

April 2024

Message from Gregg!

It is springtime. It's time for a garden. Sowing, cultivating, and growing! Spiritually, Jesus reminds us that we are called to be gardeners. Remember this parable from Luke 8:5-8, 11:

"A Sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God."

We are reminded of the garden God has given us, the work we are tasked to do, and where our gardening leads in the first verse of Robert Frost's poem, "God's Garden."

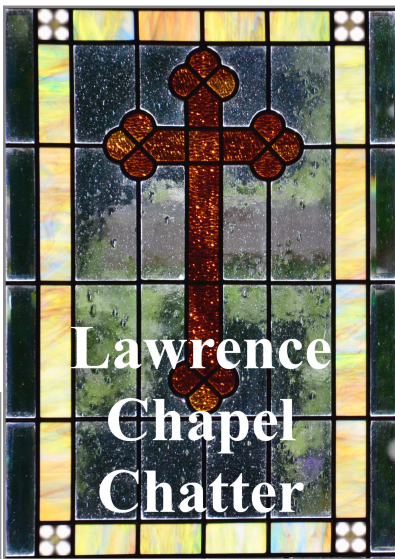
"God made a beauteous garden with lovely flowers strewn, but one straight, narrow pathway that was not overgrown. And to this beauteous garden He brought mankind to live, and said "To you, my children these lovely flowers I give. Prune ye my vines and fig trees, with care my flowers tend, but keep the pathway open, your home is at the end."

Jesus tells us that the seed we are to sow is the "word of God" and Christ is that Word. Metaphorically, the lovely flowers of "God's Garden" are us and those around us and our pathway the sowing, care, and the pruning that leads to God and to His bountiful harvest.

Robert Louis Stevenson said the greater thing to do is not *"judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."*

The outreach, service, and ministry of Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church is sowing a tremendous amount of Christ's love and grace into the world and into our community. You are creating such opportunity for a wonderful harvest in God's Garden and I am so grateful for all that you give, all that you do, and especially all that you are.

In Christ, Gregg.



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.

2101 Six Mile Hwy
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Church Office Hours
Mon-Tue-Thu
9:00am-1:00pm
Wed 9-12

Pastor Rev. Gregg
Martin



Support
your church
ministry.



- 2 Cheryl Martin
- 9 Skip Fenton
- 12 Claire David Phifer
- 13 Kris Ellenburg
- 18 Emily Hubbard
- 20 William Hunter-Pickens
- 25 Brian Murphree
- 26 Roben Pickens
- 26 Carla Conner
- 27 Beth DeCarbo
- 28 Mary Alice Match
- 29 Julie Drake

- 19 Tom and Connie Curtis
- 26 Gregg and Shawna Reid

The Amblers

On Wednesday mornings at 9:00am, we have a new group called "The Amblers". We'll be exploring the Botanical Gardens and other places each week we'll decide where we want to go the following week. Everyone is welcome weather permitting. **The Amblers will not meet on Wednesday April 3rd.**

If you have any questions contact
Linda Regnier: 864-710-2808

"Two or More"

New name for the Small Group

We'll be gathering at Table Rock Tea Company on April 25th at 2:00pm.

RSVP is required to Donna Glenn. Lunch plans are in the works...

**Please RSVP to Donna by Sunday, April 21st.
118 High Hills Lane
Pickens, SC 29671**

Donna Glenn 864-483-2280 or dglennmles@gmail.com



April Senior Lunch

Senior Lunch will be on Wednesday, April 10th at noon. Bring a couple of your favorite dishes and join us. See you then!!!

Church Meal

Since we weren't able to have a 5th Sunday meal in March with Easter falling on that Sunday, we are going to have a church meal on Sunday April 7th right after church. Bring several of your favorite dishes and join us. Helen and her group will be in the kitchen to take your dishes. Our next 5th Sunday meal will be the end of June.

Nurture Committee News

Thank you to all those who continue to support our Soup Ministry by contributing quart containers of soup, small casseroles and/or cookies, There are quart containers available in the Fellowship Hall. Donations are to go on the top shelf of the freezer there. Please label soup and the date. In the month of March, 21 contacts were made to members in our caring community by members of the Nurture ministry.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9-12pm Forest Festival using parking lot
7 9:00am Choir Practice 9:30am Adult Sunday School Meeting 11:30am Church Meal	8 10am Chat with Gregg	9 8:30am Devotion via Facebook with Gregg	10 9am The Amblers 12pm Senior Lunch 1pm Hooks and Needles 6pm The Chosen	11	12 9-7pm Fellowship Hall Reserved all day	13 10-1pm Touch a Truck
14 9:00am Choir Practice 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:30am Worship Meeting	15 10:00am Chat with Gregg 6pm Leadership Council Meeting	16 8:30am Devotion via Facebook Gregg	17 9am The Amblers 12pm Hooks and Needles	18 10am Jesus Bible Study in the Library	19 5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal	20 Newsletter articles are due to Elizabeth 5:00pm Wedding
21 9:00am Choir Practice 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:30am Greeting Cards on sale	22 10:00am Chat with Gregg	23 8:30am Devotion via Facebook with Pastor Stephen	24 9am The Amblers 12pm Hooks and Needles 4:30pm Nominations Meeting 6pm The Chosen	25 2pm Table Rock Tea Company Two or More (Small group)	26	27
28 9:00am Choir Practice 9:30am Adult Sunday School	29 10:00am Chat with Gregg	30 8:30am Devotion via Facebook with Gregg				



Eunice and John Adams, Jim Brackett(Donna Glenn), The Mocko Family(Andersons),
 Marie Karns(Geehreg), Pam Holt(Barbara Ochoa), Greg and Anita Morton(Collins),
 Frances Hammond, Skip Fenton, Kelly(Sandra and Lou), Charlene Felkel(Glenns),
 Donna (Lori Simpson's mom), Pam and Joe Drummond, Brock Warwick(Martha Mann),
 Tori Bell, Tahlia Bell(Singletons), Duane and Norma Barton, Buddy, Doris and Keith Madden, Sam (Donna
 Glenn), Heather Beam, The Williamson Family, Eleanor Collins.

Nursing Care

Assisted Living

The Downs - Betty Ambrose - 150 Downs Blvd. #D110 Clemson 29631
 Brookdale Central - Joann West, 131 Vickery Drive, Apr. 302, Central, SC 29630
 Pruitt - Nan Davis - 163 Love and Care Rd., Room 3, Six Mile, SC 29682
 Dominion - Billy Griffin - 100 Pershing Ave., Apt. #A128 Clemson, SC 29631

Signup online to
bring Altar Flowers



<https://bit.ly/3Tkph7E>

Memorials

Barbara Roberts

by Fred and Emily Hubbard
 Stephen and Diane Singleton

Mary Oaks

by Stephen and Diane Singleton



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Ministry Staff

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Maddie Sampson, Nursery

Ken Glenn, Treasurer

Penny Hall and Donna Glenn, Lay Leaders

Stephen Singleton, Lay Member to Annual Conference

Reverend Steven Patterson, District Superintendent

<https://lawrencechapel.church>

Church WiFi ID - LCMGuest

Password - PeaceBeWithYou!



**Join us for Choir practice at 9am.
Those wanting to attend Sunday School will leave at 9:30am
to catch Sunday School from 9:30am to 10:15am.
The rest of us will continue to practice. There should be
coffee or tea available before worship begins at 10:30am.**



**Food Pantry
Donations Needed**

The Goodness Grocery

Food pantry needs this month.

Jelly, pasta noodles, instant mashed potatoes, snack items, toilet paper, coffee, tea bags, bottled water, bath soap, tampons, tooth brushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, travel toiletries.

We also accept open bags of cat and dog food. Sometimes our pets taste buds change. We bag the pet food into smaller bags to share.

As you begin planting your vegetable gardens please remember the Goodness Grocery. Our friends enjoy fresh produce.

2024 Year to Date Summary Thru February 2024 Total Income/Expenses

Budget YTD	Expenses Paid YTD	Giving YTD	Variance
\$44,617	\$32,942	\$42,012*	Expenses to Giving \$9,070

*YTD General Fund gifts, tithes and offerings exceeded spending by \$9,070. However, please note that *giving in February includes the posting of an entire years' donation from a donor. Your generosity in supporting the work and ministry of Lawrence Chapel is greatly appreciated.

The Chosen Season 3

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 14 - Lesson 1 - FORGIVE
 August 28 - Lesson 2 - GO
 September 11 - Lesson 3 - GRIEVE
 September 25 - Lesson 4 - STAND
 October 9 - Lesson 5 - DELIGHT
 October 23 - Lesson 6 - ASK
 November 6 - Lesson 7 - WELCOME
 November 20 - Lesson 8 - TRUST JESUS

6:00-7:30pm Sunday School Room

Coming
Fall
2024



Purchase your Study
Guide at your favorite
bookseller.

The Way of the Chosen

Amanda Jenkins, Dallas Jenkins, & Douglas S. Huffman

Here is a list of LCUMC's Favorite Hymns

- Amazing Grace -Here I Am Lord (6votes each)
- Standing On The Promises, Great Is Thy Faithfulness (5 votes each)
- It Is Well With My Soul (Next 8 hymns 4votes each)
- Rock Of Ages (next 7 hymns 3 votes each)
- Be Thou My Vision
- Just As I Am
- How Great Thou Art
- Precious Lord
- Take Time To Be HolyI
- In The Garden
- I'll Fly Away
- Victory In Jesus
- For The Beauty Of The Earth
- Were You There
- Lord I Want To Be A Christian
- Open My Eyes
- Holy, Holy, Holy
- Jesus Calls Us
- Freely, Freely
- Be Not Afraid
- I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry
- Morning Has Broken
- Blessed Assurance
- Lord You Have Come To the Lakeshore
- Let There Be Peace On Earth
- He Leadeth Me
- What A Friend We Have In Jesus
- Pass It On
- This Is My Father's World
- Old Rugged Cross
- Shall We Gather At The River
- Lord, I Want To Be A Christian
- Nearer My God To Thee
- Whispering Hope
- Blest Are They





Keep on Trucking
Our annual Touch A Truck community event is
happening on Saturday, April 13th
from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Each year it gets bigger and better. Please consider
volunteering to help with this
event. We are expecting a big crowd!

Please sign up for Touch a Truck through this link
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tLpHOKH47XZYADmrCqI7o8Jx5QQfS66Php_ZloWi5To/edit?usp=sharing)
[1tLpHOKH47XZYADmrCqI7o8Jx5QQfS66Php_ZloWi5To](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tLpHOKH47XZYADmrCqI7o8Jx5QQfS66Php_ZloWi5To/edit?usp=sharing)
[/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tLpHOKH47XZYADmrCqI7o8Jx5QQfS66Php_ZloWi5To/edit?usp=sharing)

or email Sandra via email at
sandramagee006@gmailcom, 864-556-3004 or
Elizabeth 864-653-4461
to let them know you are available.

If you would like to write an encouraging message or
favorite Bible verse in one of the books we will hand
out to families, please let Deanna know so she can get
one to you.

CHILDREN'S

April



Newsletter



Spring Camp

Join us for our Spring Camp April 2nd-April 4th! It will be from 9-12 and we will have crafts, stories, play an instrument, have a snack, and pay outside. [Click this link to register.](#)

Tone Chimes/Choir

In April and May we will be learning a song to sing for Mother's Day. We hope you can join us to practice the new song!

Events

- Sundays at 10am-tone chimes/choir practice
- April 2nd-April 4th-Spring Camp 9-12
- April 7th-Meal after church
- April 13th-Touch a Truck from 10-1

What we are learning

We are in a new unit called "Mystery Manor." In this series, kids will be like detectives as they search for the answers to mysterious questions they often have about God, Jesus, the Bible, and heaven. They will learn that all the evidence we need to solve these mysteries is found in God's Word — the Bible! This series is designed to grow kids' faith and teach them how to search for God in His Word.

Volunteers



We can always use volunteers for the nursery, children's church, Spring Camp, and Touch a Truck. Click this link to sign up if you would like to spend time with these awesome kiddos! [Children's Church Sign Up](#)



April



Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2 Spring Camp	3	4	5	6	7 choir practice meal after church
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 choir practice
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 choir practice
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 choir practice
29	30					

Church to Home Connection

BIBLE SCAVENGER HUNT

This is an "active" scavenger hunt. Look up the Bible verses to find the missing word and complete each action checking them off as you do. Compete with others, time yourself, or just have fun! ☺

- Cover your _____ & bow to the nearest tree. Psalm 40:3
- Look in a _____ for 30 seconds. 1 Corinthians 13:12
- Turn on a _____, do five jumping jacks and then turn it off again. John 8:12
- Wash a dirty _____. Luke 22:42
- Stand on a _____ reach as high as you can. Psalm 18:2
- Open a _____, touch your toes 10 times, then close it. John 10:7-9

- Put a _____ around your waist. Ephesians 6:14
- See if you can find an _____. (But don't kill it!) Proverbs 6:6
- Toss a _____ in the air and catch it. 3 John 1:13
- Hold your _____ for 30 seconds. Acts 2:26
- Crawl under a _____ and count to fifty. Psalm 23:5
- Turn your _____ around backwards. Luke 6:29



This month try a Bible scavenger hunt with your kiddos! They can look up the verse and then act out the task. This is a great rainy day activity to get the kids moving around. [Click this link to get a printable one.](#)

