

# THE CONNECTION

## CHEROKEE SPRINGS UMC

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March 2024

*Dear Cherokee Springs Family,*

"We are living in the greatest evangelistic season of our lifetime." Gail Durant and I read that quote aloud once a month with clergy and lay people from other United Methodist churches in the Spartanburg, Anderson, and Greenville Districts. I was approached by our District Superintendent, Rev. Cathy Mitchell, in November about my interest in participating in a "Normalizing Next Leadership Cohort" in the Spring. I was to invite a lay member from each church to participate with me. Gail and I have been to two meetings so far, along with Sue Owens from Liberty.

*Normalizing Next* is the name of a book and curriculum by Olu Brown, a retired UM pastor who planted a very successful church in Atlanta before retiring. After our first session, Gail commented that it was a lot of information. It was like drinking from a fire hose. We're learning about creating vision and mission statements for our church, fostering generosity, planning, and capitalizing on high-attendance Sundays. We are also tasked with completing reading assignments and "home" work with the church.

This has already been a wonderful opportunity for our church, and we can't wait to continue sharing what we learn with the rest of our church family. Be on the lookout for announcements and updates regarding what we're doing. Do you have ideas for a vision and mission statement for our church? Or any other ideas for our church? Please share them with us!



With Love,  
Pastor Mason  
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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**

Virtual services through our Facebook page.

- March 9<sup>th</sup> - 8:00pm – Adopt A Highway
- March 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:15pm – Church Council
- March 24<sup>th</sup> - 3-4pm – Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt
- March 28<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm – Maundy Thursday
- March 29<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm – Good Friday Svc  
Landrum UMC
- March 31<sup>st</sup> 7:30am – Easter Sunrise Svc



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

# SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

### MARCH 3 | 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17  
John 2:13-22

### MARCH 10 | 4th Sunday in Lent; UMCOR Sunday

Numbers 21:4-9  
John 3:14-21

### MARCH 17 | 5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
John 12:20-33

### MARCH 24 | Passion/Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9  
Mark 11:1-11

### MARCH 31 | Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Mark 16:1-8

## Sunday Servers

**Ushers: Stanley Webber & Gene Cantrell**  
**Alt: Bill White**  
**Counters: Rick Van Vleet & Walt Brown**  
**Acolyte: Drennan Cable**

### READERS

March 3	Dean Hartsoe
March 10	Gail Durant
March 17	Mena Codespoti
March 24	Rick Van Vleet
March 31	Pam Brown

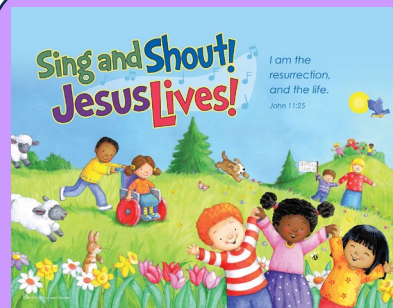
## Holy Week Services

MAUNDY THURSDAY 3/28  
6:00 pm CSUMC

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 3/29  
7:30 pm Landrum UMC  
227 N Howard Ave, Landrum

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 3/31  
7:30 am CSUMC

THE LAMB OF GOD, HE TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD.



**Celebration & Egg Hunt**  
**Sunday, March 24**  
**3 – 4pm**

All ages welcome!

*Volunteer and supply  
donation list posted at church!*

## United Youth

**March 3, 10, 17, 24**  
**@ St. James UMC**

Visit United Youth Spartanburg Facebook for regular updates



**Sunday**  
**March 4th**

*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 18th  
Updates . . . Corrections . . . Changes . . . to the newsletter? Email [info@cherokeespringsumc.org](mailto:info@cherokeespringsumc.org)*