

Sunny Side United Methodist Church

September 13, 2026

We are so glad you are worshipping with us this morning! We hope you feel the love and peace of Christ in this place! If you are a first-time guest, please complete a card from the pew rack in front of you and put it in the offering plate.

Gathering Music

Terry Buffington

Welcome and Call to Worship

Gwen Lansing

We look around a world so easily clouded by fear, hurry, and doubt. **Lord, open our eyes. Clear our vision with your truth.**

We lift our eyes to the heavens, remembering the Creator of all things, who has breathed life in our lungs.

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

God does not see as we see; God looks past our flaws, searches our hearts, and beholds us in loving kindness and mercy.

Open our eyes to see others the way you see them—with grace, patience, and love.

Come, let us worship the God who opens blind eyes, restores our sight, and fills this place with light.

With joyful hearts, we turn our gaze upon Jesus and praise God together!

Opening Prayer

Gwen Lansing

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

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*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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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 arose 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.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Clint Perry

Hymn: "My Hope is Built"

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Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Special Music: "Goodness of God"

Jeanette Corley

Scripture: Exodus 13: 17-22

Message: "Looking for the Little Things"

Clint Perry

*Hymn: "Open My Eyes that I May See"

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Prayer Requests: Janice Meadows, Peggy Rankin, Peg Lawrence, Tom Robinson, Susan McDowell, Judy and Darrell Brown's daughter Laura, Laurie Whaley (waiting for a liver transplant), Boston Pace, his brothers and his parents Alyssa and Austin, Bob Hayes, Vern Hanson, Bennie Watson, Bob and Susan Francis, Carl and Rosalyn Hayes, Carol Sparks, Judith and Richard Crowther

From Pastor JoAn: I'm so very grateful for your prayers as I study and travel in Ireland. A special thank you to Terry Buffington for blessing us with his beautiful music while Tom Robinson is on vacation, and to our Lay Leader Clint Perry and others for leading worship in my absence. If you need pastoral assistance, please contact Clint and he will get you the help you need. [\(813\) 701-7930](tel:8137017930)

REMINDERS: Please help Carrie Love's 5th grade class collect aluminum can tabs. Please bring old eyeglasses and small, unused wooden spoons to be used for Holiday Bazaar crafts.

For your calendars:

Mon, Sept 14 Midwest Truck Delivery, **11am**

Wed, Sept 16 Food Pantry, volunteers report at **8:15am**

*No Bible Study or Choir on Sept 16 and 23.

Fri, Sept 25 Sun City Vendor Fair, **1-4pm**

Wed, Sept 30 Bible Study, **5pm**

Choir Practice, **6:45pm**

Looking Ahead:

Charge Conference, **Oct. 26**, 6pm Zebulon UMC

First Sunday of Advent, **Nov. 29**, Organ Concert, 3pm-David Kinrade, Organist

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2) means helping one another when life gets challenging or difficult, showing love by sharing tangible expressions of help and care.

Our Family of Faith at Sunny Side UMC continues to grow in care, compassion, and service not only in outreach to the community, but also within this Body of Christ. The "ripple effect" of loving kindness is flowing in and through this congregation. Please contact these persons, as you are aware of needs that arise. They will help get the specific acts of care going.

Text Check-in/Respite

Paulette Perry 919-803-9588

Meals

Judy Brown 678-637-1524

Homebound Visits/Cards Of Love

Nancy Worthington

Bonnie Whalen 678-764-4617

Prayer Chain/Transportation

Sylvia Avery 770-367-4840

Greeters

Shirley Paine 678-340-2279

1st Time Guest Follow-up

Clint Perry 813-701-7930

Phone Check-in

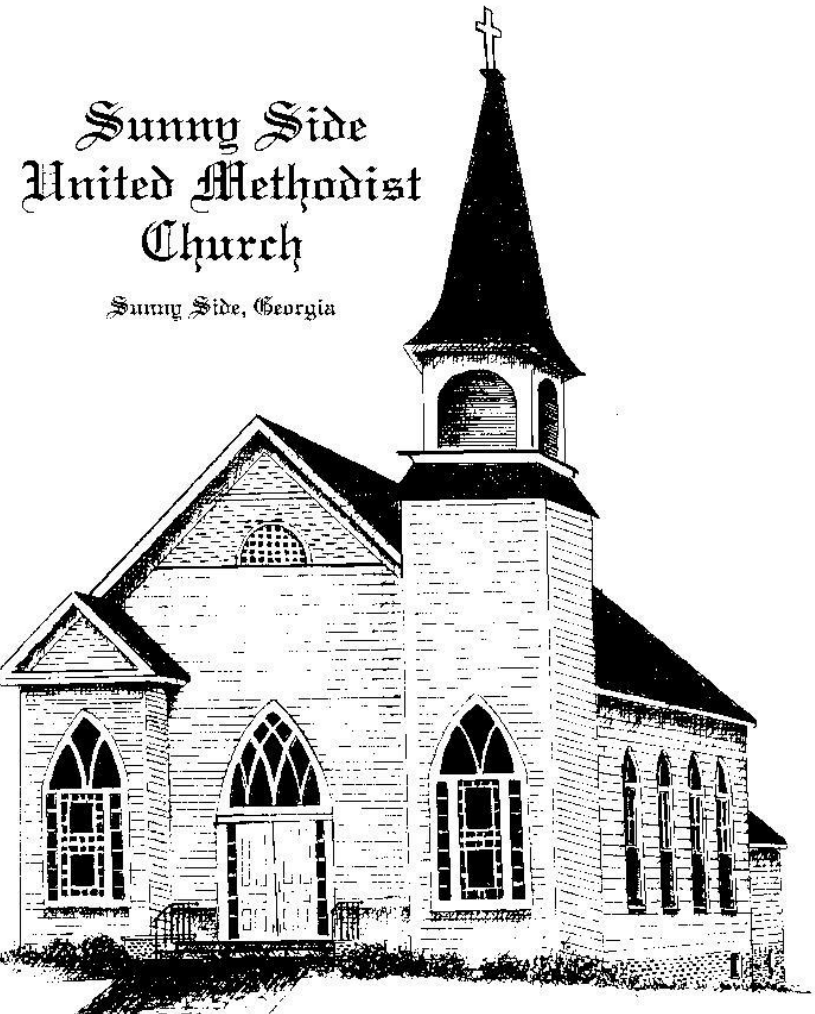
Gwen Lansing 770-617-1889

Bereavement

Susan McDowell 470-246-0853

GIVING REPORT (Sept 6, 2026)

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$ 4,216.00	\$ 93,974.60
Budget	\$ 3,557.42	\$128,067.23
Difference	\$ 658.58	\$-34,092.63



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