

BY OUR SERVICE

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
GREETERS/USHERS	The Smiths	The Bryants The Ortizs	The Jones The Jullians	The Pyritzs The Williams	The Youth
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER	TBA	Caroline Williams Lauren Boron	Ryan Matney Morgan Matney	Luke Shirley Cole Shirley	Sam Hemingway Jacob Rabon
NURSERY WORKERS	Colby Christofaro	Susan Thomas Tomie Christofaro	Wanda Cooke Colby Christofaro	Laura Barton Colby Christofaro	Jessica Alvey Claire Alvey
TRUSTEE OF THE DAY	Tana Simmons	Dennis Weatherford	Harry Smith	Jim Ray	Joe Boron
FELLOWSHIP	Youth (Jason Rabon)	Coffee Only	Coffee Only	Coffee Only	Coffee Only
FLOWERS	Elwyn & Ann Roberts Stephen & Margaret DeGroat	Bill & Jackie DeWitt Tom & Jean Dixon	Richard & Jean Fields Darrel & Wanda Cooke	Donald & Louise Hemingway Richard & Nancy Dommel	Marcos & Ginger Catoe Carol Criminger
FINANCE TELLERS	Ann Roberts Perry Hill	Jean Dixon Betty Reynolds	Pat Norris Sandra Wardlaw	Dennis Nichols Sharon Lezak	Pat Dixon Betty Hawkins
LITURGIST	1st Sunday	Sharon Lezak	Peter Hemingway	Barry Julian	Youth

Thank you for agreeing to serve. If you are unable to attend on your assigned date, please contact the individual in charge of the area to which you are assigned or arrange to change dates with someone else on the calendar.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Herbert Aycock	Carmen Rivera
Noah Hill	Sarah Ross
Audrey Livingston	Bob Stamm
Renee C. Newman	

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church. Your request will be posted for 4 weeks. If you would like it to remain longer, please contact the church.

Quilts blessed in February:

Phillip & Jessica Ashley - friends of Ginger Catoe
and
Re-Blessed - Bob Stamm
and
Renee Newman
daughter of Alton & Mildred Campbell
and
Travis Faile

SERVICE AREA	CONTACT
Greeters/Ushers	Lynn Smith
Crucifers/Acolytes	Church Office Admin Asst.
Nursery Workers	Colby Christofaro
Trustee of the Day	Dennis Weatherford
Fellowship Family	Committee Chair/Church Office
Flowers	Margaret Hawkins
Finance / Tellers	Susan Weatherford /Ann Roberts
Lay Readers	Church Office Admin. Asst.

UP-COMING MEETINGS

Worship Committee Meeting – March 1st – 6:00 PM
in the Fellowship Hall

Leadership Roundtable Meeting – March 3rd –
6:00 PM – in the Conference Room

Trustees Meeting – March 10th – 5:30 PM
In the Conference Room

Christian Education Committee Meeting
March 16th – 5:30 PM – in the Sanctuary

Finance Committee – March 17th – 6:30 pm
In the Conference Room

Administrative Council Meeting – March 26th
6:30 pm – in the Sanctuary

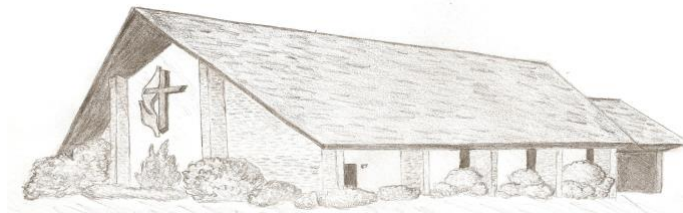
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March 2020

A Little Dash of S.A.L.T.
Serving And Learning Together
March 2020

The Journey of Lent

Stewardship...Wait! It's Not What You Think!

Many of you might have thought that I was going to start going on and on about money because often when we hear the word "stewardship" it is associated with the amount of money an individual will tithe to God or give to a church as their offering. But while stewardship – especially Christian stewardship – includes financial generosity, it is about so much more than just money.

According to MerriamWebster.com the definition of stewardship is:

- 1 : the office, duties, and obligations of a steward
- 2 : the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; *especially*
- 3 : the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care

Merriam Webster gives us the secular definition but what about stewardship as a Christian?

As a follower of Christ, stewardship is everything you do after you say "yes" to Jesus. It is a lifestyle choice that recognizes everything is a gift from God. When a Christian says, "I believe", it is the first step along the path of Christian stewardship in a life characterized by service, generosity, participation, worship and thankfulness.

A Christian steward contributes his or her time, talents, prayers and financial resources with a willing and joyful spirit. Being a generous giver (of all the gifts we have been given by God) is a spiritual response to God's goodness. When we say, "yes" to Jesus we commit to a life-long process as stewards of God's possessions.

True Christian stewardship is a spiritual discipline – not humanity's way of raising money but God's way of raising disciples. Jesus taught that God is the provider of all that we possess and that our call is to be generous givers of the resources that God has entrusted to us.

As I think about stewardship and the incredible gifts that God has entrusted to the people of St. John's, I get excited! This excitement comes as my imagination takes over with the endless possibilities of how God wants to use us to raise up and equip disciples. Can you even begin to imagine the hearts and lives that can be changed if we lived every day of our lives committed to joyful and generous Christian stewardship? Just think of all the disciples that God can raise up when we intentionally serve him with the gifts and resources that have been given to us. Don't you wonder what the world would look like if each one of us used God's gifts to glorify God instead of self?

Stewardship...what does it really mean? It means that we are held accountable for the gifts/talents that we have been given and the gifts/talents that we share with one another. With each passing day we are being called by God to be more intentional about our stewardship – to give more of the time, talents, gifts, and resources that have been entrusted to us so that God can be glorified.

So now that we know what it is...what do we do? We begin by nurturing generous living in our lives, our families, and throughout the church. And we do this because "generous living is not just about giving money, or even just about giving. It is about **who we are, whose we are, and how we care for our neighbors.**

Want more information on Christian Stewardship? Check out these helps from **the Center for Christian Stewardship of the United Methodist Church** www.gbod.org/stewardship

God's peace, Angela

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8:00am – 4:00pm

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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 am Sunday School
10:15 am Fellowship
10:45 am Worship Service

Qualities of a Christian Steward

A Christian steward is **COMPASSIONATE**

Christian stewards are caretakers and caregivers. They concern themselves with the distribution of gifts and resources so that all might benefit (Genesis 2:4-9; Matthew 14:13-21, 25:31-46; 1 Corinthians 12:12-28; James 2:14-17).

A Christian steward is **CONTENT**

Christian stewards acknowledge that their strength comes from God through whom they can do all things regardless of how many or how few material possessions they have (Philippians 4:11-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-10).

A Christian steward is **GENEROUS**

Christian stewards give whatever is needed and whenever it is needed (Proverbs 11:24-29; Mark 10:17-22; Luke 12:13-21; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Timothy 6:17-19).

A Christian steward is **GRATEFUL**

Christian stewards value what has been entrusted to their care and protect and preserve everything as if it were their own, yet acknowledging that the earth and all that is in it belong to God (Psalm 24; Psalm 92:1-4; Luke 16:19-31; Philippians 4:6).

A Christian steward is **LOVING**

Christian stewards know that the Lord requires justice and kindness and humility, and they follow the two greatest commandments (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Micah 6:6-8; Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10:29-37; Luke 11:42; 1 Corinthians 13:3; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:7; 1 Peter 4:8-11).

A Christian steward is **LOYAL**

Christian stewards serve God faithfully, remembering who they are, whose they are, and why they are here on earth (Matthew 6:19-21, 24; Luke 14:25-33).

A Christian steward is **OBEDIENT**

Christian stewards obey God by setting aside a part of all their income for others (Deuteronomy 14:22-29; Deuteronomy 26:1-18; Malachi 3:6-18; Luke 18:18-30; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2).

A Christian steward is **PRAYERFUL**

Christian stewards acknowledge the greatness and goodness of God through prayer, fellowship, study, worship, and reflection (Isaiah 40:28-31; Psalm 145; Jeremiah 29:11-14; John 6:25-40; Romans 12:1-21).

A Christian steward is **RESPONSIBLE**

Christian stewards realize that caring for God's creation and wisely managing resources never ends (Genesis 41:37-45; Numbers 18:25-32; 2 Samuel 24:18-25; Matthew 28:16-20).

A Christian steward **SACRIFICES**

Christian stewards follow Jesus' teaching to sacrifice what they have out of gratitude for their many blessings (Mark 12:41-44).

A Christian steward **SHARES**

Christian stewards have learned to distribute fairly so that none will be in need (Luke 19:1-10; Acts 4:32-35; Acts 20:34-35).

A Christian steward is **TRUSTWORTHY**

Christian stewards can be trusted to make wise decisions concerning the resources placed within their care (Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 16:10-13; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2).

We have NEW Email Addresses

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ALLUMINUM CANS



Please continue to save your drink cans and pet food cans, if they are aluminum. Sale of the cans will again be used to buy items for the meal of the Kershaw County Salkehatchie summer workers. After Hurricane Hugo the Methodist Church saw a need to repair homes of people that needed that free kindness. We encourage our youth (must be 14) and adults to consider spending a week this summer working for this wonderful Mission Project. There are large cans at the Day Care entrance for you bagged cans.



St. John's UMC is the leader of Kershaw County with the addition of Stephen Ministry to our many other Ministry programs. We are accepting applications from those of us who have a gift of Caring for People. Please contact Tom McCoy at 803 667-6321 or tmccoy@sc.rr.com. You might be in the first 50 hour class at St. John's to prepare yourself to be present for people that need a listener.

Restricted Funds – Brought to you by St. John's Finance Committee:

Beginning in the August 2019 newsletter we shared with you that St. John's United Methodist Church provides an opportunity for you to provide monetary support for ministries that go above and beyond your weekly giving and yearly tithe. These opportunities are designated for special missions and ministries done by, with, and for the members and friends of St. John's throughout our world and community as well as missions and projects done within our church and are not part of the general budget. We refer to these accounts as "Restricted Funds".

Each month we will highlight one or more of the Restricted Fund accounts as we offer you information and understanding about these special accounts that already exist at St. John's UMC.

Restricted Cemetery Maintenance: a restricted account that will be used for the upkeep and maintenance of the Church Cemetery.

Restricted Funeral Dinners: a restricted account that will be used to help provide meals for families that have lost a loved one.

If you would like to give to any of these restricted funds, please designate on your offering envelope which restricted funds you would like to make a contribution to.

Thank You!

St. John's UMC Family,

Thank you all so much for your thoughts, prayers, calls, cards, and meals during my recent surgery and recovery. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I continue to heal.

Love,
Pat Dixon

Thank You!

To the Congregation of St. John's UMC,

The improvements to the Activity building look great! Thank you for sharing so generously and for always being there when we need it!

Blessings,
The Scouts, Leaders & Parents of Boy Scout Troop 316

Thank You!

Dear Rev. Marshall and St. John's Congregation,

Thank you so much for the lovely prayer quilt. It has a special place in our home and hearts. Our being thought of in such a warm, caring way is appreciated.

God Bless,
Pam and Jim Brandon

Thank You!

St. John's UMC Family,

I want to thank the wonderful ladies of our Quilt Ministry for the beautiful quilt made for my mom, Nita Brown. I also thank all of my St. John UMC family for the prayers said while tying the knots, and for the prayers that continue for mama.

I asked her for her words to say thank you, and here is what she said:

"Oh, it is beautiful! I thank all of you for praying for me. I love it, I love it, I love it!"

With love and thank you to everyone,
Pat Norris & Nita Brown

Holy Week at St. John's United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

Worship at 10:45am

Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020

Passover Seder Meal and Observance

6:00pm

(See additional information following these dates and make sure to sign up to attend)

Good Friday

April 10, 2020

Tenebrae Worship Service 6:00pm

Holy Saturday

April 11, 2020

Easter Egg Hunt for Children and Families

11:30am – 1:00pm

Easter Sunrise Worship

April 12, 2020

Shared worship with Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
at Bethlehem beginning at 6:30am

Easter Morning Worship

April 12, 2020

10:45am

“CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER OBSERVANCE”

Thursday, April 9, 2020 – 6:00 pm

Have you ever attended a Passover celebration in a Jewish home or wished that you could? The Seder (pronounced say-der) is a very memorable event involving special foods, scripture readings and music, all intended to celebrate God's deliverance of his covenant people from slavery in Egypt. As Christians, we already understand that our Lord Jesus came as the ultimate Passover Lamb, but did you know that there is other symbolism in the traditional Jewish Seder that points to Christ?

You are invited to attend a celebration of “Christ in the Passover” to be held on Maundy Thursday, April 9, at 6 pm. Not only will Pastor Angela lead us through the symbolic rituals of this sacred celebration God instituted over 3000 years ago, but we will enjoy a full meal including some traditional Kosher foods that are a beloved part of the Jewish culture. Appropriately, our celebration of Passover will culminate as it did the week leading up to our Lord's crucifixion and resurrection, with the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's supper.

Please feel free to invite friends and family to participate in this time of fellowship and worship. Children are welcome to attend but we will also provide for childcare for the little ones.

We will need to have an accurate count of those planning to attend to help with food preparation and seating; therefore, it is important that you reserve your spot. Please RSVP by placing a response form located in your worship bulletin in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or contact the church office.

A love offering will be appreciated.

Safety and Security – Doors and Lights

Just a friendly reminder that if you lead or participate in ministries or activities that take place on the campus of St. John's United Methodist Church, please make sure all doors are locked and all lights are turned off upon leaving. If everyone is intentional in these responsibilities it will increase the safety and security for all who enter our facilities. Thank you!

2020 General Conference

Every four years, United Methodists from around the world assemble and connect in worship, prayer, Communion, fellowship — and the legislative work that shapes our shared life. As these United Methodist laity and clergy gather together, they set the rules and establishes procedures for virtually every aspect of the church's life. Their time together is also spent discerning and communicating the denomination's official position on a variety of issues and cultural challenges.

The 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church will convene May 5-15 at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

It is important for us to be in prayer for all those who will attend General Conference 2020 (GC 2020), **all** of the decisions that will be made during their time together, the conversations that will be shared, and the outcomes of their decisions that will chart the course for the future of the United Methodist Church.

The United Methodist Women released an article about praying when preparations were being made for the special session of the General Conference last year, but their weekly prayer prompts are timeless; therefore, they remain relevant. St. John's, let us join together in prayer!

Sunday: Pray for The United Methodist Church, for its lay members, clergy members, fellowship, discipleship and leadership work. Pray that we would ground our feet firmly in hope. Pray also for the future work of the church.

Monday: Pray for the delegates. The responsibility they carry can feel heavy, and the emotions they are feeling and receiving can take a toll. Pray for their resilience and openness to the Holy Spirit, who speaks even when we are in “self-protection mode” but to whom are most receptive when our hearts are open, and we are hope-filled.

Tuesday: Pray for all who will be presiding and leading during the Conference and for the staff who will be serving. Their clarity and wisdom make a big difference in the kind of conversation that the delegates are able to have and whether the delegates have confidence in the processes surrounding their work.

Wednesday: Pray for the outreach and mission service of The United Methodist Church and how this will be enhanced by the structures and directions set by General Conference. Pray for the ministry of congregations, conferences and agencies serving people in need around the world. The Prayer Calendar is a great resource to be reminded of some of these.

Thursday: Pray for the education ministry of the church and the ways that this equips us to engage in a future full of possibilities. Pray for the students and faculty that we support through scholarships, student ministries and publishing. Pray for the tutoring work of congregations and national mission institutions, for secondary schools, colleges, universities and seminaries who are also dealing with uncertainty about how they will connect with the church in the future.

Friday: Pray for all the justice ministries of the church and for how these will be strengthened by the work of the special session. Pray for the work to address policies that marginalize and patterns that demean. Pray for our relationships with ecumenical partners and persons engaged locally, regionally, nationally and globally in God's love and the vision of justice we are called to lift up. Pray for a commitment to hope that shapes our engagement with a fractured but beautiful world.

Saturday: Pray for all of us across the church who are charged with the stewardship of the resources entrusted to us and how our hope, rooted in faith, shapes our use of these resources of time, commitment, effort and finances so that we might give neither too much nor too little regard to the potential of these gifts and our responsibility to use them well.

Let us pray...

From the St. John's United Methodist Church Trustees:

The trustees have been involved recently in several projects consistent with the developed Five Year Plan.

The cemetery has been getting a spring cleaning with additional landscaping improvements underway. In addition, several dead trees may need to be removed.

The metal building improvement project is nearing completion. An awning was ordered for the entrance door adjacent to the main office entrance. Several Sunday School classes worked together in selecting the awning style and color. The awning should be installed by March 15. After the awning is installed the door / door frame will be repainted to blend the colors of the building and entrance.

Lighting improvements in the parking lot are a high priority. Duke Energy was on site recently and agreed to improve existing assets along with adding additional lighting assets. These improvements will hopefully be completed by March 15. This project will significantly improve campus safety and security.

A final quote for the Phase I: Campus Electronic Security Improvement Project is pending review. This project will include installing surveillance, remote entry, and door security equipment to properly secure the Church office area, Sanctuary, and Education Wing entrance. Additional campus security improvement Phases will be needed in future years. This project is a high priority and will be completed as soon as possible.

In the coming weeks you will notice Church Campus landscaping improvements. Bush sizes adjacent to entrances will be reduced to improve security and safety. In addition, the garden area between the main building and the metal building will get some landscaping and cleanup.

Ministries for Children

Children's Church: Every Sunday in March – We will begin our new curriculum series, Deep Blue:
Loving God, Loving Neighbor

Saturday, March 14th – Trip to the movies to see Pixar's *Onward*



ST. John's UMC EASTER EGG HUNT – Saturday, April 11th – 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Hop on over for an Easter celebration filled with the story of Easter, egg hunting, games, bouncy house, special prizes, hotdogs and snacks for everyone.

ST. JOHN'S UMC ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 8 – Friday, June 12, 2020 – 5:45 PM – 8:00 PM

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Register to attend or volunteer at stjohnslugoff.com/vbs

EASTER BASKETS FOR EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME

The Children and Youth Ministries will be collecting items to make

Easter baskets for Epworth Children's Home.

These Easter baskets will be delivered to Epworth on April 6th. Donations such as chocolate Easter bunnies, candy, small toys, and/or individually wrapped snacks are needed. The youth will have donation tables set up in the Narthex before and after the morning Worship services during the month of March.



First Wednesday Meal

Wednesday, March 4th

6:00 p.m. – in the Fellowship Hall

Theme – Spring

Menu: Shepherds Pie, Green Beans, Jello Salad, Rolls, Dessert and Drink.

Please fill out the form in the bulletin or call the church office if you plan to attend. Thank You.



March Birthdays



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| 1. Courtney Howard | 7. Rose Harvey | 22. Larry Siems | 25. Heather Keith |
| 2. Stephanie Jones | 9. Alexandra Herrera | 22. Debbie Burk | 26. Ashley Smith |
| 2. Donald Macleod | 13. Darlene Lundy | 23. Jean Dixon | 27. Luther Parnell |
| 3. Connie McLeod | 14. Mary Reynolds | 23. Hayley Thomas | 27. Timothy Fannin |
| 3. Brooke Rabon | 16. Mary Johnson | 23. Mara Jones | 29. Karen Spitzer |
| 4. Zane Catoe | 20. Reda Rietveld | 23. Susannah Hiers | 29. Lynn Smith |
| 5. Patricia Dixon | 20. Ginger Catoe | 24. Robin McRoy | 29. Thomas Christofaro |
| 6. Craig Harvey | 21. Forest Thomas | | |

GOLDEN HEARTS

Golden Hearts is a wonderful weekly fellowship opportunity created for all adults age 50 and up – as well as anyone younger than 50 who enjoys spending time with others!

Tuesday, March 3rd

10:00 AM - Bible Study with Rev. Barbee Parsons followed by a covered dish lunch

Tuesday, March 10th

TBD

Tuesday, March 17th

10:00 AM – St. Patrick's Day Celebration with games and lunch

Tuesday, March 24th

10:00 AM – In-House movie and out to lunch. (Dutch Treat)

Tuesday, March 31st

10:00 AM – Movie at Sandhills and out to lunch (Dutch treat) – meet at the church at 10:00am.

The movie selection will be determined on the morning of our trip.

Ministries for Youth

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR - March 2020

Sunday, March 1st – UMYF Host Fellowship

Sunday, March 1st – UMYF Create placemats and bake cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry and Epiphany Ministry

Friday, March 6th – 6:45 am - Bible Breakfast

Sunday, March 8th – Winter Jam Concert

Friday, March 13th – 6:45 am - Bible Breakfast

Sunday, March 15th – 5:00 pm – UMYF

Friday, March 20th – 6:45 am - Bible Breakfast

Sunday, March 22nd – Before & After Worship – Collect Items for Epworth Easter Baskets

Sunday, March 22nd – 5:00 pm – UMYF

Friday, March 27th – 6:45 am - Bible Breakfast

Sunday, March 29th – Youth Sunday & Before & After Worship – Collect Items for Epworth Easter Baskets

Sunday, March 29th – UMYF – Trip to the Movies in Camden, SC - to see *I Still Believe*



The Youth Ministry would like to thank Darrel and Wanda Cooke, Susan Thomas, Billy and Sandra Wardlaw, Allison Hemingway, and Martha Watts for preparing delicious meals for MYF. Also, we appreciate Dennis and Susan Weatherford for providing Chick-fil-a for our Bible Breakfast. Our volunteers are so good to us and we are thankful for their generosity and support!

Ladies of St. John's

You are invited to attend the UMW Program, A Day Apart

Date: March 14, 2020

Time: 9:00 AM Registration and Breakfast

Our guest speaker is Ms. Betty Perky

Program ends around 12:00 PM

If you have any questions, please contact

Cyndi Macleod at (803) 427-0023 or macthistle56@gmail.com.

Now You Know...

United Methodist Church Apportionments. Last month we shared an overview of what it meant to be a part of “connectional giving” through apportionments. This month we want to share with you a few of those connectional pieces and how our financial generosity helps our brothers and sisters in ministry to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”.

There are a total of 20 different areas to which our apportionment funds are allocated. We will share 5 of those areas each month for the next four months. The chart below will tell you the area for which the money is allocated as well as the amount budgeted by the South Carolina Annual Conference of the UMC for 2019 and 2020. It will also provide the amount that has been budgeted by St. John’s United Methodist Church for 2020.

“It is worth repeating that the point of apportionment giving is never the money. IT is about doing together what no one person, congregation, district, or conference can do alone. Through generous giving, we faithfully share in being a part of the Body of Christ – doing Christ’s work” – Bishop Jonathan Holston

Our Connectional Giving	Budgeted by the SC Annual Conference of the UMC in 2020	Budgeted by the SC Annual Conference of the UMC in 2019	Budgeted by St. John’s UMC for 2020
<p><u>World Service</u></p> <p>The lifeline of our connection which makes it possible for us all to have access to the programs, resources, and materials of the general boards and agencies at home and around the world</p>	\$ 2,227,887	\$ 2,098,879	\$4,540
<p><u>Conference Benevolence</u></p> <p>The nurture and outreach arm of our Annual Conference as it supports our congregational specialists and the administration/programs of Connectional Ministries to include the Board of Ordained Ministry, Archives and History, Cabinet emergency fund, the SC UM Advocate, and the Episcopal residence</p>	\$ 2,448,094	\$ 2,550,580	\$ 4,989
<p><u>Episcopal Fund</u></p> <p>Our share of support for all active and retired bishops (salary, housing, travel, pensions, office expenses...etc</p>	\$ 659,768	\$ 621,563	\$ 1,344
<p><u>Retiree Health / Transition / Contingency</u></p> <p>Provides subsidy for health insurance premiums for retired clergy, and grant funds for those in significant transitions, such as disability</p>	\$ 1,800,00	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 3,668
<p><u>District Superintendent Compensation</u></p> <p>Provides salary of \$103, 000 for each of the 12 district superintendents in the SC Annual Conference</p>	\$ 1,236,000	\$ 1,236,000	\$ 2,519



*Townes Weston Pyritz
Born January 27, 2020
7lbs, 15oz – 19” long*

*Proud parents – Jared & Kate Pyritz (brother Holden)
Ecstatic Grandparents – Mark & Susan Pyritz and Chris & Tabby Weston*