

# THE CONNECTION

## CHEROKEE SPRINGS UMC

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May 2024

### *Dear Cherokee Springs Family,*

As General Conference convenes April 23 - May 3 in Charlotte, there is still a lot of uncertainty surrounding the future of the UMC. It's easy to let fear get the better of us, leading us to make hasty decisions. It's best to take a breath and a step back. We do this in order to gain perspective, which will help us carry on with joy and hope. To that end, I wanted to share an excerpt from Bishop Holston's latest column in the *Advocate*:

"Three-time national champion coach Dawn Staley, head coach of the University of South Carolina Women's Basketball team, has oft repeated the mantra, "You've got to keep the main thing the main thing." Her unwavering focus on her mission has influenced the perspectives of players, staff and fans alike, evoking their passion and commitment.

and fans alike, evoking their passion and commitment. There is a story attributed to Peter Drucker that speaks to the important role perspective plays in how we live our lives: "One day a traveler walking along a lane came across three stonecutters working in a quarry. Each was busy cutting a block of stone. Interested to find out what they were working on, he asked the first stonecutter what he was doing. He replied, 'I am cutting a stone. Still no wiser, the traveler turned to the second stonecutter and asked him what he was doing. He said, 'I am cutting this block of stone to make sure that it's square and its dimensions are uniform, so that it will fit exactly in its place in the wall.' A bit closer to finding out what the stonecutters were working on but still unclear, the traveler turned to the third stonecutter who seemed to be the happiest of the three. When asked what he was doing, the third stonecutter replied, 'I am building a cathedral!'

All three were doing the same thing and knew how to do their job. What set the third stonecutter apart was that he understood why he was doing what he was doing — he had a clear perspective on the mission. Indeed, this recognition of why we do what we do is important in how we live out our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Do we think of participation in the life of our church as something we've "got" to do, or something we "get" to do?"

Let us remember that what we are building takes time. And it's worth the extra time and effort it will take to make the right moves the first time. Just like my dad always told me, "Measure twice. Cut once."

With Love,  
Pastor Mason [mhcantey@umcsc.org](mailto:mhcantey@umcsc.org)



### 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.

- May 8<sup>th</sup> - 7:15 – Church Council
- May 10-11 - Free Yard Sale
- May 12<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day Breakfast
- May 19<sup>th</sup> - Graduation Sunday



*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 SCRIPTURE

**APRIL 28 | 5th Sunday of Easter**  
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

**MAY 5 | 6th Sunday of Easter**  
1 John 5:1-5; John 15:9-17

**MAY 12 | 7th Sunday of Easter; Ascension Sunday; Mother's Day; Festival of the Christian Home**  
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

**MAY 19 | Pentecost; Heritage Sunday**  
Acts 2:1-21; Rom 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**MAY 26 | Trinity Sunday; Peace with Justice Sunday**  
Isaiah 6:1-8; John 3:1-17

## Sunday Servers

**Ushers: Dennis Biddy & Gene Perrigo**  
**Alt: Stanley Webber**  
**Counters: Randy Brown & Mike Webber**  
**Acolyte: Patricia Meyers**

### READERS

April 28	Berri Meyers
May 5	Mary Ann Hipp
May 12	Dean Hartsoe
May 19	Gail Durant; Liz Pennington
May 26	Mena Codespoti

**FREE**



May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>



## GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION



<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020/live-stream>

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*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 20th  
Updates . . . Corrections . . . Changes . . . to the newsletter? Email [info@cherokeespringsumc.org](mailto:info@cherokeespringsumc.org)*