

# THE CONNECTION

## CHEROKEE SPRINGS UMC

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**MARCH 2023**

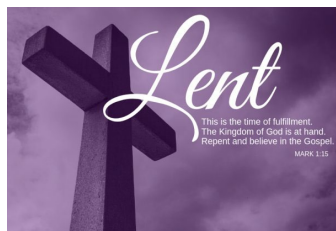
*Dear Cherokee Springs Family,*

We have much to be thankful for in the life our community. Here are some of the things you have worked together to do to love God and neighbor just in the past 2 months:

- You **consecrated a new fellowship hall** for connecting as a community of faith while connecting to the community at large.
- You **encouraged and showed appreciation** for teachers and faculty at Chesnee Middle School by serving and feeding them a delicious meal, and writing encouraging notes.
- You **made it possible** for a local foster child to start playing softball by paying her registration and uniform fee.
- You **supported rescue efforts** in Turkey and Syria by your gifts to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).
- You **showed God adoration and praise** through your participation in worship whether remotely or in-person.
- You **continued the fruitful ministry** of the church by serving on the church council, finance, trustee, and worship & witness committees, as well as in United Women of Faith, and in your own individual ministries.
- You **watched after and cared for** your pastor's daughter and nephews, and all children as if they were your own children or siblings.
- You **gave generously** of your time and money to support the ongoing ministry of Cherokee Springs United Methodist Church.
- You **have made a difference** by living out the prayer, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

And these are just the things I can think of sitting in my office. I'm certain there are more. Please forgive me for not remembering them all. But isn't that how it ought to be? Shouldn't our good works be so numerous and ubiquitous that we forget them like we forget what we ate for a snack last week? Let me just say how grateful and thankful I am to be in ministry with such loving, generous, united people.

Next time you're feeling down and out, remember all that you have accomplished as a member of the body of Christ. But ultimately, and more importantly than that, remember that your value does not come from these accomplishments. Your value comes from being you, having been uplifted and freed from mediocrity and stagnation by Jesus Christ. YOU ARE a child of God by golly.



With Love,  
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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
9:15am

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
10:00am

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Bible Study: Tuesday 6:30pm**  
**Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:30pm**  
**Youth: Sundays 5-7pm**

8<sup>th</sup> - Church Council 7:15pm

11<sup>th</sup> - Adopt a Highway 8am

29<sup>th</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt  
6-7pm

*MARK YOUR CALENDARS:*  
*July 23-26 - VBS*

Virtual services offered through our  
Facebook page.



*Calendar changes will be announced during  
Sunday services and on the  
CSUMC Facebook page.*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 – Wendy Hines  
2 – Susan Raines  
18 – Steve Raines  
19 – Abby Parrish  
29 Greg Newton



# SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

## March 5

Genesis 12:1-4a;  
John 3:1-17  
“Go from Your Country”

## March 12

Exodus 17:1-7;  
John 4:5-42  
“Give Me Water”

## March 19

1 Samuel 16:1-13;  
John 9:1-41  
“In the Presence”

## March 26

Ezekiel 37:1-14;  
John 11:1-45  
“Who Could Stand”

## Sunday Servers

**Ushers: Bradley Newton & Gene Cantrell**  
**Alt: Rick Van Vleet**  
**Acolyte: Drennan Cable**

### READERS

March 5	Berri Meyers
March 12	Mary Ann Hipp
March 19	Dean Hartsoe
March 26	Gail Durant

## United Youth

Youth Location: CSUMC  
3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26  
5-7pm

VBS



July 23-July 26 6-8pm  
Mark your Calendars!

EASTER



## Kids Connect Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration

March 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm-7pm

**Volunteers Needed!!**  
**Bring Candy Filled Eggs by March 26**

*Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list.  
If you have a new prayer request or update, please text them to 864-921-0662.*

*Deadline to submit next month's newsletter info is: March 20<sup>th</sup> .  
Updates . . . Corrections . . . Changes . . . to the newsletter? Email [info@cherokeespringsumc.org](mailto:info@cherokeespringsumc.org)*