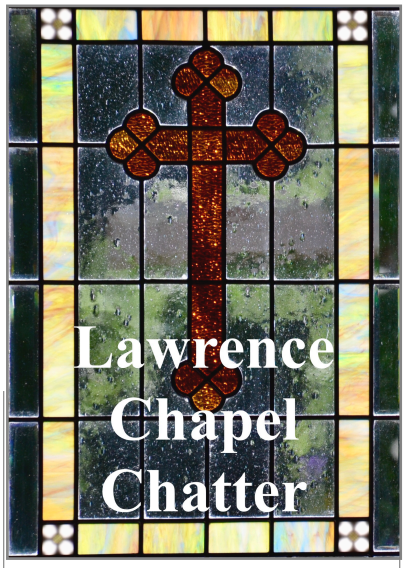


November 2026

Message from Justin!

The following is a summary of my State of the Church Report.

As I reflect on my second year serving Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church, I am thankful for this congregation and the ways we continue to practice the love and teachings of Jesus. It is a privilege to walk alongside you through the joys and challenges of life, and my time here has truly fed my soul.

Lawrence Chapel continues to make a difference in our community through ministries like Goodness Grocery, our back-to-school outreach, Touch a Truck, children's and youth programs, Bible studies, and care for our homebound members and neighbors in need. These ministries remind us that the church is more than a building. We are called to share the love of Jesus in our community and beyond.

We are grateful for the generosity of this congregation. Our finances remain stable, we continue to pay 100% of our apportionments, and our capital campaign has raised just under $60,000, allowing us to complete our roof project. We still have work ahead as we care for our facilities and look for ways to involve more people in ministry. One important priority is helping our youth and young adults grow in faith and develop a lasting relationship with Jesus.

Personally, serving Lawrence Chapel has renewed my hope for the church. Your love has reminded me that people with different perspectives can come to the table, listen, and have meaningful conversations. Our unity is not found in agreeing on everything, but in being rooted in Jesus Christ.

As Philippians 1:6 reminds us, "The one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." I believe God is still at work among us, and I look forward to what lies ahead. Thank you for allowing me to serve alongside you. It is a blessing to be part of this congregation.

The full State of the Church report is available in our Charge Conference packet.

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.

November Senior Lunch

Senior Lunch will be on Wednesday, Nov. 11th at 12:00pm. Bring a couple of your favorite dishes and join us for good food and fellowship. The theme will be a Thanksgiving theme!!



5th Sunday Meal

The 5th Sunday meal on Nov 29th will be our Holiday Meal! Bring several of your favorite holiday dishes and join us as we celebrate the beginning of Advent and the holiday season!! Please be sure your dishes are cooked as we will need the ovens to keep the food warm. See you on the 29th!!

Request from the Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee appreciates everyone who attends any of the meals we have at the church. The meals are a wonderful time for fellowship and good food and are enjoyed by everyone.
We would like to ask that everyone please take home any food or desserts that you bring to the meal when you leave. It is always a dilemma for us to decide what to do with food that is left. Nothing needs to be left that will be a " temptation for bugs and mice".
If food or desserts are left after any meal, they will be disposed of. This has been a concern for a while, and we hope everyone will understand and help us with this request. If you have any questions please be in touch with Helen.
Thank you for your help and understanding.

Cookie Exchange

Two or More Presents: An Old-Fashioned Cookie Swap!

Monday, December 14th at 4:00 PM
Lawrence Chapel UMC Fellowship Hall
2101 Six Mile Hwy, Central, SC 29631



Let's share some Christmas sweetness! Bring as many cookies as you would like to take home, plus one extra dozen to help us pack gift boxes and holiday meal bags for our homebound friends, those in nursing homes or assisted living, and others who could use a reminder that God loves them!

Our goal is simple: to share the love of Jesus, one sweet treat at a time! Bring an extra container to pack your take home cookies in. We will provide containers for our give aways.

Come enjoy good fellowship, homemade cookies, and the joy of giving. Everyone is welcome!

Finance Update

Finance Summary, September 2026	**Month**	**Year to Date**	**Budget**
Giving	$19,894.26	$183,023.37	Monthly- $22,248.00
Expenses	$19,765.08	$182,985.50	YTD- $200,232.00
Variance Expenses to Giving	$129.18	$37.87	
Capital Campaign		**$55,525.89**	**$100,000.00**

We are grateful to share that our capital fund campaign has now raised just under $56,000! Thank you to everyone who has given and to those who have continued to pray for this project. Because the roof is our most immediate need, we began the process of getting the new roof installed and it has been completed. While we are thankful for what has already been given, we still have more to raise to pay for the roof and complete the other projects included in our capital campaign. Every gift, large or small, helps us move closer to our goal. Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your continued support of Lawrence Chapel. Together, we are caring for what has been entrusted to us and preparing this church for the generations who will come after us.

LAWRENCE CHAPEL UMC

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ***All Saint's Sunday***	**2** *10am* *Coffee with Justin*	**3**	**4** *12pm Hooks and Needles* *5:30pm Children/ youth*	**5** *10am* *Luke in the Land*	**6**	**7**
8	**9** *10am* *Coffee with Justin*	**10**	**11** ***12pm Senior Lunch*** *1pm Hooks and Needles* *5:30pm Children/ youth*	**12**	**13** ***Final Day for Newsletter articles.***	**14**
15 ***11:30m Greeting Cards on sale*** ***4pm Charge Conference at Clemson UMC***	**16** *10am* *Coffee with Justin* *6pm Leadership Council Meeting*	**17**	**18** ***12pm Senior Lunch*** *12pm Hooks and Needles* *5:30pm Children/ youth*	**19** *10am* *Luke in the Land*	**20**	**21**
22	**23** ***No Coffee with Justin*** ***10am Decorate Sanctuary for Advent***	**24**	**25** *12pm Hooks and Needles* ***No Children/ youth***	**26** **Happy Thanksgiving Church Office Closed**	**27**	**28**
29 ***Hanging of the Green's Service***	**30** *10am* *Coffee with Justin*					***Each Sunday 9am Sunday School***

Prayer List

Kelly(Sandra and Lou),Drew Meyers, Gunther Nocht(Kris Ellenburg), Betty Ambrose, Rev. Bruce and Ann Sayre, Braelyn Hollensbe, Pat and Skip Fenton, Bob and Josie Geehreng, 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), Joyce Hartsell, Ginger Roper(Davisons), Josh Howard(Lee), Ray(Linda Regnier), Michael(Linda Regnier stepson), Randy and Gene (Elizabeth), Karen Garrett, The Richardson family, Lynn Skelton and family, Kris Ellenburg, Clara Wilks and family, Meredith Dornenburg(Holly), The Bell family, Mary Todd(Glenns), The Ochoa family.

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

USA ARMED FORCES

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

Memorials for Barbara Ochoa
By Walter Hadden

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The Congregation, Ministers

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Elizabeth Bowman, Financial Secretary
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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Lawrence Chapel UMC Practices the Love and Teachings of Jesus



11/1 Lakay Blakely
Lucretia Morgan
11/8 Sharon Match
11/9 Lexie Simpson
Jeff Stone
11/17 Doris Madden
11/19 Ann Fuhr
Nicole Garrett
11/20 Jean Thomas
Abagail Harmon
Kiya Harmon
11/24 Gregg Martin
11/26 Eleanor Collins
11/30 Maishia Tucker
Buddy Madden

11/22 Skip and Evelyn Davison



Luke in the Land - Bible Study for Women with Video

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:
November 5- Session Six
November 19 - Session Seven



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, alt, pepper, cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice, ground nutmeg, whole cloves, ground ginger, garlic powder, onion powder, poultry seasoning and sage.

Leave items on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

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2101 SIX MILE HIGHWAY CENTRAL, SC 29630

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



Poinsettias

If you would like to order a poinsettia to be placed in the church for Christmas, please fill out the form below. These can be placed in memory of or in honor of someone. **Each** poinsettia will be $12.00. This includes plant, cover and tax. Please make your check out to LCUMC and mark FOR POINSETTIAS. You can put your order form and money in the collection plate or turn in to the church office.

NAME:_____

IN HONOR OF_____

IN MEMORY OF_____

NUMBER OF PLANTS_____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED_____

DEADLINE FOR ORDER IS NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Goodness Grocery

Please consider donating the following items:

Pork and beans, pasta noodles, rice, soup all varieties, chili beans, kidney beans, pinto beans, evaporated milk, bottled water, deodorant, toothpaste, travel samples are great too, individually wrapped toilet paper.

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

Thank you for your support.

JOIN US FOR THE PRODUCTION OF:

CAROL OF THE TOYS

A CHRISTMAS STORY



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH AT 6:00
(CAST MEMBERS WILL COME AT 5:30)

LAWRENCE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2101 SIX MILE HIGHWAY CENTRAL, SC 29630
**IT WILL BE BROADCASTED LIVE ON FACEBOOK AS WELL

WE WILL GATHER FOR A CELEBRATION AFTER THE PLAY

Wednesday Night Fun!











Country Santa
Collecting through Dec. 8th

Please look over the following list and help us make children happy this year by donating toys and other items to Country Santa.

Baby: ages 0-3
Building blocks, shape sorters, musical toys, board books, stuffed animals(new)

Young Explorers: ages 4-7
Dolls and accessories, action figures, art supplies, Lego sets, beginner games.

Growing Interests: ages 8-12
Sports equipment, craft kits, board games, science kits, puzzles.

Teen Favorites: ages 13-18
Make-up, manicure sets, hair dryers, curling irons, wallets, watches, tools, headphones and
gift cards.

Please drop-off donations on the table with the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. You may also make a monetary donation mark on check Country Santa, and we will shop for you.