LAWRENCE CHAPEL CHATTER

Our Mission

Make Disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church practices the Love and Teachings of Jesus.

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Church Office Hours
Mon-Tue-Thu
9:00am-1:00pm
Wed 9:00am-Noon

Pastors Office Hours
Mon-Tues 9:30am-1:00pm
Wed 10:30am-1:00pm

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All end of the year donations need to be dated by Friday, December 31st.

You may drop donations in the church mailbox in the parking lot if the office is closed. This is a locked mailbox. Thanks so much.

It is not done. God is not done with this world. Advent is the season when we prepare our hearts for the new possibilities that God is birthing into our lives. God is working on a great reversal and it begins with Mary, a lowly peasant pregnant with a King. Then the Word made flesh is born, unable to speak a word. The mystery of God is revealed as a baby who only has the ability to love and be loved.

God is turning everything on its head. The love that comes down at Christmas is not about power. Or control. It's about vulnerability. It's about selfless action. It's about hope.

This hope is beautifully expressed in an Ann Weems poem, *Angels Still Appear:*

Angels still appear to those
ready to receive blessings
in spite of the barren
impossibility of their lives.
Blessings still come
to those who believe
that nothing is impossible
in the hand of God.
In spite of war and terror,
Mary gives birth to the Prince of Peace.
In spite of hunger,
Mary gives birth to the Bread of Life.
In spite of lost sheep,
Mary gives birth to the Good Shepherd.
In spite of hearts pregnant with hatred,
Mary gives birth to LOVE.
It is not done!
It is not done!
It is not done!
The birthing is not over.
The blessings continue.
Angels wait in the wings!

My friends, this Advent, you are invited to journey with the God who will not leave us in fear and darkness but instead, whose light shines and makes all things new. Let us have the courage to turn towards the light this Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

Blessings,
Pastor Mollie

Lawrence Chapel has expanded its food pantry "team"

On Nov. 10, the church accepted a $2,500 grant from the Dabo Swinney All In Team Foundation. The church was one of 190 non-profit organizations throughout the Upstate that shared almost $1 million in foundation grants.

In his remarks, Clemson's Coach Swinney emphasized the vital role of non-profits in addressing critical issues in health and education. Our grant sought funding for fresh vegetables, fruit and other farm goods to supply our parking lot food pantry. This will allow us to offer high-quality, nutritious ingredients to families suffering food insecurity. And purchasing these products from local farmers is another way we can help our community.

By now, many of you have seen the new food pantry building on the church parking lot. We are still awaiting an electrician to install outlets, light fixtures and a meter box to the building, after which Duke Energy will connect it to the utility pole.

We thank you for your ongoing support of the food pantry and ask you to be mindful of its needs throughout the holidays. Let's do our part to help families celebrate the Advent season.

Submitted by the Food Pantry Committee

On behalf of the 2021 Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church Finance Committee and the Trustees, I would like to thank you all for your amazing support of the Building Improvement Capital Campaign. Our campaign began on Sunday, October 3rd and concluded on Sunday, October 31. I am pleased to announce we far exceeded our goal of raising $75,000! Thanks to God's blessings and your generous stewardship, we raised a total of $99,794! This total includes $55,144 of cash already committed along with an additional $44,650 in pledges. The Trustees have already begun work on Phase 1 of the project which includes upgrades to support our on-line worship, improvements to our HVAC system and replacement of the sanctuary carpet. The Trustees will provide an update on these projects early in 2022.

Once again, thank you all for the continued support of Lawrence Chapel UMC.

John M – 2021 Lawrence Chapel UMC Finance Chair.

Volunteers are needed to take the breakfast on December 13th. Deliver after 7:30am. Contact the office to help.

Country Santa

Collecting through Dec. 8th

Toys, bikes, trikes, puzzles, books, art supplies, dolls, action figures, trucks, balls, bats, cars, games, trains, stuffed animals, legos, tools (teens), hair brushes, hair bows, makeup, crafts, curling irons, hair dryers, perfume, lotion, bath gel, nail polish, cologne, hats, scarves, gloves & blankets.

No clothing items please.

Please drop-off donations on the table with the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. You may also make a monetary donation; mark your check "Country Santa" and we will shop for you.

We are currently adding holiday meal items to the Food Pantry. Feel free to share your favorite holiday items. Here are some suggestions.

HAM, TURKEY, STUFFING MIX, CRANBERRY SAUCE, YAMS, POTATOES, CANNED PUMPKIN, CORN, GREEN BEANS, CAKE/PIE/BROWNIE MIXES, EVAPORATED MILK, CIDER MIX, HOT CHOCOLATE, JELLO/PUDDING, MUFFIN/ROLL MIX, NUTS, MARSHMALLOWS, SPICES, CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP, CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP

We will continue to supplement with these holiday items through the end of the year. Thank you for your continued support of this needed ministry!

FRESH ITEMS are welcome along with non-perishables!

We are collecting a Christmas Love offering for the church staff to thank them for their hard work. Please indicate on your check, envelope, or online that your gift is for the 'Love Offering'.

Gifts should be made by Sunday, Dec. 12.

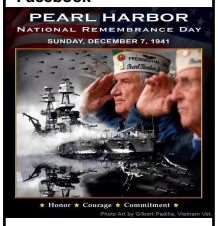
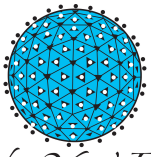
Thank you.

Cut here and drop in collection plate or return to office. Printed in January.

Want a 2022 Lawrence Chapel Printed Church Directory?

Name:_____ Phone:_____

DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Admin Council Meeting December 12 after worship.	***1***	***2***	***3***	***4***
	6 *Mama Meetup 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall*	Devo with Pastor Mollie **8:30am Facebook** 	***8***	***9***	***10***	***11***
	13 **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** at Six Mile Elementary 7:30am	***14*** Devo with Pastor Mollie **8:30am** Facebook	***15***	***16***	***17*** **JANUARY** Newsletter articles are due today.	***18***
	20		***22***	***23***	***24*** **Community Christmas at the Chapel** 5pm Traditional Candlelight Service	
26	***27***	***28***	***29***	***30***	***31*** 	Sunday Worship In-Person and online worship at 10:30am on Facebook Live lawrencechapelumc Recorded later on our webpage.

The Church Office will be closed this week.
Merry Christmas !

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Ministry Staff

Reverend Mollie Bame Reddic, Pastor
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Stephen Singleton, Lay Leader

Reverend Steven Patterson, District Superintendent

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