

AMAZING GRACE METHODIST CHURCH

Lions Club, 2907 Myrtle St, Edisto Beach

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. - Psalm 128:2

Happy Labor Day!

REV. KEVIN P. STROOP

Music Director: Megan Whitt

Church Service: 9AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



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15th Sunday after Pentecost – Green September 6, 2026

PRELUDE

INTROIT

“Surely the Presence”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Help, Lord, for no one is faithful anymore; those who are loyal have vanished from the human race.

People: Everyone lies to their neighbor; they flatter with their lips but harbor deception in their hearts.

Leader: May the Lord silence all flattering lips and every boastful tongue

People: You, Lord, will keep the needy safe and will protect us forever from the wicked,

***OPENING PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, Your Son said that the love we have for our brothers and sisters will proclaim to the world that we are Your disciples. Deepen our love for one another and make us eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit. We pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **AMEN**

***OPENING HYMN**

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”
(vs. 1,2,4)

Hymn 8

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles Creed**

***GLORIA PATRI**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

With hearts and minds renewed through the love of Christ we bring our needs to the Lord who loves us. That our love for the

leaders of the church be strengthened and their service to the church be renewed, **we pray to the Lord**

That our civil leaders deepen their love of their people and serve them unselfishly, **we pray to the Lord**

That this faith community be a sign of God's love for all people
as we worship and work together, **we pray to the Lord**

That our families may grow in love and find new ways to express that love for one another, **we pray to the Lord**

That we strive to love those who do not love us, **we pray to the Lord**

God of love, we are grateful for your great love, which sent your Son Jesus to save us and give us the supreme example of love. Help us love you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We ask this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, **Our Father...**

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ezekiel 33:7-11 (on back)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON MESSAGE

Rev. Kevin Stroop

***HYMN**

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

Hymn 119

(vs. 1,2,3,5)

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION “On Eagle’s Wings”**

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,

Bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of His hand.

POSTLUDE

****Those who are able, please stand***

SCRIPTURE – Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹ But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰ “Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’ ¹¹ Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

Fellowship Sunday is September 13 after church service.
Please bring your favorite brunch item to share.

COMMUNION Sunday is September 20.



Marilyn Davidson Ethelynn Boozer Nancy Culclasure
Jane Loy Mary & Billy McCollum Cliffie Jarrell
Andy Fairey Jan Pollard Robert Waters Eric Hutchinson
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WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH AMAZING GRACE METHODIST CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 3, 2026



1 Thessalonians 2:7-9 - *"Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you."*



Music Notes from Megan

"God be with you till we meet again."

There are some goodbyes that are easy to say, and there are others that leave a heaviness in our hearts. Sometimes we say goodbye at the end of a worship service, not knowing what the coming week will bring. Sometimes we say goodbye to a friend who is moving away. And sometimes, the hardest goodbyes are the ones we never feel ready to say.

The beloved hymn "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" was written in 1880 by Jeremiah Eames Rankin. Rankin was fascinated by the meaning behind the word goodbye. The word itself comes from the expression "God be with you."

What a beautiful thought: goodbye is really a prayer.

Rankin's hymn was written as a blessing for people as they parted. It wasn't meant to suggest that separation meant the end. Instead, it placed each person in God's loving care until they could meet again.

"God be with you till we meet again."

Those words carry a powerful promise.

When we cannot be together, God can.

When someone we love is far away, God is near.

When we don't know what tomorrow holds, God already does.

And when we face the deepest earthly goodbye, our faith reminds us that for those who belong to Christ, death does not have the final word.

The hymn ends with the beautiful hope:

"Till we meet, till we meet, At Jesus' feet."

That is the hope of the Christian life.

We may have to say goodbye here, but we look forward to a day when there will be no more separation, no more tears, and no more goodbyes. One day, we will meet again—not simply somewhere in this world, but at the feet of Jesus.

Perhaps that is why this hymn has remained so precious for generations. It gives us words when our own words fail. It reminds us that every farewell can become a blessing:

May God go with you.

May God protect you.

May God sustain you.

And may God keep us until we meet again.

(Lyrics continued on next column)

So the next time you hear or sing this hymn, don't think of it simply as a song of parting.

Hear it as a prayer.

A prayer for the person beside you.

A prayer for the person you love who is far away.

A prayer for someone whose chair is now empty.

And a prayer of hope for the day when, by God's grace, we will gather again at Jesus' feet.



1. God be with you till we meet again, by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again! 'neath His wings securely hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again! [Refrain]

3. God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put His arms unfailing round you; God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

4. God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you, smite death's threat'ning wave before you; God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]



PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER-JAMES 5:16

Amazing Grace Methodist Church

Marilyn Davidson Ethelynn Boozer
Jane Loy Jim Harvey Cliffie Jarrell
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Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

Mary Alice Hardee Lou King Virginia Weatherford
Toni Rooks Doug Conklin Suzanne Pedersen
Shelby & David Smoak Mick & Pearle Baker Boot Golden
Judy & Jack Yielding Evan McMillan Donna Padgett
Linda Savage Ben Rhyne Carson Moody Ginny Ceva
Carol Eustace Jean Cantanzaro Jenny Miller
The Denmark Family Kairos Prison Ministry Cailin Sineath
Paul Sires Marsha Inabinett Ellis Porter Emily Vaughan
Judy Moore Randy Dukes Anne Beck



Epworth
Children's Home

Epworth Workday Offering
Sunday, September 13, 2026
We do this in honor of David Smoak

EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING IS NEXT SUNDAY! Next Sunday, our congregation will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. This long-standing tradition began when Methodists were challenged to give a day's wages to support the children at Epworth. Today, that same spirit of generosity continues as we support children, youth, and families served through Epworth's ministries across South Carolina. As you prayerfully consider your gift, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. Through your generosity, you become part of a ministry that offers hope, healing, and a brighter future to those who need it most. Thank you for partnering with Epworth to bring hope and healing to children, youth, and families across our state. For more information, visit www.epworthsc.org. **We will collect through the month of September in honor of David Smoak.**



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Happy Labor Day!

Where did Labor Day come from?

Labor Day was created as a way to acknowledge and pay tribute to the workforce for all that they have done to make our country prosperous and strong.

The first Labor Day was celebrated in New York City, and other cities followed this example in the following years. It was in 1894 that Congress passed a law making the first Monday of September a legal holiday.

**"IF YOU SEE
SOMEONE WITHOUT
A SMILE TODAY,
GIVE 'EM YOURS."
- DOLLY PARTON**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS and DATES - 2026

WMMC Acolyte & Crucifer for Sunday, September 3 are Marlowe and Eland Ryder.

AMMC Fellowship Sunday is September 13. Please remember to bring your favorite brunch dish to share.

EPWORTH WORKDAY OFFERING is September 13 but we will be collecting through the month of September in honor of David Smoak.

COMMUNION is Sunday, September 20.

**DON'T JUST
ATTEND YOUR
Church
LOVE YOUR CHURCH,
SERVE. GIVE. JOIN.
WORSHIP. ENGAGE!**

AMMC - 9AM - CHURCH SERVICE

WMMC - 10AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

11AM - CHURCH SERVICE

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

