

Welcome Our Visitors

**We are excited that you have joined us for worship.
We pray that God will bless you and unite us in praise.
Please fill out the visitor's card located in the pew
pocket and place it in the offering plate.**

Restrooms: The restrooms are located through the doors to the left and right of the choir loft.

Hearing assistance devices are available. Just ask an usher.

Nursery is provided downstairs (use the right door by the organ) during Sunday School and Worship for ages birth to five years.

Weekly Growth in Grace

Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. One adult class is located through the door to the right of the choir loft. Turn right, go down the hall, second door on the left. The other is downstairs in the room next to the kitchen. K-2nd grade children meet downstairs in the back room to the left off the social hall. 3rd-5th grade children meet in the room to the right off the social hall.

UM Youth Fellowship, ages 12-18, meet Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30 at Lawrence Chapel UMC fellowship hall.

Choir Practice is Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room.

Bible Study meets Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage, 203 Joseph Street, Central

Hello faithful volunteers! Our next **Family Promise host week** at Clemson UMC is **Sunday, December 3 to Sunday, December 10**. We currently have one family who is relatively new to the program. Mother is Sabrina and sons, Alexander (20) and Hayden (7). Both Sabrina and Alexander are working. They will be staying in the Habitat House and we will eat in the overflow room in the main sanctuary, using the "old" kitchen in the main sanctuary building. Overnight volunteers can choose to sleep in the Habitat House (on the other side not being used by the family) or in the overflow room of the main sanctuary.

We also need a few breakfast items that can be heated in the microwave in the Habitat House easily (and the refrigerator is very small. If you are interested in bringing this meal or breakfast items, please let me know directly! And for sign ups!

Prayer List Gayle Heater, Greg & Sheila and Lance, The David Bullock Family, Sybil Miller, Darryl Guffey, Rebecca Carson, Charlie Glover, Terry Handegan, Maude Todd, Carrie Bolt, Grace Shirley, Gerry Smith. Dillon Lollis, Debi Culler, Elizabeth Martel, Neil Florio, Anne Lewis, Nancy Wilkinson, John Marshall, Kay Barrett, Amy Hunter, Tommy Barker, Les Neville, Jim Cunningham, Jennifer Grannan. Gary Arney,
Homebound: Bill Clayton, Bobby Garrett, Golda Noblitt, Robert Arrowwood, and Frances Reid
Missionaries: Kat Laun
Active military service: John Holmes – Ft. Bliss; Alex Martin – Virginia; Amanda Chivers Nebraska; Chris Trumbower, Josh Trumbower – Ft. Hood; Derek McDonald, Jordon Cox – Kuwait; Travis Wilbanks – England; John Youngblood, Jr. – Alaska; Wayne Smith



Please leave a message in the offering plate for those that need to be *added or removed* from the prayer list.

Phone directories can be found on the credenza at the back of the church.

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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19th, 2017**

Rev. Gene Aiken, Pastor
Mrs. Lynn Martin, Lay Leader
Mr. Malek McDuffie, Choir Director
Mr. Jack Russell, Pianist

*"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mt. Zion which cannot be shaken but endures forever."
Psalm 125:1*

Order of Worship

*The congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

~ GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND ENTRY OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE....."For the Beauty of the Earth".....Hymnal 92

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*GATHERING SONG....." Lord, I lift your name on High"TFWS 2088

~WORD AND RESPONSE~

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 65.....Hymnal 789

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Apostle's Creed.....Hymnal 881
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....*Children May Come to the Altar*

LORD'S PRAYER.....Hymnal 895
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN....."How Great Thou Art"Hymnal 77

~ THANKSGIVING ~

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*SERMON READING.....Deuteronomy 8:7-18.....NRSV 165

SERMON

"Thanksgiving of the Saints"

~ SENDING ~

* CLOSING HYMN....."Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee".....Hymnal 89
 (All are invited to come forward for prayer and discipleship commitment.)

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD AND POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Children's Choir will meet today during the worship service.

Fall Bonfire and Hayride Karen and Scott Smith will host our annual Bonfire and Hayride at their house today, **November 19th**. Pizza and drinks will be provided. This begins at 5p.m. and please remember to bring a chair. We always have so much fun at their house. We hope to see you there.

The **UMW** will have their **December meeting and Christmas luncheon** at the **Little Bistro in Liberty** at **11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017**. As we have done in the past, **our mission project** will be to collect **fleece blankets for the children at Helping Hands**. Please bring these blankets with you to the luncheon so that Elizabeth may deliver them before the holidays. **All are invited to attend.**

Articles for the Newsletter, "The Grapevine" are due **November, 29th**. Please email your articles to the Church at mtzion@nctv.com with newsletter in the subject line, or put in the newsletter mailbox in the church office.

Clemson Community Care has a shortage of the following food items: Juice, flour, cornmeal, soup, canned corn, and crackers. We also have a continuing need for diapers. We are very thankful for all your support, especially during the holiday season when the need for food is much greater.

Report of Finance

	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$13,265	\$141,732
Less: Operating Expenses	(\$10,535)	(\$130,858)
Net Contributions in Excess of Operating Expenses	\$2,730	\$10,874
Budgeted Monthly Expenses	\$15,049	\$150,490
Actual Monthly Expenses	(\$10,535)	(\$130,858)
Under (Over) Monthly Budgeted Amount	\$4,514	\$19,632

