

Message from Justin!

As we turn the calendar from March to April, I find myself humming the familiar words of “Hymn of Promise.” Many of you likely know it by heart:

*“In the bulb, there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree.
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free.
In the cold and snow of winter, there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.”*

There is something comforting about those words this time of year. All around us, the signs of new life are beginning to show. The birds are singing, trees are budding, flowers are blooming, and even the pollen reminds us that life and allergies are stirring again.

Spring unfolds slowly, and in that steady unfolding, we catch a glimpse of God’s promises coming to life right before our eyes.

That is what the season of Lent is meant to do within us. Lent reminds us that God is not finished with us yet. Just as there is life hidden within a seed or a bulb, there is something growing within each of us. If we are honest though, there are parts of our lives that feel dormant or weary. Lent is God’s invitation to pause and pay attention. It is a time to reflect on where we have wandered and to turn our hearts back toward the One who brings new life.

*“In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.”*

These words lead us to Easter on April 5th, when we proclaim the good news that new life is not just possible but promised in Jesus Christ. So, as we move through these final days of Lent, look for signs of God’s unfolding promise. Notice where new life is taking root in your own heart. Trust that, in God’s time, it will bloom. Love you all, 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.

April Senior Lunch

Senior Lunch will be on April 8th at 12:00. Y'all are in for a TREAT because lunch is being PROVIDED for you!!!! Don't bring any food!!! Just come and enjoy lunch and enjoy each other's company!!! Chef Justin has a really good meal planned!! See you on the 8th!!!!



4/2 Cheryl Martin
Elaine Masceri
4/9 Skip Fenton
Robert Harmon
4/12 Claire David Phifer
4/13 Kris Ellenburg
4/18 Emily Hubbard
4/19 Dot Burchfield
4/25 Brian Murphree
4/26 Roben Pickens
4/28 Mary Alice Match
4/29 Julie Drake



4/19 Tom and Connie Curtis
4/20 Alex and Brooke Foster

Goodness Grocery

Please consider donating the following items:

Rice, dried beans, pasta sauce, pasta noodles, jelly, cake mixes, frosting, flour, sugar, biscuit mix, evaporated milk, toilet paper individually wrapped, bottled water, dish detergent, laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant.



Thank you to everyone who helped spruce up around the church. It looks amazing. We mulched, pulled shrubs, pressure washed sidewalks, the sanctuary, fellowship hall, goodness grocery, pews were polished along with woodwork in the sanctuary, tables, chairs, cabinets and countertops were cleaned in the fellowship hall. Great job everybody!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/youth	2 6pm Maundy Thursday Service at LC	3 6pm Good Friday Service at Mt. Zion	4
5 7am Easter Sunrise Service in the Cemetery 10:30am Worship	6 Church Office Closed No Coffee with Justin	7	8 12pm Senior Lunch 1:00pm Hooks and Needles	9	10	11 6-12pm Parking lot reserved
12	13 10am Coffee with Justin	14	15 12pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/youth	16 10am Who Is God?	17 Final Day for Newsletter articles.	18 10-1pm Touch a Truck
19 11:30am Outreach greeting cards on sale.	20 10am Coffee with Justin 6pm Leadership Council Meeting	21	22 12pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/youth	23	24	25
26	27 10am Coffee with Justin	28	29 12pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/youth	30 10am Who Is God?		Each Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 9:15am Choir Practice



Marie Karns(Geehreg), Kelly(Sandra and Lou), Sam(Glenns),
 Brenda Hammond(Connie Curtis), Drew Meyers, Gunther Nocht(Kris Ellenburg),
 Betty Ambrose, Rev. Bruce and Ann Sayre, Barbara Ochoa, Braelyn Hollensbe, Joann
 Holmes(Walter Hadden), Jean Thomas, Pat and Skip Fenton,
 Bob and Josie Geehreg, David and Betsy McJunkin, Cherie Pressley(Sandra and Lou), Zack,
 Morgan and Cameron Martin, Jimmy Goodnight, Tommy McCall(Wesley Ramey),
 Lesa Hendrick, Robyn Daffron(Anne Lee), The Hammond Family(Connie Curtis),
 Vera Crane(Heather Beam), Ray Smith(Cindy Arnold), Andrea Hyde(Laura Linder),
 Maggie(Davisons), Gwen Hummel, Joyce Hartsell, Eddie Sweet(Morgans), Meredith Hall,
 The Family of Jim Brackett and Donna Glenn.

Nursing Care

Assisted Living

The Downs Skilled Nursing 500 Downs Blvd Room 31 - Betty Ambrose
 Pruitt - Nan Davis - 163 Love and Care Rd., Room 3, Six Mile, SC 29682
 Dominion - Ken George
 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**



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



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Congregation, Ministers

Reverend Justin Ritter, Pastor
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 Steven Patterson, District Superintendent

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Church WiFi ID - LCMGuest
Password - PeaceBeWithYou!

YTD Income/Expense Summary Thru February 2026

Budget YTD	Expenses Paid YTD	Giving YTD	Variance Expenses to Giving
\$44,496.00	\$40,366.09	\$55,767.19	\$15,401.10

Year to Date 2026 General Fund gifts, tithes and offerings (YTD February 2026). Your financial contributions to Lawrence Chapel are tremendous, exceeded only by the commitment of your time, talents, and other resources as you engage in and support the ministries, outreach, and services of Lawrence Chapel UMC. You make so many things possible in service to Jesus Christ. God bless you.



Two or More will announce the monthly events in the Thursday Weekly and at the Sunday service rather than the monthly newsletter. We are looking for people to volunteer to plan events starting with an event for April! Donna Glenn held the planning meeting in January, Renee' Lambert organized the Valentine's Day Tea in February and Julie Drake lined up lunch on March 25th (11:30) at Nellie Ruth's Southern kitchen with a walk through Ram Cat Alley in Seneca. You all are welcome to participate in as much or as little as is feasible for you!

Contact Donna Glenn if you can help in planning a month!

Holy Week 2026

LAWRENCE CHAPEL UMC

MARCH 29



**PALM
SUNDAY**

Worship:
10:30 AM

HOSANNA!

APRIL 2



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

Worship:
6:00 PM

**Do this in
Remembrance
of me.**

APRIL 3

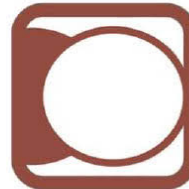


**GOOD
FRIDAY**

Worship:
6:00 PM
Mt. Zion UMC

Tenebrae

APRIL 5



**EASTER
DAY**

Sunrise- 7AM

Worship:
10:30 AM

HE IS RISEN!

**Join us during Holy Week for these
meaningful worship services.**





‘Who Is God?’

Foundations of Faith Series

Led by Stephen Singleton

Every Other Thursday at 10:00am

Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church

DATE	EPISODES	TOPICS
April 16	Episodes 1-2	Who Is God? • God Is Merciful & Compassionate
April 30	Episodes 3-4	God Is Slow To Anger • God Is Abounding In Love
May 14	Episodes 5-6	God Is Faithful • God Is Holy
May 28	Episodes 7-8	God Is Infinite • God Is Unchanging
June 11	Episodes 9-10	God Is Self-Sufficient • God Is Eternal
June 25	Episodes 11-13	God Is Omniscient • God Is Omnipotent • God Is Omnipresent

Whether you are new to Bible study or have walked with Christ for many years, you are welcome.

QAVA video series by Pastor Tony Calabrese



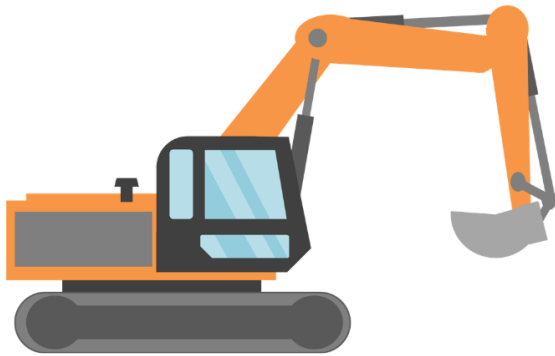
Care Committee Update

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



TOUCH ↑ TRUCK

Free Fun For All!
Saturday, April 18th
10am-1pm



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Wednesday
Night
Children
and Youth
Group

4K-
12TH
GRADE

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
FEBRUARY 4, 2026-APRIL 29TH
5:30-7:30 (DINNER INCLUDED)

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING





Worship Committee

I would like to make an Easter garden around the cross like I did last year and I was hoping if there would be some people who would donate or lend some potted flowers to the worship committee. Any kind of potted flowers will be accepted, and if you would like to donate them; they will go to someone who needs them after the Easter season, or if you would like to lend them to us and we can get it back to you after the Easter season is over. Please drop off the potted flowers the week leading up to Easter at the church office and they will be put in before Easter Sunday.

Please bring fresh cut flowers on Easter morning to decorate the crosses.

Thank you so much and I am looking forward to this upcoming Easter season!

Erin Beam and the Worship Committee



Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Update

Wow! What a wonderful outpouring of both monetary and snack donations, Lawrence Chapel UMC gave recently to support the FCA trip to Jacksonville, Florida on March 16th! As a group we were able to collect 2,432 individually wrapped snacks of all kinds to nourish them on their mission trip. I am so proud of our response to this wonderful group of young people. Thanks for all you do to support our community. Blessings to one and all!

