

THE CHURCH CALENDAR	
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30	
9:00 A.M.	Sunday school
10:00 A.M.	Worship
11:00 A.M.	Session
4:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2	
7:00 P.M.	Stewart Circle
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3	
7:00 P.M.	Christmas Dinner

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

- Family of Barbara Khoury (Trish McCain’s mom)
- Jeff Dean (Jad’s father) - prostate cancer; surgery recovery
- Shirley Carnes (Billy Carnes’ mom) - Hospice care
- Terri Robinson - recovery from kidney stone surgery
- Dana Tyson - blood pressure issues
- Wayne Willis - recovery
- Byran Thomas - recovery from stroke
- John Robinson - recovery from bladder cancer surgery
- Mark Huey - recovery
- Diana Hallman - ALS
- Shut-Ins:
- Linda Henderson

Al Starnes

Robert and Nancy Watterson

Jean Stogner

Gail and Joanne Dailey

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE
NURSERY 11/30: Chandler K./Debbie C. 12/07: Wanda I./Lisa M.
CHILDREN’S CHURCH 11/30: Paula and Destiny Peasley 12/07: Rita Jamison/Landyn Robinson
SAFETY PATROL 11/30: Darin Robinson 12/07: Tommy Deason
DEACON OF THE MONTH Sam Tyson
ELDER OF THE MONTH Tim Hallman
USHERS: Pat Lee, Mike Wells, Sam Tyson, Jonathon Carnes

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FROM OUR CORNER

Over the past few years, our church family at Unity has come together on a Sunday afternoon in late November to celebrate Thanksgiving and prepare our church campus for the coming holidays. Yesterday was one of those glorious, golden, autumn days that we treasure because we know we are approaching a much colder weather trend. Under the direction of Sara Logan, we went to our self- appointed stations and began to unpack the familiar decorations we use on various trees, windows, doors and tables. The nativity scenes are always my favorite pieces because they remind each of us of the coming of the Christ Child. I love the rich colored apparel that is often depicted on the figurines. The cattle, sheep, the donkey and other animals appear adorable. I let all these sensations wash over me. And then reality crashes! The clothes were probably travel-stained and rather drab for our main characters as they were not rich and would have been unable to afford such attire. The animals would have been smelly and their coats rough. I imagine the sheep’s wool was matted and gray from their outdoor environment. The weather was most likely, at best, chilly. From that climate, came a baby who would change the world...actually turn it upside down for all the centuries to come! That tiny baby, God’s only begotten Son would, if we invite, forgive our sins, and make them whiter than the wool on a newly shorn sheep. He leads us into His world of service, and He allows us to see His Father’s creation in technicolor! We are blessed that we have our church family for fellowship as we prepare to celebrate this Holy Season. The afternoon was filled with the voices of children lifted in song and the beauty of the anthem presented by the Chancel Choir. We enjoyed sharing our savory soups, breads, grilled cheese sandwiches and desserts. Many of us shared favorite memories, some from long ago and others of recent days. We once again “gathered to ask the Lord’s blessing” and to give thanks.

PROJECT HOPE

November is one of our months to support Project HOPE. Please place items in the breezeway entrance. Current needs at this time include:

1. Assorted vegetable in the 14-15oz can

2. Instant potatoes

3. Canned fruit

4. Instant stuffing

5. Macaroni and cheese such as Kraft, any brand will work

6. Pasta in any shape variety BUT spaghetti

7. Stew in a 28 oz can such as Dinty Moore, any brand will work

We will accept donations through Sunday, November 30th. You may also make a monetary donation if you wish.

SESSION MEETING

Sunday, November 30th
11:00 A.M.
Conference Room

SENIOR ADULT BREAKFAST

Thursday, November 27th
8:30 A.M. (Please note time change)
All Sr. Adults ages 55 and over are invited

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting following the worship service on Sunday, December 7th. The purpose of this meeting will be to adopt the 2026 budget and elect officers.

CHURCH 111

OUR FAITHFULNESS FOR
NOVEMBER 23, 2025

TREASURER’S REPORT

2025 BUDGET	\$374,280.08
BUDGET NEEDS TO DATE	\$344,933.00
OFFERING TO DATE	\$339,081.35
BEHIND	\$5,851.65
NEEDED 11/23	\$7,339.00
OFFERING 11/23	CONTRIBUTIONS - \$11,786.63
	FACILITY RENTAL - \$
	COTTAGE RESERVATIONS- \$
	TOTAL RECEIVED - \$11,786.63
In honor of Debbie Williams for her birthday, November 25th, by Glenn and Marcie McCain	
In honor of David Cox’s 65th birthday by John and Rhonda McCain	
ENDOWMENT	
In honor of John Robinson by Joe and Toni Flynn	
In honor of the newlyweds, Emma and Jeff Lybarger, by Ken and Lisa Muennich	
BLDG/ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE YTD	\$9,300.48
BLDG/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 11/23	\$103.15

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Tickets are now available for the Annual Christmas Dinner from any member of the Men’s Breakfast Group and the Church Office.

The dinner is Wednesday, December 3rd, at 7:00 PM and the cost is \$20.00 per ticket. The meal will once again be catered by Rhonda Steele. The menu is Fried Chicken, Pork Loin, Potato Casserole, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, with Apple and Peach Cobbler for dessert.

Entertainment is being provided by Gary Neil and Friends.

WE NEED YOU!

We need volunteers for the nursery and for children’s church for 2026. If you are currently volunteering and would like to continue to do so, or if you would like to begin volunteering in either capacity, please contact Chandler Kirkley by mid-December. This will allow time to get schedules generated before the first Sunday in January. Thank you so much for your willingness to serve our babies and children.

ATTENTION CHANCEL CHOIR

Please note the following practice schedule as we prepare for Christmas:

- Sunday, November 30th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. (Christmas party to follow - please bring a finger food to share)
- Sunday, December 14th @ 8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 17th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Contribution envelopes are in the narthex for our annual Synod-wide Thanksgiving offering. Our final collection will be on Sunday, November 30th. This offering benefits the Synod Christmas Benevolent Fund, Erskine College, and Erskine Theological Seminary.

JUBILEE BIRTHDAY

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Jubilee Birthday Fund. We were able to send \$600 to support our Jubilee Birthday ladies. Although we were unable to have a program, you stepped up and gave generously. Thank you again for your continued support.

THANK YOU

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that came out on Sunday afternoon and helped to decorate our buildings and grounds. Many hands made light work and I appreciate every single one of you. A special thank you goes to Andrea Ribelin for making all the new bows.

Sara Logan, Chair
Christmas Decorating

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, December 10th. We will have our annual Happy Birthday Jesus celebration. As a special treat, our children’s choir will be performing “Kids Sing Christmas”. There will also be a special visit from Santa Claus. Look for more details coming soon!

RESERVATIONS

We will open up reservations for the Bonclarken Cottage and Church Fellowship Hall on Monday, December 1st, at 9:00 a.m. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Reunions will automatically be placed on the calendar.