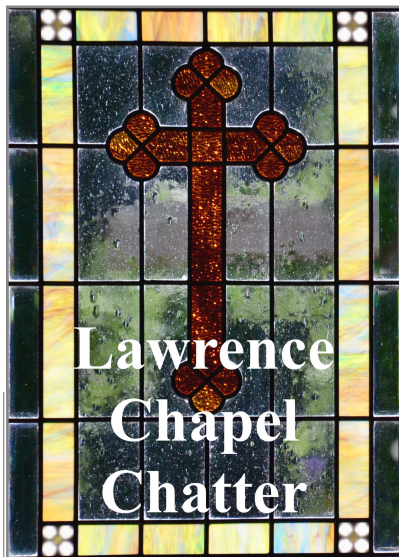


July 2025



Message from Justin!

Hello, Lawrence Chapel Family! I am excited to join you and become part of this family here at Lawrence Chapel! As you will find out, I believe that our life is about sharing life together and working towards bringing more of God's Kingdom here on earth. So, I want to take a little space to introduce myself.

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.

I am a lifelong United Methodist and grew up at Bethel UMC in Walterboro, SC. Yes, the same Walterboro that has become famous in the past 2 years. I was raised right as a HUGE tiger fan. My family and I would make the early morning trips up here to tailgate every fall. I felt God calling me to ministry on a youth retreat at Lake Junaluska. Being a stubborn youth, I pushed that calling aside and attended the College of Charleston in hopes of becoming a pediatrician. That calling remained in my heart, and eventually, I ended up at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University after graduation. I have served as Pastor at four churches and as Campus Minister at Lander University. God has been with me through it all, and I can't wait to see what God will do as we share life together.

As lifelong United Methodists, we know that pastors come and go more frequently than we would sometimes like. I am grateful to Pastor Gregg and his whole family. Pastor Gregg has been more than welcoming and has gone above and beyond to make me feel welcome. I hope you will continue to pray for Pastor Gregg as he transitions into retirement and continue praying for me as we all learn from one another. I encourage you to stop by the office and introduce yourself or sign up for one of the groups that the care team is organizing. My door and phone are always open! I am here for you, ready to serve alongside you, building God's Kingdom together! I am excited about being in "God's Country" and can't wait to get to know you and our community!

Love you all,
Justin

July Senior Lunch

Senior lunch will be on Wednesday, July 9th at noon. Bring several of your favorite dishes and join us for good food and fellowship!! Be sure to wear your red, white & blue!!!



Welcome to LCUMC Meal for Rev. Justin Ritter

On Sunday, July 13th right after church we will have a pot luck meal to welcome Justin to our church. Please bring several of your favorite dishes and join us for lunch. Let's show Justin the hospitality and fellowship LCUMC is known for. The theme will be a picnic theme!! Helen and her team will be in the kitchen at 10:00am to take your dishes. Please be sure your dishes are cooked since the ovens will be needed to keep food warm. See you on the 13th!!!!



**2 Deanna Phifer
Collyn Phifer
7 Heather Beam
9 Skip Davison
11 Jennifer Harmon
16 Joyce Hartsell
26 Norma Barton**

**6 Todd and Heather Beam
16 Stephen and Diane Singleton
19 Steve and Eleanor Collins**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| | | 1 8:30am Devotion via Facebook with Stephen 6pm Salkahatchie Dinner | 2 12pm Hooks and Needles | 3 10am The Chosen Study | 4 | 5 |
| 6 11:30am Outreach Greeting cards on sale. | 7 10:00am Coffee with Justin | 8 8:30am Devotion via Facebook with Stephen | 9 12pm Senior Lunch 1pm Cemetery Meeting 1pm Hooks and Needles | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 11:30am Welcome Meal for Justin | 14 10:00am Coffee with Justin | 15 8:30am Devotion via Facebook with Stephen | 16 1pm Hooks and Needles | 17 10am The Chosen Study | 18 <i>Newsletter articles are due to Elizabeth</i> | 19 10-12pm Back to School Bash |
| 20 11:30am Outreach Greeting cards on sale. | 21 10:00am Coffee with Justin 4pm Disc golf/ swimming at Holly Gaughf's 6pm Leadership Council Meeting | 22 8:30am Devotion via Facebook with Stephen | 23 12pm Hooks and Needles | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 11:30am Two or More Lunch at Jitters in Central | 28 10:00am Coffee with Justin 11am Lake Day at Gregg's house | 29 8:30am Devotion via Facebook with Stephen | 30 12pm Hooks and Needles | 31 10am The Chosen Study | | Each Sunday 9:30am Adult Sunday School |



Eunice and John Adams, Jim Brackett(Donna Glenn), Marie Karns(Geehrens),
Kelly(Sandra and Lou), Pat and Skip Fenton, 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),
Bob Brackett(Donna Glenn), Betty Ambrose, Rev. Bruce and Ann Sayre, Jenny Harmon,
David and Betsy McJunkin, Joyce Hartsell and family.

Nursing Care

The Downs Skilled Nursing- 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

Assisted Living



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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Ministry Staff

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

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!

Lawrence Chapel UMC Practices the Love and Teachings of Jesus

YTD Income/Expense Summary Thru May 2025

| Budget YTD | Expenses Paid YTD | Giving YTD | Variance Expenses to Giving |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| \$103,273.75 | \$98,703.59 | \$98,202.25 | \$501.31 |

Year to Date 2025 General Fund gifts, tithes and offerings (YTD January-May 2025) lagged YTD General Fund expenses by **\$501.31**. We are just below break even through 5 month of our budget year. However through March we were approximately \$12,000 ahead of expenses. Several non-recurring annual gifts were received in March. Through April are were approximately \$6,000 ahead of expenses. With May lagging expenses by **\$501.31** 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.



Lawrence Chapel was asked to serve as a pickup location for the Pickens County School District summer feeding program. This program certainly fits with our mission of sharing the love of Jesus and is a perfect addition to our Goodness Grocery ministry.

Many thanks to the volunteers who will be distributing the food each Thursday in July.

We have 57 children assigned to our location so far and may see more.

If you haven't volunteered and would like to get involved, contact Sandra Magee at 864-556-3094.



Care Committee Update

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped stock the top shelf of the freezer in the Fellowship Hall with soups, casseroles, and desserts. These meals are a blessing to church members who are recovering from illness, surgery, or hospitalization.

If you--or someone you know--could benefit from a meal or a visit--please don't hesitate to reach out to one of the following Care Committee members: **Ann Fuhr, Linda Regnier, Ruth Abercrombie, Julie Weir, or Donna Glenn**. We're also happy to answer any questions or accept donations to help keep the freezer stocked.

Since January, the Care Committee has made *64 contacts*, including food deliveries, snack-filled gift baskets, and in-person visits. We've also sent at least 18 cards to those we've missed in church--not to mention the many phone calls made to offer encouragement and care.

Want to help? We'd love to have you join us!

Care Committee Welcomes Pastor Justin! Important Information!

If you're interested in helping with the Care Committee to welcome Pastor Justin, please contact Donna Glenn by phone call (leave a voicemail) or text! 864-483-2280. We're preparing sign-up sheets for Pastor Justin's Meet & Greet events. Several in-home gatherings are planned and we need a few more hosts! Once we have it all planned out you can sign up for the one that works for you! Let us know if you'd like to host. So far we have 4 committed but we'd like to have at least 6 to keep our groups small. It's a GREAT WAY TO CONNECT as a church family! Call me for more information if interested!

Donna Glenn



Two or More - July Gathering

Join us for lunch at Jitters after church on Sunday, July 27th. We'll enjoy a meal together (each person or family will cover their own order) and hear the inspiring story of how Jitters came to be.

Come share great food, fellowship, and learn more about this wonderful community gathering place! We hope to see you there!

Jitters
104 Madden Bridge Road
Central, SC 29630



Lawrence Chapel United Methodist

Back to School Kick Off

**SATURDAY JULY 19TH
10AM-12:00PM**



**WE
NEED**

- **Amazon Wishlist**



- **Walmart Wishlist**



- **Hairdressers/Barbers**
- **New Tennis Shoes- Little sizes 10T-1, look for velcro, no tie, darker colors, can have characters**
- **Big Kids size 2-5, tie shoes, darker colors colors, simple designs**
- **Teens Size 6-13, neutral colors- Nikes, Addidas, Converse, Vans are popular**
- **We always need more boy sizes and need more little kid and big kid than teens**

- **Monetary Donations, please note for Back to School**



- **If you can volunteer, email or text Deanna at Deanna.phifer6@gmail.com or 864-650-1126.**

Memorials for Frank Hartsell

Given By

John and Eunice Adams children's ministry

John and Ann Gilreath music ministry

Jean Thomas for the kitchen committee

Pat Kochan for music ministry

Terry Long for music ministry

Dan and Doris Evans for back to school shoes

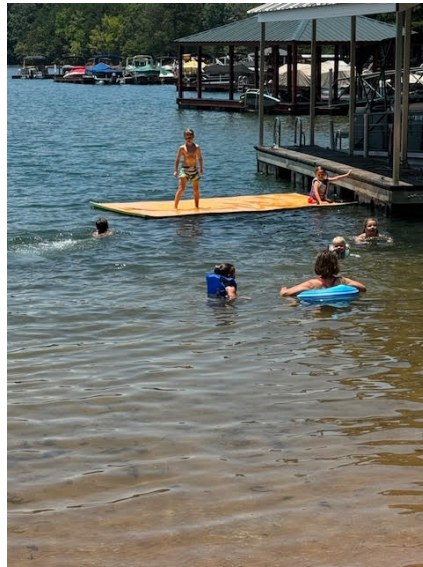
Sylvia and John Peters children's ministry

Pat and Skip Fenton children's ministry

Sharon Match children's ministry

Rotary Club of Clemson Art Thompkins children's ministry

Walter Hadden music ministry



Children/Youth Events

We are going to do a disc golf/swimming day in Holly's neighborhood on July 21st at 4pm. Then we have Lake Day July 28th at Gregg's house at 11am.