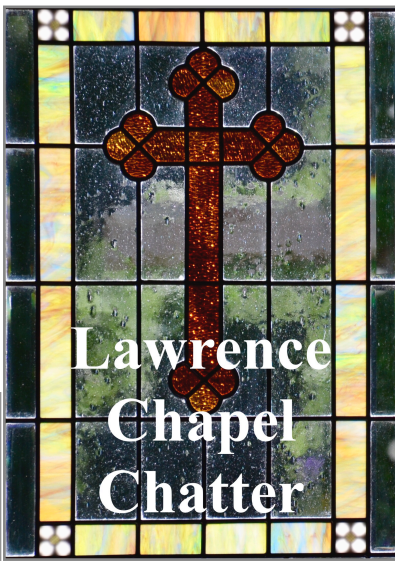


November 2025

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.

It's finally fall! There is something about this season that lifts my spirit; cooler mornings, colorful leaves, football on TV, and yes... pumpkin pie! I love this time of year and I know many of you do, too. In the life of the church, fall also marks the beginning of a busy and meaningful season. From now through early January, we'll journey through Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Our staff and ministry teams are working hard to ensure these weeks are filled with opportunities to worship, serve, and celebrate together. I hope you'll be part of it all.

As we move into November, it's also the time when churches begin looking toward a new year. While Lawrence Chapel doesn't hold a formal stewardship campaign, this season still invites us to reflect on what stewardship really means. Often when we hear that word, we think of money, but stewardship is much more than that. As baptized Christians, we've made a covenant with God to support the church through our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. That's what true stewardship looks like: offering our whole lives in gratitude to God.

During our "Meet the Pastor" gathers, I've heard over and over how people describe Lawrence Chapel as a loving, caring church, a place that truly seeks to share the love of Christ with the community. And I've seen that in action in the food we stock in our Goodness Grocery, in the shoes we've given to the school children, in the soup our youth prepared for the nurture committee to share, and in the countless ways we open our doors to the community. This is who we are! We are a church that loves, serves, and witnesses to the goodness of God!

As we move through this season of thanksgiving and generosity, I invite you to reflect on how you might live out your commitment to Christ and to the church. How will you offer your Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness in the months ahead? Whether you're already deeply involved or just beginning to find your place, there is a role for you in what God is doing through Lawrence Chapel. If you're wondering where to start, reach out! There is always room at the table! Love you all!

November Senior Lunch

Senior Lunch will be on Wednesday, November 12th at noon. Bring your favorite dishes and join us for good food and fellowship!! The theme will be Thanksgiving!!



5th Sunday Meal

We will have a 5th Sunday meal on Sunday, November 30th right after church. This will be a potluck so bring several of your favorite dishes and join us for good food and good fellowship!! Helen and her committee will be in the kitchen at 10:00am to take your dishes. Please be sure your food is cooked as we need the ovens to keep food warm. The theme will be Christmas holiday!!



- 1 Barbara Ochoa
- LaKay Blakely
- Lucretia Morgan
- 8 Sharon Match
- 9 Lexie Simpson
- Jeffery Stone
- 17 Doris Madden
- 19 Ann Fuhr
- Nicole Garrett
- 20 Jean Thomas
- Abigail Harmon
- Kiya Harmon
- 24 Rev. Gregg Martin
- 26 Eleanor Collins
- 30 Maishia Tucker
- Buddy Madden

22 Skip and Evelyn Davison

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 1st Sunday in Advent Hanging of the Greens 11:30am 5th Sunday Meal	Each Sunday 9am Sunday School 9:15am Choir Practice					1
2 All Saint's Sunday 3:45pm Worship Committee Mtg.	3 10:00am Coffee with Justin	4	5 12:00pm Hooks and Needles 6:00pm Children/youth	6	7	8
9 3pm Two or More Foothills Playhouse	10 10am Coffee with Justin	11	12 12pm Senior Lunch 1pm Hooks and Needles 1:00pm Cemetery Meeting 6:00pm Children/youth	13	14 Newsletter articles are due to Elizabeth	15
16 11:30am Outreach Greeting Cards on sale 4pm Church Conference at Clemson UMC	17 10:00am Coffee with Justin No Leadership Council Meeting	18	19 12pm Hooks and Needles 6:00pm Children/youth	20 10:00am The Chosen	21	22
23	24 10:00am Coffee with Justin 11:00am Decorate for advent Tentative	25	26 12pm Hooks and Needles 6:00pm Children/youth	27 Happy Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	28	29



Nursing Care

Assisted Living



Marie Karns(Geehrens), Kelly(Sandra and Lou), Sam(Glenns), Duane and Norma Barton,
Rylan and Family(Heather Beam), Barbara Ochoa, Brenda Hammond(Connie),
Drew Meyers, Joseph Lorincz and Gunther Nocht(Kris Ellenburg),
Jim Brackett(Donna Glenn), Betty Ambrose, Rev. Bruce and Ann Sayre,
Jenny Harmon, Braelyn Hollensbe, Joann Holmes(Walter Hadden),
Jean Thomas, Julie Wardlaw, Bob and Josie Geehrens, Pat and Skip Fenton,
Gregg, Cheryl, Zach, Morgan and Cameron Martin, David and Betsy McJunkin,
Gwen Hummel, Jimmy Goodnight(Gwen's Dad) and the Goodnight Family,
Liam Pickens(Catie Pickens).

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).

Memorials for Eunice Adams

By Ed and Karen Braswell

Signup online to
bring Altar Flowers



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Dr. Amy Ahui, Music Director/Pianist
Deanna Phifer, Director of Children's Ministry
Ken Glenn, Treasurer
Suzi Harmon, Nursery
Penny Hall and Donna Glenn, Lay Leaders
Stephen Singleton, Lay Member to Annual Conference
Reverend Steven Patterson, District Superintendent

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Lawrence Chapel UMC Practices the Love and Teachings of Jesus

YTD Income/Expense Summary Thru September 2025

Budget YTD	Expenses Paid YTD	Giving YTD	Variance Expenses to Giving
\$185,893.00	\$179,096.18	\$165,738.93	\$13,357.25

Year to Date 2025 General Fund gifts, tithes and offerings (YTD January-September 2025) lagged YTD General Fund expenses by **\$13,357.25**. With September lagging expenses by **\$13,357.25** we are trending down. Your financial contributions to Lawrence Chapel make ministry happen and are greatly appreciated. You make so many things possible in service to Jesus Christ. God bless you.

Message from Evelyn, Photo Card Ministry

First and foremost: Thank you to all that continue to support this ministry. I enjoy taking the photos for the cards and the ones that have been generously given to me for the collection.

This ministry was started when Pastor Peggy, fan of Camp Salkehatchie and wanting to help with their mission by providing the campers with a meal, presented the idea of offering my cards to Lawrence Chapel to raise money to support the cost of the meal. Except for the first few years this ministry has covered the cost of all the meals served. My faithful volunteers each year were excellent. It is the only committee that I have served that I didn't have to ask for help, they came to me before I had to ask. The final church sale for 2025 will be on Sunday, Nov. 16th after church service in the Fellowship Hall. Too many cards to display for the library space. Cost is still only \$2.00 a card. What a bargain!!!! Please come and view what is available. Clemson Tigers, flowers, beach, Biltmore, animals, and interior/exterior of Lawrence Chapel to cover the season of our church. Even arial photo of our church and the mountains. Wrapped with a Christmas ribbon and you have an inexpensive but homemade gift for family or friend or hostess gift. If you miss Nov. 16th just contact me and we can set up a convenient time to view the cards. December is such a busy time so shop early.

The South Carolina Office of Resilience is proud to announce the grand opening of four regional offices to support long term disaster recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene.

- Region 1 Office: Tuesday, September 23 at 11:00 am. The office is located at **100 Church Street, Central, SC 29630. 864-870-9996**

Each regional office is staffed with a team of disaster case managers. Disaster case management (DCM) is a process involving a partnership between a case manager and a survivor with disaster caused unmet needs. Both the survivor and case manager work to develop an Individualized Recovery Plan addressing unmet needs, whether these are physical, financial or emotional, by connecting citizens to a variety of resources. In addition to working with resources from non-profit and other sources, case managers also conduct intake for SCOR's state and federally funded housing recovery programs, which focus on the repair and replacement of homes damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Helene. More information about these programs can be found at scor.sc.gov/helene.



Care Committee Update

The Nature Committee thanks all of you who have added the homemade soups, small casseroles and desserts to the freezer in the fellowship hall. These have been delivered to members with health issues. We so appreciate your effort.



Country Santa

Collecting begins Nov. 1- Dec. 7

Younger Children

Toys, bikes, trikes, puzzles, books, art supplies, dolls, action figures, trucks, balls, bats, cars, games, trains, stuffed animals, and Legos.

Teens

Hairbrushes, curling irons, hair barrettes, makeup, perfume, lotions, bath gel, nail polish, hats, scarves, gloves, Rubik's Cube (without colors), and other fidget toys such as the Shashibo Shape Shifting box, other games, soccer and footballs, nail kits, gift cards, etc.

We will shop for you if you would rather make a monetary donation!
Help make Christmas brighter for children in Pickens County.



Two or More Gatherings

Sunday, November 9, 2025

3:00 arrive at least 15 minutes prior. Donna Glenn has pre-ordered \$10 tickets for the following people who RSVP'd.

Donna & Ken, Linda R, Ann F, Ruth A, Julie Weir, Julie D, Lee & Kris, Walter & daughter, Scott, Pat & Skip, Cindy A

Foothills Theatre in Easley

201 S Fifth St Easley, SC 29640

Tickets may still be purchased at the website below:

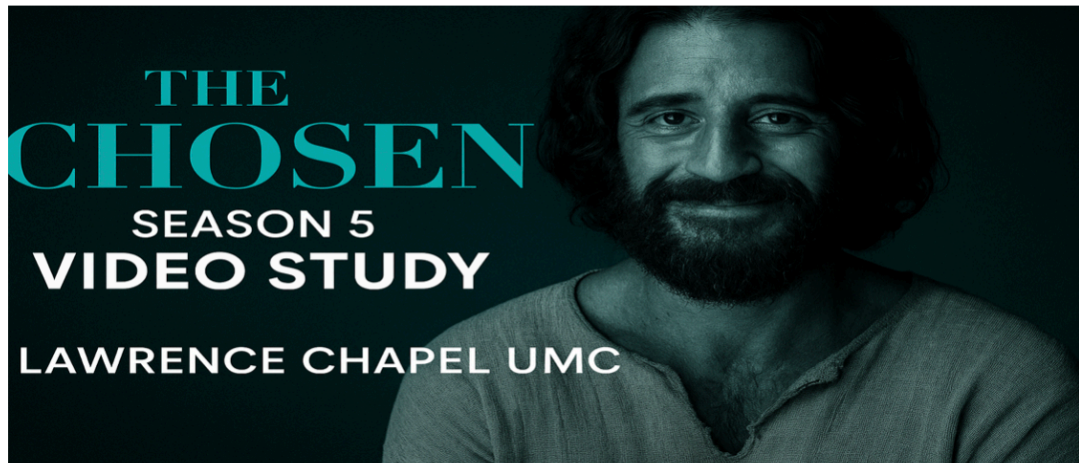
<https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/tix/1/myvouchers>

If that doesn't work go to the Foothills website and order there

or call the theatre at (864) 855-1817

****Thursday, December 18th 10:00***

The Chosen Christmas Movie at LCUMC with a light lunch being served. *RSVP to Donna Glenn by December 11th so we make sure we enough food!*



The table is set. The people of Israel welcome Jesus as king while his disciples anticipate his crowning. But instead of confronting Rome, he turns the tables on the Jewish religious festival. Their power threatened, the country's religious and political leaders will go to any length to ensure this Passover meal is Jesus' last.

Join us beginning November 20 as we journey to the cross with The Chosen Season 5. Dates as listed. This study is open to everyone.

All sessions at 10:00am on Thursday - in the church Library. We will not go over 90 minutes.

Lesson 1 - Video - Entry. **NOVEMBER 20**
Lesson 2 - Video - House of Cards. **DECEMBER 4**
—> CHRISTMAS SPECIAL / Video Special. **DECEMBER 18 (Two hours)**
Lesson 3 - Video - Woes. **JANUARY 15**
Lesson 4 - Video - The Same Coin. **JANUARY 29**
Lesson 5 - Video - Because of Me . **FEBRUARY 12**
Lesson 6 - Video - Reunions. **FEBRUARY 26**
Lesson 7 - Video - The Upper Room Part 1. **MARCH 12**
Lesson 8 - Video - The Upper Room Part 2. **MARCH 26**

April 3 - GOOD FRIDAY
April 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

STUDY GUIDES:

NOTE!!! I will be using the FREE Study Guide for Season 5. Let me know if you are attending and I will send you the PDF or print a copy for you.

- **FREE** - Resource from The Bible Artist. One Page Study. Bring your bibles to class to dig into scripture before and after watching the movie.
- Type Link here in your browser: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/11oJMqBaBj3csAl9aPBRoho6-Qoaza0K2/view?usp=sharing>

You may use this study guide if you want a more in-depth study.

- The **Interactive Bible Study Guide** same as we have been using. Purchase your own copy at your favorite Book Seller. Runs from \$ 15.00 and up.



Goodness Grocery Thanksgiving Food Drive

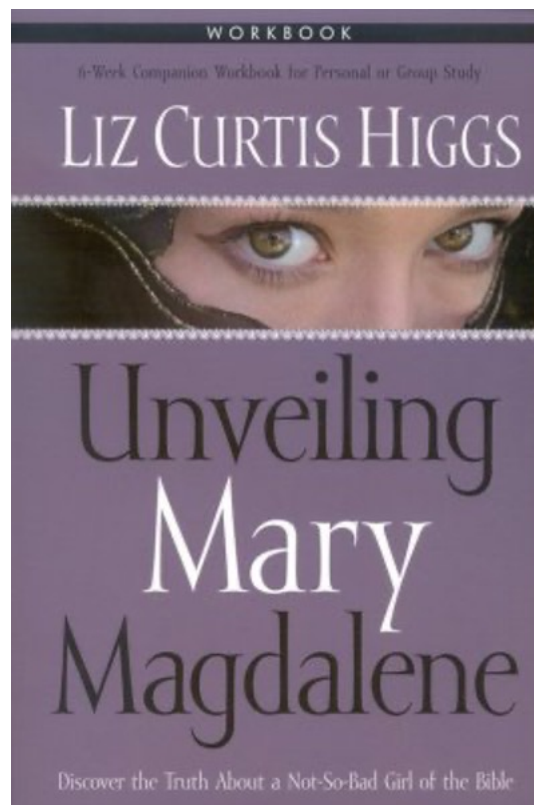
We will be providing Thanksgiving Meals to our neighbors at the Goodness Grocery.

Please consider donating the following items:

Turkeys or turkey breasts, jarred gravy, cranberry sauce, canned fried onions, boxed stuffing mix, large cans of green beans, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, mac and cheese, quarts of chicken broth, fresh sweet potatoes, baking potatoes, brown sugar, sugar, flour, oil, corn bread mix, browning mix, cake mix, frosting, pumpkin pie filling, apple pie filling, pie crust, salt, pepper, cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice, ground nutmeg, whole cloves, ground ginger, garlic powder, onion powder, poultry seasoning and sage.

Children/Youth Events





BIBLE STUDY starting **December 4, 2025**. If you have been watching “The Chosen” (which will start back up with Season 5 on November 20th), you have noticed the role that Hollywood has given Mary Magdalene. Everyone and anyone is invited to join me for a study of Mary Magdalene written by Liz Curtis Higgs (the author of “Bad Girls of the Bible”). Let's find out what the Bible has to say about her?

Please contact the church office or Pat Fenton (910-393-9001 or pfenton9@yahoo.com) to sign up for this study. We will be meeting on the dates alternating with Season 5 of “The Chosen.” Our first meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. in the church library. We will then meet every other Thursday morning beginning on Jan. 15, Jan. 29, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, March 12, and March 26.