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MAULDIN METHODIST CHURCH

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Consecration Sunday

ALL THAT WE HAVE,
ALL THAT WE ARE
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Catered Lunch at 12:00 noon

Join us as we dedicate our time, talents, and resources to God's work in 2027.

Cake Auction FOR A CURE



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Auction at 6:00 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

Sisterhood "Being Still"



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
2:00 P.M. | THE FORGE

With speaker and singer
Dawn Smith Jordan

Tickets $10

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A Word from Webb

Hello Church Family,
November is one of those months when the church gives us several opportunities to pause and remember what matters most.

We begin with **All Saints Day**, when we remember those who have gone before us in faith. We think about parents, grandparents, spouses, friends, and members of our church family who have shaped our lives and helped us know the love of Jesus. We miss them, but we also give thanks for the promise that death does not have the final word. Because of Jesus, we live with the hope of resurrection and eternal life.

Then comes **Thanksgiving**, a wonderful reminder that gratitude should be more than a holiday. Scripture repeatedly calls us to give thanks. When we stop and think about it, we have so much for which to be grateful: our families, our friends, our church, our health, our homes, the people who encourage us, and most of all, the grace of God given to us through Jesus Christ.

And that naturally brings us to **stewardship**.

I have said before that stewardship is not my favorite thing to talk about. I would much rather preach about Jesus, prayer, faith, grace, or what God is doing in our lives. But stewardship is really about those things. It is about recognizing that everything we have is ultimately a gift from God and asking how God wants us to use what He has entrusted to us.

Giving is not simply about paying the church's bills. It is about participating in God's work. Our gifts help us worship, teach our children and youth, care for people in need, reach our community, support missions, and share the good news of Jesus Christ.

There is another reason to give thanks this year. **Our church is trending toward paying off our debt by the end of this year.** If that happens, it will be a significant milestone for Mauldin Methodist Church. Becoming debt-free can open new opportunities to direct more of our resources toward ministry, missions, children and youth, outreach, and caring for people in our community.

Finally, as November comes to an end, we enter **Advent**.

Advent reminds us that we are people who live with hope. We remember that Christ came into the world, we celebrate that He is with us now, and we look forward to the day when He will come again.

So perhaps these four themes belong together more than we realize: **we remember, we give thanks, we give generously, and we look forward with hope.**

That is the life of faith.

As we move through these weeks, my prayer is that we will not simply rush from one event to the next. Instead, may we slow down long enough to remember those who have gone before us, give thanks for God's blessings, faithfully share what God has entrusted to us, and prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of Jesus.

After all, Advent reminds us of the greatest gift of all: **Jesus Christ, God's gift to us.**

And that is something for which we can always give thanks.

Giving thanks for each of you,
Rev. Dr. Webb Belangia,
Senior Pastor

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Cake Auction for A Cure!

Wednesday, November 4

Get your sweet tooth ready! Join us on Wednesday, November 4, for our annual Cake Auction for a Cure! Our Wednesday Family Meal will be served from 5:30–6:30 p.m., with the cake auction beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come enjoy a delicious meal, bid on some wonderful homemade cakes, and support a great cause!

All proceeds from the auction will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Please remember to register for the Family Meal. If you would like to donate a cake, contact Karalee Brookie, khbrookie@gmail.com by Monday, November 2.

Let's make this another sweet evening of fellowship, generosity, and hope!



Consecration Sunday-Celebrating God's Blessings

Sunday, November 8, 2026

God has blessed each of us in so many wonderful ways through our **time, talents, and treasure!** On Sunday, November 8, we will come together as a church family for a special Consecration Sunday, celebrating God's faithfulness and the many blessings He has poured out upon Mauldin Methodist Church.

Our morning will begin with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., followed by worship at 11:00 a.m. in both the Sanctuary and The Forge. Please note that there will be **no 8:45 a.m. worship service** on this special Sunday.

Following worship, we'll gather in the gym for a delicious Thanksgiving Feast catered by Bucky's! Enjoy turkey, ham, green beans, macaroni and cheese, sweet potatoes, and dessert as we share a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and thanksgiving. **Please register for the meal by Monday, November 2.**

As we prepare for this special day, we encourage everyone to prayerfully consider their financial commitment for 2027 and come ready to present their Estimate of Giving card during worship. Every gift of time, talent, and treasure helps us continue the work God has called us to do.

What a blessing it is to be part of this church family! Let's come together with grateful hearts, celebrating all God has done and looking forward with faith and excitement to all He has planned for the year ahead!



Be Still, Be Refreshed, Be Renewed



Ladies Small Groups

Deborah Circle: November Gathering

November 16-Fellowship Hall-9:30 a.m.

Ladies, please join us! We are looking forward to this month's program which is entitled, "Flowers of the Bible." This presentation (by our own Judy Ledvinka) will enable us to explore the spiritual symbolism and meaning of key Biblical flowers as they appear in scripture. The Deborah Circle meets on the fourth Monday of each month and offers meaningful programs, opportunities to support local missions, and warm fellowship with other women of the church. All ladies are welcome—we would love to have you join us!
*Note that November's meeting will be a week early due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wren Circle-November 11

Ladies our monthly meeting will be held in the Spirit Center as we partner with the other circles to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes.



Chunky Blanket Class held in October

Senior Adult Happenings

Our Senior Adults have some wonderful opportunities coming up in November and December! Mark your calendars and join us for fellowship, learning, and a little holiday fun!

Monday, November 2 – Tech Help with Our Youth!
10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
Technology got you puzzled? Our amazing youth are coming to the rescue! Whether you're trying to conquer your smartphone, figure out your tablet, or have questions about your laptop, our youth will be ready to help. Just drop in with your device and your questions. No question is too small, and no appointment is necessary! It's a wonderful opportunity for our generations to connect and learn from one another.

Monday, November 9 – Senior Adult Soup & Fellowship
11:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
It's time for our monthly Senior Adult gathering! With cooler weather arriving, what could be better than sharing a warm bowl of soup and enjoying time with friends? Please bring a pot of your favorite soup, some cornbread, or a dessert to share. Come hungry and ready for great food, laughter, and fellowship!
Questions? Contact Suzanne Asher at saasher1@yahoo.com.

Thursday, December 10 – Christmas at Grove Park Inn!
Depart Church Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m.
We're wrapping up our Senior Adult outings for 2026 with a special trip to the beautiful Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC! We'll enjoy the incredible creativity and holiday magic of the National Gingerbread House Competition displays. From whimsical creations to amazing architectural masterpieces, it's sure to be a sweet way to celebrate the Christmas season together!
Transportation will be provided, but reservations are required by Friday, December 4.
To reserve your seat or ask questions, contact Lee Nicholson at lfnharbor@aol.com or 843-812-5958.

Don't miss these opportunities to connect, share a laugh, make memories, and enjoy the blessings of friendship! We look forward to seeing you!

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

There's still time to make a difference in the life of a child through Operation Christmas Child!

A simple box filled with gifts can bring joy, hope, and the love of Jesus to a child halfway around the world. Boxes are available in both the Son Room and The Forge, along with packing instructions and gift idea flyers to help you get started.

Simply pick up a box, fill it with love, and return it to the church by Sunday, November 15. Our wonderful Ladies Circles will take care of delivering all the boxes to the designated drop-off location.

Our church wide goal this year is 800 boxes! Every box counts, and every gift is an opportunity to share God's love.

Thank you, Mauldin Methodist, for your generous hearts and for helping spread the love of Jesus to children around the world—one shoebox at a time!

Children's Ministry-Mkids

Our Children's Ministry continues to be a place where young hearts are learning about Jesus, growing in faith, and building friendships. While we are still searching for a Director of Children's Ministry, we trust that God is preparing the right person to lead this important ministry. Qualified candidates have been difficult to find, but we remain hopeful and patient in His timing. Please continue to lift this position in prayer, asking God to guide the search and lead us to the person He has chosen for our children and families.

We are especially grateful for Cindy Stamps, who has graciously stepped up to coordinate our Children's Ministry volunteer teams! Cindy is working diligently to ensure we have teachers and helpers in place for Sunday School and Children's Church each week. What a blessing her willingness to serve has been!

And this is where YOU can make a difference! Our children need caring adults who are willing to share a little of their time and a lot of God's love. Whether you can serve regularly or occasionally, every helping hand matters! Please reach out to Cindy at **cindy@mauldinmethodist.com** and let her know when and where you would be willing to serve.

Our weekly children's activities continue!
Wednesday MKids: 6:30 p.m. in the MKids Chapel
Wednesday Club45: 6:30 p.m. for our 4th and 5th graders
Sunday MKids Choir: 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who continue to pour their hearts into our children each week. You are planting seeds of faith that will last a lifetime!

Our children are not just the future of the church—they are an important part of the church today! Let's continue to love them, teach them, and help them grow in their relationship with Jesus.



Family Fun Night!
Thanks to everyone who came out!





Youth Ministry



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Josh Smith-josh@mauldinmethodist.com (Middle School)

Young Adult Ministry



Jon Brooks-jon@mauldinmethodist.com (Youth & Young Adults)

Community Meal Celebrates Three Years!

WOW! Where has the time gone? Three years ago, on October 17, 2023, we served our very first Community Meal. What began as a vision to feed our neighbors and share the love of Jesus has grown into a beautiful ministry of fellowship, compassion, and community!

This ministry would not be possible without the dedication and servant hearts of our amazing volunteers and the incredible generosity of **Project Host**, which has faithfully provided our meals week after week. In fact, the only time Project Host was unable to provide a meal was during the two weeks following Hurricane Helene. That's more than 150 weeks of meals they have provided for our community! What an incredible blessing and partnership!

Over these three years, our ministry has grown beyond serving a hot meal. We are now able to offer our Tuesday guests showers, laundry facilities, and a clothes closet, helping meet practical needs while sharing the love and compassion of Christ. But perhaps the greatest blessing has been the relationships formed, the conversations shared, the prayers offered, and the friendships built around the tables each Tuesday evening.

And there's always room for YOU to be part of this ministry! Whether you can volunteer every week or just occasionally, we would love to have you join us. There are opportunities to prepare and serve meals, greet our guests, and simply sit down and share a conversation. Scan the QR code to sign up and serve!
As we celebrate three wonderful years, we give thanks to God for every volunteer, every meal, every guest, and every opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Here's to three years of feeding bodies, building relationships, and sharing the love of Christ—one Tuesday at a time!

Serving at MMC

Communion Servers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help serve Communion on the first Sunday of each month. This is a simple but meaningful way to serve our church family during worship. Use the QR code to sign up or call the church office.

Come Sing with Us! Handel's *Messiah* Is Coming!

There's still time to add your voice to something special! Our Mauldin Methodist Choir is preparing for a beautiful presentation of Handel's *Messiah*, and we would love for YOU to join us!
Whether you're an experienced singer or simply love making a joyful noise, there's a place for you in the choir. Come share your musical gifts, enjoy wonderful fellowship, and help bring this powerful message of Christ to life through music.
Rehearsals are held Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.
For more information, contact Van Broad at van@mauldinmethodist.com.

Mid Week Family Meals

What a blessing it is to gather around the table each Wednesday evening to enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with our church family! Whether you're coming for Wednesday evening activities or simply want to enjoy dinner with friends, there's always a place for you at the table!

Meals are served from 5:30–6:30 p.m. Can't make it right at 5:30? No worries! Jason and his team will continue serving until 6:30, so come when you can!

What's Cooking in November?

Wednesday, November 4 – Cake Auction Night! (Registration ends Monday, November 2)
Brisket, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, and slaw.
Kids: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, or PB&J.
Don't forget, our annual Cake Auction for a Cure begins at 6:00 p.m.!

Sunday, November 8 – Thanksgiving Feast! (Registration ends Monday, November 2)
A special Sunday celebration following our Consecration Sunday worship services! Be sure to register for this wonderful time of thanksgiving and fellowship.



Wednesday, November 11 (Registration ends Monday, November 9)
Meatball stroganoff, green beans, and dessert.
Kids: Same as adults or PB&J.

Wednesday, November 18 – Breakfast for Dinner!
Registration ends Monday, November 16
Sausage, biscuits, hashbrown casserole, gravy, fruit, and cinnamon rolls.
Kids: Same as adults or PB&J.

Meal Prices & Registration
Adults: $8
Children (ages 4–12): $4
Children under 4: Free
Family Maximum: $25

Please register by noon on Monday before each Wednesday meal. You can sign up through Realm, use the registration sheets in the Son Room or The Forge, or call the church office.

A special thank-you to Jason and his wonderful kitchen team for preparing these delicious meals each week!

Come hungry, bring a friend, and enjoy the blessing of being together. There's always room for one more at our table!

Mid Week at MMC

There's something special about gathering with our church family in the middle of a busy week! Wednesday evenings at Mauldin Methodist offer a wonderful opportunity to slow down, reconnect with one another, and refocus our hearts on God.

Our Children's and Youth Ministries continue to meet each Wednesday evening, providing opportunities for our young people to grow in faith, build friendships, and have fun together. Our Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting also continues, offering a meaningful time to lift up our church, community, and one another in prayer.

As we look ahead, new Bible studies and classes will begin in January, bringing fresh opportunities to grow deeper in God's Word and connect with others.

Whether you're joining us for a family meal, bringing your children or youth, or gathering in prayer, there's a place for you on Wednesday evenings at MMC!

Tax Planning Seminar

Tuesday, November 17 | 6:30 p.m. | Conference Room

As 2026 comes to a close, now is a great time to take a closer look at your finances and prepare for tax season! Join us for an informative Year-End Tax Planning Seminar led by Stewart Smith of Clear Path Retirement Planning.

Stewart will share helpful information about recent tax law changes, year-end planning strategies, and opportunities that may help you make the most of your financial and charitable giving decisions before December 31.

Topics will include:
New senior bonus deduction
Charitable giving deductions for non-itemizers
Timing of Roth conversions
Using Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) for charitable giving
Charitable contribution deduction limits
Medical expense deductions—what qualifies and how much can be deducted

The seminar will last approximately one hour, including time for questions and answers.
Please register through Realm or by calling the church office.

Stewart has also prepared a short video introducing the seminar and sharing what you can expect to learn.
Click here to view the video! https://www.youtube.com/shorts/-u0L8r_D6RE

Whether you're retired, planning for retirement, or simply interested in making informed financial decisions, we hope you'll take advantage of this helpful opportunity!

November Calendar

November 1-Youth Rake & Run-2pm

November 2-Bridging the Gap-Technology Help-10am

November 4-Cake Auction-6pm

November 5-Martha Circle-6:30pm

November 8-Consecration Sunday

November 8-SPRC-1:15pm

November 9-Senior Adult Luncheon-11am

November 9-Church Council-6:30pm-Conference Room

November 11-MMPK Doughnuts for Dad-8am

November 11-Circles Packing OCC Boxes-9am

November 12-Outreach Committee-6:30pm

November 15-Confirmation Sunday

November 15-Dawn Smith Jordan (Sisterhood)-2pm

November 15-Trustees-6pm

November 16-Deborah Circle-9:30am

November 17-Tax Planning Seminar-6:30pm

November 26-HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Sundays
Handbells-4:30
Mkids Choir-6pm
Youth-Check schedule

Mondays
Byce Small Group-6pm

Tuesdays
4Ps-9am
Backpack Ministry-12:30pm
Community Meal-5:30-7pm
Alpha-6pm

Wednesdays
Friendly Yarns-First and third-9:30am
Rev. Herd's Bible study-10am
Family Dinner-5:30pm
Mkids, Youth, Prayer Meeting-6:30pm

Thursdays
Meyer Small group-7pm

Basketball Season has started. Practices are held on Sunday afternoons, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Games are Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Call the church office if you need a schedule.

Finance Committee Report

July 2026-September 2026

Total revenue	$458,724
Total expenses	455,420
Net revenue	3,304

Total YTD

Revenue	$ 1,344,765
Expenses	1,254,381
Net total YTD	90,384

If you would like your group or event included in the December edition of *Inside Mauldin Methodist*, please send all information to Carol by **November 23, 2026, carol@mauldinmethodist.com**. Thank you!