

MARTIN LUTHER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHER LINES

JAMES ISLAND, SC 29412

SEPTEMBER 2025



MLLC's Mission Statement

We are a caring family of God brought together by grace and nourished by the Word.

Led by the Spirit, we are sent out in service to share God's love.

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“Labor, Rest, and the Rhythm of Grace”

As the calendar turns to September, we find ourselves stepping into a new season. Summer begins to fade, school routines are in full swing, and the pace of life picks up. For many of us and those we love, this time of year brings a return to work, study, and structure.

With Labor Day on the first day of the month this year, it's a good time to pause and reflect on the spiritual significance of work and rest. The Bible teaches us that work is not just a burden—it's a blessing. In Genesis, we see God placing Adam in the garden to *“work it and take care of it”* (Genesis 2:15). Colossians 3:23 reminds us, *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.”*

But just as God honors work, God also commands rest. The Sabbath was made for humankind (Mark 2:27)—a gift, not a restriction. In the midst of our busy lives, we are called to slow down, breathe deeply, and remember who is truly in control.

This month, I encourage you to think about the rhythm of your life. Are you making space to honor God through your labor? Are you also making space to rest and be renewed in His presence?

Let's strive to live in the rhythm of grace—working with purpose, resting with peace, and trusting God in every season.

Blessings & Peace,
Pastor Kathleen

Rehearsal Time!!!

Handbell rehearsals resume on Monday, September 8 at 6:00 pm. Ringers are needed! Please let me know if you'd like to ring this season. It is the perfect time to try something new!

Choir is also trying something new. We will rehearse on Mondays at 1:00 pm for the month of September. (It is our hope that some who don't drive at night may join us.)

Come, Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!

All are welcome!

Blessings!

Gina

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Make a joyful noise to the
Lord, all the earth! Serve the
Lord with gladness! Come into
his presence with singing!

**Psalms 100: 1-2
(ESV)**

MUSIC CAMP

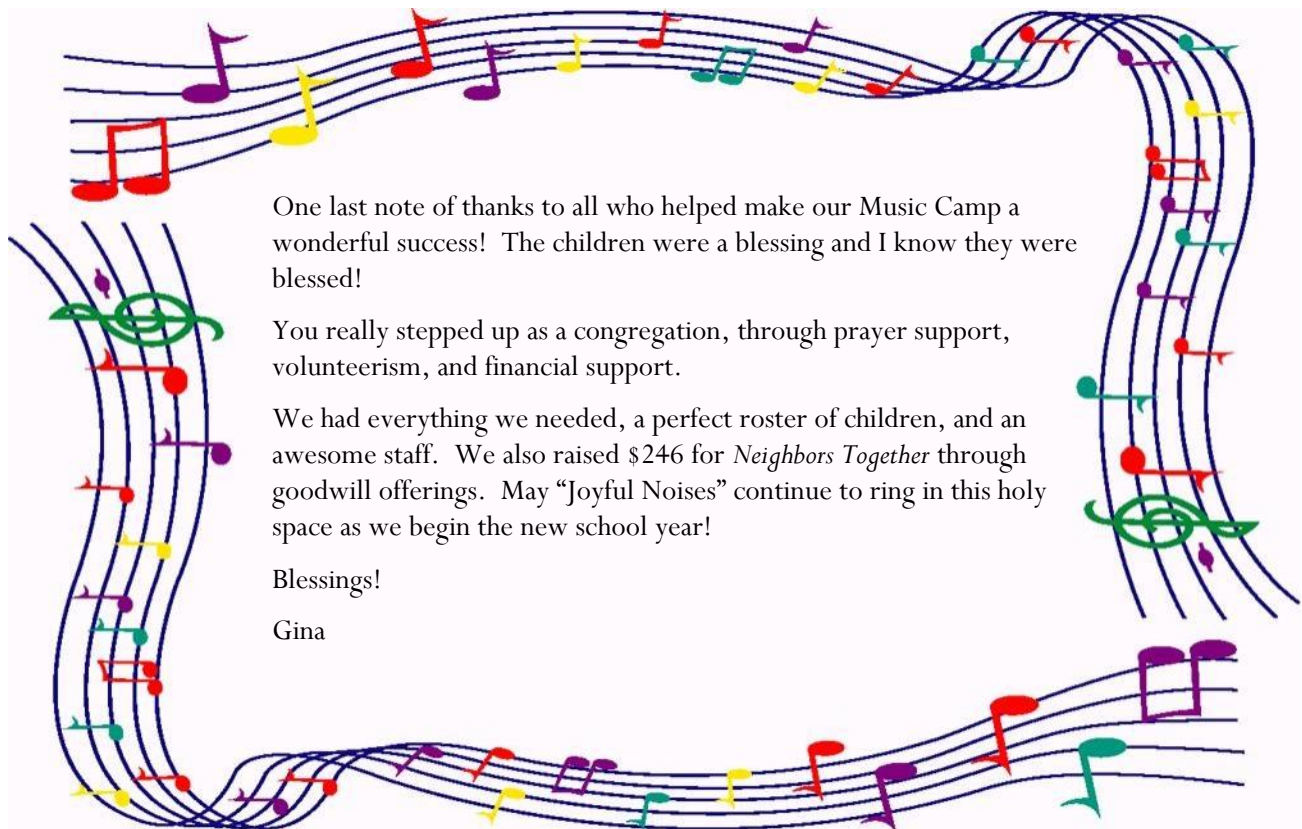
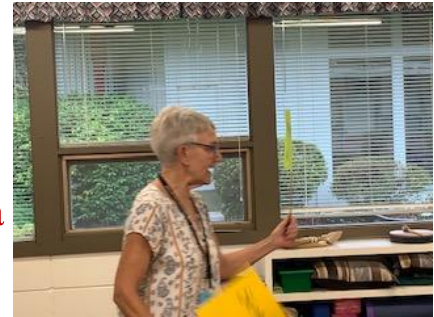




WATCH THE FUN!

You may watch the video of the "Make a Joyful Noise" Music Camp by going to

<https://youtu.be/Y11Hfb7-cgU>.



Bible Study

The Wednesday morning Bible Study Group will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 10 at 11 AM. God's people join together for a one hour Bible Study using the Daily Discipleship as their guide. Maybe you hit the mid-week slump like so many of us do and we need a little boost to help us walk upright again. We have the perfect place for you! This Bible Study is all engaging and everyone learns something new each week!

Come join us!



Have you been on vacation this summer? Wasn't it a joy to be able to participate with your church family in the Sunday Morning Worship Service? The Audio Visual team needs your assistance with the broadcasts of our Sunday services. Please see Sherry Fowler or Jimmy Knight to learn more.

A note from Gina—

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all of your support before, during and after the Music Camp! I could feel your prayers and truly appreciate them. Thank you also for the Thomas Kincade mug and the gift of money! It is truly an honor and a joy to serve with you all at Martin Luther Church. I pray for the "Joyful Noise" to continue in this Holy place.

With deep love and gratitude, Gina

SEPTEMBER—A MONTH TO REMEMBER

To start with, September is special for several reasons in marking the transition from summer to fall—BRRRRR. September is a month of spiritual awareness for the reaping of what has been sown. A time of reflection taking stock of ones progress.

I'm sure you know that Labor Day (September 1st) falls in this month. Yeah! A paid Holiday! How about Grandparents Day (September 7th).

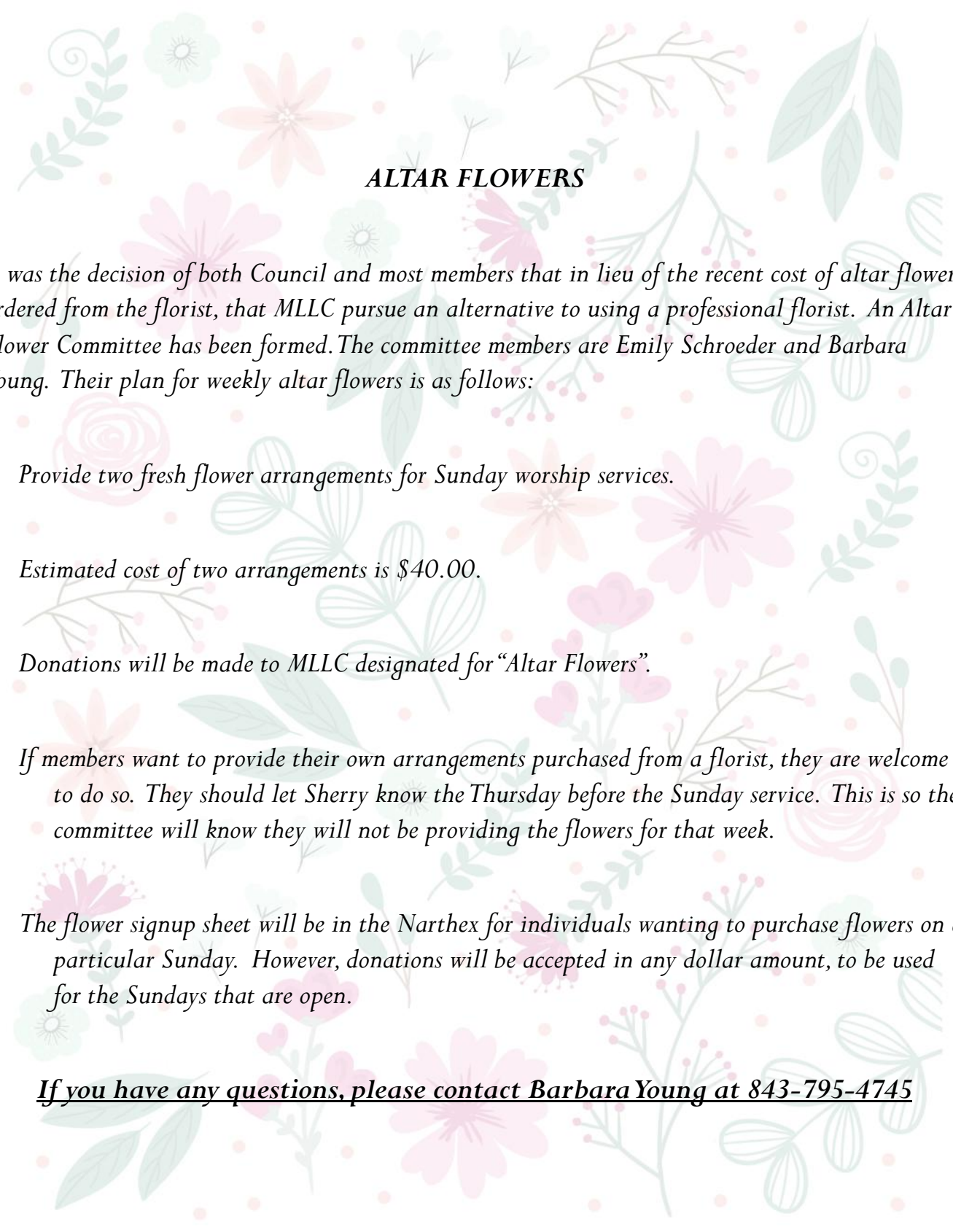
It's also "Drink a Beer Day" (September 28th). Hey, Paisano—it's "National Cheese Pizza Day" (September 5th). Getting down to brass tacks, we can do all things through Him who strengthens us. You guessed it—we're talking about Jesus Christ. Lord Jesus, I praise you



with my mouth and with pen in hand. When we feel grief, we think of our Lord and God. Godliness is happiness. There is a Bible verse for September that speaks about new beginnings and starting over (if you need to). *"Be glad in the Lord and Rejoice, you righteous ones; and shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart."* (Psalm 32:11) Did I tell you the apple of my eye, my firstborn, Kenny, was born on September 26? Fifty-eight years makes me feel old.

There are numerous religious events in September. There are many important things to Christians, along with marking the day in which God began the creation of the universe as described in the First chapter of the Bible. Enjoy this month!

- By Bill Mariorenzi



ALTAR FLOWERS

It was the decision of both Council and most members that in lieu of the recent cost of altar flowers ordered from the florist, that MLLC pursue an alternative to using a professional florist. An Altar Flower Committee has been formed. The committee members are Emily Schroeder and Barbara Young. Their plan for weekly altar flowers is as follows:

Provide two fresh flower arrangements for Sunday worship services.

Estimated cost of two arrangements is \$40.00.

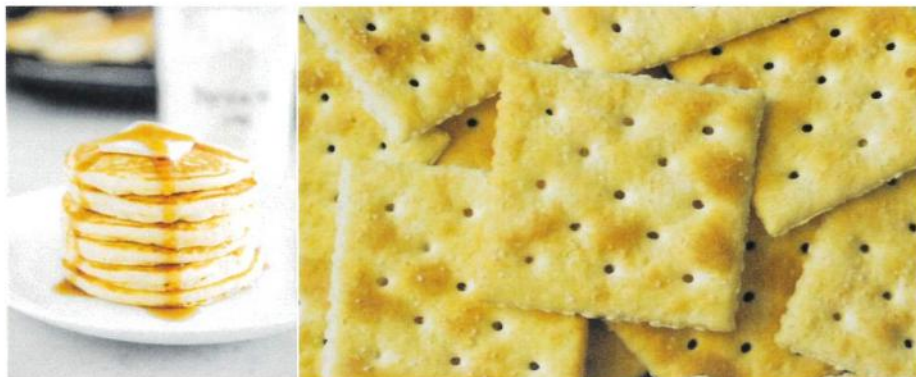
Donations will be made to MLLC designated for "Altar Flowers".

If members want to provide their own arrangements purchased from a florist, they are welcome to do so. They should let Sherry know the Thursday before the Sunday service. This is so the committee will know they will not be providing the flowers for that week.

The flower signup sheet will be in the Narthex for individuals wanting to purchase flowers on a particular Sunday. However, donations will be accepted in any dollar amount, to be used for the Sundays that are open.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Young at 843-795-4745

MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH IS THE CRACKERS AND PANCAKE MIX CHURCH



FOR JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH

Some Clever Codes for Life

1. Put your alarm clock in the bathroom—you won't snooze.
2. If you want to get better at anything, do it for 30 minutes per day for 30 days.
3. Go for a 15 minute walk every morning—it has a positive impact on your mood, sleep and metabolism.
4. If you're about to take an emotion-based action, wait 24 hours.
5. Drink a glass of water before your morning coffee—it kickstarts your system.
6. Never make big decisions when you're tired, hungry or angry.
7. Learn to say "no" without explaining yourself. It's a superpower!

In case you did not know—Sherry Fowler, our Director of Congregational Ministries, is also a **Notary Public**. If you need documents notarized, please call Sherry either at the church office (843 795-4855) or on her cell phone (843 442-3593). There is no charge for this service.

A Quick View of our July 2025 Finances

Budget: \$15,794.17

(Expenses: \$11,915.36)

Offerings: \$10,082.45

Difference: (\$5,711.72)

**Martin Luther Church is gladly
accepting online contributions
through Tithe.ly.com.**

Anyone can access this new App through the MLLC website. Just go to the green Giving Option Button on the opening page! If you need some assistance, please give Sherry a call in the church office! Now you can give, even when you are out of town!!! Tell your friends and family that they can give to MLLC **online**!!!

RESPIRE CARE CHARLESTON

Upcoming Respite Care Charleston
Support Group Meetings at MLLC

**10 AM — Tuesday Morning Respite
Group**

**6:30 PM— Tuesday Caregiver Support
Group Online**

**10 AM—Wednesday Caregiver
Support Group 2nd and 4th
Wednesday**

**10 AM—Wednesday Early Memory
Loss Group**

10 AM—Friday Morning Respite Group
If you know of anyone who might benefit from any of these groups, please invite them to join us!

Sara Perry

Executive Director RCC

843 647-7405



This Fall

Could your spiritual journey use a tune up? Have you sensed a calling into a deeper relationship with our Lord and Savior?

Through a partnership between Pastors and Lay Leaders with full reliance on prayer and the Holy Spirit, the SC Lutheran Via de Cristo has been helping people to enrich their relations with Jesus for MANY years.

**The SC Via de Cristo Community
invites you to “Come and See”**

**Dates for next weekend event is
September 25—28**

For more information, visit www.scviadecristo.org or any one of the following people. We would be thrilled to sponsor you to attend a weekend; Sherry and/or Richard Fowler, Gina Shuey, Laura Jordan, Peggy Oxendine, Wayne Rimer, Joni Suggs, and Julie Carter. Just ask!!!!



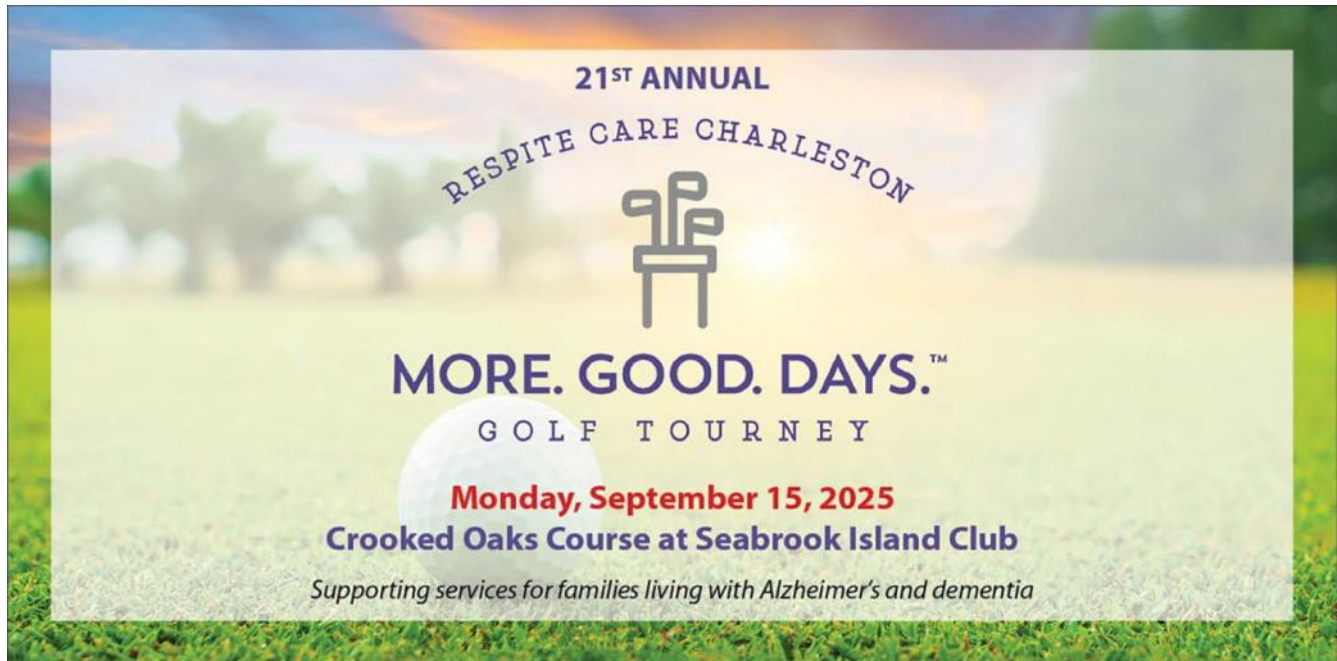
We're Moving!!!

Not the Building – just moving some rooms around.

Approximately five years ago, the Old Nursery was repurposed as a conference room. We are now in the process of restoring this space to its original use as the Nursery. The beloved “Noah’s Ark” murals painted by Terri Doucette remain on the walls, and we aim to create an inviting environment for children once again.

The adjacent room, previously unused except for occasional activities with Youth groups (many years ago) and Scouts (now disbanded), will be converted into the new Conference Room.

This transition will require some time and effort, but as with all projects, it is an ongoing process.



For additional info or to volunteer, please contact us at info@RespiteCareCharleston.org or 843.647.7405.



<https://www.griefshare.org/>

If you need help dealing with your grief there is a grief support group meeting on James Island starting on

Wednesday, September 17 from 10-11:30 a.m.

behind Epworth United Methodist Church (white building)

1540 Camp Rd.

For more detailed information about this group and to register go to

<https://www.griefshare.org/groups/272362> or

Contact Rev. Dr. Vivian Lawton 843-795-3722

Griefshare

Cost is \$20 for the workbook.

This 13 week program will begin on Wednesday, September 17th. There is availability to attend this support meeting online.

If you would like to attend, please let the Martin Luther Church office know and we can help with the cost.

Comments made in the year 1957

- “I’ll tell you one thing. If things keep going the way they are, it’s going to be impossible to buy a week’s groceries for \$20.”
- “I’m afraid to send my kids to the movies anymore, ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying ‘damn’ in ‘Gone with the Wind’. It seems every new movie has either ‘hell ‘ or ‘damn’ in it.”
- “Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won’t be long before \$5,000 will only buy a used one.”
- “Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?”
- “I never thought I’d see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even make electric typewriters now.”
- “No one can afford to be sick any more: \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood.”
- “If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.”



Most of us are pretty good at planning—schedules, to-do lists, calendars filled to the brim. But what happens when God steps in with an unexpected detour?

Throughout Scripture, God often moved in the interruptions. Moses was tending sheep when he saw a burning bush. Mary was simply living her life when an angel appeared. Even Jesus was frequently “interrupted” by people seeking healing or hope—and He never turned them away.

“Interruptible faith” is a posture of openness. It’s saying, “Lord, here’s my plan—but I trust Yours more.” It means slowing down, paying attention, and being willing to let God rearrange our day for His greater purpose.

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) reminds us, *“In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.”* May we have the courage to let Him.

PRAYERS



Our Church Family

The family of Ann
Flanders, Judy
Simmons' niece, at
her death on July
26th.

Pam Smith
Connie Baker
Emily Schroeder
Carl and Judy
Simmons
Caitlin Donaldson
Polly Sutton
Mary Baldwin
Brenda Burke
Margaret Balzano
Claire Diffenderfer
Myrl Kluge
Joe and Linda Sproles

Our friends and family

Georgie Mae Follin
Lara Carter
Matt Shrivalle
Joe Gregory
Alyssa Baker
Kim Baker Hoxie
Judy Gilford
Autumn Young
Connie Wurster
Chieko Jordan
Fran Lingenfelter
Trey Crayton
Sara Perry
Johnny Hallman
Alice and Ned Vendrick
Annie Flanders
Dwight Hartsell
Paulwyn Boliek
Rusty Sims
Mark Hair
Robert Suarez
Eric Wohltman
Jean Chesno
Boose Sims
Nancy Schwartz
Katie Carrole

Carol Sims
Elizabeth Sweet
Pastor Russell Seabright
Janice Lussier
Linda Miller
Ann Smith
Rick Carroll
Betty Jones
Mike Shuey
Linda Wells
Lora Ullery
Korky Dunn
Martha and Jimmy
Stone
Wendy Thomas
Carter Ketchum
Burts Bryant
The children and staff at
Harbor View
Elementary
The Staff and Clients at
Respite Care
Charleston
The Staff and Clients at
Postpartum Support
Charleston

**BIRTHDAYS**

Mary Beth Brennan	9/4
Stephen Harmon	9/7
Mary Cooper	9/10
Myrl Kluge	9/13
Brenda Burke	9/15
Emily Schroeder	9/16
Craig Bauersfeld	9/19
Lizzy Cockrell	9/23
Cayla Congdon	9/26
Wayne Rimer	9/28
Lynn Shaddrix	9/30
Pam Arnold	9/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary & Jack Cooper	9/11
Mary & Joe Cockrell	9/20

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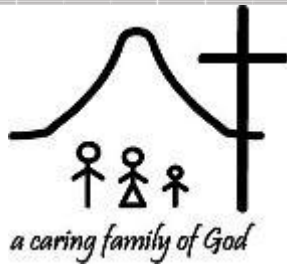
Linda Sproles	10/6
Ryan Hamill	10/7
Peggy Oxendine	10/7
Kathleen Miko	10/7
Brandt Armstrong	10/9
TJ Peterson	10/10
Bade Thomas	10/11
Sherry Fowler	10/12
Connie Baker	10/14
Robin Richard	10/25
Jack Cooper	10/25
Al Hoover	10/28
Ursel Harmon	10/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Robin & Marty Richard	10/16
Judy & Carl Simmons	10/25
Caitlin and Joe Donaldson	10/28

**SEPTEMBER**

DATE	Lesson Reader	Communion Assistant	Usher	Offering Counters
Sept 7	Peggy Oxendine	Maria Namie	Brandt Armstrong	Janice Knight Maria Namie
Sept 14	Jim Swittenberg	Lynn Shaddrix	Jim Swittenberg	Joni Suggs Linda Armstrong
Sept 21	Ada Arthur	Sherry Fowler	Richard Fowler	Kathy Swittenberg Lynn Shaddrix
Sept 28	Judy Simmons	Maria Namie	Ricky Suggs	Addie McKeithan Kathy Swittenberg



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**“A CARING FAMILY OF
GOD”**

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Interim Pastor

Rev. Kathleen Miko

Director of
Congregational Ministries

Sherry Fowler

Director of Music

Gina Shuey

Office Hours are

Monday—Friday

9 AM to Noon

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