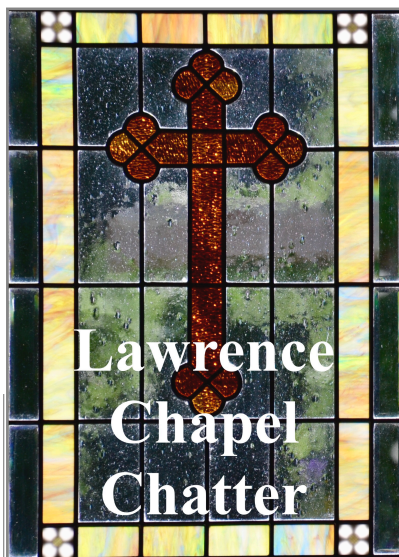


January 2025

Message from Gregg!



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.

2101 Six Mile Hwy
Central, SC 29630
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Church Office Hours
Mon-Tue-Thu
9:00am-1:00pm
Wed
9am-Noon

Pastor Gregg Martin



Support
your church
ministry.

Many of us remember the WWJD bracelets that became popular in the 1990's. WWJD, "What would Jesus Do?" Maybe we don't wear the bracelets like we once did, but we still ask the question. We ask it because we want to live a Christ-centered life. Asking it encourages us to reflect on Jesus's teachings, character, and example.

Given that it is January and a time to think about New Year's resolutions, I thought it may be interesting to use the WWJD question to wonder about what New Year's Resolutions Jesus might have us make; what resolutions to try anew or ones we need to recommit to. For example:

I Will Love Unconditionally! Jesus showed love to everyone, regardless of their background or circumstances. In 2025, let's resolve to extend kindness and grace, even when it's difficult. John 13:34 says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

I Will Serve Others Selflessly! Jesus lived a life of service, washing His disciples' feet and feeding the hungry. This year, we can commit to serving others through acts of kindness, volunteering, and generosity. Matthew 20:28 gives us a WWJD answer, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve."

I Will Pray Continually! Luke 5:16 says, "But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." In 2025, we can resolve to make prayer more of a daily habit, bringing our joys and struggles to God.

I Will Forgive Freely! "Forgive as the Lord forgave you," Colossians 3:13. Jesus forgave even those who hurt Him. We can resolve to let go of grudges, offering forgiveness as we have been forgiven.

I Will Seek God's Will Above All! Jesus lived with a clear purpose: doing His Father's will. In the year ahead, let's resolve to seek God's direction in all areas of life. As we find in Luke 22:42, "Not my will, but yours be done."

Perhaps in making or recommitting to these resolutions we can grow closer to Christ and reflect His light into the world. My prayer is that 2025 will be for each of you a year of spiritual growth, deeper faith, and joyful living!

Happy New Year and God bless you. Gregg.

January Senior Lunch

Senior lunch will be on Wed. Jan 8th.
Bring several of your favorite dishes
and join us. We eat at 12:00pm.



5th Sunday Meal

Since we didn't have a 5th Sunday meal in December, we are going to have one. On Sunday Jan. 26th right after church. Bring several of your favorite dishes and join us for good food and fellowship. Helen and her team will be in the kitchen at 10:00am to take your dishes. The theme will be "SNOW", and we can only hope we will get some soon!!!



- 4 Garrett Reagan
- 7 Kayla Blakely
Debi Culler
Charlotte Peterson
- 8 Dave Clark
- 13 Allison Arnold
- 14 Duanne Barton
Ashley Peterson
Terry Davis
- 15 Claire Reagan
- 20 Cheyenne Reid
- 21 Martha Baker
Catie Pickens
- 25 Bob Geehreg
- 29 Linda Middleton
Penny Hall

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Each Sunday 9:15am Choir Practice 9:30am Adult Sunday School 10am Children's Tone Chimes/Choir</p>			<p>1 12pm Hooks and Needles</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 10:00am Coffee with Gregg</p>	<p>7 8:30am Devotion via Facebook with Gregg</p>	<p>8 12pm Senior Lunch 1pm Hooks and Needles</p>	<p>9 10:00am Experiencing God Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Newsletter articles are due to Elizabeth</p>	<p>13 10:00am Coffee with Gregg</p>	<p>14 8:30am Devotion via Facebook with Gregg</p>	<p>15 12pm Hooks and Needles</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 10:00am Coffee with Gregg 6pm Leadership Council Meeting</p>	<p>21 8:30am Devotion via Facebook with Gregg</p>	<p>22 12pm Hooks and Needles</p>	<p>23 10:00am Experiencing God Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 11:30am 5th Sunday Meal</p>	<p>27 10:00am Coffee with Gregg</p>	<p>28 8:30am Devotion via Facebook with Stephen</p>	<p>29 12pm Hooks and Needles</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	



Eunice and John Adams, Jim Brackett(Donna Glenn), The Mocko Family(Andersons), Marie Karns(Geehreg), Greg and Anita Morton(Collins), Kelly(Sandra and Lou), Pam and Joe Drummond, Tori Bell, Tahlia Bell(Singletons), Duane and Norma Barton, Buddy and Doris Madden, Sam (Donna Glenn), Skip Fenton, Rylan and Family(Heather Beam), Frank and Joyce Hartsell, Evan and Family(Glenns), James(Heather Beam), Barbara Ochoa, Lou Robinson, Susan Morgan, Fred Hubbard, Kris Ellenburg, Stanley Morgan, Brenda Hammond(Connie), Ronny Thompkins, The Butler Family, Kathy Hane and Family, The Cureton Family.

Nursing Care

The Downs - Betty Ambrose - 150 Downs Blvd.#D110, Clemson, SC 29631
 Pruitt - Nan Davis - 163 Love and Care Rd., Room 3, Six Mile, SC 29682
 Dominion - Ken George

Assisted Living

Duane and Norma Barton - 515 Benton St. Apt. 110, Seneca, SC 29672



Landon Files(Navy), 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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Reverend Gregg Martin, Pastor

Elizabeth Bowman, Financial Secretary

Dr. Amy Ahui, Music Director/Pianist

Deanna Phifer, Director of Children's Ministry

Maddie Sampson, Nursery

Ken Glenn, Treasurer

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!

2024 Year to Date Summary Thru November 2024 Total Income/Expenses

Budget YTD	Expenses Paid YTD	Giving YTD	Variance Expenses to Giving
\$245,395.33	\$209,851.37	\$203,213.24	(\$6,638.13)

Calendar Year To Date General Fund gifts, tithes and offerings (Thru November 2024) have fallen short of Calendar Year to Date Spending by (\$6,638.13). Your continued generosity in supporting the work and ministry and outreach of Lawrence Chapel is greatly appreciated.

Big Hearts

Thank you each and every one for giving so generously to the Country Santa collection. We received almost \$1200 and many toys, games, three bicycles, dozens of warm caps handmade by the ladies' crochet group, and lots more. This appeared to be our best collection ever!

Thank you Elizabeth and Kris for being wonderful elves doing the shopping. Pat Fenton generously offered her van and time to help haul the goodies up to the Country Santa workshop. If you are not familiar with Country Santa, it is an amazing operation that has existed since 1978. Last year they served approximately 3,000 children. If you would like to learn more, visit their website at <http://www.countrysanta.org/>.

Thank you Lawrence Chapel for making Christmas bright for families in our area.





Nurture Committee News

Caring for others extends far beyond just providing food. Simple gestures like greeting fellow worshippers, making a call to someone who was absent, or sending a "thinking of you" card can make a tremendous impact. It's often said, "There is pain in every pew," reminding us that everyone may be carrying burdens we don't see. By showing love and care, even in small ways, we can make a difference in someone's life, often without knowing the full extent of their needs. Each of us is part of the ministry of care, and our compassion can bring comfort and connection in powerful ways.

Thank you to all those who continue to support our Soup Ministry by contributing quart containers of soup, small casseroles and/or cookies and various desserts. There are quart containers available in the Fellowship Hall. Donations are to go on the top shelf of the freezer. Please label the name of the soup or casserole and the date. It would also be helpful to label any ingredients that might aid our Care Team members in matching the food with recipients who have known dietary restrictions. Some of our food donors have taped the ingredients on the soup or casserole. If it is easier, consider these examples that might include "gluten free, nut free, dairy free, low sugar, made with Splenda or diabetic friendly". Luckily we don't have many who have restrictions but we do have a few.

Care Team members that are contacted with a need for someone to receive food should ask if there are any dietary restrictions before delivering food. We can't thank you all enough for what you do!!!

If anyone knows of a need, or would be willing to help prepare food for our members who have been homebound, are ill, had surgery, or had a hospital stay for any reason please contact any Care Team member.

Linda Regnier 864-710-2808 Julie Weir 864-985-2839 Ann Fuhr 864-888-7321



January Two or More News

Two or More will meet in January in order to plan for our 2025 events. All are encouraged to attend! The location, date and time will be sent out in the Thursday Weekly, in church, on the FB member page and by email. For questions contact Donna Glenn at 864-483-2280.

Memorials for Billy Griffin

*Stephen and Diane Singleton
Pat and Skip Fenton
Connie Curtis
Ralph and Nancy Porter
Emily and Fred Hubbard for the food pantry
Anita Richardson
Ken and Donna Glenn
Jean Thomas
Jeff and Penny Hall
Ken and Martha George
Walter Hadden
Charlene Woods
Elaine Masceri*



WREATHS
ACROSS
AMERICA

Wreaths Across America

Thanks to everyone who attended our ceremony on Dec. 15th. If you would like to purchase a wreath for 2025, there are 2 ways to do so.

- 1) If you would like to write a check, please make it out to “Wreaths Across America” and put SC0287 in the memo box. You can turn these into the church office.
- 2) If you want to purchase online, go to:
wreathsassamerica.org/sc0287

If you order 2 wreaths @\$34.00 we will receive at least 2 matching wreaths. Single wreaths are \$17.00 each. Dates to purchase are Dec. 15, 2024 - Jan. 17th, 2025.

Thank you so much for your help and support.



Lawrence Chapel Happenings



**Children's Christmas
Play on Dec. 11th**





**The children and youth
helped decorate the tree in
the sanctuary and enjoyed
lunch afterwards at
Your Pie.**





Our Children Need You

We have a thriving children's ministry. And many of you have volunteered and supported our special events. There is a very important area that could also use some additional help. There are 4-5 ladies that have been leading children's chapel. A few additional volunteers would spread out the rotation. Missing worship is not ideal for many but look at the little disciples you would be growing.

Deanna prepares the lesson so your preparation is minimal. And our children are a delight to be around. You can tag team with a regular teacher to orient you. Couples can help together since we have a third worker present. Please consider volunteering. You can sign up online or let Deanna know. Thank you.

Adult Sunday School News:

The Adult Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9:30am in the church Library. The lessons are now listed by date in our study book. For inquiries or questions you may contact

Pat and Skip Fenton at 910-393-9001
or Donna and Ken Glenn at 864-483-2280.
Come join us!



Decorating the sanctuary.

Youth Christmas

