



# Cayce United Methodist Courier



JANUARY 2026

## Cayce United Methodist Church

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### Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

### Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

### Staff

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## Pastor Reflections:

The late Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, famously said that "The Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members." Try getting into the country club if you aren't a member. Or even Costco. Sorry but the good prices are just for members. But we as the church are to be all about the non-members...those outside our walls...and rolls...and often outside our usual social circles- and very often outside our comfort zone.

Yet many churches have a club feeling about them. There are the insiders and the outsiders. There are certain rules and regulations to follow that members have established, often unknowingly. There is a language and understanding the members have that communicate a kind of insider aura. There are a set of behaviors...how people speak (or don't act or speak) to others that may communicate to others that they are outsiders.

John Wesley went a step further. As he began and organized the Methodist movement, implicit was the question, "What is this doing for 'the least of these'?" The programs, the groups and societies he organized were all geared to lift up the poor and the outsiders who found the organized religion (Church of England) to be stuck-up and non-responsive to the real needs of people.

To say that the church exists for the benefit of those outside itself does not mean that it doesn't provide care and opportunity for its members but it means that it treats everyone as a potential member with all the benefits. It means that everyone is treated like family because we are called to be like family. To act as if the church exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members requires a seismic shift in mentality. It may require some radical pruning and some new planting.

But such a shift of focus and change of thinking can draw us back to the original vision and purpose of church. It is an outward expression of God's love that draws all people in to a new family where the inclusive waters of baptism are thicker than the often-restrictive blood of family/class/ethnic ties. A wider and more gracious focus is salvific not only for the so-called outsiders but also for the insiders.

What would it be to look at our lives and our church and ask the question, "Is what we are doing simply for our own sake or is it for the sake of those who are not among us?" Often in seeking life for our own sake, we lose it. "Whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life because of me will find it." (Jesus-Matt. 16:25) Our church may need to lose some things in order to find our life.

Blessings, Tom

# NEW YEAR PRAYER WALK



**Sunday, January 4th @ 3 pm**

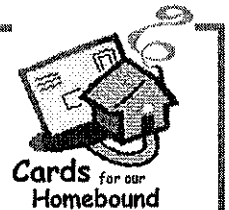
Gather at Columbia UMC, 1830 Main St.

Walk to the State House steps

Christians come together downtown to lift up collaboration, connection, and community! We will pray for our capital city, the state of South Carolina, and all our churches to be neighbors and grow together in the new year!

## CARD CONNECTION!

Please remember our Senior Saints with a card and a note! A big Thank You to those of you who have sent cards. Thanks for adding a note of cheer to someone's day. It makes their day to receive these cards and notes.



## *Prayer List*

**At Home Members:** Elisa Williams, Lavern Shull, Larry Mitchell, Cindy Davis, David Hill, BJ Williams, Harold & Gayle Byrd, Libby Clarkson, Sam & Anne Harmon, Tommy & Imogene Rivers, Mona Saylor.

**Members in Care Facilities:** Pat Flowers, Evelyn Coggins, Jackie Smith, Lila Lancaster

**Other Members and Friends who need our prayers:** Charles Beason (Lindy Garrick's nephew), June Touma (friend of Cindy Davis), Jackie McLendon (friend of Gerry & Jan Bonnette), Dixie Dugan (Susan Dugan's mother), Jeff Hutchison, Andy Gambrell (Janis Ouellette's dad), Bucky Hudson, JoAnne Culler (friend of Linda Edmonds), Kandi Pietrowitz Perry (daughter of Bill & Arleen Pietrowitz), Becca Clark, Patti Francis, Leila & Eddie Redleaf, Jeannie Saylor.

**Members in Military:** Ryan Vassey, Brett Brazell, Sarah Ouellette

**Names will remain on our Prayer List for one month.**

**Please notify the church office at 803-794-3200 if your loved one's name should remain on our Prayer List for a longer period. Thank you.**

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Week of 12/14/2025

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,730.77
Received 12/14/2025	\$6,983.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$252.23
Year to Date Prorated Budget	\$336,583.50
Year to Date Budget Giving	\$275,333.10
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(61,200.40)
Actual Received to Date	\$275,338.10
Actual Expenses to Date	\$294,217.16
Surplus/Deficit	\$(18,879.06)

## ONLINE GIVING

We are pleased to inform you that our church now offers a convenient QR code option. By simply scanning this code using your phone's camera, you will be directed to our church giving website.



Dear Church Family,

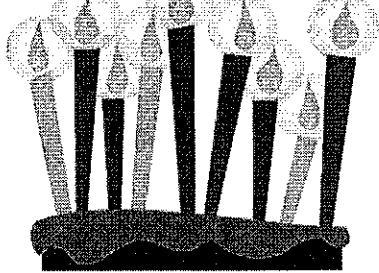
We would like to express our sincere thanks to the congregation and Pastor Tom for all the calls, texts, cards, visits and food during Jeff's back surgery and his recovery. A special thank you to Room 32 for all their love and support. I would like to especially thank Lynn Hutchinson for coming to the hospital to sit with me while Jeff was in surgery. It means so much to be a part of a church with a very BIG HEART. Thank you!

With love,

Jeff & Cynthia Hutchison

♥ A BIG  
Thanks! ♥

# Happy Birthday!



01/01 Cynthia Hutchison

01/03 Allan Rish

01/03 Charlie Sellers

01/04 Elliot Bridges

01/08 Frankie Wingard

01/08 Ella Morris

01/09 Sam Harmon

01/09 Denise Setzler

01/09 Evelyn Sellers

01/11 Joyce Shealy

01/12 Mark Casey

01/12 John Frick

01/13 William Pietrowtz

01/13 Stephanie Sharpe

01/14 Olivia Taylor

01/16 Elizabeth Baxter

01/17 Lila Lancaster

01/18 Jody Vassey

01/18 Jesse Neely

01/19 Anne Varn

01/20 Linda Grigsby

01/22 Katty Hite

01/24 John Scott

01/25 Robin Nicholson

01/29 David White



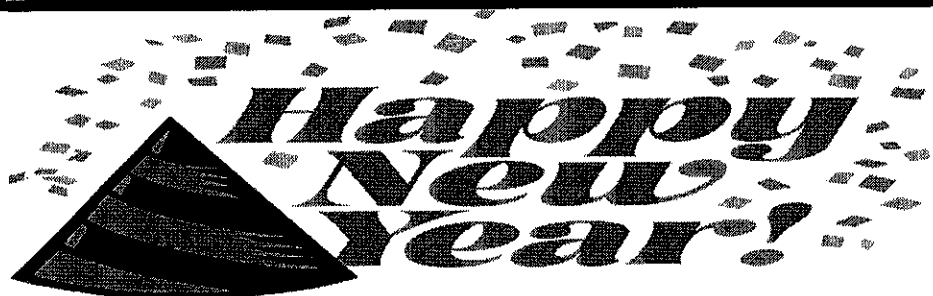

01/01 Joe Brown & Bettye Rivers

**NEEDED FOR GOD'S HELPING HANDS**

**January**

Pasta Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Peas, Juice,  
Oatmeal, Breakfast Cereals

# JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> New Year's Day  Church Office Closed	<b>2</b> Church Office Closed	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  6:15 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Church Office Closed	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Worship	<b>12</b> 6:00 pm SPRC	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm Trustees	<b>14</b> 6:15 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir  **Newsletter Deadline**	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Church Office Closed	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Worship	<b>19</b> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Church Office Closed	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:15 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Church Office Closed  Youth Winter Retreat Lake Junaluska	<b>24</b> Youth Winter Retreat Lake Junaluska 
<b>25</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 am Choir Practice Youth Winter Retreat Lake Junaluska	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:15 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Church Office Closed	<b>31</b>

This calendar can also be found on our website @ [cayceumc.com](http://cayceumc.com)

## **USHERS**

### **January 4**

Judy Hutchinson  
Barney Lindley

### **January 11**

Diane Rollison  
Ben Taylor

### **January 18**

Debbie McDonald  
John Whitaker

### **January 25**

Allyson Tjaarda  
Gene Dawkins



## **AV TECHS**

### **January 4**

Lisa Fisher

### **January 11**

Elliot Bridges  
Dylan Bridges

### **January 18**

Cynthia Hutchison

### **January 25**

Elliot Bridges  
Dylan Bridges

## **NURSERY HELPERS**

### **January 4**

Anna Scott

### **January 11**

Cynthia Hutchison

### **January 18**

Jody Vassey

### **January 25**

Danell Gunter

## **ACOLYTES**

### **January 4**

Aubrie Cobb

### **January 11**

Jaxon Cobb

### **January 18**

Kynslee Gunter

### **January 25**

Ari LaRosa

## **TRUSTEES OF THE MONTH**

### **January**

Allan Rish



## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

**Altar flowers are available for Sundays in**

### **January 2026**

**January 4 - both vases**

**January 11 - both vases**

**January 18 - both vases**

**January 25 - both vases**



If you would like to donate flowers, you may enter your name on the Flower Calendar posted across from the church office,

## Nursery Helpers for 2026

### January

4 - Anna Scott  
11 - Cynthia Hutchison  
18 - Jody Vassey  
25 - Danell Gunter

### February

1 - Becky Rish  
8 - Mackin Wall  
15 - Brandi Taylor  
22 - Caroline Bridges

### March

1 - Courtney Hudson  
8 - Jane Wall  
15 - Anna Scott  
22 - Cynthia Hutchison  
29 - Christie Watts

### April

5 - Jody Vassey  
12 - Danell Gunter  
19 - Mackin Wall  
26 - Becky Rish

### May

3 - Brandi Taylor  
10 - Caroline Bridges  
17 - Courtney Hudson  
24 - Jane Wall  
31 - Christie Watts

### June

7 - Anna Scott  
14 - Cynthia Hudson  
21 - Jody Vassey  
28 - Danell Gunter

### July

5 - Becky Rish  
12 - Mackin Wall  
19 - Brandi Taylor  
26 - Caroline Bridges

### August

2 - Courtney Hudson  
9 - Jane Wall  
16 - Anna Scott  
23 - Cynthia Hutchison  
30 - Christie Watts

### September

6 - Jody Vassey  
13 - Danell Gunter  
20 - Becky Rish  
27 - Mackin Wall

### October

4 - Brandi Taylor  
11 - Caroline Bridges  
18 - Courtney Hudson  
25 - Jane Wall

### November

1 - Anna Scott  
8 - Cynthia Hutchison  
15 - Jody Vassey  
22 - Danell Gunter  
29 - Christie Watts

### December

6 - Becky Rish  
13 - Mackin Wall  
20 - Brandi Taylor  
27 - Caroline Bridges

### Nursery Helpers

Ashley Wise	803-622-0546
Anna Scott	803-920-2679
Jody Vassey	803-920-0852
Christie Watts	803-609-0346
Danell Gunter	803-600-4007
Becky Rish	803-528-0233
Mackin Wall	803-556-5214
Brandi Taylor	803-331-3011
Caroline Bridges	803-446-1594
Jane Wall	803-467-7069
Courtney Hudson	803-727-9475
Cynthia Hutchison	803-422-6365

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday, please coordinate with another nursery helper. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley or the church office.

The nursery is provided for Sunday School and Church. Thank you for helping with our little ones.

# WINTER WORD SEARCH

E	P	G	H	K	F	I	R	E	P	L	A	C	E	E	A	V	T
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BLANKET  
BLIZZARD  
BOOTS  
CHILLY  
COAT  
COLD

DARK  
FIREPLACE  
FIREWOOD  
FLURRIES  
FREEZE  
FROST

FROSTBITE  
FROZEN  
FURNACE  
HEATER  
ICICLE  
JACKET

MITTENS  
PARKA  
SCARF  
SNOWFLAKE  
SOLSTICE  
WINTER



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### **SUNDAY MORNING**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Online at [CayceUMC.com](http://CayceUMC.com)

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



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