

# THE CONNECTION

## CHEROKEE SPRINGS UMC

2870 CHESNEE HIGHWAY · SPARTANBURG SC. 29303

MAY 2023

*Dear Cherokee Springs Family,*

April was certainly filled with showers. We'll see if it brings the May flowers. I'd say our free yard sale was a pretty big hit! Even though everything was free, we still managed to raise \$557. But even more valuable was hearing the stories of the many people we helped by sharing our possessions. Even if they turned around and sold everything, they took home, the money they made is a blessing for them. I know a lot of the stuff that was brought in was no longer wanted or would have been given or thrown away anyway; but they became gifts through this yard sale.

As we reflect on this event, let us be reminded of all the things we take for granted, both literally and figuratively. We filled up an entire fellowship hall with things we no longer needed or wanted. That's how much "stuff" we have. And I suspect (and speak from experience) we all still have enough stuff to fill up 7x7 fellowship halls. It felt good to clear some space in the house. But what would it have looked like to give away things we're still attached to? Perhaps some of you did. No doubt it's painful, but is it equally as freeing?

I'm not trying to take the wind out of our sails by reflecting on these things. We accomplish a lot of good through this ministry. And doing good feels good. But that's not why we do good. We do good because that is what Christ has called us to do, and by his grace it is as enjoyable as it is difficult. Let's continue living into the freedom we have in Jesus by continuing to do good—by giving away our things, our money, and our hearts to the community, the country, the world.

### NEEDED:

Volunteers to count offering each Sunday (2-4 needed).  
Counters would rotate in pairs on a weekly basis.

Volunteers willing to set up and record Sunday livestream.  
Training is available – no experience needed (2 needed).



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**

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Youth Sunday  
5pm – Silver Hill UMC
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Paint the Sanctuary  
9am until
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost Sunday  
Confirmation Sunday
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Bible Study Resumes

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

6 – Chris Codespoti  
26 – Alex Parrish  
30 – Timmi Parrish  
31 – Dean hartsoe  
31 – Stanley Webber



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

29 – Eric and Callie Cable

## Sunday Servers

**Ushers:** Dennis Bitty & Stanley Webber  
**Alt:** Bill White  
**Acolyte:** Patricia Meyers

### READERS

May 7	Sandy Houck
May 14	Berri Meyers
May 21	Mary Ann Hipp
May 28	Dean Harsoe/Donna Van Vleet

# SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

## May 7<sup>th</sup>

1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

## May 14 (Mother's Day)

1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

## May 21

Acts 1:1-11  
Luke 24:44-53

## May 28 (Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21  
1 Corinthians 12:3-13; John 7:37-39 (2 readers)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED See CALLIE!



**July 23-July 26 6-8pm**

**Mark your Calendars!**

**Registration:**

[cherokeespringsumc.myanswers.com/keepers/](http://cherokeespringsumc.myanswers.com/keepers/)

YOU'RE INVITED:

UNITED YOUTH

Youth Sunday

MAY 7, 2023

WORSHIP: 5:00 PM & DINNER: 6:00 PM  
LOCATION: SILVER HILL MEMORIAL UMC  
778 JOHN B WHITE SR BLVD SPARTANBURG, SC 29306

*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: May 22  
Updates . . . Corrections . . . Changes . . . to the newsletter? Email [info@cherokeespringsumc.org](mailto:info@cherokeespringsumc.org)*