

6 Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

BLESSING BOX UPKEEP

A huge thanks to those who recently donated to the Blessing Box! Two weeks ago, the supply shelves were almost empty; now, they're overflowing! We are always so grateful for contributions, both material and financial, to this ministry.

There are updated suggestions lists available in the Narthex. They're just ideas based on what seems to get taken the most often.

NURTURE/MEMBER CARE

Nurture/Member Care is comprised of many volunteers from throughout our congregation that work to ensure that all members, including shut-ins, those in the hospital, rehab and nursing facilities, or those who simply need the voice and words of encouragement on a regular basis, are recognized.

There is always a need for more volunteers in one or more of the following ministries. Contact the coordinators to volunteer:

- **Meals for Bereavement or Hospitalization:** Fran Threatt
 - **Prayer Shawl:** Margie Perry
 - **Card Ministry:** Betty Portis
 - **Visitation:** Donna Hauenstein
 - **Transportation:** Dallas Bolin
 - **Phone Ministry:**
 - **Email Ministry:**
 - **Prayer Partners:**
- Please Volunteer!*

JOIN THE SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH...



2215
India Hook
Road

OUR INCOMING PASTOR'S NAME...

...was announced last week, and we understand that perhaps it was a bit difficult to hear the spelling. For those who haven't done the Googling yet... her name is **Rev. Valerie Mireb**. She is currently pastor to Grace UMC in Pickens, SC (one of Pastor Steve's prior appointments, too!); if you'd like to read a very informative bio, Grace's staff page has one:

<https://graceumcpickens.org/staff/>

Do you like beautiful flowers? Do you enjoy seeing them in the chancel each week? Please consider bringing some of your own! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board where you can indicate that you wish to bring flowers on a specific Sunday. You can list a "reason," i.e., memorials, birthdays, etc. They can be bought, or come from your back garden. Please see Judi Harper for more information.



Mark your calendars! The United Methodist Men are holding their **Brown Bag Auction NEXT Saturday, March 29 at 6pm!**

There will be a meal served to start, with the auction proper beginning at about **6:30-45**.



Come for the great food, stay for the warm fellowship.

We hope to see you there!



Announcements

10:25am

Prelude

“Nearer, My God, to Thee” *arr. by Richard Elliott*

***Presentation of the Cross
and Lighting of the Candles**

“Forty Days and Forty Nights” *attrib. to Paul Heinlein*

Call to Worship

“Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness. In our Lenten journey, Lord, lead us by the Spirit, even into uncomfortable places. In those forty days, in that place, Jesus faced hunger, doubt, and temptation. Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted. Lord, come and lead us, as we rejoice in the Lord our God. Amen.”

***Hymn #413**

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

***Affirmation of Faith #881**

“The Apostle’s Creed”

***Gloria Patri #70**

“Glory Be to the Father”

Young Minds Time

Audrey Culp

Congregational Response

“Jesus loves the little children—all the children of the world! Red and yellow, black and white; they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world!”

Anthem

“Total Praise” *arr. by Joel Raney*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Steve Holler

Offertory

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” *by Mark Hayes*

***Doxology #95**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Hymn #438**

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord” (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Psalter #788

Please read and sing responsively Psalm 63, led by Harry Gibson.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 13:1-9 (*New Testament pg. 76 in pew bibles*)

Sermon

“Now’s Your Chance” *by Rev. Steve Holler*

***Hymn #2282**

“I’ll Fly Away”

***Benediction**

Rev. Steve Holler

***Congregational Blessing and Amen**

“Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit, make us one. Let Your love flow, so the world will know: We are one in You.”

Postlude

“Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam’st to Men” *from the Unitas Fratrum (1566)*

**Please stand, if able.*

Text in “italics & quotes” is read or sung aloud together.



This Week's Events:

SUNDAY, MARCH 23—3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

- 9:15am—Sunday School
- 10:25am—Traditional Service
- 6:30pm—SPRC
- 12pm—Fellowship Hall reserved for private event

MONDAY, MARCH 24

- 10am Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

- 2pm—New Life Grief Support Group
- 6pm—Pickers' Jam

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

- 6pm—Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

- 10:30am—Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 1pm—Overeaters Anonymous

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

- *8:30am—Seventh Day Adventists
- 2pm—Seventh Day Adventist Youth Program

SUNDAY, MARCH 30—4th SUNDAY OF LENT

- 9:15am—Sunday School
- 10:25am—Traditional Service

**Servicios religiosos hispanohablantes, aunque nadie lea estas palabras.*

- Apr. 2—Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen (9am)
- Apr. 3—Men's Bible Study (6pm)
- Apr. 9—UWF (10:30am)
- **Apr. 13—PALM SUNDAY**
- Apr. 14—Utd Methodist Men (6pm)
- **Apr. 17—MAUNDY THURSDAY Service/Meal (6pm**)**
- **Apr. 20—EASTER SUNDAY**
- Apr. 22—New Life Grief Support Group (2pm)
- Apr. 24—Prayer Shawl Ministry (10:30am)
- Apr. 24—Men's Bible Study (6pm)
- Apr. 27**—SPRC (6:30pm)
- May 1—Men's Bible Study (6pm)
- May 7—Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen
- May 11—Church Council (6:30pm)

***subject to change*

Save the Date!

AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRY BY OUR PRAYERS, OUR PRESENCE, OUR GIFTS, OUR SERVICE, AND OUR WITNESS.

OUR PRESENCE 3/16/25:

Worship:	Online:	Sunday School:
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OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Acolyte:	Norah Cordle	Harry Gibson
Altar Guild:	Bruce Farrington	Nancy Griffith
Blessing Box:	Fran Threatt	Judi Harper
Crucifer:	Harry Gibson	Steve Barfield
Greeters:	Fran Threatt	Charlotte Kilpatrick
Ushers:	Fran Threatt	Margie Perry

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

This Week:	Harry Gibson
Next Week:	Al Quarles

ARE YOU HERE?

If so, please let us know! You can do so through our website, using this link:

<https://bit.ly/AUMCAttendance>

or by scanning this QR code:



NEW LINKS: GIVING/CHURCH APP

To give online: www.aumcrockhill.com/give.

To download the new church app: <https://mobile.myamplify.io/landing/xK4J>.

did you know...?

John Wesley probably coined the term "Agree to disagree." Pastor will tell us about it!

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