

JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

We are a congregation on mission for Christ!

Carolinas Mission Region Spring Youth Retreat in Salisbury, NC



Pastor Paulette, Sarah, & other pastors & youth enjoyed games, crafts, Bible study, fellowship, & fun together & even built a ramp for Mr. Tom & Mrs. Evelyn!

Doing LIFE together with Joy!

Thank you for your support of our March Ministry of the Month: music donations to Yengesa International Academy's Christian Media Center in Sierra Leone.

Join us for **SENIOR MINISTRY** on the first Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Lakeside Place Senior Living (487 Hwy. 378 Lexington)

Spotlight on Emily Lyles!

My name is Emily Lyles, and I became a member of Joy Mission Church in 2023. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Studio Art at the College of Charleston in 2009, and then moved to Columbia to earn my Master of Fine Art degree at the University of South Carolina in 2012, where I continued to teach as an Adjunct Instructor after graduating, and still do today. Creating art is my passion, so I am thankful to say that I love my job.

I grew up in Summerville, SC with my parents, Marty and Dianne Lyles (who are also members at Joy), and an older brother, Ryan (who is a pastor at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Charleston, SC). My favorite pastime outside of visual art is to take road trips back to the Lowcountry to visit my brother, his wife, Christy, and their two sons – Isaac and Bennett.

I am thankful to have many accomplishments in my life, but I intend to have many more in the future. While I have always considered myself to be a faithful Christian thanks to my upbringing, it was not until finding Joy Mission that I realized my faith and relationship with God could continue to strengthen day after day.

God's timing surely is perfect, because I would not have predicted a cancer diagnosis at age 35 shortly after joining this church family. It is because of the prayers and support from this congregation that my family and I could mentally survive these physical challenges this past year. While I know that we can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me, I now see Joy Mission as being the life jacket helping me to keep my head above water. I plan to continue strengthening my relationship with Christ and letting my light shine before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father who is in heaven.



We want you on our team!

How can you serve?

- Worship Team: Pr. Paulette
- Fellowship Team: Karen Price
- Discipleship Team: Pr. Paulette
- Property Team: Steve Teer
- Safety Team: Bill Walker

Lawn care sign-up now in progress.

We are Growing by the Power of the Holy Spirit *Come, grow with us!*

Sunday School, Bible Studies, Prayer Ministry, & coming soon... Lutheranism 101 a.k.a. Confirmation

*Is God calling you to be a missionary-disciple of Joy?
Contact pastor for more information on how to join.*

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We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name through worship, fellowship, and discipleship.

DISCIPLESHIP CORNER

St. Paul writes,

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
always in every prayer of mine for you all
making my prayer with joy,
because of your partnership in the gospel
from the first day until now.

And I am sure of this,
that he who began a good work in you
will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”
(Philippians 1:2-6)

Sometimes all you can say is “thank you.” Those two simple words mean SO much, and yet they fall so short of the deep gratitude, appreciation, and thanksgiving to God that we feel in our hearts. Such are my prayers for you - prayers made with joy - for the people of Joy and the partnership in the gospel that we share.

You are indeed a joy and delight to this pastor's heart, an encouragement to one another, and faithful witness of the gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and world! On the hard days, when I grow weary and my courage fades, you show up and you show me Jesus.

I could list every one of you by name for the difference you make in my life and in the life of this congregation, but we already have a directory. 😊 Still, I feel the need to recognize each of you by the good works which you do in Jesus' name. And so, hold on; here we go!

THANK YOU to those who worship; those who pray; those who send cards; those who show up even when they don't feel like it; those who serve on ministry teams; those who

make music; those who prepare meals; those who give offerings of time, talent, and treasure; those who count offerings; those who make decisions; those who give wise counsel; those who organize and plan; those who take care of others; those who bring the gospel to life through drama; those who greet; those who usher; those who lector and assist with Communion; those who clean; those who launder; those who take out the trash; those who serve on altar guild; those who build things; those who make Chrismos; those who use arts and crafts to glorify God; those who teach; those who lead; those who share themselves and their experiences; those who are always ready to share a handshake, hug, or smile; those who listen with compassion; and those who offer words of encouragement.

THANK YOU! You are doing GREAT WORK! Keep on doing what you do! You are a blessing to me, to Joy, to Jesus, and to His whole Church on earth.

Let's pray about that.

Lord Jesus, thank you for calling us to Joy. Thank you for blessing us with a caring congregation among whom we have opportunities to grow deeper in our faith. Open our hearts to love you more and make us ever more faithful to serve you and our neighbors. By the power of your Holy Spirit, through the good works you have begun in us, draw us and others closer to you. We ask this to your glory and in your holy and mighty name. Amen.

In the joy of our risen Lord,
Pastor Paulette



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All members of Joy, please plan to attend the called congregational meeting
on April 14 at 9:30 a.m.

We are NOT the mission. Our mission is the Great Commission:

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of age.’” (Matthew 28:18-20)

This is why we exist - to: **Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name.**