



# THE GRACE MESSENGER

Grace United Methodist Church

*Mission: To love God completely and to serve Jesus Christ unselfishly*



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FROM THE PASTOR

MAY 2021

## It's a New Day: The Choice is Yours

It's quiet. It's early. My coffee is hot. Morning has not broken yet. The world is still asleep. The day is coming.

In a little while the day will arrive. It will roar down the track with the rising of the sun. The stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day. The calm of solitude will be replaced by the pounding pace of the human race. The refuge of the early morning will be invaded by decisions to be made and deadlines to be met. For the next twelve plus hours I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice.

But because of Calvary, I'm free to choose. And so I choose...

**Love.** No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

**Joy.** I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical... the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

**Peace.** I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

**Patience.** I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I'll invite Him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

**Kindness.** I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

**Goodness.** I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse. I choose goodness.

**Faithfulness.** Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife will not question my love. And my children and grandchildren will never fear that their PawPaw doesn't love them with a heart like my Father.

**Gentleness.** Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

**Self-control.** I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest...In the grace of our Savior. Blessings and I pray everyone has a wonderful May.

Pastor David.



## Stewardship Report as of April 25, 2021

|                             |    |                |
|-----------------------------|----|----------------|
| Offering Report as of:      |    | April 25, 2021 |
| 2021 Budget:                | \$ | 379,036.00     |
| Needed for 2021 Budget YTD: | \$ | 123,036.62     |
| Offering Rec'd Last Week:   | \$ | 964.00         |
| Budget Rec'd YTD:           | \$ | 96,352.05      |
| Surplus/Deficit YTD:        | \$ | -27,563.57     |
| Weekly Offering Needed:     | \$ | 7,289.15       |
| Offering Received in April: | \$ | 27,545.00      |

Please put Grace as a priority in your financial planning. Our combined gifts keep the Church's mission alive and growing. Thank you so much!!



There are two other ways to continue tithing during this time: mail to the church or use Vanco (Grace UMC QR Code for online giving on left)



## UMW Circle Meetings

Johnnie Sanders Circle

Circle of Hope

Lucy Lee Shuler Circle

There will be **NO** circle meetings during April. Please remember to make your pledge and contributions. MAIL to: Fran Love



Young At Hearts Luncheons at Andys will **NOT** return until deemed safe enough to join together in fellowship.



## FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

There will be **NO** April Family Night Supper due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. You may still gather at home on the fourth Wednesday and say a brief prayer for our church, its members, and our once again rejoining in fellowship.

## What Is An Acolyte? ...

A young person who serves the Lord by bringing the light of Jesus Christ into the Church Sanctuary and lighting the altar candles during worship. Jesus brought light into the world – not by carrying a torch, but by the messages in his lessons. "Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world'" (John 8:12 NRSV). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus coming into the presence of the worshipping community. The two candles are a reminder of the dual nature of Jesus, both human and divine. At the end of the service, the light carried out into the world is a sign that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere, and that Christ goes with his people into the world where they serve as his living body.



Bayla and Cullen  
Morrow



Lane Wagner  
and Pastor David  
Bauknight



Grace is so blessed to have these fine young children dedicate themselves to serving our church, our Pastor, and our Lord.



Gage and Ember



Cooper and Reagan  
Turner with Pastor  
David Bauknight



THINKING OF YOU ON MOTHER'S DAY,  
AND SAYING A *special* PRAYER—  
THAT GOD,  
WHO KNOWS HOW DEAR YOU ARE,  
WILL KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE.  
THAT HE WILL *bless* YOUR DAILY LIFE  
WITH JOYS OF EVERY KIND—  
WITH PERFECT HEALTH AND HAPPINESS  
AND *peace* OF  
HEART AND MIND.





## *Because We Care*

Ellen Sagar: Bernard Bishop  
Summit Hills, Sptbg.: Elwood Eason  
Home: James and Ruth Roof  
Inverness, Sptbg.: Hazel Howell  
Cumberland Village,  
Aiken: Carolyn and Johnny Turner  
Amy Bruce: P. O. Box 15, Fingerville, SC 29338  
Ola Jean Kelly: Martha Franks Retirement Home,  
1 Martha Franks Drive, Laurens, SC 29360



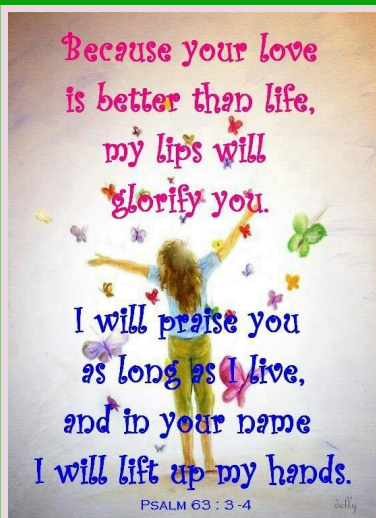
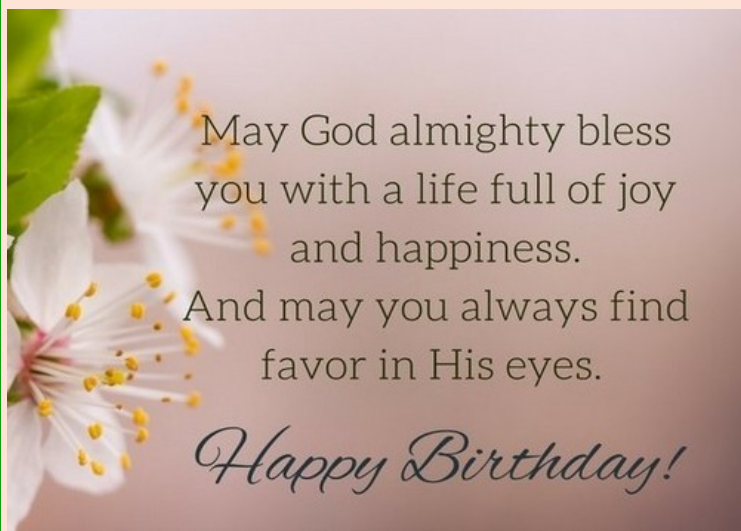
### **Grace's Beautiful Living Easter Cross**

Philip Arnold, who stores our cross all year, placed our Easter cross in front of our church. Sally Summers and Karen Hibbard covered it with greenery. On Easter

Sunday morning they, along with Grace members, placed beautiful flowers on the cross. This cross has always represented a beautiful symbol of Easter morning to our church family and the community. It was especially meaningful to our Grace family this year as we rejoiced to be back in our sanctuary for in person worship after a year of Covid-19 cancellations. We will continue to rejoice in the risen Christ and be grateful to God for the gift of life, love, and joy. Thank you to Philip, Sally, Karen, and all who brought flowers for making our cross special!

## **May**

- 1 Cole Heatherly
- 3 Jon Nick Gault,  
Abbie Valentine
- 4 Sarah Paige Glenn
- 10 Dillon Earls
- 12 Frances Adams
- 15 Blaise Ham, Richard Kelly
- 17 Sebastian Fowler
- 19 Cal Arnold
- 20 Mary Ann Wilkins, Kris Zimmerman
- 21 Joe Nichols, Linda Parker
- 23 Linda Roberson
- 24 Marie Hudson
- 28 George Spencer
- 29 Caroline Moss
- 31 Betsy Sheorn



### **UMW Executive Meeting**



There will be a meeting of the Executive Board of the United Methodist Women on Sunday, May 2, 2021, at 3:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. All executive officers and circle chairpersons are asked to attend this very important meeting. The UMW is a vital part of missions. Please try to attend as there will be lots to discuss due to the COVID-19 pandemic and circles not meeting.



# EPWORTH

Where Kids Find Strength

## Epworth Children's Home

### Mother's Day Offering

**Mother's day is Sunday, May 9, 2021**, and it's a day that brings up a variety of emotions for all of us. For the children at Epworth Children's Home, these emotions are front and center as they go through this time of year without their mothers. It is our role as Methodists to make sure that on Mother's Day and every day, the children at Epworth have everything they need to be loved and grow up happy and healthy.

**Epworth is Our Ministry!** Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children's Home gave over 200 children a safe and loving place to call home? Each of these children had this opportunity because of United Methodist Churches in South Carolina who embrace and provide for this ministry in support of the children and families in our state. We will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering on Sunday, May 9, 2021, to benefit the children who call Epworth home. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry.

#### From Epworth:

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

I send greetings from the children and staff at Epworth Children's Home, and send this letter as a reminder that Mother's Day this year is Sunday, May 9th. Our Annual Conference has designated this day as a time to promote children's ministry through Epworth, and to take a special offering for God's work through Epworth. **Epworth is not an apportioned item** and it relies heavily on the offerings received on Mother's Day and Work Day to provide quality care to the 100 plus individuals who are in Epworth's care at any given moment.

I realize this request comes once again during an uncertain time for us as United Methodists and as people who are facing uncertainty in the health care arena. I am certain that your congregation, like Epworth, has seen its financial resources negatively affected by the quarantine and other measures that now exists. We are not certain that the current practices will be lifted by Mother's Day.

The Mother's Day offering was **\$200,745** less than the year before. This is the 125th year celebration of "Mother Epworth" so let's make this year's offering something to celebrate about!

Your members can participate in this ministry to children and families by telling your congregation about the work taking place at Epworth, and by praying for the work to be strengthened and multiplied. Your visible passion and intentional voice in support of the ministry and the offering play a direct role in the offering's success. In other words, if you make a sincere appeal, your people will respond. What better way is there to support the conference initiatives to combat poverty and illiteracy than to support children who have tasted both?

As you actively participate in promoting the annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering, please remember all gifts received from your congregation will be counted towards your church's minimum goal of \$6.00 per member. Together we can surpass this goal and advance the ministry provided to children by your church and our conference.

I thank you in advance for your faithfulness.

Sincerely,

John Holler

**100%** of your Mother's Day Offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth.

**Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. Mother's Day is your opportunity to support Epworth's ministry. If every United Methodist in S.C. contributed \$10.00 the offering would total \$2,394,520! \***

**\*Epworth Children's Home, 2900 Millwood Ave., Columbia, SC 29205 | (803) 256-7394 | You can give by mailing to Grace, bringing to church, or online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org). Grace has designated Mother's Day Sunday, May 9th, for our Epworth Children's Day Offering. Make checks out to Grace UMC and designate for Epworth Children's Home.**



## Grace's 2021 Graduates

Will be

Recognized on May 16th

**This year Grace will honor two UCHS graduates:**

Mary Alexa Robbins is the daughter of John and Lisa Robbins and plans to attend The University of South Carolina - Upstate, majoring in Psychology.

Ethan Alexander Balkum is the son of Bill and Kim Balkum and plans to attend The University of South Carolina - Columbia, majoring in Criminal Justice and Pre-Law.

**Grace has the honor of recognizing three college graduates:**

Abigail "Abbie" McCullough Valentine is the daughter of Brad and Brooke Valentine, granddaughter of Rusty and Sheryl Price, and great-granddaughter of Donna Kell and the late William G. Kell. Abbie will graduate from Newberry College with a Bachelor of Science degree and a minor in Exercise Science.

James Charles "Charlie" Long is the son of James and Donna Long and graduated from The University of South Carolina - Upstate in December, 2020, with a Bachelor of Science, Business degree.

John Franklin "Jack" James, Jr. is the son of John, Sr. and Michelle James and grandson of Dr. Stan and Mary James and Billy Jack and Kathryn Moore. Jack will graduate from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Arts - History degree from the College of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities and a minor in Political Science and Legal Studies.

These proud graduates will receive devotional books or Bibles during our May 16th worship service. Grace is extremely proud of each of our graduates and their accomplishments.



Alexa Robbins

*Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever*



*Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."*



Ethan Balkum



Abbie Valentine

*1 Timothy 4:8 "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."*



Charlie Long

*Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*



Jack James

*Philippians 4:6-7 "6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*



## A Mother's Occupation

### Inspirational Story on the importance of a mother's role

A woman named Emily renewing her driver's license at the Transport office was asked by the clerk to state her occupation. She hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself. "What I mean is," explained the clerk, "do you have a job, or are you just a ...?" "Of course I have a job," snapped Emily. "I'm a Mum." "We don't list 'Mum' as an occupation... 'housewife' covers it," said the clerk emphatically.

I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our local police station. The Clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high-sounding title like, "Official Interrogator" or "Town Registrar." "What is your occupation?" she probed. What made me say it, I do not know...

The words simply popped out. "I'm a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations." The clerk paused, pen frozen in midair, and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowly, emphasizing the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pronouncement was written in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire!

"Might I ask," said the clerk with new interest, "just what you do in your field?" Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, "I have a continuing programme of research, (what mother doesn't), in the laboratory and in the field, (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my Masters, (the whole family), and already have four credits, (all daughters). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities, (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hours a day, (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are more of a satisfaction rather than just money." There was an increasing note of respect in the girl's voice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door.

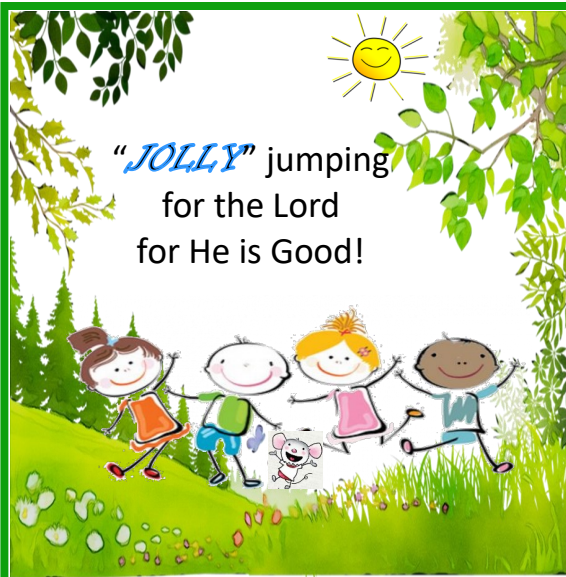
When I got home, buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants -ages 10, 7, and 3. Upstairs, I could hear our new experimental model, (a 6-month-old baby), in the child-development programme, testing out a new vocal pattern. I felt I had triumphed over bureaucracy! And I had gone on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than "just another Mum." Motherhood...What a glorious career! Especially when there's a title on the door.

Does this make grandmothers "Senior Research Associates in the field of Child Development and Human Relations", and great grandmothers "Executive Senior Research Associates"??? I think so!!! I also think it makes Aunts "Associate Research Assistants".

-Author Unknown

Happy Mother's Day

to all of Grace's beautiful Research Associates in the field of  
Child Development and Human Relations!



### FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

**The Grace Messenger** is attempting to bring you as much information as possible each month. That means I really could use your help, such as by responding to requests, by giving us any kind of suggestions, or by letting us know if you or your family is involved in something the church would enjoy hearing about. As always, we are deeply appreciative of any newsletter submissions, because it takes all of us

working together to have the best possible newsletter.

**REMEMBER:** Send in your admissions by the middle of the month!

**The deadline is May 16, 2021 for June's newsletter.**

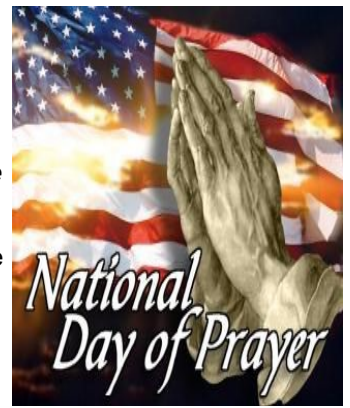


## National Day of Prayer 2021

*2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

This is the 70<sup>th</sup> year of the incredible blessing of observing the National Day of Prayer.

Yes, we are richly blessed to have a law that has proclaimed a day of prayer for our nation each year since the first observance as the law was signed in 1952! Decades later, America still needs our prayers. We need to be praying for all people, every day, for all seven mountains of influence and more, because people are still in need and the Church is still called to a prayer, care, share lifestyle. First and foremost, people need to hear the message and experience the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. All have sinned and fall short, but God's arm is not short, and we have been sent to show and share His message of LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY.



Before God even spoke, "Let there be..." He loved you and me. God is love. We are surrounded by the hurting, hopeless, and helpless who have never experienced the love of God and possibly of another person. God designed and defines love, real love; unconditional, authentic love that sent His Son to pay our sin-debt in full so that we could believe in Him and have everlasting, abundant LIFE.

We live in a nation that does not respect life – all life from womb to tomb. We are surrounded by people who cannot be inconvenienced or made uncomfortable to keep the heartbeat of others beating. Whether it is an unborn child, the homeless or hungry, orphans and widows, or others who are vulnerable and need compassion and thoughtfulness. Everyone needs to know that they were created by God and that He loved them so much He put His image in them and authored their value and purpose that no person can take away from them. As followers of Jesus we must come together in obedient unity and love that spreads God's glory across the earth. We must share this message of love and life, so that our neighbors, co-workers, classmates – so that all the world would come to repentance, that NONE may perish and know the LIBERTY, the freedom from the stain and shame of sin. Everyone can have freedom ring in their hearts, liberty that pronounces you, "NOT GUILTY" from the One true Judge. God alone knows your heart, knows everything about you; everything you have thought, done and had done against you. God alone is our judge and in Christ alone, we experience authentic, eternal LIBERTY.

In 2 Corinthians 3:2-3, Paul reminds the Jesus followers in Corinth, "You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." Just as it was 2000 years ago, the mission remains today. We, the believers and followers of Jesus are the messengers, the letters written with the Spirit on our hearts, and from the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. It is our prayer today and throughout 2021 that the Spirit of the Lord, pour out, pour through us across America, to fill our lives, families, churches, workplace, education, military, government, arts, entertainment and media, with Biblical, not cultural, not worldly, but Spirit-empowered, Spirit-filled LOVE, LIFE and LIBERTY as designed and defined by our Creator and Savior.

Our 2021 National Day of Prayer theme prays: "LORD pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY." Once again praying and proclaiming a promise of God in our theme verse, 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Let's begin praying together now, please join me. "Jesus we come now professing that You are our Lord, the One and only Son of God who came to take away the sin of the world and that whosoever believes in You will not perish but have everlasting life. As our Lord we are clay in Your hands, vessels of Your plans and love. Fill us we pray, to be overflowing vessels and examples of Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY. We thank you for loving us and commit to showing and sharing Your love. We thank you for our life, and commit to serve You in the awe and respect You deserve, knowing You have put Your image in all of us, and that every person is fearfully and wonderfully made. We thank you for forgiving our sins; for the LIBERTY you have given us, the mercy You have shown us, as You suffered in agony on the cross and the wrath of the Father was upon You, so that I might be found "Not guilty" through Your shed blood. Help me to show compassion and respect to others so that they may hear the gospel and come to know You as Lord and know the release of being a slave to sin. Pour out Lord, and pour through Your Church across America we pray, in Jesus Name. Amen!"

\*Excerpt from National Day of Prayer Website



## Congratulations to Garrett and Katie Langley Cash on the Birth of Their New Son

Thomas Ellison Cash was born April 9, 2021. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are Garrett and Katie Cash. Grandparents are Dennis and Cindy Langley and Larry and Sherri Cash. Great-grandparents are Mrs. James W. Ford and the late Mr. Ford and Mrs. Ellis Langley and the late Mr. Langley. Thomas joins big brother James Harrison Cash.



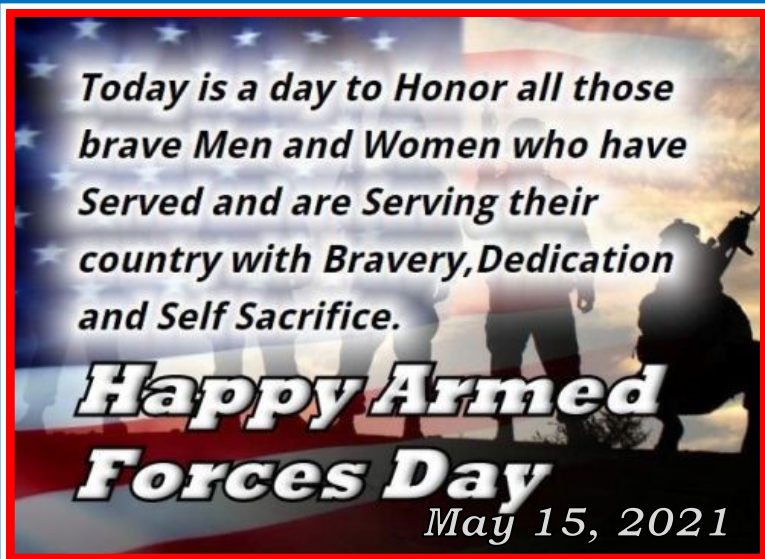
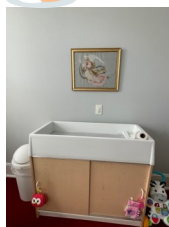
## NO Chancel Choir or Bells of Grace



Neither the Chancel Choir or The Bells of Grace will have rehearsals during the month of May.

## Grace Has a New Nursery

We are happy to announce that our new nursery is complete and ready for young children from birth to two years old or any child who may need a quick break!! It is located in our sanctuary building as you enter the breezeway door, down the hall, and to the last door on the right. It is convenient for parents to leave the worship service to take care of their child and then return to the service. Many thanks to Janet Sherbert for the beautiful wall hanging that she painted and hung over the baby cribs. It is absolutely precious! A lovely cross stitched picture of an angel which came from our new parsonage and discovered there by Pat Owens hangs over the changing table. We also appreciate Pastor David, Mike Farr, George Spencer, and Glenn and Karen Hibbard for their help. Please stop by and have a look. You may find it so peaceful and pretty that you will want to stay!

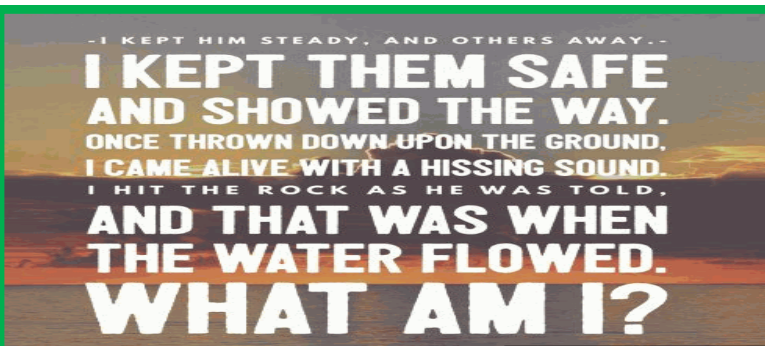


## NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR

**SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021**



Neighbor Helping Neighbor will have their next workday on Saturday May 1. They will meet in the Grace UMC lot at 8:00am. Hope you can make it. As always, thanks for your support of this ministry. David Turner



**CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION**

**Christian Education/  
Graduate Sunday  
Sunday, May 16, 2021**

**Don't forget!** On Sunday, May 16, 2021, we will celebrate a belated Christian Education Day. During our 11:00 am in-person worship service in the Sanctuary, we will honor our Sunday School, Children's Church, MCF/Sonshiners, and Youth teachers, and our Choirmaster. Our third and sixth graders will also be recognized and presented Bibles by Pastor David. The third and sixth graders receiving Bibles are Gage Love, Quinton Wilkes, Bayla Morrow, and Ben Balkum. We will observe Graduate Sunday, also, and plan to honor two Union County High School graduates, Alexa Robbins and Ethan Balkum. Three college graduates include Abbie Valentine, Charlie Long, and Jack James. These proud graduates will receive Bibles or devotional books during our worship service on May 16. We hope to see everyone there!



Members of the Union Lions Club joined Barbara Rippy at the S.C. Lions Club awards luncheon on Saturday at the 1881 Event Hall in Spartanburg. Rippy was honored for donating \$100,000 to Lions Vision Services. Pictured are (front row) Tina Cordell, Rippy and Judy Caston. (back row) Dr. Russell Caston, Barbara Holley, Bob Holley and George Golings.

## Barbara Rippy's Generosity Will One Day Help Others To See



Barbara Rippy is flanked by Spencer Hill and Daniel Prohaska after receiving a plaque honoring her \$100,000 donation to Lions Vision Services.

A Big THANK YOU!

Maggie Berry is one of three UCHS school students to be selected for Palmetto Girls State



## Palmetto Girls State delegates announced

Three Union County High School students - Maggie Berry, Caroline Baron and Ruthie Dean - have been selected as delegates to attend American Legion Auxiliary Palmetto Girls State. The 74th session of PGS will be held virtually from June 13-18. Delegates attending will participate in hands-on application of government and citizenship and mock political activities at all levels of government by creating a mythical state of "Palmetto."



BERRY

Maggie said she wants to attend Girls State because siblings went to Girls or Boys State and loved the experience.

"The many fun activities and learning experiences were talked about," she wrote on her application. "My Pop went to Boys State when he was my age and always pushed me to embrace experiences like this one. He just passed due to COVID-19 and I want to do this for him."

As for me and my 'Mouse' we will serve the Lord.



Exclusive!!  
REPORT

NEWS

Oh, no SHE DIDN'T! SHE DID?



## Abbie Valentine

After 17 years of playing a game she loves, Abbie was recognized in the April 18th Senior Day softball game as an outstanding senior member of the Newberry College Wolves Softball Team. With her were her parents, Brooke and Brad Valentine.



We Hope To



## Williams new UCDB director

By GRAHAM WILLIAMS

Dolton Williams is coming home to lead Union County's economic development efforts.

Williams, 34, has been named executive director of the Union County Economic Development Board. He will be responsible for marketing the assets of Union County to create capital investment and jobs, attracting new businesses, and retaining and encouraging the expansion of existing industries.

A Union native, Williams has worked as a project manager at



WILLIAMS

Dolton Williams, husband of Jennie Nichols Williams and father of Ben and Libby, has come home to accept the position as leader of Union County's Development Board and work with the economic development efforts.

Grace looks forward to having your family back with us.





**THE GRACE MESSENGER**  
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## Memorial Day

With Much Gratitude  
For the brave Men and Women  
For their Heroic  
Sacrifice for our Freedom  
Lest We Forget

A warm, ready smile,  
a kind, thoughtful deed  
Or a hand outstretched in an hour of need  
Can change our whole outlook  
and make the world bright  
where a minute before  
just nothing seemed right...  
It's a wonderful world and it always will be  
If we keep our eyes open and focused to see  
The wonderful things we are capable of  
When we open our hearts  
to God and His love.

Helen Steiner Rice