

# THE CONNECTION

## CHEROKEE SPRINGS UMC

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*Dear Cherokee Springs Family,*

This is the last time I will be writing to you in the monthly newsletter. I'll be honest. I have been procrastinating writing this note (sorry, Callie!). It is difficult for me to come up with what to write in these, so that makes this one nearly impossible to write. We have been through a lot together: a global pandemic, addressing issues of racial reconciliation, a presidential election, building a new fellowship hall, and now addressing issues of sexuality and gender identity. Through all of this, you have been patient with me as I have settled into the leadership required for pastoral ministry. You've supported Maggie and I through nearly every stage of the ordination process. And you have welcomed and loved our first born daughter with open arms. Another year or two (or three) with y'all would have been wonderful; but who knows what would've happened during that time? Perhaps this is for the best. That is what we must believe anyway. Paul's words to the Philippians come to heart when I reflect on this hard-to-swallow truth: "I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace." It is both reassuring and humbling to know that Cherokee Springs' past, present, and future success in making disciples of Jesus Christ does not depend on me: "Neither the one who plants, nor the one who waters is anything." And if I have failed any of you in any way for any reason, please forgive me. I will certainly miss all of you. I will look back fondly on our time of ministry together, and will look forward to seeing you again real soon, if not in this life, then certainly in the one to come. Thanks be to God.

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.

June 2nd – Sunday Funday

June 16th – Father's Day



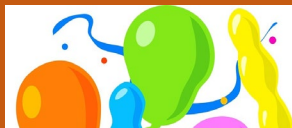
*Calendar changes will be announced during  
Sunday services and on the  
CSUMC Facebook page.*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8 – DONNA VAN VLEET  
 11 – FRANCES ALLEN  
 12 – JOYCE JONES  
 14- GENE CANTRELL  
 20- BETH FARRINGTON  
 27 – MASON CANTEY  
 30- TERI NEWMAN

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

16 – JOHN AND DEAN HARTSOE  
 18 – BILL AND MELISSA WHITE  
 23 – MASON AND MAGGIE CANTEY  
 27 – MIKE AND DONNA WEBBER



# SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

## June 2

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Mark 2:23-3:6

## June 9

Special Guest: Rev.  
 Traci Bennett, Chaplain, Tyger River  
 Correctional Facility

## June 16

Farewell Pastor Mason  
 2 Corinthians 5:6-15; Mark 4:26-34

## June 23

Special Guest: Sue Owens

## June 30

Welcome New Pastor

# Sunday Servers

## June

### Ushers

Bill White  
 Bradley Newton  
 Alt: Randy Brown

### Readers

6/2 Bill White  
 6/9 Donna Van Vleet  
 6/16 Pam Brown  
 6/23 Donna Webber  
 6/30 Liz Pennington

### Acolyte

Drennan Cable

### Counters

Rick Van Vleet  
 Walt Brown

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

# SUNDAY FUNDAY

## June 2nd

### 4 PM - 6 PM

HOTDOGS, GAMES, PRIZES  
 INFLATABLES, SNOWCONES  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

*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: June 17th  
 Updates . . . Corrections . . . Changes . . . to the newsletter? Email [info@cherokeespringsumc.org](mailto:info@cherokeespringsumc.org)*