

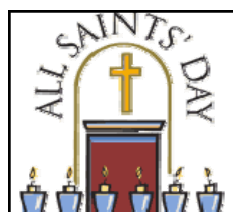
### Our Mission...

Simpsonville United Methodist Church is a congregation who

- ◆ welcomes person to faith in Jesus Christ,
- ◆ equips us for a faith that works in daily life,
- ◆ and sends us into the world to make a difference in Jesus' name.

# The Lamplighter

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On **Sunday, November 6**, all members of SUMC who died this year will be recognized by lighting a candle in their memory. You may bring pictures of your loved ones to be displayed that morning. There will also be a banner in the Narthex this Sunday for individuals to place the **names of any loved ones** that have died. This is always a very

touching and meaningful service and we hope you will be able to attend.

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 20  
6:30 PM.

Cedar Grove Baptist Church,  
Simpsonville



### THANKSGIVING DINNER INVITATION

If you have no family with whom to celebrate on Thanksgiving, or would like to have dinner with us on **November 24**, you are invited to **SUMC Fellowship Hall at 12:00 Noon for Thanksgiving Day Dinner**. The church will provide the meat and beverage and we ask you to bring a covered dish (side and dessert). We will also be inviting some neighbors from Greenville who are homeless or may not be able to provide a meal for their family on this day. This will be a wonderful opportunity to share with our neighbors how much God has blessed all of us. If you can help with driving the church bus or your van to Greenville to pick up our guests, please contact Pat Gannaway – Ext. 202, as soon as possible. Also, please call the

Church Office and let us know you will be attending.

**WARM CLOTHING FOR MEN AND WOMEN—Collected through November 13.** We are collecting items to be given to homeless guests on Thanksgiving. The majority of persons attending the meal are men. Items needed.. men's and women's warm winter coats; new sweatshirts; new gloves and hats; and men's shoes (gently used or new). Boxes are in the CLC breezeway and near the Church Office for your donations.



### HANGING OF THE GREENS WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, **November 27, 8:45 and 11:00 AM** we will have the traditional Hanging of the Greens Worship Service in all the services. Sing favorite Christmas carols, hear the Scriptures foretelling the coming of Jesus' birth, participate in the meaning and importance of the greenery used during the Christmas season, and you and your family decorate the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary.



### ADVENT FAIR

Sunday, **November 27, 5:00 –6:45 PM**, we will host an Advent Fair for the whole family, children, youth and adults. Activities include: Make ornaments; decorate cookies; make an Advent wreath to use in your home with Advent devotions (A donation to cover the wreath material cost would be appreciated); and much more! The youth will also sell a light supper for \$3.50. Come and be a part of this special occasion. November 27, is the first Sunday in Advent.



### MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST – November 27, 7:00 PM

A service practiced by the Moravian Church, a Protestant denomination emigrating from Germany to America in the 1740's to two big settlements in Pennsylvania and North Carolina. A celebration of Christians gathering to break bread together to signify their unity, fellowship and love. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, took part in a Moravian Love Feast in 1783 and decided to introduce it to his fellow Methodists. The traditional Moravian Love Feast celebrates the birth of Christ through scripture reading, prayer, singing of hymns and the silent serving of Moravian bread and Moravian cider to the congregation during the service. The Christmas Love Feast is beautiful with the lighting of candles trimmed in red at the end of the service to remind us of the light of Christ's love in the world and of His life given for us. Celebrate in the same traditional fashion as the early Moravian settlers, and as John Wesley might have experienced it years ago. If you are interested in helping prepare for this special and meaningful Christmas service, please contact the either Scott Latchaw (962-8889 or [slatchaw@charter.net](mailto:slatchaw@charter.net)) or the Church Office.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!



Wednesday Night Live! concludes for the Fall on  
November 16.

It will resume on January 11, 2012.

**Mission/Purpose:** To reach out to all (congregation /community) to provide food for the body and spirit by establishing an exciting Christ-centered environment through a variety of programs and opportunities for all ages.

Meals cost for Wednesday nights, are \$5.50 for Adults,  
\$3.50 for Children ages 4-10, Children under 3 & Under-Free

Without reservations add \$1.00 per meal.

Supper reservations must be made by

**Monday noon**, prior to the Wednesday night, by calling the Church Office, 967-3071

or go to [www.simpsonvilleumc.org](http://www.simpsonvilleumc.org) website and look for the ONLINE REGISTRATION tab and sign up today!

**The Church must pay for all reservations made.**

**Cancellations need to be made before Monday Noon or you could be charged for the reserved meal because the church is charged for the meal.**

**Suppers are a choice of one (1) entree, two (2) sides, bread, dessert and beverage.**

**Kids Menu: Hamburger, Hot Dog or the adult menu.**

**SUPPER SERVED FROM 5:30 – 6:15 PM**

**PROGRAMS ARE FROM 6:30 – 7:30 PM**

## CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS

### Genesis Choir – (4-6 year olds)

This choir will learn to sing, match tones and have fun with music. Bible crafts and stories are also a part of this time together.

### Bethlehem Chorus & Musical 5ths – (2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Children learn basic music principles and fun, sacred songs. Orff instruments, bells and other musical instruments will be a part of this time as well as a year-end musical.

### Live Wire – (4 years – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) For children NOT in choir.

Children will use their natural energy and enthusiasm with cooperative, fun games and group activities to encounter God's Word as they learn Bible stories.

### I Choose - (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades) For children NOT in choir.

A short term study for older elementary children on making Godly choices in everyday life. In I Choose, students will; explore how to make good choices, define their values, learn the importance of sharing and giving, learn how to handle anger and embrace personal responsibility.

Three year-olds and younger – Childcare provided

## YOUTH WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS

Wednesday Night youth is a dynamic time of fellowship, discussion, and prayer as a combined youth group. Ed Stallworth will be leading this time of open dialogue as they discuss issues dealing with life and faith. This will be an intentionally relaxed atmosphere where youth can come and share with one another. From time to time they will fellowship at coffee houses, ice cream shops, and restaurants. Parents will need to sign a permission slip whenever they leave SUMC on Wednesday evenings.

## ADULT WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS

**ADULTS - PLEASE CALL AND REGISTER FOR CLASSES**

*(Scholarships for Wednesday Night Live! classes are available if needed)*

### THE BIBLE: AN OVERVIEW – Through November 16,

6:30 – 7:30 PM. Get acquainted with the Bible in a short period of time! This Bible overview will look at how the Bible came to be (the canon) and when, where and why the Bible is what it is today. Plus some biblical background information will be provided about the Old and New Testament books of the Bible. Facilitator: Rev. Nelson Stokes.

### FIRST PLACE 4-HEALTH – Through November 16 –

6:15-7:30 PM. This study helps you recognize areas of your life out of balance so you can regain your equilibrium. Through daily study and prayer, you will discover how to center your life on Christ. Lasting change from the inside out begins when we seek God first! Weight management is also a part of this study. Facilitator: Jen Johnson. Book cost: \$14.

### DAVID: SEEKING A HEART LIKE HIS – Through November 16

6:15-8:00 PM. Beth Moore Study. God never gives up on you. This study examines the "man after God's own heart." David will delight and disappoint you. You are like him at times. If you've ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, this study is for you. Facilitator: Heidi Emerson. Book cost: \$15.  
*(Indicate if you need child care after 7:30 PM)*

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

**METHODISM - November 6<sup>th</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 10:45 AM.** *History* (What's our story as Methodists? How did we get to be United Methodists?) *Beliefs* (What is it that United Methodists believe? How are our beliefs like many other denominations? How do they differ?) *Organization* (Who makes the decisions around here anyway? Are we really all connected to one another as United Methodists?) *Worship and the Sacraments* (Why is the Sunday morning service like that? Why don't we use more water in baptisms and real wine in Communion?) *Meaning of Membership* (What's expected of me as a member? What that "prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness" vow all about?) Meets in the room under the sanctuary(S-5).

Leader: Rev. George Riser.



**IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY -- "GROWING IN FAITH: A Guide for the Reluctant Christian"** by David Yount. Have you ever been confronted by a question about your Christian faith that made you feel uncomfortable because you didn't know the answer? Have you ever thought you needed to know more about your faith - beyond what you learned in

Sunday School? *Growing in Faith - A Guide for the Reluctant Christian* is a wonderfully written book that offers a clear explanation to common questions about Christianity. David Yount looks to faith to understand a world that seems more complicated each day. He provides a source for answers in a society that constantly challenges the thoughtful Christian. *Growing in Faith* is a fresh look at Christianity for everyone who occasionally questions his or her faith.

**FALL FESTIVAL/  
TRUNK AND TREAT**  
Sunday, October 30,  
from 5:30 – 7:30 PM.



Simpsonville United Methodist Church – Gym. Providing a safe alternative to “trick or treating” we ask adults to come and decorate their car trunks or truck beds **prior to 6:00 pm** and **provide pre-wrapped candy** to be passed out to children going “trick or treating” through the parking lot around 7:00 pm. SUMC Family Ministries invites everyone (children, youth and adults) to come in costume and experience an evening of games and fellowship. There will be prizes for the best decorated “vehicle trunks”; costume parade; face painting; “haunted house” and lots of games and crafts! A light supper will be sold by the youth (\$3.50)

**New Church-Wide and Community Mission for Advent:**

*This is how we know what love is: Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions in truth.*  
-1 John 3:16-18

**“The Christmas Miracle”**

Do you struggle to come up with the perfect gifts each Christmas for the special people in your life? It can be tough, but here is an even more important question: What do you give Jesus for his birthday?



**Christmas Miracle** is a church-wide and community mission being co-sponsored by the UMM and UMW that will be our gift to Jesus for his birthday. The best part is that the mission is a surprise party... prepare to be surprised how much of an impact we will have on our community!

The Christmas Miracle is a Food Drive and Fund-Raiser for the James Monroe House in Fountain Inn.

The mission will occur November 27<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>.

We need volunteers for the following areas:

**Marketing** : If you have a marketing background or talent in the visual arts, we need you!

**Writers** : Has God blessed you with a talent to write? Here's your chance to shine!

**Speakers** : Has God given you the ability to speak on his behalf? We need your voice!

**Actors** : We need volunteers for Sunday morning drama skits.

**Carriers** : We need volunteers to pick up food from donation locations.

Please contact one of the following people to volunteer:

Loren Snyder: [lorensnnyder@hotmail.com](mailto:lorensnnyder@hotmail.com), 864-201-4750

Meggan Snyder: [megganmcilravy@hotmail.com](mailto:megganmcilravy@hotmail.com), 864-676-1317

Howard Bare: [h450@yahoo.com](mailto:h450@yahoo.com), 864-354-1626

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR....**

**2012 CHURCH RETREAT. April 27-29, 2012.** Our church retreat will be at Bonclarken Retreat Center in Flat Rock, North Carolina. The retreat leader will be Reverend Cathy Joens, Congregational Specialist for the South Carolina UM Conference. Watch for the brochures later this year. Hold these dates and plan for a wonderful time to enjoy Springtime, fellowship with persons from our church, and a special time with your family.

**2012 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. July 15-20, 2012.**  
Next year's theme: **Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep With God!** It is not too early to get this on your calendar.

**MISSIONS**

**CHILDREN'S WINTER COATS** - Esperanza Mission Congregation, a South Carolina UM mission church, is in need of winter coats to supply approximately 200 students at Berea Elementary School. If you have a winter coat to donate, please bring it to the **church office NO LATER than November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Children coat sizes needed are 5-12.

**WAR OF THE TITANS (FORMERLY PENNY WARS)** – October 23 – November 27. Clemson vs. USC. Rev. Nelson Stokes joins the Battle! Rules of engagement: To raise money for the **Habitat for Humanity** house in 2012. After the worship service on **November 27**, the money in the jars will be tabulated. Whoever wins the Penny War, Rev. Stokes will wear that team's colors for the first week of December. Please give generously so Simpsonville United Methodist Church can make a sizable contribution for our participation in the Spring Habitat for Humanity build. Thank you for supporting missions at Simpsonville United Methodist Church!

**MISSION PROJECTS**

Collected Sunday, **November 20** through Sunday, **December 11**. Please place your gift on or under the Christmas tree in Sanctuary breezeway. Thank you for supporting these Mission Projects



**Mitten, Glove, Cap Tree**, benefits Triune-Mercy Center.

These items are needed primarily for adults, and also for children and youth.

**Sweatshirts for United Ministries** (Adult Sweatshirts, XL, XXL, XXXL).

**JOY BOXES** - JOY stands for Jesus, Orphans, and You. Our church assembled 165 - JOY Boxes and 2- Mommy Bag from our church to be sent to the Ukraine! Thank you for your participation in SUMC's mission project.

**JOURNEY TO THE MANGER**

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, December 9, 10, 11**

Our annual “Journey to the Manger” by drive through presentation of Jesus’ birth requires a total of 250 persons each night in full costume to be in the scenes and village, along with a live camel, donkeys, sheep, and the horses ridden by Roman Guards. Prior to the production dates we require many persons to unload the semi-trailers and erect and stage the sets. You and your family are encouraged to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to present this wonderful gift to the community. Sign-ups for various support and cast members has begun. Sign-ups are in the Sanctuary breezeway and CLC breezeway. Project Manager - Jarrett Brown – 962-9825 or [jarrettbrown@charter.net](mailto:jarrettbrown@charter.net). Plan to be a part of Journey to the Manger!



**HELP NEEDED For JOURNEY TO THE MANGER!!!**  
**Saturday mornings through December 4**, 8:30 – 12 noon to unload the trailers and to begin setting up the scenes sets.

**EXPLORATION 2011** - Pray for Katie Flack, Meggan Cummings and Liz Morgan as they attend Exploration 2011 in St. Louis, MO, Nov. 11-13. This event provides these young women with a chance to explore their call to ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church and is sponsored by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. The event helps young adults discern that call through worship, prayer, workshops, networking, and small groups.

# MUSIC MINISTRY



**“Tapestry of Light”**  
*A Celtic Christmas Celebration*  
 By Joseph Martin  
 Sunday, December 4, 2011  
 8:45 & 11:00 AM

We hope you will plan to be here Sunday, December 4, to witness “Tapestry of Light”. This is a different cantata. It incorporates melodies and words you are familiar with to a new way of thinking Christmas.

It is not filled with traditional Christmas music, as we’ve done so many times in the years past. Joe Martin with the help of Stan Pethel’s orchestration, has done it all for us this year! The choreography, power point display, arranging of the music, and dialogue were all his creation.

The choir is having fun learning this wonderful/different look of Christmas. We invite you to come and bring your friends and family as we share advent music in a Celtic light!



**Sunday, November 13,**  
**8:45 & 11:00** Traditional:  
 Special Music: Tuesday Bells

**Sunday, November 20**  
**8:45 & 11:00** Traditional:  
 Combined Children’s Choirs

**6:30 PM Community Thanksgiving Service**  
 Cedar Grove Baptist Church

**Wednesday, November 23**  
 No Rehearsals: Happy Thanksgiving!

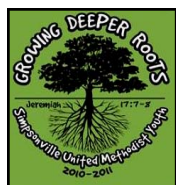
**Sunday, November 27**  
**11:00 am Traditional**  
 Special Music:  
 Adult Choir, Bethlehem Chorus and Musical 5<sup>th</sup>s

**7:00 pm Moravian Love Feast**  
 Special Music:  
 Adult Choir, Bethlehem Chorus and Musical 5<sup>th</sup>s

## SUMC YOUTH EVENTS



**High School**  
**Fall Mission**  
**Trip**  
**To Charleston**  
**November 18-19**



**SUNDAY EVENING**  
**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**  
**November 6, 13, 20**  
**Advent Fair—November 27**

Middle School Praise Band	4:45 PM
High School Praise Band	5:45 PM
Middle School	5:30 PM
Snack Supper	6:30 PM
High School	7:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH PROGRAMS**  
**6:30 PM**



**CONFIRMATION CLASS HAS BEGUN** and meets at 9:15 AM most Sunday mornings. The Confirmation class provides a time to confirm the faith that has been developing in a person as a result of being in a Christian community. Upon confirming their faith, the confirmands will then be received into this local congregation and be given full rights, privileges, and responsibilities of membership. Please be in prayer for the following persons on their confirmation journey: Abby Angalet, Mitchell Beck, Emma Caroline Belvin, Emily Carlsen, Bruce Coleman, Sam Drummond, Marshall Garrett, Jake Hill, Gage Hunt, Maddie Miro, Taylor O’Neal, Ellie Tharp, Hank Tuttle, Kenzie Vayhinger, Rachel Wilkinson, Judy and Bill Orr and Rev. Pat Gannaway.



**The 4’F CLUB**  
**NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER**

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, December 13, 11:30** for the Christmas Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be at 11:30 AM. The meal will be served at 12:00



**BIBLE ADVENTURE ZONE—Children’s Sunday School for Three Year Olds through Fifth Grade  
November Adventure: THE PRODIGAL SON: LOST AND FOUND!**



The Prodigal Son (or the Parable of the Lost Son or the Loving Father) is one of many parables Jesus told to his followers. He actually told this parable as the final of three stories about God seeking the lost. Jesus told this story in response to the criticism of the scribes and Pharisees who

constantly muttered about him spending time with “sinners and tax collectors.” He told the story of the Lost Coin and the Lost Sheep first, showing the supreme effort the shepherd and housewife were willing to make in seeking that which was lost. Each story concluded by rejoicing and celebrating the “found” item.

How does the story end? Jesus leaves us in suspense. He tells us, “You write the final chapter of this

story. How do you think the elder son will respond to his loving father? How will *you* respond to the Father’s unprecedented act of love through me?”

This month the children will learn about *The Prodigal Son* in **Reel to Real I & II** (Audiovisuals), **Bible Quest** and **Jr. Bible Quest** (Games), **Noah’s Art & How Great Thou Art** (Art) **Story Telling** and **BibleZone.com** (Computers)

**Club 45**

**Club 45** is our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade fellowship which meets from 5:30-6:45, two Sunday afternoons a month.

Our fall study is “**Building Character**”.

**November 6 – Lesson Night**

**November 20– The Great Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt.** Watch your email or see Deana for a permission slip.

**December 4 – Christmas Caroling**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!  
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS  
in additional to Children’s Choirs**



**LIVE WIRE...**Come join the fun Wednesday Nights, 6:30 PM in LiveWire! For ages 4 yrs - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, LiveWire is full of activities that make learning about the Bible FUN! Our Fall Study is on the Parables. For more information see Deana Gentry.

**I Choose - 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades,**

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM  
Our fall class for 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> graders is I Choose; A short term study for older elementary children on making Godly choices in everyday life. In I Choose, students will; explore how to make good choices, define their values, learn the importance of sharing and giving, learn how to handle anger and embrace personal responsibility.

**NURSERY**

Due to leadership needs and current class sizes, during the 11:00 Services, we will be combining the 2 year old nursery with the 3 year old nursery temporarily. The combined class will meet in the current two year old nursery space. Please watch the Lamplighter for any additional changes.

Since this change is necessary, two volunteers are needed to move a table each Sunday after church. Please see Deana if you are willing to help.

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY – October 30.**

Our children will provide leadership during all the worship services. This is a great opportunity to witness the excellent leadership abilities of our children.

**PARENT’S NIGHT-OUT –FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 6:00 – 9:30 PM at the church.** This is a program to provide a night out for parents, single parents, sponsor/guardians with children 6 months through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Children must be signed up through the Church Office by **Wednesday, November 2.** Your child will be served a light supper, but please also send a snack. The cost for SUMC members is \$7.00 per child for the evening with a maximum for *immediate* family members of \$20.00, and non-SUMC the cost is \$10 per child for the evening with a maximum for *immediate* family members of \$28. *Next Parent’s Night Out is Friday, December 2, when we will take the older children to Roper Mountain to see the Christmas lights.*

**Children's Christmas Eve Leadership**



We are doing something new this year during the Christmas Eve Service. Just like in the past few years our children will share the Christmas story with us on Christmas Eve, December 24, at the 6:00 Worship Service. But the way we will present the story will be different.

The Children’s Choirs (Genesis, Bethlehem, and Musical 5<sup>th</sup>) will all sing. While the children’s choirs are singing, the children who do not participate in choir will re-enact the Nativity. Every child who wants to participate will be included.

The choirs will practices during their normally scheduled times. For those children acting and not singing, there will be ONE rehearsal **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.**



*We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to:*

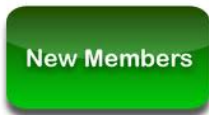
**Marling Abel & Sally Hipps & Family**  
in the death of Mrs. Marion Abel  
(Marling's wife & Sally's mother)

**Bob Dagen & Family**  
in the death of his step-mother, Esther Dagen;

**Laura Onsrud & Family,**  
in the death of her brother, Tom Kirven.

**Jerry Smith & Family**  
in the death of his brother;

**David Vanhaasteren & Family**  
in the death of his father.



*Do you want to know more about Simpsonville UMC? Are you considering becoming a part of this church family?* Contact Rev. George Riser, 907-0770, or e-mail

gwriser@bellsouth.net to set up a time to talk with him. Our next **New Member Sunday**, will be **November 20**, but we can, of course, arrange your joining another Sunday more convenient for you.



**COFFEE ON MAIN** ...Our next meeting for Coffee on Main is **Sunday, October 30** in room (S-5) beneath the Sanctuary. This is an informal time for visitors to meet with our clergy and staff and to ask about the ministries of SUMC, to ask questions about what it means to be a United Methodist, and to talk with a pastor about becoming a member. For more information, contact Rev. George Riser, (907-0771)

**OLDER ADULT SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT, February 7-9, 2012.** The 2012 Spiritual Life Retreat for Older Adults will at Springmaid Beach, 3200 S. Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach. The retreat is for adults 55 years or older who desire to explore and enhance their relationship with Christ. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Connie Shelton, Senior Pastor of Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church, Jackson, MS. Two hundred rooms for this retreat are reserved. Rooms will be held until January 7, 2012, for retreat participants. After January 15, 2012, rooms are on a first come basis. To reserve a room and meal ticket, call the Springmaid Reservation Line at 1-800-770-6895. Reference ID # 9608. Room and Meal Rates (Per Person). Single Room \$184.00; Double Room \$119.00; Triple Room \$97.41; Quad Room \$ 86.31. To register for the retreat, contact download <http://www.umcsc.org/PDF/upcomingevents/02Feb/2012%20OAR.pdf> or call Doris Seals in the Conference Office, 803-786-9486 or 888-678-6272. Conference Registration Fee \$40.00 Per Person (Non-refundable)



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**  
**Saturday, November 5**  
**Remember to set your**  
**Clocks Back—One Hour!**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Members**

MJ Burke  
Alyssa Lopes  
Murray Graydon  
Anderson Lee  
Marcia McCown  
Sue Woolsey

Arnold Jones  
Clara Knighton  
Matt Armstrong  
Illa Pittard  
Charlie Warlick  
Mabel Ross

**Homebound**

Kathy Penland  
Frances Brashier  
Morris & Mary Jane McKinney  
Colleen Strother  
George & Ruth Lunn  
Richard Kohlmorgen  
Ellen Miesse

Bobby & Lou Ellen Griffin  
Brenda Kirkland  
Warren Taylor  
Joy Roland  
Dorothy Baxter  
Dr. Harry Pratt, Sr.

**Others:**

Eloise Ayer (Genie Futrell's mother)  
Hope Crowder (Gene Wilson's sister-in-law)  
Robert Flack (Peg Flack's father)  
Michelle Reed  
Myra Rabon (Friend of Joyce Pendarvis)  
Mike Reel (Connie Martin's brother)

**Military:**

Capt. Brent Turner (Japan)-  
Debby Little's nephew  
Levi Corn (California) – Tim Corn's nephew  
HM3 Daniel Barton (Charleston) – Son of Mike & Tina Brown  
1st LT William M. Coleman (Camp Lejeune)  
Son of Beverly Stabler & Dale Coleman  
PFC Alex Garner (Camp Lejeune)-Son of Carl Garner  
PFC Will Jones (Iraq) – Friend of Crystal Jolley  
SGT Mike MacLeod (Ft. Bragg, NC)-Charlie/Mattie Warlick's son-in-law  
LCPL Justice Mierke (Camp Lejeune)- Peter & Molly Mierke's son  
SPC Ryan Saunders (Georgia) – Son of Brett & Claire Saunders  
PO Benjamin Warlick – Charlie & Mattie Warlick's grandson  
MAJ JH Williamson III (Cherry Pt, NC) – Son of Mary Williamson



Poinsettias will be adorning our sanctuary on **Sunday, December 11 and 18**. Cost per flower (including pot cover and bow) will be \$10.50. The church has ordered **75 poinsettias**. The poinsettias are a beautiful addition to our church's holiday decorations. You may pick up your poinsettia after the

Christmas Eve Services. Those not picked up will be shared with area nursing homes.

Please make your check payable to Simpsonville UMC and include the information requested below. Orders must be received **no later than Wednesday, December 7**.

Name of Giver \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU'S....**

Just a little note to say a huge THANK YOU to all my SUMC friends who have shared their kindness in so many ways these past weeks during my surgery and recuperation. Your prayers, visits, meals, cards and calls have made the whole experience much easier and I know have helped the healing process. Adam Hamilton writes in his book that God provides people in our lives to see us through difficult times. You are evidence of his message. Thanks again for everything. MJ Burke

Dave and I would like to thank everyone for your cards, calls and prayers during the recent death of my older brother, Tom, and Dave's brother-in-law. We appreciate everyone so much.

Dave & Laura Onsrud

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November 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Wesleyan Circle 10:00 AM	2 Wednesday Night Live! Supper 5:30 PM Programs 6:30 PM	3 Trinity Circle @Anne Clarks' 6:30 PM	4 Parent's Night Out 6:00 PM	5 Fellowship Hall Reserved 10:00 AM 5:00 PM
6 All Saints Sunday Methodism 10:00 AM Club 45 5:30 PM	7 Family Ministry 6:00 PM Long Range Planning 6:00 PM Church Council 7:00 PM	8 Election (Gym) Missions 7:00 PM NEW Circle @Jane Cashin's 7:00 PM	9 Wednesday Night Live! Supper 5:30 PM Programs 6:30 PM	10	11	12
13 Veteran's Sunday Methodism 10:00 AM	14 Trustee's 6:00 PM Charge Confer- ence 7:00 PM	15 Education 7:00 PM	16 Last Wednesday Night Live for Fall!	17 Preschool Board 7:00 PM	18 <b>HS Fall Mission Trip to Charleston November 18-20</b>	19 UMM 8:00 AM Upper Room Prayer 8:00 AM
20 Methodism 10:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Evangelism 5:00 PM Club 45 5:30 PM Community Thanksgiving Service 6:30 PM	21 Stewardship 6:00 PM Finance 7:00 PM <b>Preschool Thanksgiving Program-10:30 Lunch-11:30 AM</b>	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Dinner! 12:00 Noon <b>Happy Thanksgiving!! Office Closed</b>	25	26
27 Hanging of the Greens 8:45/11:00 Advent Fair 5:00 PM Moravian Love Feast 7:00 PM	28 Church Council 7:00 PM	29	30			

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

First Sight Prayer Group 8:15 AM  
 Confirmation 9:15 PM  
 Disciple 1 9:30 AM  
 Traditional Worship 8:45 & 11:00 AM  
 Sunday School (All ages) 10:00 AM  
 Joyful Connection (Gym) 11:00 AM  
 Contagious Christian (O-18) 3:00 PM  
 Sunday Ringers 6:00 PM  
 Youth Fellowship— See Youth Article

**Monday**

Bowed Head/Bent Knees Prayer 9:00 AM  
 Church Ministry Team 10:00 AM  
 Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM

**Tuesday**

Tuesday Bells 7:00 PM

**Wednesday**

Disciple 4 10:00 AM  
 Wesley Ensemble 6:00 PM  
 Cantata Rehearsal 7:00 PM  
 Chancel Choir 7:30 PM  
**Wednesday Night Live!**  
 Supper 5:30-6:15 PM  
 Programs 6:30-7:30 PM  
 Children's Choirs 6:30-7:30 PM  
 Children's Handbells 7:00 PM

**Thursday**

Left in God's Hands Prayer 7:00 PM

## THE PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM



### PRAYER IS A PRIVILEGE

Imagine meeting your best friend for lunch at your favorite restaurant. You do this often, because you enjoy your relationship with him or her. Your best friend knows everything about you and you know all about him/her. You can depend on them being exactly where they say when you may need them. You feel comfortable sharing very personal information with them at all times, knowing they will respect your privacy. They are willing to listen and always respond with love and concern. That is just like prayer, the only difference is that your best friend is God.

God is available to us 24 hours a day, everyday. He always has time for us and we should ensure we spend time with Him. He knows everything we have ever done and He still loves us. You can talk to Him about anything that concerns you. You can tell Him your desires and passions and share your concerns for your loved ones. Talk out your fears with Him. You can communicate to God whatever is on your heart without fear. He is always ready to hear from you and

provide comfort and guidance in all circumstances.

Prayer may be accomplished in many ways. The best way is to be natural, just as if you were in the room with Him. He is always anxious to hear every word you say. He'll even listen to your anger and sadness.

### OK - BUT WHY PRAY?

Why is prayer important? If God already knows all about you, why should you pray? It is because God created us to have free will. He wants us to come to Him willingly and not as robotic creations. He has given us a mind to make decisions and the most important decision is about eternity. Even though He knows the future, we do not know the future choices we will make. It is important to live by His guidance to make the right decisions.

When you pray, God listens to your concerns. When you do not pray, God feels left out of your life. "He is patient with you not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9b) As you pray consistently, you are affirming the existence of God in your life. You are building your faith as you see God's hand do His mighty work on your behalf, just because you asked.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." (Philippians 4:6)



We have scheduled a four hour period for "The Upper Room Living Prayer Center" in The Prayer Room of our church:

**Saturday, November 19, 2011  
8am - 12 noon**

We will receive telephone calls from the US, Puerto Rico and Canada, requesting prayer. We will offer a brief prayer for the concerns of each caller and continue to pray for them for a two week period. Those interested in serving or want to learn more information about this ministry, please call Clayton Easter, 288-4665.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER  
Call 1-800-251-2468  
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