am; Fellowship Hall Conference Room

**Women in Christ** - Clara Meyers Circle, 2-3pm Fellowship Hall

**Women In Christ** – Pearl Murray Circle – 6:30-7:30pm Fellowship Hall

**11 JUNE** – Pickleball Open Play, 6-8pm; Family Life Center

**Disciple 4 Bible Study**, 6-7pm; Fellowship Hall Conference Room

**12 JUNE** – Bible Study, Fellowship Hall Classroom, 9:30-10:30am

**Angel Society for Intercessory Prayer**, 11am-12pm Fellowship Hall Conference

**13 JUNE** – Food Pantry, 9-11am; Fellowship Hall

**Plastic Mat Ministry**, 1-3pm; Fellowship Hall

**14 JUNE** – Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am; Family Life Center

**The Drive Coach**, 8am-12pm; Fellowship Hall

**TLC Smyrna Small Group**, 4-5:30pm. Fellowship Hall

**15 JUNE** – FATHER'S DAY

**Adult Sunday School**, 9am

**Choir Practice**, 9am; Sanctuary

**Children's Church**, 10am, Fellowship Hall

**Agape Worship** – 10:10am

**Pickleball Open Play**, 1-3pm, Family Life Center

**16 JUNE** – Monday Morning Breakfast Club; 10am @Perkins, 1700 Trolley Rd.

**17 JUNE** – Prayer Shawl Ministry- 10am Fellowship Hall

**18 JUNE** – Pickleball Open Play, 6-8pm; Family Life Center

**19 JUNE** – Bible Study, 9:30-10:30am; Fellowship Hall

Classroom, Fellowship Hall

**Angel Society for Intercessory Prayer**, 11am-12pm Fellowship Hall Conference

**While We're Waiting for Bereaved Parents-** 6:30-8pm; Fellowship Hall

**20 JUNE** – Plastic Mat Ministry, 1-3pm; Fellowship Hall

**Women in Christ Retreat Set up**; 5-7pm; Family Life Center, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

**21 JUNE** – Men's Breakfast Club, 7-8:30am; Family Life Center

**Women in Christ Retreat**, 9am-4pm, Family Life Center, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

**22 JUNE** – Adult Sunday School, 9am

**Choir Practice**, 9am; Sanctuary

**Children's Church**, 10am, Fellowship Hall

**Agape Worship** – 10:10am

**Pickleball Open Play**, 1-3pm, Family Life Center

**Eph 6 Youth**, 6-8pm, Fellowship Hall

**23 JUNE** – Monday Morning Breakfast Club; 10am @Perkins, 1700 Trolley Rd.

**KMC K.I.D.S. Board**, 7-8pm, Fellowship Hall Conference Room

**24 JUNE** – KMC Prayer Team, 9-10am

**25 JUNE** – BEHOLD CONFERENCE (PASTOR'S MEETING) 12PM

**Pickleball Open Play**, 6-8pm; Family Life Center

**Disciple 4 Bible Study-** 6-7pm; Fellowship Hall

**Community Thanksgiving Committee**

**Meeting-** 6:30-7:30pm; Fellowship Hall Conference Room

**26 JUNE** – BEHOLD CONFERENCE -COLUMBIA, SC

**Bible Study**, 9:30-10:30am; Fellowship Hall Classroom, Fellowship Hall

**Angel Society for Intercessory Prayer**, 11am-12pm Fellowship Hall Conference

**27 JUNE** – BEHOLD CONFERENCE -COLUMBIA, SC

**Food Pantry-** 9-11am; Fellowship Hall

**Plastic Mat Ministry**, 1-3pm; Fellowship Hall

**28 JUNE** – Men's Breakfast Club, 7-8:30am; Family Life Center

**29 JUNE** – Adult Sunday School, 9am

**Choir Practice**, 9am; Sanctuary

**Children's Church**, 10am, Fellowship Hall

**Agape Worship** – 10:10am

**Pickleball Open Play**, 1-3pm, Family Life Center

**Eph 6 Youth**, 6-8pm, Fellowship Hall

**30 JUNE** – Monday Morning Breakfast Club; 10am @Perkins, 1700 Trolley Rd





## **4th of July Celebration and State of the Church Conference**

**Sunday, July 6th**

### **Order of Events:**

**9:00 am State of the Church Conference**

**-Year in Review**

**-Election of Church Officers**

**-Pastor Report**

**10:10 am AGAPE Worship Service**

**Jewel Myers Family Worship Center (ONLY)**

**4th of July Celebration Cookout 11:30 am**



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## Our Mission

The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

In our worship, we desire to surrender to and be fully devoted to one God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We are passionate about what is important to God.

Jesus calls those who follow Him to love God wholeheartedly and love their neighbors as themselves. Our desire is to demonstrate to the world the extravagant love of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

We have been entrusted with a lifesaving and transforming message that we must share with others. Our witness is bold, compelling and fearless. Our mission advances when individuals become disciples of Jesus Christ and join God's mission to make more disciples.

## Our Vision

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Through our ministries, we desire to share the whole counsel of God with all peoples and to advance the presence and fulfillment of the Kingdom of God in every part of the world and at all levels of societies and cultures. The Global Methodist Church is committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures, and the work of the Holy Spirit in conveying God's truth and grace to all people.

We are a global church that recognizes and deploys the gifts and contributions of each part of the church, working as partners in the gospel with equal voice and leadership. Our witness to the world is marked by mutual love, concern, sharing, and a focus on those who are most vulnerable. We watch over one another in love and bear witness to the transforming power of the Good News as we humbly, but boldly, strive to serve others as ambassadors of Christ!



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