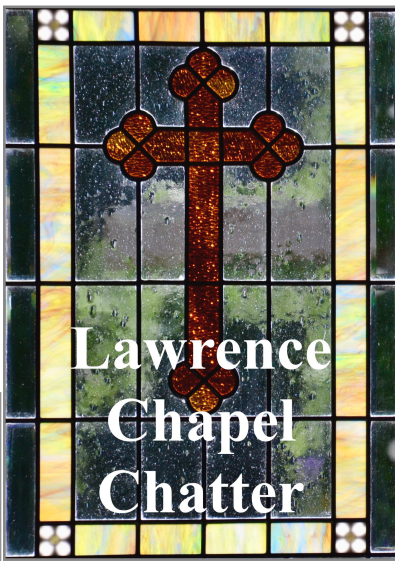


September 2026

Message from Justin!



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

9am-Noon

Pastor Justin Ritter



Support
your church
ministry.

For more than 118 years, Lawrence Chapel UMC has been a place of open hearts, open minds, and open doors in our community. It began when Mr. James Lawrence and Mrs. Lula Ramsay saw the need for a church where people could gather, worship God, grow in faith, and care for one another. Generation after generation has stepped forward in faith to support this church so that others could experience God's love and grace. **Now it is our turn.**

We are beginning a capital fund campaign to invest in the future of Lawrence Chapel and help ensure that this church continues to be a place of worship, service, fellowship, and community for years to come. Our goal is to raise \$100,000.

Our first priority is a new roof. While a roof may not sound very exciting, it is essential to protecting the place where we gather to worship, where children and families come together, and where so much of our ministry takes place. We also hope to make needed improvements to our narthex, doors, lighting, and other areas of our property to make our church safer, more accessible, and more welcoming.

But this campaign is about more than repairing a building. It is about strengthening our ministry. Every project is connected to our mission of "practicing the love and teachings of Jesus." We want our building to reflect the kind of church we seek to be: a place where children feel welcome, families can gather, neighbors can find help, and people can experience the grace of God.

We are grateful for those who came before us. They gave their time, resources, and faith to make sure Lawrence Chapel would be here for the next generation. Because of their faithfulness, we have a church to worship in today. Now we have the opportunity to do the same for those who will come after us.

I invite you to pray about how you might be part of this campaign. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us care for what God has entrusted to us and prepares us for the ministry God still has ahead. Together, we can keep our ministry strong, our doors open to all, and the love of Christ at the heart of this community for generations to come.

Love you all, Justin

September Senior Lunch



Senior Lunch will be on Wednesday, September 9th at 12:00pm. Bring a couple of your favorite dishes and join us for good food and good fellowship!!

Two or More

On September 3rd, Two or More has TWO equally wonderful opportunities to grab friends and attend!



Scott Lee's musical group "Eclipse" will be performing at 6pm at Your Pie at The Dockside location on Hwy 123. If you would like to attend I suggest we meet at 5:30pm for supper.

The Brooks Center is featuring a free concert by The Cerus Quartet at 7:30 pm the same evening!

Choose one or both! Grab your family and friends, and join us for food, fun and great music!



**2 Allen Burchfield
14 Jennifer Anderson
Donna Glenn
18 Steve Collins
24 Nan Davis**

29 Gregg and Cheryl Martin

Goodness Grocery

Please consider donating the following items:

Canned ravioli, spaghetti O's(store brand is fine),
pork and beans, mustard, ketchup, mayo, jelly, rice,
soup all varieties, chili beans, kidney beans,
pinto beans, evaporated milk,
bottled water, deodorant, toothpaste,
travel samples are great too.

We accept open bags of cat and dog food
(sometimes our pets taste buds change)

Thank you for your support.



Care Committee Update

Homemade soups, small casseroles are needed to fill the freezer in the fellowship hall. These are delivered to members with health issues. We so appreciate your effort.

If you know someone who is having surgery or sick please reach out to a member of our care committee Linda Regnier, Julie Weir, Ruth Abercrombie, Ann Fuhr, or Donna Glenn.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Each Sunday 9am Sunday School		1	2	3 10am QAVA Study Series 6pm Two or More at Your Pie 7:30pm at The Brooks Center	4	5
6	7 <i>Happy Labor Day!</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	8	9 12pm Senior Lunch 1pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/ youth	10 10am Luke in the Land	11	12
13 Epworth Day Offering	14 10am Coffee with Justin	15	16 12pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/ youth	17 10am QAVA Study Series	18 <i>Final Day for Newsletter articles.</i>	19
20 11:30am Greeting Cards on Sale in the fellowship hall	21 10m Coffee with Justin 6pm Leadership Council Meeting	22	23 12pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/ youth	24 10am Luke in the Land	25 Fellowship Hall Reserved	26 Fellowship Hall Reserved
27	28 10am Coffee with Justin	29	30 12pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/ youth			



Kelly(Sandra and Lou), Sam(Glenns), Drew Meyers, Gunther Nocht(Kris Ellenburg), Betty Ambrose, Rev. Bruce and Ann Sayre, Barbara Ochoa, Braelyn Hollensbe, Joann Holmes(Walter Hadden), Pat and Skip Fenton, Bob and Josie Geehreg, Cherie Pressley(Sandra and Lou), Tommy McCall(Wesley Ramey), Lesa Hendrick, Robyn Daffron(Anne Lee), Vera Crane(Heather Beam), Ray Smith(Cindy Arnold), Andrea Hyde(Laura Linder), Eddie Sweet(Morgans), Joyce Hartsell, Jean Thomas, Ginger Roper(Davisons), Anne Lee, Josh Howard(Lee), Julie Wardlaw, Linda Oakley (Julie Wardlaw), Gregg Martin, Ann Fuhr.

Nursing Care

Assisted Living

The Downs Skilled Nursing 500 Downs Blvd Room 31 - Betty Ambrose
Pruitt - Nan Davis - 163 Love and Care Rd., Room 1, Six Mile, SC 29682
Duane and Norma Barton - 515 Benton St. Apt. 110, Seneca, SC 29672



Tanner Files(Army), Cayden Bell(Marines), Matt Sanders (Air Force), Noble Swick(Air Force)(Singleton's), Jeremy Cassell (US Army), Logan and Stephanie Redding (US Coast Guard) (Colby Blakely).

Signup online to
bring Altar Flowers



***The annual Epworth Work Day
Offering will be collected on
Sunday, September 13th.***

***Please make your checks to
LCUMC!***

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



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Elizabeth Bowman, Financial Secretary
Dr. Amy Ahui, Music Director/Pianist
Deanna Phifer, Director of Children's Ministry
Ken Glenn, Treasurer
Suzi Harmon, Nursery
Stephen Singleton, Penny Hall and Donna Glenn, Lay Leaders
Stephen Singleton, Lay Member to Annual Conference***

Reverend James Friday, District Superintendent

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**Church WiFi ID - LCMGuest
Password - PeaceBeWithYou!**

Lawrence Chapel UMC Practices the Love and Teachings of Jesus

Fall Bible Study Series

Luke in the Land - Bible Study for Women with Video

Beginning August 27th.

Walking with Jesus in His First-Century World by Kristi McLelland. **Presented by Julie Drake.**

In our Bibles, we have four Gospels describing Jesus's time on earth: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The land of Israel—the place Jesus walked and taught during His earthly ministry—is often referred to as the "fifth Gospel."

Follow Kristi McLelland through Israel as we study snapshots from the Gospel of Luke to see where the stories of the Bible took place. Over 7 sessions in this Bible study workbook, challenge the way you read the accounts of Jesus through teaching videos that take you to locations in Israel like Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and the road to Emmaus. Along the way, you'll see how Jesus, the Messiah, brought His kingdom to earth for everybody.

DATES : Every Other Thursday beginning at 10am:

August 27 - Session One

September 10 - Session Two

September 24 - Session Three

October 8 - Session Four

October 22 - Session Five

November 5- Session Six

November 19 - Session Seven

Order your own book at Amazon or your favorite bookseller. <https://a.co/d/045CujTr>

QAVA STUDY SERIES “What Is God’s Will ?”

Beginning September 3rd.

Few questions haunt the Christian imagination more persistently than this one: What is God's will? We ask it at the crossroads of decision, in seasons of uncertainty, and often with an undercurrent of anxiety—as if the will of God were a narrow tightrope we might easily fall from if we take one wrong step.

But Scripture invites us to approach this question not with fear, but with formation.

If this question “What is God's will?” is stirring your heart, I want to invite you to go further with us in our flagship series, [Foundations of Faith](#). Part 2 of this collection, [What is God's Will?](#)—is a 4-part series that explores this theme biblically, theologically, and pastorally. **Presented by Stephen Singleton.**

DATES: Every Other Thursday beginning at 10am :

September 3 - Session One

September 17 - Session Two

October 1 - Session Three

October 15 - Session Four

Study material will be provided.

Blood Pressure Station

We now have a blood pressure station set up in Billy's classroom behind the wall. The station includes a monitor, sanitizing wipes, informational graphics, and a blood pressure log. You can take a log sheet and record your readings and use it over and over to monitor your results and share them with your medical professional if needed. If there are any issues with the monitoring machine, please let Heather know or let Elizabeth know and she will reach out to Heather. We hope this will be beneficial for everyone and help you keep track of your health and well-being.



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**Wednesday
Night
Children
and Youth
Group**

**4K-
12TH
GRADE**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026-DECEMBER
9, 2026**

5:30-7:30 (DINNER INCLUDED)

**GAMES, SONGS,
WORSHIP, AND A
CHRISTMAS
PRODUCTION**

SCAN
THE QR
CODE TO
LET US
KNOW
YOU ARE
COMING



BACK TO SCHOOL KICK OFF

Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who helped make the back to school kick off successful. We ended up giving out 124 pairs of shoes and 31 haircuts. We experienced a few road blocks with some of the hair dressers not showing up, but God provided haircuts to those that needed it. Our hair dressers that helped stayed over to make sure everyone received a hair cut!

The kids also loved the free snow cones and water slide! Everyone that came to the event felt the love of Jesus and the love of LCUMC!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Praying all our children, youth,
college students and teachers have a
wonderful year!





**Congratulations
to
Charlotte Peterson and
Claire David Phiher!**

**A special time in their church
life as we presented them
with their own Bibles.**



