

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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Central, SC 29630
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Church Office Hours
Mon-Tue-Thu
9:00am-1:00pm
Wed
9am-Noon

Pastor Justin Ritter



Support your church ministry.

Message from Justin!

March arrives with small but welcome signs of change. The days grow longer, the air feels a bit warmer, and reminders of new life begin to appear. Along with these changes, March also brings us into the season of Lent. Lent invites us to slow down, take an honest look at our lives, and pay attention to how closely we are following the way of Jesus.

Last month, we spent time reflecting on love as the foundation of discipleship. Lent now asks us to move from reflection into action. Love is not just something we talk about or feel. Love is something we practice in everyday life. It shapes how we treat one another, how we respond when things are difficult, and how we stay connected to God even when faith feels challenging.

Lent gives us space to be intentional. It is a season for prayer, for spending time with Scripture, and for serving others with care and humility. It is also a time to notice what distracts us from God and to let some of those things go. These practices are not about doing everything right. They are about turning our hearts in the right direction.

As we walk through these forty days together, we are invited to ask where our faith is leading us and how we can grow in love, grace, and mercy. God meets us exactly where we are, and God continues to shape us into who we are meant to be.

Through worship, learning, sharing our faith, and serving our neighbors, we step into the new life God offers. Each prayer, each act of kindness, and each step taken in love prepares our hearts for Easter. May this season help us walk faithfully, with open hearts and hope, trusting that even small steps matter in God's work among us.

Love you all, Justin

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!

March Senior Lunch

Senior lunch will be on Wednesday, March 11th at noon. Bring several of your favorite dishes and enjoy good food and fellowship!! Wear green since we will celebrate St. Patty's Day!!

5th Sunday Meal



The Kitchen Committee would like to invite you to join us for our 5th Sunday Meal on March 29th right after church. It's been a while since we have gotten together to enjoy good food and fellowship, so bring a couple of your favorite dishes and join us.

Helen and her team will be in the kitchen at 10:00am to take your dishes. Please be sure your dishes are cooked since we will need the ovens to keep food warm.

We will be celebrating Easter!!



3/1 Cindy Arnold
3/7 Connie Curtis
3/8 John Mixson
3/10 Viky Thompkins
3/14 Jan Whitten
3/17 Lyn Mixson
3/19 Dakota Ellenburg

3/17 Clayton and Ashley Peterson
3/19 Fred and Emily Hubbard

Goodness Grocery

Please consider donating the following items:

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



**Work Day on
Saturday, March 21st
9:00am**

**Volunteers needed to help!
Contact
Jeff Hall or the church office.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 10am Coffee with Justin	3	4 12pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/youth	5 10am The Chosen	6	7
8	9 10am Coffee with Justin	10	11 12pm Senior Lunch 1:00pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/youth	12 10am The Chosen	13	14
15 11:30am Outreach greeting cards on sale.	16 10am Coffee with Justin 6pm Leadership Council Meeting	17	18 12pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/youth	19	20 Final Day for Newsletter articles.	21 9am Church workday
22	23 10am Coffee with Justin	24	25 11:30am Two or More Lunch 12pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/youth	26 10am The Chosen	27	28 9-12 Audit
29 Palm Sunday 11:30am 5th Sunday Meal	30 10am Coffee with Justin	31				Each Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 9:15am Choir Practice



Marie Karns(Geehreng), Kelly(Sandra and Lou), Sam(Glenns),
 Brenda Hammond(Connie Curtis), Drew Meyers, Gunther Nocht(Kris Ellenburg),
 Jim Brackett(Donna Glenn), Betty Ambrose, Rev. Bruce and Ann Sayre, Barbara Ochoa,
 Braelyn Hollensbe, Joann Holmes(Walter Hadden), Jean Thomas, Pat and Skip Fenton,
 Bob and Josie Geehreng, Rick Brezeale(Stanley Morgan), David and Betsy McJunkin,
 Cherie Pressley(Sandra and Lou), Zack, Morgan and Cameron Martin, Jimmy Goodnight,
 Tommy McCall(Wesley Ramey), Nancy and Ralph Porter, Chris Hooper (Stanley),
 Lesa Hendrick, Robyn Daffron(Anne Lee), Melissa Hammond and family(Connie Curtis),
 Vera Crane(Heather Beam), Ray Smith(Cindy Arnold),
 Andrea Hyde(Laura Linder), Anita Richardson, Maggie(Davisons).

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

<https://lawrencechapel.church>

Church WiFi ID - LCMGuest
Password - PeaceBeWithYou!

YTD Income/Expense Summary Thru January 2026

Budget YTD	Expenses Paid YTD	Giving YTD	Variance Expenses to Giving
\$22,248.00	\$20,294.13	\$28,738.63	\$8,444.50

Year to Date 2026 General Fund gifts, tithes and offerings (YTD January 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.



Care Committee Update

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



Two or More

**Join us at 11:30am on
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
at Nellie Ruth's Southern Kitchen
695 By Pass 123
Seneca, SC 29678**

**After lunch, anyone interested is invited to
explore the specialty shops
at Ram Cat Alley.**

**Please RSVP to Julie Drake or Donna Glenn
by Monday, March 23rd so we can let the
restaurant know how many to expect.**

**We hope you'll join us for good food and
sweet fellowship!**

Who Is God ?

LESSON GUIDE

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**Every other
Thursday at
10:00am**

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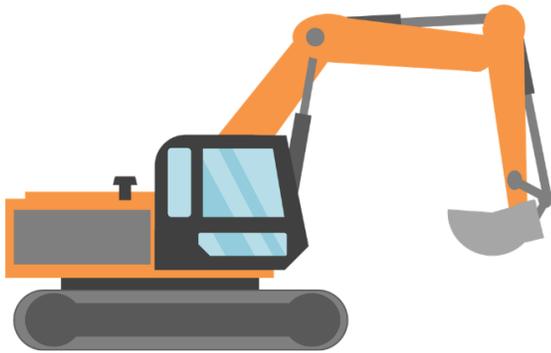
Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church is launching a new BIBLE STUDY using the QAVA video series “Who Is God?”, part of the Foundations of Faith curriculum. In this 13-episode series, Pastor Tony Calabrese walks through the essential attributes of God—His holiness, mercy, justice, love, faithfulness, and more—so we can build our faith on unshakable truth. Each week we will watch a teaching segment or two together and then open Scripture for discussion, reflection, and prayer.

This study will be taught by Stephen Singleton at Lawrence Chapel UMC. Together we will look at passages like Exodus 34, where God reveals His name, His character, and His heart to be known, and consider how a deeper understanding of who God is shapes our everyday lives. Whether you are new to Bible study or have walked with Christ for many years, you are welcome.



TOUCH ↑ TRUCK

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



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METHODIST CHURCH**

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2101 SIX MILE HIGHWAY CENTRAL, SC 29630

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 wanted to come here and ask a big favor. 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

Outreach Ministry Update

The Outreach Ministry so appreciates your stewardship each year as you support Lawrence Chapel's various activities. We all have our personal budgets we must manage, including our tithes and other donations. The list below shows the schedule of outreach opportunities throughout the year. We hope this will help you plan ahead as you balance your finances with our efforts to practice the love and teachings of Jesus with those in our community who need assistance.

Outreach/Worship Committee Annual Assistance Requests

First Quarter

Late Jan. – Early Feb. Souper Bowl Hearty Soup Drive

Mid Feb. -Pancake Supper Ash Wednesday donations to support Children's Ministries

Late Feb. – Early March FCA Snack Drive

2nd Quarter

April – Easter Lillies

Touch a Truck

Easter Basket items for food pantry

May – Epworth Mother's Day offering

Third Quarter

July – Back to School Shoes

July – Salkehatchie Camp Meal served at Pendleton Methodist Church

September – Epworth Work Day offering

Fourth Quarter

November-December - Thanksgiving & Christmas basket items for food pantry

Country Santa

Wreaths Across America

Poinsettias

Staff Love Offering

Ongoing –

Food Pantry contributions

Children & Youth Meals

Capital Campaigns

Salkehatchie Meal Greeting Card Sales

