

India Hook United Methodist Church

The Mission of India Hook United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is connecting people with God and one another.

March/April 2021

3300 Mt. Gallant Rd. Rock Hill; 803-329-7787

From the Pastor's Pen:

Remember Who You Are: A Connector

Do you know what it means to be a United Methodist? In addition to teaching a class on this topic in September, I want to use the newsletter to share with you some thoughts on this subject.

It is understanding that we are part of a specific congregation linked to 32,000 other United Methodist Churches in the US and many thousands more around the world.

The local church is a community of persons who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ, have been baptized and assumed the vows of membership-to uphold the church by their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. It is also those who are friends (have not yet joined but actively participate in the life and ministry of the church).

The local church is also a place with a purpose. If you have read the front of your bulletin recently you know that India Hook exists to "Connect people to God and one another." Actually, the word used is "Connecting" indicating each of us is actively involved in this process. The question I want to leave you with is how well are you working to be connecting people to God and each other? If you are not fulfilling your part in this mission, what needs to change within you to make this a priority? Remember you are a connector.

In His Ministry Together, Michael

Easter Fun!

Everyone is invited to participate on Saturday, March 27 in preparing **Easter cards and baskets** for our homebound members. Join us in the Family Life Center from 1-3 p.m. (please wear your mask—we will sit in household table groups). We will also fill Easter Eggs, and have a chance to make a simple butterfly decoration.

Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 4 at 10 a.m. between Easter Worship Services. Pre-K through 5th grade children and their families are invited to bring their basket* and collect eggs. This event will be held outside if weather permits (indoor location is the Family Life Center). Please wear your mask!

*If you have one—we will have a few.



Missions Opportunities

The Missions Team has designated our congregational projects for this year. You are encouraged to participate as you are able.

Through April 25—plastic lid collection for Rock Hill Miracle Park

April/May—**Rock Hill Community Fridge**. Perishable and non-perishable food items are available free to anyone who needs them. We will collect items and deliver weekly. You may also take donations directly to the fridge at 130 W. White St. (the Mercantile).

More information is available here: <https://www.facebook.com/rockhillcommunityfridge>

June/July—TBD (Salkehatchie programs have been cancelled for this summer)

August/September—Back-to-School items for India Hook Elementary School

October—The Walk to End Alzheimer's

November—Operation Christmas Child

Council Updates

At the March Administrative Council of Stewards meeting the Council approved a **2021 budget** of \$259,935.00. This is \$10,940.00 above spending for 2020.

Copies of the budget are available in the church office and have been mailed to everyone on the email list. If you are not on the church email list and would like to be call Becky in the church office.

The final report of the **Property Plan Task Force** was presented for approval to the March Administrative Council of Stewards meeting. Copies of this report were emailed out earlier. Central to this report was what to do with the rental house the church owns at 1839 Twin Lakes Road. This house is next to the side parking lot of the church on Twin Lakes Rd. The Task Force recommended keeping the rental house provided it was financially feasible to do so. With this in mind, the Trustees will be getting estimates on what it will cost to get the property in rentable condition and present that information to the Council of Stewards at their next meeting.

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday Services (March 28) 8:30 and ***11 a.m.** in the sanctuary — *The Humble and Heroic Donkey*

***Maundy Thursday Service** (April 1) 7 p.m. in the sanctuary—*The Meal*

***Good Friday Service** (April 2) 12 noon in the sanctuary—*A Bad Friday?*

Easter Sunrise Service (April 4) 6:30 a.m. at Ebenezer Park—*He is Risen?*

Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. for kids pre-K through 5th grade.

Easter Services (April 4) at 8:30 and ***11 a.m.** in the sanctuary—*Stone Rolling and Doom Scrolling*. Join us in celebrating our Risen Savior!

*These services will be livestreamed on Facebook at India Hook UMC.

Sherwood Cannon Trust

Long-time member Sherwood Cannon continues to bless our congregation through her Trust Estate which provides regular gifts for the maintenance and upkeep of the church property. Funds are disbursed twice yearly by the United Methodist Foundation. Miss Cannon served as the church historian and was active in dismantling the old sanctuary (1979) as well as the dedication of the Family Life Center (1993). Praise God for her faithful, enduring witness!

Trustee News

Welcome to new trustees Mitch Brown and John Sindell. They join Trustee Chair Glen Jackson, Ray Baber, Nate Sherman, Teresa Sims, and Kim White. Thank you for serving through this important work!

The *India Hook Memorial Garden* is being constructed just outside the sanctuary, which includes a fountain, walkway, and plants, along with an area for the interment of cremains. You may view a copy of the complete design in the narthex. Loving donations in memory of Sherwood Cannon, Bob and Edith Deas, and Bill Spencer are funding the majority of the initial work. Contributions are still being accepted in memory or in honor of loved ones. You may purchase a marker in memory of someone who was a member of India Hook UMC (or immediate family) or an active participant. For more information, see Glen Jackson or the church office. Please watch for the date of a Dedication Ceremony to be held later this year.

India Hook Youngsters

All **youth** in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in a weekly **Zoom** meeting on Sundays at 1 p.m. Our activities vary weekly with games, Bible Study, prayer, and sharing. Mad Libs are a favorite! See Kendall for the Zoom Link.

A children's **Sunday (Saturday) School Lesson** is presented Saturdays at 10 a.m. on the Facebook page. A Bible reading and reflection will include suggestions for activities at home.

Story Time for kids of all ages goes on Facebook Live Saturdays at 11 a.m. Assorted authors and themes are presented. The page can be accessed any time after the live presentation.

Our Facebook page is: **India Hook UMC**

Congregational Health

Thanks to everyone who provided input through the survey and the small groups, we've completed the "information gathering" stage of our mediation process. Chris Lynch will share briefly in worship on March 28 about the common interests identified. A written report will then be sent out with the full findings, along with our next steps as we move into problem solving. The final result of this work will be a healthier church more able to love and serve God and neighbor.

If you have questions or ideas about this process or other aspects of our life together, please see Pastor Michael, Lay Leader Donnie Parrish, or Staff Parish Chair Chris Sims.

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<i>Church Communications</i>	<i>Summer Worship</i>
<p>India Hook UMC is a busy place—we want you to know what is happening and be part of those things that are meaningful for you. A great deal of information is shared through email and online formats. You can stay up-to-date with our website: indiahookumc.com and on facebook: facebook.com/IHUMC</p> <p>If you do not use email, please be sure the church office knows that so we can reach you in other ways as needed. Call Becky Monday-Thursday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 803-329-7787.</p>	<p>Beginning on Memorial Day weekend (May 30) the 8:30 Worship Service will be held at the Ebenezer Park Shelter. This is a long-standing outreach to the Rock Hill community and those camping at the park. Prayerfully consider who you could invite to this unique worship experience this summer. Due to extensive renovations to the park, this year entrance fees with a day or season pass are required for each vehicle. The season pass will allow access to the park throughout the year. Watch for more information in the May newsletter.</p> <p>https://www.yorkcountygov.com/212/Ebenezer-Park</p>