



St Luke's Vestry

*Reset to the New Normal:
The Work Continues*

Class of 2026

Yvonne Hall

Beverly Turner, Jr. Warden

Joni James

Errol Porter, Sr. Warden

Class of 2027

Angela Blalock

Robert Green

Joseph Ray

Rudolph Wise

Class of 2028

Edwina Fields

Cynthia Goines

Herman Hickman

Cynthia Parker Reed

Clerk of the Vestry

Patricia Ancrum

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In the news...

The Order of the Daughters of the King Mildred S. Murray Chapter - St. Luke's Episcopal Church



On Sunday, July 5, 2026, the Mildred S. Murray Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King celebrated 31 years of commitment to its vow of prayer, service, and evangelism. Founded on July 2, 1995, the chapter was led by Mrs. Mildred S. Murray as president while The Rev. Calvin Griffin served as priest of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. During Holy Eucharist,

The Rev. William Brock (Supply Priest) announced the 31st anniversary and recognized the Daughters in attendance. He also noted the value of the Daughters' service during his active priesthood. The chapter hosted the Parish Fellowship in Griffin Hall and served cake and punch.

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Father Raphiell+ is on Sabbatical June 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026.

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Daughters of the King continued



DAUGHTERS pictured from left to right... Frankie Point, Cynthia Goines, Dr. Eddie Glenn- Bryant, Corliss Wise, Beverly Ray, Chris Evans, Valerie Riley, Julia Meadows, Audrey Smith, Gloria Eaddy, Lorreta Johnson, Gwendolyn Meadows, and Veda Johnson, Stephanie Baldwin, Karen Castelli, Pat Cokley.



Pictured left to right - Ms. T., Reverend Leroy and Daughters Mrs. Helen Cannon, Dr. Eddie Glenn-Bryant, Chapter President, Corliss Wise

DOK Spring Service Project: On Thursday, June 25, 2026, the Mildred S. Murray Chapter delivered donated items to Samaritan House to help enhance the residents' quality of life and living spaces. The donations included washable bathmats, bath towels, washcloths, hand towels, dish towels, dishcloths, and window panels. Upon arrival, the chapter was warmly greeted by two residents and given an extensive tour of the home. The visit was warm, calm, and spirit filled. Before the donations were taken inside, Rev. Leroy Cannon blessed the items with a heartfelt prayer, and the visit concluded with a closing prayer. It was a glorious opportunity to share the word and love of God while helping to spread Christ's kingdom.

Recognizing Our Members

Congratulations! Luther Battiste, III receives Distinguished Alumni Award



In 1999, **Luther Battiste, III** received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of South Carolina, where he received his undergraduate degree in International Studies. Most recently, Emory Law School awarded him with the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2026. This is the law school's highest award. Luther stated that he went to law school because of the example that Judge Matthew Perry set for him. His goal has always been to make a difference in the community that he serves. He hopes that his blessings will be an inspiration to the next generation of aspiring lawyers.

Pictured: Distinguished Alumni Award - Luther Battiste, III; Trailblazer Award - Sherry Boston; Alumni Service Award - Gregory Hanthorn; Young Alumni Award - Sara Hamilton



St. Luke's members attend Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, 72nd National Conference

Mrs. Beverly Turner, Omega Gamma Omega Chapter in Blythewood and **Mrs. Cynthia Parker Reed**, Upsilon Omega Omega Chapter, Irmo traveled to Las Vegas for the 72 National Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. The theme of the Conference was "Soaring Together: Celebrating our IMPACT on Service and Sisterhood."

More than 27,000 ladies from the Sorority came together to celebrate our accomplishments over the past two years and plan our programs for the upcoming two years.

St Luke's Junior Warden Recipient of Ann G. Owens Award

Beverly Turner, St. Luke's, Junior Warden, received Ann G. Owens Management Support Award for Outstanding Contributions in the Area of Community Health 2026. Beverly Turner received this award on Friday, June 19, 2026 at the 2026 South Carolina Public Health Association's (SCPHA) Annual Business meeting.



Beverly is a Life member of SCPHA . She served as Governing Council Member- at- Large and member on different committees such as Awards, Constitution and Bylaws. She continues, after retirement to help as needed by this organization. Mrs. Turner was also a member of the former Southern Health Association where she served as a Governing Council Members -at- Large, and also on various committees.

Mrs. Turner is involved with various community activities. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, where she has been a member for over fifty years, she serves as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, lector, and past Endowment Fund Chairperson.

Her community membership also includes Central Midlands Caucus of Silver Hair Legislature (a former officer), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Omega Gamma Omega Chapter (charter member) and current Chaplain. She is a member of the Columbia Branch of the University Women (NAUW),

She has been married to Ronald Turner for 56 years. They have three adult sons (Raynald, Terrence, and Michael) and three granddaughters (Raven, Kayla and Kaari) and a grandson William Paul).



Happy Birthday wishes to

- 1 - J'Cory Hickman
- 3 - Nadia Muhammad
- 7 - Anthony Kelly
- 8 - Valerie Riley
 - Eunice Robinson
- 10 - Venesia Johnson
- 14 - Xavier Smith
 - Angela Blalock
- 15 - Henrietta Bynum
- 16 - Corinne Whittington-Kimpson
 - Oliver Smith
- 19 - Mervel Pressley
- 22 - Brian Baldwin
- 23 - Gloria Jordan
- 24 - Desmond Goines
- 30 - Gwendolyn Bynoe
 - Gwendolyn Spann
- 31 - Jean Indriago

Happy Birthday belated wishes to

July 26 - Joseph Ray

Happy
Anniversary

- 3 - Jason & Victoria Julian
 - 9 - Levi & Loretta Johnson, Jr
 - 10 - Luther & Judy Battiste
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August Liturgical Calendar & Servants for the Lord

Father Raphiell+ is on Sabbatical June 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026.

August 2 - 10:00 am - Nave - The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Supply Priest: Fr. William Marshall (Scotty) Brock

Old Testament Lesson: DeNell Hickman

Epistle: Loretta Johnson

Prayers of the People Form IV: Gloria Eaddy

Chalice: Corliss Wise

Oblation Bearers: Karen Castelli, Rachel Hall

Ushers: Judy Battiste, Karen Castelli, Ronald Turner

Acolytes: Jaylen Caldwell, Herman Hickman, Cory James, Kennedy Johnson, Levi Johnson, III

Supply Organist: Ezra Blackwell

August 9 - 10:00 am - Nave - The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Supply Priest: The Rev. Doug Puckett

Old Testament Lesson: Patricia Ancrum

Epistle: Corliss Wise

Prayers of the People Form IV: Karen Castelli

Chalice: Stephanie Baldwin

Oblation Bearers: Audrey Smith, Cynthia Goines

Ushers: Rachel Hall, Gloria Eaddy, Rudolph Wise

Acolytes: Jaylen Caldwell, Herman Hickman

Supply Organist: Susan Moffitt

August 16 - 10:00 am - Nave - The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15) - Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Supply Priest: The Rev. Doug Puckett

Old Testament Lesson: Sheryl Belcher

Epistle: Errol Porter

Prayers of the People: Patwin Lawrence

Chalice: Sheryl Belcher

Oblation Bearers: Loretta Johnson, Venesia Johnson

Ushers: Loretta Johnson, Stephanie Baldwin, Joseph Evans

Acolytes: Jaylen Caldwell, DeNell Hickman, Herman Hickman, Kennedy Johnson, Levi Johnson, III

Supply Organist: Susan Moffitt

August 23 - 10:00 am - Nave - The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Supply Priest: The Rev. Doug Puckett

Old Testament Lesson: Beverly Ray

Epistle: DeNell Hickman

Prayers of the People: Sheryl Belcherr

Chalice: DeNell Hickman

Oblation Bearers: Angela Franks, Marie Martin

Ushers: Beverly Ray, Joseph Ray, Venesia Johnson

Acolytes: Jaylen Caldwell, DeNell Hickman, Herman Hickman

Supply Organist: Susan Moffitt

August 30 - 10:00 am - Nave - The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Supply Priest: The Rev. Doug Puckett

Youth Sunday

Old Testament Lesson: Jaylen Caldwell

Epistle: Kennedy Johnson

Prayers of the People: Isabella Bracy

Chalice: Cynallyhia Indriago

Oblation Bearers: Jean Indriago, Cynthia Parker Reed

Ushers: Daryl Hammonds, Chris Evans, Maxima Holmes

Acolytes: Jaylen Caldwell, DeNell Hickman, Herman Hickman, Cory James, Kennedy Johnson, Levi Johnson, III

Supply Organist: Susan Moffitt

Monday

10th - Historic Waverly Association Meeting - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Bishop's Memorial AME Church

Tuesday

11th - Archives Committee - 10:30 am - 1:00 pm - Archives Room

18th - Finance Committee - 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm - Griffin Hall

- Vestry Meeting - 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm - Griffin Hall

25th - Buildings & Grounds - 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Griffin Hall

Wednesday

19th - Quilters & Crafters - 10:30 am - 1:00 pm - Griffin Hall

26th - Quilters & Crafters - 10:30 am - 1:00 pm - Griffin Hall

Thursday

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - Fresh Start Ministry - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon - Griffin Hall

27th - Workshop: Ask Me About U=U - Registration 9:30 am - 10:10 am; Workshop 10:00 am - 3:30 pm - South Carolina Health Campus - 400 Otarre Parkway, Cayce SC 29033

6th - **Midlands SHAPE First Thursday Advocacy Lunch & Learn** - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - Parish Office Closed

8th - 2nd Saturday Feeding - 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm - Griffin Hall Entrance Doorway

15th - Daughters of the King (DOK), Chapter Presidents Meeting - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm -

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II - Nave - 9:00 am - 9:45 am followed by meeting & lunch - The Rev. Kimberly Dunn, Celebrant - Griffin Hall

22nd - 4th Saturday Feeding - 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm - Griffin Hall Entrance Doorway

29th - Parish Picnic - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm - Sesquicentennial Park - 9564 Two Notch Road, Columbia

Sunday

See Liturgical Calendar

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - Choir Rehearsal - 8:30 am - 9:15 am - Hurley Choir Room

2nd - Parish Fellowship, Ezra's last Sunday as Parish Supply Organist - 11:45 am - Parish Hall

23rd - Daughters of the King Meeting

30th - Ushers Meeting - St. David's Guild - 11:45 am - Nave

Just a reminder to keep up your financial obligations (pledges, etc.) to the church up-to-date over the summer months, Thank you,



WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) is one of the most powerful and evidence-based HIV prevention strategies available today. When people living with HIV are on treatment and maintain an undetectable viral load, they cannot pass HIV through sex. Despite this strong scientific consensus, U=U is not consistently communicated in community and clinical settings, limiting its full impact on prevention, care engagement, and stigma reduction.

This highly interactive, skills-based workshop is designed to strengthen the capacity of community healthcare workers to confidently and consistently integrate U=U into their daily work. The training moves beyond knowledge to focus on practical application, equipping participants with the communication skills, tools, and strategies needed to effectively engage clients across testing, treatment, and prevention settings.

Participants will engage in simulation-based learning, small group discussions, and real-world application exercises to build confidence in communicating U=U clearly, addressing common questions and concerns, and reducing stigma through patient-centered language.

TARGET AUDIENCES

This training is designed for community-based and frontline healthcare professionals, including:



Community health workers



Case managers and patient navigators



HIV testers and outreach workers



Peer and community educators



Public health and prevention program staff



Advocates and People Living with HIV



Free Training | CEUs Available
Register here by Thursday, Aug 13, 2026
<https://bit.ly/UEqualsUTraining-SC>

Presented in partnership with



KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- 1  Explain U=U clearly and accurately using plain, accessible language grounded in current scientific evidence.
- 2  Communicate U=U with confidence in client interactions across testing, treatment, and prevention settings.
- 3  Apply client-centered communication techniques, including motivational interviewing, to address questions, concerns, and emotional barriers related to HIV and U=U.
- 4  Use language that reduces stigma and builds trust, improving how clients experience care and engage in services.
- 5  Identify opportunities to incorporate U=U into their daily work, including client education, outreach, and care conversations.
- 6  Support clients to start and stay on treatment, reinforcing the role of viral suppression in improving health outcomes and preventing transmission.

TRAINING APPROACH

 **PRACTICE**
Real-world conversations through guided simulations

 **FEEDBACK**
Receive peer and facilitator feedback

 **APPLY**
Engage in small group problem-solving and develop concrete strategies to apply immediately in their roles

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

 Increased knowledge and confidence in U=U communication

 Practical tools and language they can use immediately

 Greater readiness to integrate U=U into client interactions

 A stronger understanding of their role in reducing stigma and improving outcomes

WORKSHOP AGENDA



DATE:

Thursday, August 27, 2026



LOCATION:

South Carolina Health Campus
400 Otarre Parkway
Cayce, SC 29033



TIME:

Registration: 9:30-10:00 AM
Workshop: 10:00 AM-3:30 PM

10:00-10:25 AM	10:25-10:45 AM	10:45-11:05 AM	11:05-11:25 AM	11:25-12:15 PM	12:15-1:15 PM	1:15-1:30 PM	1:30-2:10 PM	2:10-2:50 PM	2:50-3:30 PM
									
Welcome & Introductions	U=U Impact + Status Neutral Care Framework	Communicating U=U & The 4Cs	The 3 Moments of U=U + Using the Flipbooks	Communications Labs & Role Play (Simulation Round 1)	"Lived Experience: A Working Lunch"	Energizer + Reflection	Advance Communications Labs & Role Play Simulation Round 2	Real World Application (Small Group Work)	Wrap up + Commitments
- Workshop goals - Overview of agenda - Pre-workshop reflection	- U=U Science and Impact - Connecting prevention, treatment, and long-term care	- Clear - Concise - Compassionate - Culturally responsive	- At testing - When discussing treatment - In ongoing care	- Real-world conversation practice - Facilitator and peer feedback		- Re-energize - Reflect on key takeaways	- Sustaining engagement over time - Reconnecting with care	- Apply strategies in real-world scenarios - Share insights and solutions	- Key takeaways - Action planning - Evaluation - Certificates



QUESTIONS? CONTACT US.



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DARE TO CARE

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How South Carolina Faith Communities Are Helping End the HIV Epidemic

In observance of
National Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
please join us online as
distinguished faith leaders
from across the Palmetto State discuss how
faith communities
can best support
individuals living with HIV and
reduce stigma within our congregations.

Tuesday
August 18, 2026
12 Noon - 1 PM



Join us on Zoom
<https://bit.ly/SC-NFHAAD>

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Maurice I. McCall
— MODERATOR —
The Well Worship
Center
COLUMBIA



Rev.
Robert Arrington
Unity Fellowship
Church
CHARLESTON



Rev. Dr.
Regina H. Moore
Aldersgate United
Methodist Church
SUMTER
& SC Christian
Action Council



Bishop
Wendell B. Sumter
Zion Mill Creek
Baptist Church
HOPKINS



Rev. Dr. Matt Rollins
Director of
Faith-Based Advocacy
Village Engage
Mill Village Ministries
GREENVILLE



5th Annual Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop

Wednesday,
September 9th, 2026



Schedule of Events

10:05 AM - 10:45 AM

The History of Gravestones in the United States
David Gillespie, Pumpkintown Primitives

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

Historic Cemetery Preservation and Care
Sarah Lowry & Faith Meader, New South Associates;
Jason Harpe, Richard Grubb Associates

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

**Mapping Charleston's Black Burial Grounds
Project**

Laurel Fay and Madison Lee, Preservation Society of
Charleston

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

**Best Practices for Landowners &
Descendants for Preserving Black Cemeteries**
Erica Johnson, Francis Marion University

Register online at
<https://pci.jotform.com/form/260985013934966>

1:45 PM - 2:00 PM Break

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Reclaiming Rephram Cemetery
Pastor William Norman and Katrina Epps,
Palmetto Bluff

2:45 PM - 3:15 PM

Working with Your County Coroner
Naida Rutherford, Richland County Coroner

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

**The Impact of Hurricane Helene on the
Cemeteries of the Sumter National Forest**
Jason Moser, USDA/Forest Service

Featured Exhibitors Include

Southeastern Consortium on Cemetery Research
SCDNR Statewide Cemetery Project

Space is limited. Pre-registration
is highly recommended.
Registration Fee Per Person:
Until August 14 \$50.00
August 15 - 30 \$60.00
September 1 - 9 \$70.00

SC Archives & History Center
8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC 29223
All cancellations must be made in writing either by email or to the address above.
Cancellation requests received by August 30 will be refunded, minus a \$15
administrative fee. Cancellations on September 1 or later will not be refunded.
Have a question? Contact Donna Foster at dfoster@scdah.sc.gov or (803) 896-0339

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“The Episcopal Church is a secret too well kept. Many are starved for what we experience daily and too easily take for granted. Invite others to come to your parish to experience this joy.”

Louie Crew, author of 101 Reasons to be Episcopalian