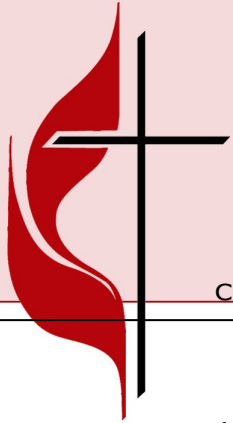


FEBRUARY 2023



CARTERET C O N N E C T I O N

CARTERET STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | BEAUFORT, SC

A Word from Pastor Bryson...

February puts me in the mind of Groundhog's Day. I do not consider Groundhog's Day a holiday and it seems a strange occasion to me. Terry P asked if there is a Southern version of Pennsylvania's famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil (PP). I am not aware of such a local marmot, so Terry P offered 'Lowcountry Larry' (LL)..... LL sounds good to me.

Groundhog Day (GHD) reminds me two things. First, is the movie of the same name with Bill Murray. Bill's character wakes up every morning and it is GHD every day, the same events occur every day, same song on the radio, same people do the same things. Sometimes life seems like a rut for us. We do the same things again and again. Sometimes we commit the same sin again and again. Or we have the same unhealthy behavior over and over and things never change.

Perhaps we can incorporate some new or healthy behaviors into our lives that are life-giving. How about we read our Bibles every day? How about we be in conversation with God continually? How about we connect or reconnect our loved ones more often? How about going outside and enjoying God's good creation for a few moments each day? How about some exercise? How about we say today is a good day and I am going to make it good?

Secondly, GHD puts me to mind of the rodent, PP, from Pennsylvania, come out and see his shadow and run inside and hide for a month and a half as we continue the slog of winter. Or so the legend goes – I think this legend comes somewhere from one of the lost books of the canon – the book of Hallucinations.

Sometimes we are the same; we just want to hide inside. We do not want to get out. We fear our shadows. We fear the outsider. We fear the things we do not want to face. Time Magazine had a recent section on happiness. One of the keys to happiness is getting out. Getting outside in the sun. Getting out to do things with loved ones. Deliberately doing things to be around friends and family and loved ones. I think these ideas are great. I also believe this is what Carteret Street UMC offers.

I believe we are a place to be with loved ones and our Church family. I hope this is true for each of us. I know it is for me. I just finished playing Bingo on a rainy Wednesday night in January and though I did not win the game (I don't think I ever have), I had a great time laughing and enjoying life with my Church family. And the meal was really good too. Maybe we can invite others to join us for love and friendship and family.



Capital Campaign: Faith in Our Future for the Next 100 Years

We have kicked off our 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.

If you have not pledged for the campaign, commitment cards are available in the Church Office or at the entrances to the Sanctuary. You may place these in the offering plate or drop off at the Church Office. Thank you for your consideration of and participation in this important step in the life of our Church.

Discernment Process

Recently we had two meetings regarding the discernment process to provide information to our congregation. The meetings ended with a non-binding survey. The survey had two options: 1. Enter into the discernment process immediately with intention to leave the UMC in 2023 or 2. Not enter into the discernment process at this time. The survey results are: 8-enter immediately; 139-not enter and 1 abstention. The Church Council met on January 26th and the results were discussed. The Church Council made a motion to not enter into the discernment process at this time. It was seconded and all were in favor. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Bryson.

Holy Land Trip 2024

April 2-12, 2024

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

Ash Wednesday Service

February 22, Imposition of Ashes 6:30pm

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!!

CSUMC Decals and Carabiner Key Chains

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

Great Day of Service

Volunteer Registration forms will be mailed out by February 15, 2023. Please give serious thought as to where your talents could best serve in making your choice. Please select at least two as some of the opportunities fill up quickly and we need to re-route volunteers to other opportunities. The deadline for receipt of the Registration Forms to the Church Office is March 4, 2023, but we would appreciate it if you could send it in as soon as possible so we can begin aligning volunteers with our various service projects. If you have questions or need additional information please contact our GDOS Coordinators

Marc Sviland
(mdsviland@gmail.com)
or Linda Sviland
(Lindasilksviland@gmail.com).



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.



Sunday Lenten Sermon Series 2023

Jesus Wants the World to Know

Date	Scripture	Events	Sermon Title
Feb 26	Matthew 21: 12-16	Jesus Cleanses the Temple	My House Shall Be
March 5	Matthew 24: 1	Destruction of Temple/Signs	Tell Us, When
March 12	Matthew 22: 23	Questions about Resurrection	The Resurrection
March 19	Matthew 22: 15	Paying Taxes	Is He Really Talking About Taxes?
March 26	Matthew 22: 34	Greatest Command	A New Command

These scriptures are taken from Matthews Gospel. These scriptures are from Palm Sunday until before Jesus is arrested. The last week Jesus was on earth before he was crucified. Words and events Jesus is sharing during his last week. These words are important and Jesus wants us to know these last teachings. Why is Jesus telling us this? What does it mean for the world? What does this mean for us?

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 21, 2023, 5:00 - 7:00pm

Sponsored by the Carteret Street UMC Youth and Children's Ministry

All proceeds will help fund the ministries of the UMYF and the Children's Ministry. The cost for the meal is \$7 for adults, \$4 for age 12 and under, families not to exceed \$20.



John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

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.

Visit us on Facebook!
facebook.com/csumcbeaufort

Check in with us
TODAY on Facebook!!



Follow our Youth on Facebook!!
Carteret Street UMC Youth



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

CSUMC Bazaar Disbursement for 2022

Missions	\$ 1,626.00
Born to Read	\$ 1,500.00
Fellowship Hall-60 folding chairs-John Perry	\$ 600.00
HELP of Beaufort	\$ 1,000.00
Gray Blades	\$ 2,000.00
Mission Outreach Committee – Student needs	\$ 1,000.00
OPFOB	\$ 1,000.00
Alzheimer's Family Services of Greater Beaufort	\$ 1,000.00
Big Green Booster Club	\$ 500.00
Imagine No Malaria	\$ 1,000.00
Worship Committee - round tablecloths	\$ 200.00
Boy Scout Troop #1	\$ 500.00
Cub Scout Pack #1	\$ 500.00
CSUMW Bereavement Meals	\$ 1,000.00
Trustees- Capital Campaign	\$ 2,837.00
Total	\$16,263.00

I submit these scriptures to you to enhance your spiritual enrichment during the great season of Lent (Ash Wednesday, February 22 to Easter Sunday, April 9).

I took them from our very useful United Methodist Book of Worship.

Blessings, Rev. Terry Pfeiffer

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like Crimson, they shall become like wool. *Isaiah 1:18*

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. *Isaiah 2:5*

In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and in trust shall be your strength. *Isaiah 30:15b-c*

Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. *Joel 2:13*

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4: 14-16*

A Hearty Thank You!

I thank the many who so thoughtfully gave and sent Christmas greeting cards, birthday wishes, lovely notes, food, blessings, and prayers during the Christmas Season and during my recent hospitalization to treat fluid retention and high blood pressure. God blesses me through your care.

Rev. Terry Pfeiffer

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive is February 2, 2023 from 11:30am-5:30pm **at the Parish Church of St Helena due to construction at CSUMC.** Appointments are valuable as the Red Cross staffs the drive based on the number of appointments. If you don't have an appointment, 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.

Heartfelt Thanks!

Thanks to the many members of CSUMC for your contributions in making the American Red Cross Blood Drives a huge success. In 2022, through the six Blood Drives held onsite, 329 units of life saving blood was collected. Factor in that (1) unit can save up to three lives, and it's easy to see where almost 1000 lives have been impacted by your gifts & efforts.

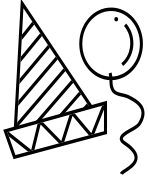
Our thanks also extend to all the United Methodist Women's Circles, who baked over 700 cookies in 2022. While we have many dedicated donors, they all welcome the delicious homemade cookies provided by these ladies. The efforts of these ladies as well as our many volunteers have made Blood Drives at CSUMC one of the largest in the Charleston Region. Thanks for giving the gift of LIFE!

CSUMC Elizabeth Parker Calhoon Library
Room 301 Education Building

If you have not been to our CSUMC Library, please take the time to do so. Tucked away in a quiet corner on the third floor of the education building, you will find a lovely library dedicated in 2013 to Elizabeth Parker Calhoon. A wide variety of books are there for you to check out – Novels, Spiritual Growth books, Non-Fiction books, Bible References, Daily Devotionals, and Children's books. Books are easy to check out; simply return when finished. Don't forget that you can take the elevator to the 3rd floor. Please come and enjoy!!!

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY			
Matt Luce	3	Travis Belflower	18
Martha Watkins	3	Sue Mumma	18
Bob Bundy	4	Jouette Duckworth	18
Andrew Mitchell	4	Elizabeth Thomas	18
Mike Bobbitt	5	Rosemary Anderson	19
Bobby Blanton	5	Paula Klauck	19
April Winston	7	Ken Davidson	19
Jeanie Pickel	7	George Hull	19
Sandra Simmons	8	Amanda Woolsey	22
Jodel Cummins	9	Lou Ackerman	23
Ashley Smith	10	Michelle Voegtle	23
Chelsea Wallace	10	Joan Sedlacek	24
Suzi Jones	11	Gray Wilson	24
Cynthia Zeiss	11	Chip McLeod	25
Amy Fordham	11	Thomas Cook	25
Jay Wyatt	14	Mike Wiles	26
Susan McDowell	14	Alaina Floyd	26
Patty Dowling	15	Ben Henry	26
Sally Nickle	15	Matthew Bowles	26
Linda Self	15	John Perry	28
Brenda Lesesne	16		
Dylan Mullins	16		
Jennifer Yeager	16		
Karen Smith	17		



February Nursery Workers


- 5** Janie Ephland, Rosemary Hedden
- 12** Beth O'Neal, Beth Chappell
- 19** Cindy Coburn-Smith, Cindy Keener
- 26** Melinda Ackerman, Harriet Luce

Welcome

Winston and Sally Wilfong joined into membership of our church family on January 15, 2023. They come to us by transfer of membership.

Trustees Meeting

February 20, 2023
6:00pm, Conference Room



Youth News

UMYF, Grades 6-12

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

UMYF

February 5: 6-7:30pm, Regular UMYF
February 12: Collect for Souper Bowl of Caring after both services. Clean up Pigeon Point Boat Landing.
February 19: NO Youth, President's Day Weekend
February 21: 5-7pm, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 26: 6-7:30pm, Regular UMYF

Asbury Hills

Asbury Hills is a United Methodist Retreat Center in Cleveland, SC. The youth will go for a weekend retreat April 14-16, 2023. If you are interested in this trip please see Ms. Lynn. Further details to follow. This will be a fun, faith-filled experience for all!

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 on Sunday mornings at 9:30am!

Valentine Making
February 12, 2023, 2-4pm
Snacks and supplies included
Come join us!!

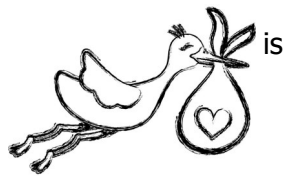
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 21, 2023
5-7pm

Save the date!
Vacation Bible School, June 19-23rd
Cokesbury's Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve God!
Contact Melinda Ackerman for more information regarding Children's Ministry.



New Birth!

Jane Storms Munshaur was born on December 31, 2022. She is the daughter of Conner and Kathryn Munshaur and sister of Sloane.



Wednesday Niters

We will serve dinner from 5:30pm – 6pm followed by a program or Bible Study which will begin at 6:00pm.

Please sign up for dinner on the attached form in your Sunday bulletin or call the Church Office by 12noon on Monday. If you are on the permanent reservation list and will not be here, please let us know. The cost for the meal is \$7 for adults, \$4 for age 12 and under, families not to exceed \$20.

February Programs:

- February 1: Marcus Tanner, Executive Director and Madeline Helsler of Second Helpings
- February 8: United Methodist Women
- February: 15: Boy Scouts
- February 22: Ash Wednesday Service

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**Call to Care Team**

The Call to Care Team has started a meal train to assist those who have special needs and might be outside the circle of care provided by the UMW. If you are interested in participating or know of anyone in the congregation who may benefit from this service please contact, Janie Ephland, Betty Miller, Michelle Dufour or the Church Office.

**Altar Flowers**

The following dates are available to place flowers on the altar: February 19; March 12; April 23, 30; May 14, 21; June 4; July 23, 30; August 13; September 3, 17, 24; October 8, 15, 22. Call the Church Office.

**United Methodist Men**

The UMM will meet on Monday, February 13, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall. All men are encouraged to attend and become members. In addition to our meetings we are available to assist needy members of our congregation with yard cleanup and minor repair projects. You can contact Ken Mills or Cliff Wimberly regarding any projects.

**United Methodist Men Super Bowl Pork Butt Fundraiser**

The UMM are doing a Super Bowl Pork Butt Fundraiser to support missions of the group. Pork Butts are \$40.00 each. Pick up time is on Saturday, February 11 from 12noon-3pm in the Church Parking Lot. To order a Pork Butt, please see a member of the United Methodist Men after church or contact Ken Mills. Thank you for your support.

**Toys for Tots Thank You**

A big thank you from Toys for Tots for allowing a drop off box to be placed at our church. A total of 6,428 toys were collected in this area, and 321 children in Beaufort and Jasper counties benefited as a result.

**Seekers Book Club**

Date: February 2, 2023

Book: *The Boys from Biloxi* by John Grisham

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

**Gray Blades Luncheon**

Thursday, February 9, 2023

12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us for Fellowship, Fun and Food. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be "Gray" to be a Gray Blade.

All members of CSUMC are welcome to attend the luncheon and presentation by HELP of Beaufort. Please notify Mickey Stoble by 2/7/2023 if you plan to attend. Bring either a covered dish, salad or dessert of your choice. Drinks will be provided.

**Night Owls Book Club**

Date: February 15, 2023

Book: *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult

The Night Owls Book Club meets via zoom on the third Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, please email the church at [carteretstreetumc@gmail.com](mailto: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 scheduled meeting.

**A Bible Study on the Lectionary**

The Lectionary Bible Study, led by Rev. Terry Pfeiffer meets on February 16th at 12noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided. We will study together from 12-1pm and then eat together.

The scriptures are: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9.

**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.

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

**The Faith We Sing for the Sanctuary**

We have purchased 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.

The Faith We Sing Hymnals will be dedicated on March 19, 2023.

**Nametags**

Carteret Street UMC nametags are available for purchase at \$10.00 each. Some of you already have them, but if you do not, please let us know if you would like to buy one. Fill out the attached form in your bulletin with your name so we can order them. We would like for each person to wear their name tags on Sunday mornings and other church events.

**Giving Statements**

Giving Statements were emailed on January 25th. Please let us know if you did not receive one. If we do not have your email on file then your statement was mailed.

Thank you!

**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.

**Officers and Committees 2023**

The Officers and Committees list for 2023 is available in the Church Office.

**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 6:30pm each Wednesday.  
New members welcome!! Contact Bobby Blanton.

**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** Ethel Cook, Sarah Davis, Jouette Duckworth, Barbara Garrison, Kathy Griffin, Frank and Gloria Hamilton, Jim Hicks, Lad Howell, May Lepionka, Linda Oliva, PP Pynn, Dora Sauls, Linda Self

**Helena Place** Marlene Cracraft

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

**Oaks at Beaufort** Russell Beer

**Oaks at Salem Road** Gladys Chapman

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

**Wesley Commons, Greenwood** Betty Elkins

**Connection Deadline**

Please submit information for the March/April 2023 *Carteret Connection* to the church office by February 16th.

**Stewardship Report as of December 18, 2022**

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Budget Needs Y-T-D</b> | \$ 596,762.73 |
| <b>Received Y-T-D</b>     | \$ 615,542.05 |

We extend our sympathy to: Barbara Carothers on the death of her husband, **Glenn Carothers** on January 2, 2023 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

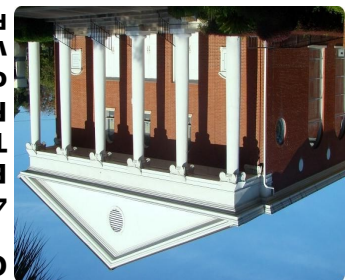
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