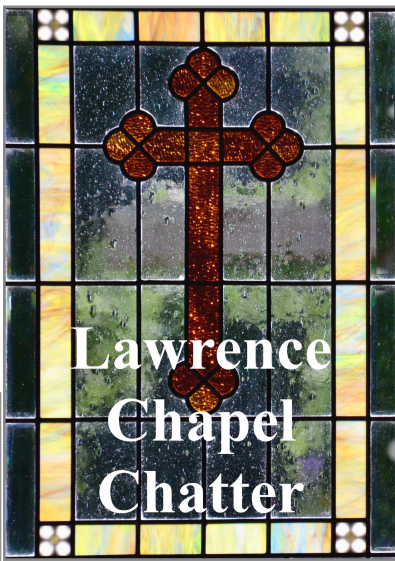


October 2026

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.

October is going to be a meaningful month for us here at Lawrence Chapel. As the leaves begin to change, we will have several opportunities to remember who we are as the church and what it means to be part of the body of Christ.

We will begin the month with World Communion Sunday where Christians around the world will gather around the Lord's Table. We may come from different places, speak different languages, and have different traditions, but we are united by Jesus Christ. When we gather at the table, we are reminded that this is not just our table. It belongs to Christ, and there is room for all. It is a reminder that Lawrence Chapel is part of something much bigger than ourselves.

Later in October, we will celebrate Laity Sunday. This is a day when we give thanks for the ministry of the people of the church. Ministry is NOT just something the pastor does. The church is at its best when all of us use the gifts God has given us. Every time you welcome someone through our doors, volunteer with a ministry, serve our community, teach, encourage someone, pray for another person, or simply show up when you are needed, you are doing ministry. I am grateful for the many ways the people of Lawrence Chapel serve God and serve others.

As October comes to a close, we will also begin preparing for All Saints Day on November 1. This is a special time to remember those who have gone before us and to give thanks for the lives and faith they shared with us. We are reminded that we did not get here by ourselves. We stand on the shoulders of people who prayed, served, gave, and helped build the church we have today.

October reminds us of our CONNECTION; we are connected to Christ, connected to one another, connected to the church around the world, and connected to the saints who came before us. My prayer is that this month will help us appreciate those connections and remind us that we each have a part to play in the story God continues to write through Lawrence Chapel. Love you all, Justin

October Senior Lunch



Senior Lunch will be on Wednesday, October 14th at 12:00pm. Bring a couple of your favorite dishes and join us for good food and good fellowship!!



**10/4 Helen Hedden
10/6 Karen Garrett
10/9 Josie Geehrens
10/10 Julie Weir
10/11 Stephen Singleton
10/14 Jim Bell
10/17 Stevie Harmon
10/19 Ronny Thompkins
10/20 John Adams
10/28 Vicki Floyd**

**10/11 Ken and Donna Glenn
10/19 Duanne and Norma Barton**

Finance Update

Finance Summary, August 2026	Month	Year to Date	Budget
Giving	\$17,125.45	\$163,129.11	Monthly- \$22,248.00
Expenses	\$20,239.20	\$163,220.42	YTD- \$177,984.00
Variance Expenses to Giving	(\$3,113.75)	(\$91.31)	
Capital Campaign		\$34,200.00	\$100,000.00

We are grateful to share that our capital fund campaign has now raised just under \$35,000! 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.

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.



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 9:15am Choir Practice				1	2	3
4	5 10am Coffee with Justin	6	7 1pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/ youth	8 10am Luke in the Land	9 Sanctuary Reserved	10 Sanctuary Reserved
11 12pm Morgan Reunion Fellowship hall	12 No Coffee with Justin	13	14 12pm Senior Lunch 1pm Cemetery Meeting in the library 1pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/ youth	15 10am QAVA Study Series	16 Final Day for Newsletter articles.	17
18 Laity Sunday 11:30am Reception in the fellowship hall	19 10m Coffee with Justin 6pm Leadership Council Meeting	20	21 12pm Hooks and Needles 5:30pm Children/ youth	22 10am Luke in the Land	23	24
25 Cancer Awareness Sunday	26 10am Coffee with Justin	27	28 12pm Hooks and Needles 6pm Serving Wesley Meal	29 10am The Chosen Season 6	30	31



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), Joyce Hartsell, Ginger Roper(Davisons), Anne Lee, Josh Howard(Lee), Julie Wardlaw, Gregg Martin, Ann Fuhr, Ray(Linda Regnier), Michael(Linda Regnier stepson), Randy and Gene (Elizabeth), Linda Thomas and family, Nancy Porter and family, Karen Garrett, The Richardson family, BJ and Lynn Skelton, Kris Ellenburg, Jim and Clara Wilks.

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



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

Memorials for Anita Richardson
By Walter Hadden
Stephen and Diane Singleton



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Reverend Justin Ritter, Pastor

Elizabeth Bowman, Financial Secretary

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Suzi Harmon, Nursery

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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



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:

October 8 - Session Four

October 22 - Session Five

November 5- Session Six

November 19 - Session Seven

QAVA STUDY SERIES "What Is God's Will ?"

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 :

October 15 - Session Three and Four

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





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.

Leave items on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Meaningful opportunity for the Lawrence Chapel UMC family to express gratitude for the care, leadership, prayers, teaching, and faithful service our pastor provides throughout the year. A simple word of encouragement can be a powerful reminder that their ministry is seen, valued, and supported.

Ways to Show Appreciation

There are many heartfelt ways to honor our pastor this month:

- Write a personal note or card sharing how a sermon, visit, prayer, or conversation has encouraged you.
- Offer a sincere word of thanks before or after worship.
- Pray regularly for our pastor and family—for strength, wisdom, health, rest, and joy in ministry.
- Participate faithfully in worship, Sunday school, Bible study, and service opportunities.
- Volunteer for a ministry or lend a hand where help is needed.
- Give a small gift, gift card, meal, or favorite treat as a thoughtful expression of care.
- Encourage our pastor to take time for rest and renewal.

A Church wide Thank You

Let us make October a month of intentional encouragement at Lawrence Chapel UMC. Whether through a card, a prayer, a kind conversation, or faithful participation in the life of our church, every expression of gratitude helps strengthen the one called to serve among us.

“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.”
— 1 Timothy 5:17

All are invited to join us for The Chosen Season 6



SEASON 6, EPISODE 1

SEE IT FIRST!

Fear and confusion reign as the disciples struggle to make sense of Jesus' arrest—and Judas' betrayal. While they fight to stay together, Nicodemus stands alone against the High Priest in a heated showdown that throws the council into disorder.

Join us for a special early access event to watch *The Chosen* Season 6 Episode 1.

WHEN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 at 10am

WHERE

Lawrence Chapel UMC, Library



Laity Sunday — October 18th!

**Laity Sunday will be celebrated on October 18th,
and we hope you'll make plans to join us for a
wonderful, Spirit-filled service!**

**Bring your family, invite a friend, and reach out to
someone who might enjoy worshiping with us.
Everyone is welcome!**

**And don't rush home after worship! Join us for our
"After Church Fellowship" time together. We'll
enjoy some delicious finger foods, good
conversation, laughter, and fellowship with our
church family.**

**Come worship. Come fellowship. Come be part of
the joy!**

We hope to see you there!

