

DECEMBER 2022



CARTERET C O N N E C T I O N

CARTERET STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | BEAUFORT, SC



A Word from Pastor Bryson...



December always seems so busy. And I will say I hope December is good busy. Most of the additional events we schedule are festive and fun. We spend time with family and friends in celebration of Christmas. I believe spending time in celebration of Christmas is wonderful. If we get tired it is a good tired. If we are overextended we can recover next year. I hope we enjoy these moments with the best of attitudes and spirits. We do not have to add all of these 'extras' to our calendars WE GET TO.

And so in noting these thoughts on being overextended, I am going to add something I would expect everyone to do as we get ready for Jesus to come. Read the scriptures about the coming of the Messiah:

Matthew Chapter 1 & 2

Luke 1:1 – 2:40, 3:23-38

John 1:1-18

Consider these things as you read these scriptures:

- Note the differences in the gospels.
- Matthew and Luke are different? How? Why?
- What is John saying in the prologue?
- How are Matthew and Luke's ancestries of Jesus different? Why?
- Think about what the writer of each Gospel is trying to say about the coming of the Messiah.
- Where is Mark's account of the birth of Jesus? Why?
- Read closely the reactions of Mary and Joseph.
- Imagine the angel who appeared.
- How about Zechariah and Elizabeth a formerly childless couple, late in life, having a child? What would our reaction be?
- The Shepherds – Imagine what the heavenly host looked like? How can we see "this thing?"
- The Magi – How big was the star? Would we join the road trip? How might we?
- Think about these things literally in the terms of our lives.
- What does this mean for us?
- What does it mean for you as an individual?

These scriptures are so rich and beautiful. I hope we can grow from reading, studying and considering these scriptures. I also believe these words bring joy and hope to our lives.

Monday Advent Worship Services

Each Monday in Advent we will have a guest speaker for a thirty minute worship service at 12noon followed by a soup luncheon. We encourage you to attend these services.

November 28: Hunter Keyes, Young Life Beaufort

December 5: Rev. Ben Burt, Grace UMC, Charleston

December 12: Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bruff, United Methodist Elder

December 19: Rev. Terry Pfeiffer, Associate Pastor, Carteret Street UMC

Join us in the Christmas Parade!

Sunday, December 4th

We have reserved a spot in the Annual Beaufort Christmas Parade this year! We will be taking the bus. You can walk or ride! We will meet directly after church on the 4th to put a few decorations on the bus and then head over to line up. Please let us know if you will be coming to join us.

Looking Ahead

Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Worship, December 24th

5pm, outside (weather permitting) and 7pm, Sanctuary

Christmas Day Worship, December 25th and New Years Day Worship, January 1st

10:30am (one service only)



Poinsettias and Christmas Mission Offering

During Advent you will have the opportunity to give poinsettias which will be placed in our Sanctuary, in honor or in memory of loved ones or you may give a gift to our Christmas Mission Offering in honor or in memory of loved ones. This offering will be divided between Great Day of Service, UMCOR and Epworth Children's Home. If you would like to order a poinsettia or give to our Christmas Mission Offering, please fill out the Communication Sheet in your bulletin. Poinsettias are \$15.00 each. Payment must accompany your order.

CSUMC Margey Pheiffer Prayer Shawl Ministry
"Thank you"

Thank you so very much for the many beautiful Prayer Shawls we received. Your gifts of time, talent, and love are gratefully appreciated!!!

Feathers For A Feast

A special thanks to all those who contributed to provide Thanksgiving dinner to needy families in our community. We provided approximately 38 turkeys and as well as many other food items to these families.

Operation Christmas Child

This year we collected 225 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Thank you to all who made this a success.



HELP of Beaufort Food Pantry

HELP of Beaufort is in need of many items for their food pantry such as peanut butter & jelly, boxed dry cereal, boxed macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables, canned ravioli, canned tomato products, canned fruit, flour, grits, rice, mayonnaise, sugar, vegetable oil, pasta sauce & bottled water. They also need laundry detergent. These items can be dropped off at the Church Office.

Snacks Needed for Beaufort Nursing and Rehab
(BayView Manor)

Items requested for residents: granola bars, individual fruit cups, cereal bars, raisins, crackers or any other individually bagged snacks such as Cheez-its or Goldfish. Please drop off at the Church Office. Thank you!!

Holy Land Trip 2024

April 2-12, 2024

If you are interested in this trip to the Holy Land contact Pastor Bryson.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive is December 1, 2022 from 11:30am-5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments are valuable as the Red Cross staffs the drive based on the number of appointments. If you don't have an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or log onto redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are sincerely appreciated and the best time to walk in is after 3:00pm.

Bazaar Distributions

The Bazaar Committee will have a meeting to distribute the proceeds. Request forms are in the Church Office. If you want to request funds, please fill out a form and put it in the bazaar mailbox at the foot of the stairs in the Wesley Building.

Christmas at Epworth Children's Home

We have completed our Angel Tree gift collection for the children at Epworth. All gifts have been spoken for. They can open their gifts on Christmas morning which will bring them smiles and excitement. For some, this is their first Christmas away from their families. Thank you to all who have helped make this Christmas a little brighter for the children at Epworth.

Toys for Tots

A collection box for the Toys for Tots program is in the Fellowship Hall. Toys for Tots is a national program to provide toys for underprivileged children at Christmas time. All toys collected here are given to children in Beaufort and Jasper counties. Your new, unwrapped toy donations are appreciated.

MISSION ALERT

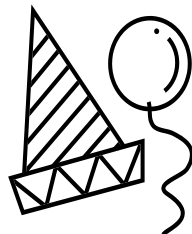
Volunteers are needed to do a 10-15 minute devotional at Bay View Manor on Friday mornings. Please contact Sue Barnes or Cliff Wimberly if you are interested.

Friday Morning Worship Services
at Beaufort Nursing and Rehab (Bayview)

Join us at the facility on Friday mornings at 10:30am. For details contact Cindy Keener or Sue Barnes.

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER			
Paige Holliday	1	Logan Hiers	19
Charleen Evaul	1	Jonah Roe	19
Duke Hucks	3	Ashby West	19
Rosanne Chisum	5	Sarah Bette Bundy	20
Glenn Carothers	5	Rick Griffin	20
Sue Barnes	6	Devi Murphy	23
Beverly Heles	7	Terry Pfeiffer	25
Dolores McKenna	7	Chris Pettit	25
River McLeod	7	Knoll Duncan	25
Katelyn Roberts	7	Chase Gollihugh	27
Martha Smith	8	James Gray III	28
Hans Hamm	9	Denise Berbigler	30
Samantha Pittman	12	Don Meyer	30
Hadley Bundy	12	Bobbie Page	31
Merle Hoagland	13	Cherie Buchanan	31
Phil Chappell	14	Holly Llanas	31
Anna Holloway	14	Rudy Kushnereit	31
Mary Graham	14		
Sandy Somerall	16		
Cameron Posey	16		
Gladys Chapman	17		
Janie Culley	17		
Amy Lawson	17		
John Luce	18		



Congratulations!

The following students received Bibles on October 30, 2022.

Hadley Brice Bundy and Owen Brueckner Pettit


Welcome!

It is with great pleasure that we welcomed Sue Welch, Mary Monroe and Tom Brumby into the membership of Carteret Street UMC. They Joined on November 20, 2022.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Bruce James Brumby, Arthur Thorn Brumby and Violet Louise Brumby received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on November 20, 2022. They are the children of Tom and Rhonda Brumby.

Scarlett Elise Pittman received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on November 27, 2022. She is the daughter of Troy and Samantha Pittman.




Youth News

UMYF, Grades 6-12

Youth Sunday School Classes
6th - 12th grades, Room 308, 9:30am

UMYF



December 4: Meet after church to help decorate the bus and join us in the parade. You can walk or ride the bus.

December 11: Regular UMYF, 6-7:30pm

December 18: Youth Christmas Party, 3-5pm

December 24: Christmas Eve Services, 5pm (outside) and 7pm (Sanctuary); Communion at both services

December 25: One Worship service Only at 10:30am, No evening youth group. Merry Christmas!

Revolution 2023
January 27-29

Revolution is coming up! We will spend 2 nights in Columbia. Please let us know by December 20th if you will be attending. Thank you!

Please call or email Lynn Stratton if you have any questions or concerns.

Children's Corner

Children's Sunday School Class
K – 5th grade - Room 300
Join us for Sunday School

Beaufort Christmas Parade
December 4th

Meet after church to help decorate the bus and join us in the parade. You can walk or ride the bus. Hot chocolate and cookies provided t the front of the church for parade spectators.

Children's Christmas Social
December 10th, 11am-1:30pm
Christmas party and crafts, lunch provided

Special Day in Sunday School
December 18th, 9:30am
We will have a Birthday Party for Jesus

Contact Melinda Ackerman for more information regarding Children's Ministry.

New Birth

Eleanor Mae Paulick was born October 28, 2022. She is the daughter of Luke and Brinn Paulick and sister of Amelia and Theodore. She is the granddaughter of George and Arlene Hull.

From the Finance Office

All contributions/donations must be received in the Church Office or postmarked by December 31, 2022 in order to be included on your 2022 giving statement. Any questions, please call the Church Office.

Financial Stewardship 2023

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Commitment of Giving Card for 2023. If you have not returned your Commitment Card, please return when you can. Cards are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary or in the Church Office.

Capital Campaign:

Faith in Our Future for the Next 100 years

We are kicking off a Capital Campaign to raise money to complete a number of improvements to our Church buildings and grounds. The improvements are: Remodeled restrooms for the 1st floor Fellowship Hall, handicap access from the Sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall, resurface our parking lot and replace windows in the Education Building. The cost of these projects far exceeds our annual budget.

On January 8, 2023 we ask everyone to turn in a Commitment Card during worship. If you cannot be in worship on January 8 please return your card to the Church Office. Our hope is that every member of our Church Family will contribute to this important work. Please be in prayer about the Capital Campaign.

Wednesday Niter Dinners

We will serve dinner each Wednesday from 5:30pm – 6pm followed by a program or Bible Study and children’s activities which will begin at 6:15 pm. Please sign up for dinner on the attached form in your Sunday bulletin or call the Church Office by 12noon on Mondays. The cost for the meal is \$7 for adults, \$4 for age 12 and under, families not to exceed \$20.

Dec 7: Cookie Swap: Please bring 4 dozen of your favorite HOMEMADE cookies (each dozen bagged separately). You will be able to swap cookies with others and go home with 4 dozen.

Dec 14: Following Wednesday Niter Dinner we will go through the historic district and downtown area singing Christmas carols.

Dec 21: No Niter

Dec 28: No Niter

Prayer Chain

If you are interested in being a member of the Prayer Chain please provide the church office with your name and email address. Weekly emails are sent out to the prayer chain members with prayer concerns.

Paper Recycling

We now have paper recycling in the Fellowship Hall. Please use it to recycle your Sunday bulletin and other church papers. Thank you!

United Methodist Men

The UMM will be meeting on December 12th for their Ladies Night at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Gray Blades Luncheon

Thursday, December 8th, 12noon, Fellowship Hall
Please join us for our Christmas Lunch. Gray Blades Members please call the Church Office or Mickey Stoble if you plan to attend.

A Bible Study on the Lectionary, December 15th

The Lectionary Bible Study, led by Rev. Terry Pfeiffer meets on December 15th at 12noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a side dish to share. We will eat together and then discuss the following scriptures.

The scriptures are: Isaiah 7:1-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25 (The Birth of Jesus the Messiah).

Seekers Book Club

Date: December 1st

Book: *The Christmas List* by Richard Paul Evans

We will meet at 11:30am in the Church Parlor. Bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert provided. Come join us!

Night Owls Book Club

Date: December 14th (Note Date Change)

Book: *A Christmas Promise* by Richard Paul Evans

The Night Owls Book Club meets via zoom on the third Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm. Rev. Terry Pfeiffer is the group leader.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, email the church at carteretstreetumc@gmail.com and include your name, telephone number and email address. Upon receipt of this information you will be added to the list for the Book Club. An email containing the zoom link will be sent out the day before the zoom meeting.

Thank you!

Dear Church Family,

Our family thanks you for your support during this past year. You have showered us with your prayers, generous donations to CSUMC in memory of our Dad, emails, texts, cards, phone calls, flowers, food and the lovely reception following his memorial service. He loved our church and really missed attending his last few years. We so appreciate all you’ve done to provide peace, comfort, and care during this difficult time.

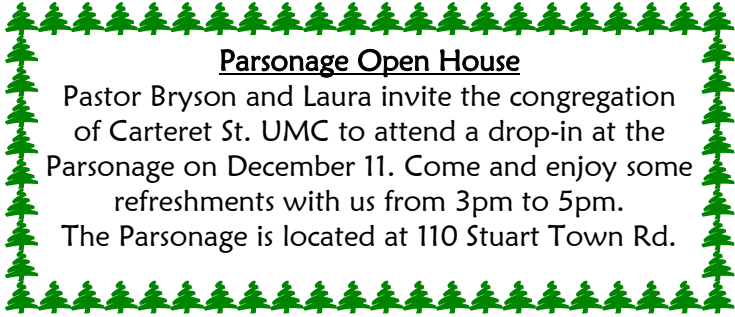
Sincerely,

Sandy and Rick Somerall and Tim and Susan Graham
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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and acknowledgements for my son’s death.

With Love, Linda Oliva



**Parsonage Open House**

Pastor Bryson and Laura invite the congregation of Carteret St. UMC to attend a drop-in at the Parsonage on December 11. Come and enjoy some refreshments with us from 3pm to 5pm. The Parsonage is located at 110 Stuart Town Rd.

**Health and Wellness Checks**

The Health and Wellness Committee is offering blood pressure and pulse checks at various times. Upcoming checks will be during our Wednesday Niter on December 14.

Of course, no advice will be given regarding your medications or other problems. This information is provided so that you can discuss it with your personal medical provider for their judgement, if needed.

**The Faith We Sing for the Sanctuary**

We will be purchasing The Faith We Sing (TFWS) which is a supplement hymnal for worship. TFWS has new hymns and many wonderful traditional hymns of the church as: *I'll Fly Away* and *Wade in the Water*. If you would like to place one or more in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call the Church Office or sign up on the attached form in your bulletin. The cost for each copy is \$20.00. They will be placed in the pews with the current United Methodist Hymnals.

**CSUMC Decals and Carabiner Key Chains**

Window cling CSUMC decals and carabiner keychains are available in the Church Office.

**Connect with us!**

We invite you to worship on-line or in-person (8:30 & 10:30) on Sundays!! The service is posted on Facebook and available on our website Facebook scroll at [www.carteretstumc.org](http://www.carteretstumc.org).

Visit us on Facebook!  
facebook.com/csumcbeaufort

Check in with us  
TODAY on Facebook!!

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Follow our Youth on Facebook!!
Carteret Street UMC Youth

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Follow our Children on Facebook!!  
Carteret Street UMC Children's Activities

**Church Office Information**

Church Office Hours are 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday thru Thursday and 9:00am to 1:00pm on Fridays. We will continue with these hours until further notice.

**Worship**

We will continue to offer online worship. We will also continue with two services at 8:30am and 10:30am.

**Nametags**

Carteret Street UMC nametags are available for purchase at \$10.00 each. Please let us know if you would like to buy one. Call the Church Office to order one. We would like for each person to wear their name tags on Sunday mornings and other church events. Thank you!

**We Need Your Help in 2023**

If you are interested in serving in any capacity listed below, call the Church Office.

**Nursery Volunteers**

We need adults of all ages who love children to help in the nursery on Sundays. This will only be twice a year.

**Altar Flowers**

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, call to sign up for your special day.

**Ushers and Greeters**

Ushers and greeters are needed for both services.

**Acolytes and Crucifers**

Acolytes and Crucifers are needed for both services, grades 4 - 12. Training will be provided.

**Carillon Choir**

The Carillon Bell Choir practices on Mondays at 9:30am. Those interested in playing in the Bell Choir including past players should contact Richard Zurakowski.

**Chancel Choir**

Regular rehearsals at 7:00pm each Wednesday  
New members welcome!! Contact Bobby Blanton.  
**Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata, December 11, 10:30am**  
Come celebrate Christmas with the voices of our choir. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to bring goodies for the reception, please call the Church Office or sign up in the bulletin.

**Do You Play the Recorder?**

Our Recorder Group is growing and having fun! We play soprano, alto, tenor and bass. If anyone plays the recorder or would like to learn, please contact Marlene Cracraft or call the Church Office. We practice on Fridays from 10:00am to 11:30am. At the end of practice we play a few pieces for the Alzheimer's Social Day in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone is interested in booking us for your group, please call Marlene.



**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

**Home** Nancy Anderson, Gladys Chapman, Ethel Cook, Jouette Duckworth, Barbara Garrison, Frank and Gloria Hamilton, Jim Hicks, Lad Howell, May Lepionka, Linda Oliva, Tina Peterson, PP Pynn, Linda Self

**Helena Place** Marlene Cracraft, Joan Suda

**Sprenger Health Care** Jackie Black, Buddy Clark, Curtis Smith

**Summit Place of Beaufort** Russell and Donnie Beer

**The Retreat at Lady's Island** Glenn and Barbara Carothers

**Wesley Commons, Greenwood** Betty Elkins

**Connection Deadline**

Please submit information for the January 2023 *Carteret Connection* to the church office by December 16th.

**Stewardship Report as of November 20, 2022**

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| <b>Budget Needs Y-T-D</b> | \$ 549,957.81 |
| <b>Received Y-T-D</b>     | \$ 556,797.20 |

We extend our sympathy to: Allen and Nancy Farley and Family on the death of their niece, **Rachel Anderson McDannald** on October 10, 2022 in Charleston, SC; Joan Easty on the death of her husband, **Kent Easty** on October 28, 2022 in Beaufort, SC; the family of **Martha Smith** on her death on November 4, 2022 in Pauline, SC; Perrin and Debbie Babb on the death of Perrin's mother, **Eleanor Babb** on November 4, 2022 in Bishopville, SC; James and Bradley Fabian on the death of their father, **James F. Fabian, III** on November 12, 2022 in Beaufort, SC.

**Church Staff**

**ELLEN FABIAN**, Administrative Assistant

**RICHARD ZURAKOWSKI**, Carillon Choir Director

**ROBERT BLANTON, JR.**, Director of Music Ministry

**MELINDA ACKERMAN**, Director of Children's Ministries

**JOHN PERRY**, Custodian

**LINDA FERRELL**, Business Manager

**GARY RAKESTRAW**, Organist

**ALLEN FARLEY**, Coordinator of Food Ministries

**LYNN STRATTON**, Coordinator of Youth Ministries

**REV. TERRY PFEIFFER**, Associate Pastor

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