

## Overcoming Fears

From a young age, I've always had a deep love for the water. Some of my earliest memories are of swimming at my uncle's house on what we called "The River," now known as Lake Wylie. Every summer, my family would vacation at the beach, where I could happily spend the entire week in the pool. In third grade, we moved to Greenwood, where my sibling and I joined the local swim team, and I quickly grew to love summers filled with water skiing, floating on rafts, and swimming. By the time I was fourteen, I started assisting a swim instructor and lifeguard at the YMCA. That early experience led me to manage a private pool for ten summers, where I taught both group and private swim lessons. One of the greatest blessings of my life has been teaching more than a hundred children each summer—mostly through word-of-mouth referrals.

One summer during a beach vacation, my dad decided we should all go deep-sea fishing. At first, I thought it sounded like a fun adventure—until I realized just how far offshore they planned to go. When he said we might be twenty miles out at sea, I panicked. In the end, the rest of my family went without me. Since then, I've had several chances to go on a cruise, but I always say no. The only cruise I've ever taken was along the Nile River—where the shoreline is always in sight. Maybe that's part of why I've always been drawn to lighthouses. They're a reminder that even in life's darkest moments, there's often a ray of hope guiding us back to solid ground.

We are reminded in John 1: 1-9 "In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was God...in him was life, and the life was the light of people.  
The light shines in the darkness and did not overcome it."

I often wonder how many lives have been saved because of the mission of lighthouses. Their history stretches back as far as 280 BC, with the famous Lighthouse of Alexandria, built by the Pharos to mark the harbor and aid in navigation. In ancient times, lighthouses were often nothing more than fires lit on



hilltops, guiding countless maritime travelers to safety. As lighthouse technology evolved in the 18th and 19th centuries, they became even more effective at saving lives. Today, many have been beautifully restored and equipped with modern innovations like LED lights, fog horns, and solar-powered batteries—continuing their legacy of guiding people safely through the storm.

I see May as both a time to celebrate and a time to reflect. It's a month filled with meaningful events—the Annual Strawberry Festival, the National Day of Prayer, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, graduations, and the close of another school year. But beyond the celebrations, May invites personal reflection. Did I give my best in school this year? Was I the best mom I could be? Has school truly prepared me for the work ahead, or is it time to keep learning and growing? I'm especially grateful for the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom. Memorial Day is more than just a holiday—it's a reminder of what matters, and the cost of what we so often take for granted.

This year, I choose to both reflect and celebrate. I want to take a closer look at my deep fear of water—where it comes from and how I might begin to understand it. I've always dreamed of seeing the Panama Canal, yet the thought of getting there without stepping onto a cruise ship still feels uncertain. At the same time, I want to celebrate the relationships in my life—to truly acknowledge the people who matter most and let them know how deeply they are appreciated. So join me as we step into May with intention, embracing both reflection and celebration. Let's lean into the light—the kind that helps us face our fears and push through the darkness, together.

I look forward to seeing you at St. John's, where light always helps us overcome the darkness.

Shalom,

Karen





# MAY EVENTS & REMINDERS

8:30am & 11:00am - **Worship Services**

9:30am - **Hospitality**

10:00am - **Sunday School**

For all other events, visit our website:

[www.stjohnsfm.org](http://www.stjohnsfm.org)

\*If you have need of use of our facilities,  
please contact the church office for a full  
list of availabilities

May 2 (5pm-10pm) & May 3 (10am-10pm) **FORT MILL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

May 4 **Communion Sunday** (offering will support VBS)

May 5 - May 9 **WEE School Scholastic Book Fair** (Ladies' Bible Classroom)

Monday-Thursday (9am-1pm) Wednesday (9am-1pm & 5:30pm-7pm) Friday (9am-12pm)

May 7 (5:45pm) **Last Community Meal until September!** We will have a cookout and enjoy hamburgers, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert. Connections Team will have games for everyone to enjoy!

May 7 & May 21 (4:30pm) **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** in the Men's Bible Classroom



May 11 @ 11am Worship Service  
**GRADUATION SUNDAY**

May 12 **CLARA PHILLIPS CIRCLE**  
@ 5pm in the Fellowship Center

May 11 **Potluck Hospitality**  
(bring a breakfast item  
to share)

May 13 **MORNING GLORY CIRCLE**  
@ 10:30am in the Men's Bible Classroom

May 12 **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** @ 6:30pm in the Fellowship Center

May 13 **TROOP 130 - COURT OF HONOR** (On May 13 @ 6:45pm Scout Troop 130 will hold their Court of Honor in the Sanctuary.)

May 14 - **Handbells** will practice in the sanctuary.

May 17 **MISSIONS TEAM**

Clean out & restock @  
Bethel Shelters - 10am

May 18 **STEWARDSHIP  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

@ 12:15pm (Loft)

## MEMORIAL DAY

The Church Office will be closed  
on Monday, May 26 for  
Memorial Day

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

In addition, the church office will  
begin closing on Fridays for the  
summer on Friday, May 30.

## LUNCH BUDDIES

Lunch Buddies will be returning  
to one of our favorites on May 20.  
Showmars in Indian Land offers a  
variety of menu items at their  
9783 Charlotte Highway location.  
Please sign up by May 18 and  
plan to meet us there at 11:30am.  
YUM!

Exercise with Avis (M-W-F) 11am-11:30am

May 5 - Book Club @ 7pm (MBC)

# May Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 1

Lily James  
Dave Robertson  
Bri Natoli

May 2

Glory Creel

May 3

Beverly Anderson  
Owen Isenhour

May 7

Darby Johnson

May 8

Bill Davies  
Jennifer Hardyman  
Jeannine Hillhouse  
Minda Siebert

May 9

Carolyn Blair  
Katelyn Fisher  
Ned McAteer  
Michael Miller

May 10

Jan Patterson  
Jamie Lewis

May 11

TC Fuller

May 12

Harriett Bouldin  
Linda Spinks  
Russ Williamson

May 13

Lisa Henley

May 14

Becca Bridges  
Jason Creel  
Richard Stark  
Nick Starnes

May 16

April Brown  
Sarah Robertson

May 17

Brooke Newland

May 20

Rhett Crocker  
Alex Meche

May 21

Janice Armstrong

May 22

Charlotte Adkins  
Kenny Rouse

May 23

R.W. Edmondson  
Larry Sweatt  
Paige Williams

May 25

Warren Anderson  
Parker Harroff  
Madison Newland

May 26

Cathy Damm  
Whitt Harroff  
Alex Kinley  
George Rhinehardt

May 28

Betty B. Ervin  
Melissa McGady

May 29

Reed Spilmann

May 30

Robyn Grant

May 31

Steve Natoli



May 1 - Jon & Jaimie Young

May 7 - Terry & Gina Goss  
Rob & Patty Robinson

May 8 - Don & Mary Fortier

May 14 - Steve & Bri Natoli

May 18 - Bryan & Cori Mitchell  
Fred & Paige Moore

May 21 - Joe & Suzanne Fisher  
Tim & Gina Hill

May 23 - Brad & Heidi McDonald

May 25 - Nelson & Judy Odom

May 26 - Jeff & Nancy Lerch

May 27 - Gilbert & Beverly Anderson  
Bob & Connie Gunsch  
Chris & Aileen Yount

May 28 - Tom & Marilyn Turner

May 30 - Jim Wolfe & Joan Pate



Children & Youth

College Students





***In Loving Memory of Micky Clyburn*** by Chip & Trudie Heemsoth

***In Loving Memory of Tootsie Massey & Lillian Boatwright***

by Larry & Linda Spinks

***In Loving Memory of Kay Gibson*** by The Clara Phillips Circle

***Christian Sympathy is extending to Josh Honea and family on the passing of his aunt, Loretta Marie Poole on March 26, 2025.***

## BABY ANNOUNCEMENTS!



***~Congratulations to Stephanie & Shane Basen on the birth of their son, Bryce Basen on April 7, 2025. Congratulations to grandmother, Peggy Nesbitt and great-grandfather, Henry Gieser.***

***Congratulations to Will & Hilary Hozey on the birth of their son, Henry Blaine Hozey on April 9, 2025. Congratulations to grandparents Bill & Beth Hozey, great-grandmother Ann Hozey and great-grandparents Benny & Joyce Patterson.***

***~Congratulations to Zachary & Kate Lynch on the birth of their daughter, Ava Turner Lynch on April 9, 2025. Congratulations to grandparents, Brent & Laurie Lynch and first time great-grandparents, Tom & Marilyn Turner~***



***~Congratulations to Kaylee & Will Chambers on the birth of their daughter, Carsyn Brooke Chambers on April 14, 2025. Congratulations to grandparents, Joel Chambers and Amy & Stephen Middlekauf; great-grandparents, Tommy & Phyllis Chambers and step, great-grandmother, Peggy Bishop~***



# *2025 High School Graduates*



**Harrison Turner**  
**Catawba Ridge High School**  
**Parents: Jon & Lise Turner**



**Reese Williamson**  
**Indian Land High School**  
**Parents:**  
**Russ & Elisabeth Williamson**



**Tyler Edwards**  
**Nation Ford High School**  
**Parents:**  
**Matt & Melanie Edwards**



**Ellery Lominick**  
**Catawba Ridge High School**  
**Grandparents:**  
**James & Joyce Kimbrell**



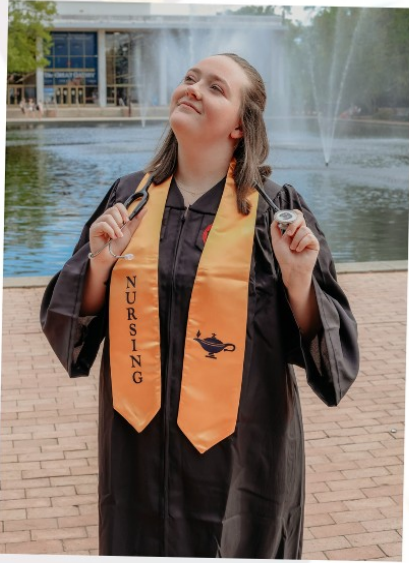
**Milton Alexander**  
**Fort Mill High School**  
**Parent: Kristin Alexander**



**Bailey Shadoan**  
**Seaforth High School**  
**Grandparents:**  
**James & Joyce Kimbrell**



# 2025 College Graduates



**Paige Williams**  
**USC Columbia**  
**Parents:**  
**Ricky & Julie Willlliams**



**Alex Meche**  
**USC Columbia**  
**Parents:**  
**Brent & Bonnie Meche**



**Jacob Neal**  
**The Citadel-The Military**  
**College of South Carolina**  
**Parents:**  
**Craig & Nancy Neal**

**Eric Shadoan**  
**Gardner Webb University**  
**Grandparents:**  
**James & Joyce Kimbrell**



**Carsyn Clyburn**  
**Clemson University**  
**Grandparents:**  
**Chip & Trudie Heemsoth**



**Peter DeJonge**  
**US Naval Academy**  
**Grandparents:**  
**Bill & Judy Tilly**





# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## He Is Risen—And So Were Our Spirits This Easter!

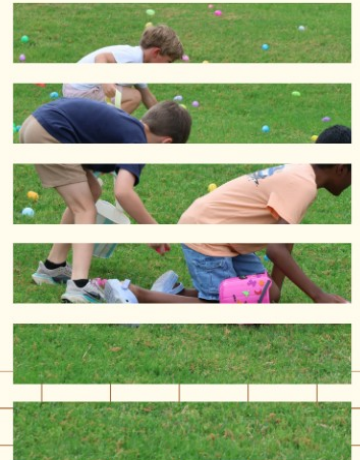
What a joyful Easter season we had together! From laughter and games to awe-inspiring moments of new life and celebration, our church was alive with energy and hope.

### Easter Jam Was a Blast!

Our Easter Jam family event was full of fun, laughter, and community! Families of all ages came together to enjoy games, crafts, music, and a high-energy retelling of the Easter story. Whether you were hunting eggs, dancing in the aisles, or crafting the perfect Easter crown, you helped make it a joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection!

### From Cup to Sky—Our Butterfly Watch

This year, we once again witnessed the beauty of new life as our butterflies emerged from their chrysalises right in time for Easter morning. Children and adults alike marveled as we watched them grow and change—a powerful reminder of the transformation and hope we find in Christ. Releasing them on Easter morning was a beautiful, peaceful moment we won't soon forget.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered, participated, and helped make this Easter season so special. From the tiniest butterfly watchers to our faithful youth helpers, you brought the story of Jesus to life in our community.



We're looking forward to celebrating Graduation Sunday on May 11 at the 11:00 A.M. service—come cheer on our amazing graduates! Our final REAL Kids gathering will be on April 30 during the Community Meal and Worship, so don't miss this special night of fun and fellowship. And to wrap up the youth season with a bang, we're having a pizza party and SUMO WRESTLING at our last youth event on May 18th @ 4:00 PM—it's going to be epic!





# WEE SCHOOL NEWS

Beth Meador, Director

## THANK YOU!

As our school year is winding down, the W.E.E. School staff would like to thank the entire congregation for their support this school year! Your prayers have helped us be a blessing to the wonderful children that come through our doors each week! It has been a wonderful and exciting school year!



## W.E.E. School Fundraiser/Spirit Nights

Thank you for coming out and supporting our spirit nights this school year. Be on the lookout in September for the 2025-2026 spirit nights.

## W.E.E. School 2024-2025

We have spots currently available for the upcoming school year. If you would like more information please contact Beth Meador (803)548-6557 or [sjumcweeschool@gmail.com](mailto:sjumcweeschool@gmail.com)

## W.E.E. School Summer Camp

The W.E.E. School offers 6 weeks of summer camp in June and July for children 3 years old (by September 1<sup>st</sup>) through children entering kindergarten in the Fall 2025. We still have a few spots available. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested and would like more information please contact Beth Meador [sjumcweeschool@gmail.com](mailto:sjumcweeschool@gmail.com)





# MISSIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

submitted by Amy Bartholomew, Committee Chair



## Undies Sundies



May is National Foster Care Month and we will once again be hosting Undies Sundies for Defend the Fatherless. We will be collecting items all month for the Defend Foster Closet. Foster and kinship families can shop at no cost for essential items when a new child enters their home through foster care. They are looking for NEW pajamas in sizes 12 months to kids 14/16 and underwear in sizes 2T to adult (small, medium, large, and XL). There will be a collection bin by the Fellowship Hall doors.




**DEFEND** THE  
**FATHERLESS**

## Fort Mill Care Center

The Fort Mill Care Center is currently looking for donations of Banquet Homestyle Bakes, Chicken and Tuna Helper, Rice-A-Roni, Taco Kits, Suddenly! Pasta Salad, vegetable oil, sugar, brown sugar, ketchup, and mayonnaise. Personal hygiene and cleaning products are also welcome. However, they DO NOT need any canned foods at this time as their shelves are currently well stocked with those.

## Bethel Day Shelter

The next visit to Bethel Day Shelter will be on Saturday, May 17. We will be delivering donations as well as straightening up the closets. You can meet at the church at 9:30am to carpool or meet at the shelter at 10:00am. Contact Shawne Hereen if you are interested in volunteering that day.



**Please join us for our next meeting on June 1 in the Men's Bible Classroom after the 11:00 service. Everyone is welcome to join us.**





# Connections Team

What a beautiful  
spring we have had!

With summer  
sneaking up on us our  
last Community Meal  
will be May 7<sup>th</sup> until  
September. So for fun  
let's celebrate outside  
with a cookout and  
play games.

Please bring any  
outside games you  
would like to play. We  
will have cornhole set  
up, bring your  
basketballs if you want  
to shoot some hoops,  
maybe a friendly  
game of dodgeball?

Hello May!

Don't worry if it  
rains, we will move  
back inside to the  
fellowship center  
and play in there.

We will have fun for  
ALL ages, we look  
forward to seeing  
you on May 7th!

Joan Pate  
&  
Barri Helms  
Connections Team  
Co-Chairs





# EDUCATION TEAM

NANCY RIVERS, COMMITTEE CHAIR



I find myself wondering why time seems to go faster the older I get. Have you felt that as well? This feeling is evidenced by the fact that Fort Mill Schools will be ending their school year this month. Can you believe it? I know along with our children's summer vacations come family travels and less happenings at church. However, a Christian shouldn't take a summer vacation from growing in their faith. Perhaps this is a great time to start a new spiritual discipline – frequent prayer, devotions, Bible study, reading, discussions with fellow Christians, fasting, mission work, etc.

Of course, our church offers two great opportunities this summer:

- Vacation Bible School, June 16 – 20
- Kindness Week, July 18 – 25

I hope that you can participate in one or both of the events in some way. Praying for the planning and execution of VBS and Kindness Week is something each of us can do!

<sup>12</sup> Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. <sup>13</sup> Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup> Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-18



# Bible Quiz

by Rev. Bob Romanello

I recently reread all of Paul's letters to the churches. They are not in chronological order. Romans, which is one of the latest written is first. It was written before Paul visited Rome during a time when most Jews still promoted the merits of the Law of Moses compared to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. I invite you to test your understanding by filling in the blanks from important passages below. (KJV)

For I am not \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ:  
for it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God unto \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone  
that \_\_\_\_\_. (1:16)

For all have \_\_\_\_\_, and come short of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God;  
being \_\_\_\_\_ freely by his \_\_\_\_\_ through the  
\_\_\_\_\_ that is in Christ Jesus. (3:23-24)

But now being made free from \_\_\_\_\_, and become servants to  
\_\_\_\_\_, you now have your fruit unto \_\_\_\_\_, and the  
end \_\_\_\_\_ life. (6:22)

**POSSIBLE FILL-IN WORDS:** power, believes, sin, glory, holiness,  
ashamed, everlasting, gospel, sinned, justified, salvation, redemption

Have fun and believe this message!!

You may enjoy reading Romans 1:16-17, 3:23-24, and 6:22-23 in different translations.



# Stewardship Committee

submitted by Martha Jones, Co-Chair

**Humility:** How does this character trait help us to be a good Steward of the many gifts God has given us?



## Acknowledging God's Ownership:

As Christians who follow God's commands to become a good Steward of the gifts he has given us, it's essential to recognize that everything we have comes from God. In Psalm 24:1, we are reminded, "The earth is the Lord's, Go everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." This truth should shape our perspective on possessions and resources. Rather than claiming ownership, we must humbly acknowledge that we are merely stewards entrusted with managing what truly belongs to God.

Embracing this mindset frees us from the grip of materialism and self-centeredness. When we understand that our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from above, we can loosen our hold on earthly things and use them for God's glory. As 1 Chronicles 29:14 declares, "Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand." By acknowledging God's ownership, we position ourselves to be faithful stewards who honor Him in all aspects of life.

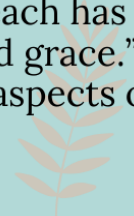
## Serving Others:

A good steward understands that their purpose is not to seek personal gain or recognition, but to **humbly** serve others. They recognize that all they have is a gift from God, and they are called to use those gifts to bless and uplift those around them. This attitude of **humility** allows a steward to focus on the needs of others rather than their own desires. They find joy in [serving others](#), knowing that their actions are a reflection of Christ's love. As Philippians 2:3-4 reminds us, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in **humility** value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." By embracing this mindset of **humble** service, a good steward becomes a channel of God's grace and love in the world.

## Conclusion:

Being a good steward is a lifelong journey of faithfully managing all that God has entrusted to us. By cultivating the qualities of gratitude, responsibility, generosity, integrity, and a servant's heart, we can honor God and make a positive impact in the world. Start by assessing your current stewardship practices and prayerfully considering how you can grow in each area. Look for opportunities to express thankfulness, use your resources wisely, give cheerfully, demonstrate trustworthiness, and serve others with humility. Remember, as 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." Embrace your role as a steward and let these qualities shine through in all aspects of your life.

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# ***An Invitation from Lay Leadership***

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## **WHO?**

*any and all United Methodists*

## **WHAT?**

*are invited to participate  
in Lay Servant  
Ministry courses  
(Heritage, Spiritual Gifts,  
or Devotional Life in the  
Wesleyan Tradition)*

## **WHERE?**

*at Grace Lynnwood UMC  
1905 Country Club Dr,  
Lancaster, SC 29720*

## **WHY?**

*in order to further  
educate & build our  
discipleship ministries*

## **WHEN?**

*on Saturday, May 17, 2025  
& Sunday, May 18, 2025*

## **HOW?**

*by registering here by May 2, 2025  
<https://www.umcsc.org/rockhill> online registration/*

## **QUESTIONS?**

*If you have any questions, please reach out to Lise Turner!*

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

### *What Is Salkehatchie?*

Salkehatchie is a Summer Service Ministry started in 1978 which assists families in South Carolina. Campers, fourteen years old and older, can volunteer for a week of hard work to help others in need of repairs or updates on their home. Salkehatchie volunteers serves approximately 200 homes each summer. In the past, youth and adults from St. John's have participated in this program. The United Women in Faith and the Missions Team from St. John's have supported Salkehatchie by providing meals to campers. Here are some reports and pictures from past Salkehatchie workers....

#### Katherine Cryderman Burns



I was the first youth from St. John's UMC to attend Salkehatchie in 1991. I was scared to go alone, unsure of what to expect. The days were long and hot, filled with hard work like roofing, flooring, and digging, which made the experience both challenging and meaningful. Despite my fears, it turned out to be incredibly rewarding, and I returned the following summer. It's an experience I'll never forget—one that truly changed how I viewed those less fortunate than me. These pictures are from the Adams site, one of three sites we worked on at the Fairfield camp. This was the site I worked at, and the photos are from 1992.

#### Kendall Odom Hardwick (1991-1998 Salkehatchie Volunteer)

Salkehatchie was an experience I looked forward to each summer. It taught me so much about myself and brought me closer to God. As a young teenager, it was something I had never done.... going into communities and repairing people's homes all the while SHOWING them the love of God. Because of Salkehatchie, I can re-roof a home, peel and stick vinyl flooring, hammer a nail straight, use a nail gun, and so much more. These are the skills I have carried with me throughout my life. But more importantly, it was the experience of showing others that once felt unnoticed and unloved that they were in fact God's children, too. The homeowners were always so thankful that someone took the time to help them and provided them with a renewed belief in God's love!





Being the youngest in my family, I would always watch my dad and eventually my brother, Hunter head off to Salkehatchie every summer. I was just waiting for my turn. When my turn came around, I was so excited! I had participated in service work at Youth Group, but had never done a full, consecutive week of it. Needless to say, it was a very tough week. But, it was also a very rewarding week. Getting to meet so many new people, learn new things, and grow in my relationship with God made me keep wanting to go back! It is an eye opening experience and is something that really taught me not to take things for granted. Eventually, it lead me to further mission work into another country. Salkehatchie helped me find a passion to serve!

Ashley Hill  
(2014-2018 Salkehatchie Volunteer)



Jason Siebert & Jacob Siebert

I served about 7 years at Salkehatchie-Fairfield in Winnsboro. My last year was also the year my grandma had passed. Between my grandmothers and my site leader in my 6<sup>th</sup> year, Ms. Gwen, their words almost echoed each other. My grandma said, "Always go out and do good works to show your faith", and Ms. Gwen said, "You will always have 2 things; your faith and your family." One of the ways I have shown my love of Christ is by serving at Salkehatchie. My fellow campers became family, just like my church.

submitted by Jason Siebert



Pastor Karen & Jacob Siebert



Jacob Siebert, Homeowner & Sidney Hillhouse

Would you like more information about Salkehatchie? Are you interested in using your talents and skills to help others? Visit their website at [www.salkehatchie.org](http://www.salkehatchie.org)

# EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME

Katherine Burns, Epworth Representative

## "Children Like Steven"



Steven is the youngest boy in the middle school cottage this year, but he is one of the tallest boys in the cottage. He is destined to be a very tall and broad-shouldered man one day, but right now he is in the sometimes awkward development stage that accompanies the early teenage years. Yet his physical appearance is countered by a quiet and soft-spoken personality.

Steven came to Epworth last fall from a stressed family system, one where he experienced neglect so severe that he was removed from his home by the Department of Social Services. The neglect he experienced in his early childhood contributes to his quiet, sometimes withdrawn, nature. In those first few weeks, he did not bond right away with the other boys in the cottage and you would often see him off by himself.

As the weeks went by Steven began to experience the stability of a safe and secure home. Steven appreciated having plenty to eat (which for a growing teenage boy is a big deal!) and a comfortable place to sleep. He bonded with his cottage parents who gave him the space to be by himself but continued to encourage him to be more engaged at Epworth and at school.

Now months after his arrival, Steven's growth spurt is still going strong. Yes, he is still growing taller, but he is also growing in intangible ways. He has developed close friendships with the other boys and is often seen playing basketball instead of being alone. His grades are improving, he loves science, and he has a new dream of being a paleontologist when he grows up. He still has a lot of growth in front of him, but with each day at Epworth he is walking with more confidence into the future.

This Mother's Day, make a generous gift knowing you are a partner with Epworth in transforming the lives of children, children like Steven.



# EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING



## Mother's Day Appeal 2025

**May 11, 2025 is Mother's Day.** Each year we participate in the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering.

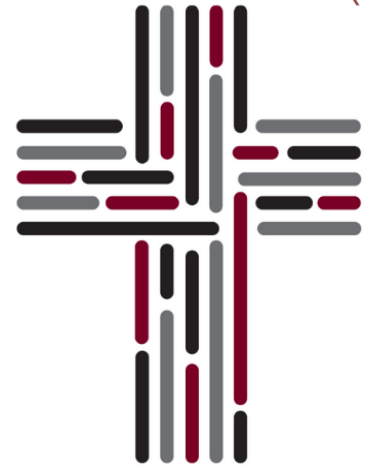
**Epworth Children's Home** is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. It relies heavily on the offerings received on Mother's Day and Work Day (held in September) to provide quality care to the 400-plus individuals who are in Epworth's care weekly. 100% of your Mother's Day Offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. Mother's Day is your opportunity to support Epworth's ministry.

We will be providing special envelopes for those who would like to donate to the Epworth Mother's Day Offering this year. If you would like to donate, ***please make your check out to Epworth Children's Home. Place it in the pink envelope provided and drop it in the offering plate.***

We will make sure your donation is sent to Epworth. In partnership with you, Epworth transforms the lives of many deserving young people. Thank you for supporting this year's Mother's Day offering.

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