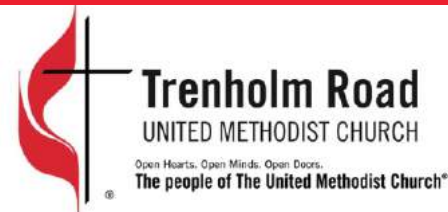




APRIL 2023

The Connection

Monthly publication of the Trenholm Road United Methodist Church



8:45am - Traditional Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Traditional Worship

PASTOR'S ARTICLE



The United Methodist Church is going through a difficult season. As a denomination, we are wrestling with faithful people who love Christ, believe God's word, and yet who do not see things the same way. What makes this time different is the painful separation of some congregations from the denomination, including here in South Carolina.

This is why we chose to have an open conversation on March the 15th. I greatly appreciate the leadership of our district Superintendent, Rev. Fran Elrod, and the Orangeburg district Superintendent, Rev. Ken Nelson. They helped to establish a clear timeline of where we have been as a denomination, explained the reality of where we are, and answered many questions that we had.

As we move forward, let me ask 3 things of all of us:

Listen – Let us be as patient and gracious in listening to others as God is patient in listening to us. Let us also be taking time to listen to God's leading.

Love – The ultimate call of God in Jesus Christ is to love as he loved us. Let us focus on ways to grow in our love to everyone.

Laugh – Jesus came to make our joy complete. Especially in times of stress, we need to draw deeply from the well of his joy. Laughter is healing.

May God grant us all that we need for the wonderful journey ahead.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor James

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

MONTHLY MEETINGS

April 3 - Prayer Team - 11:00am - Believers Rm.
April 3 - Stephen Ministry - 6pm - Contemporaries Rm.
April 3 - Church & Society - 6pm - Believers Rm.
April 3 - Youth Core - 6pm - Conf. Rm.
April 3 - Children's Core - Dining Rm.
April 3 - TRUMC Book Club - 6:30pm - Parlor
April 4 - SPRC - 6pm - Conference Rm
April 6 - Trustees - 6pm - Parlor/Hybrid
April 10 - Frances Foster - 9am - Contemporaries Rm.
April 18 - Finance - 6pm - Parlor
April 25 - Church Council - 6pm - Dining Rm.
Meeting times and location subject to change

Flower Signup

The 2023 flower chart is posted in the hallway. Reserve flowers for your special calendar date.

Openers and Closers Needed

The Trustees would like to extend an invitation to all members to join the monthly rotation schedule for opening and closing the church buildings on Sunday mornings. Please consider volunteering. Contact Byrnie Chapman - byrnie@trumc.org for details.

Prayers of the Church:

Maxine Reynolds, *mother of Amy Craighead*, Eddie Drayton, Jan Fary, Dave Fary, Sharon Lentz, Nancy Cooper, Nancy Howarth, *grandmother of Nathan Cox* Celeste Cobb, Suzanne Wise, Pauline Wheat, Paula Wilson, John Bolin, Jess Torres, Myra Torres, Debby Joyner, Angela English, Stella Wilkins, Robbie Bowers, Vernon Bowen, Carol Parrish, Beth Leaptrott, Pam Prim, Binnie Rowe, Art Baker & Jack Hollis

Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for Dusty Conine on Sunday, March 19.

New Members

We welcomed Dusty and Lindsay Conine into the fellowship of Trenholm Road UMC on Sunday, March 19.

We extend Christian sympathy to the following

The Kennemore family, at the death of Ruth Kennemore, who passed away on March 9, 2023. A service of Death and Resurrection was held at TRUMC on Thursday, March 23.

To Randy Akers at the death of his mother, Jean Lewis, 95 on March 23. Ms. Lewis resided in Bradenton, Florida.

Financial Report

February 2023

Annual Budget, \$1,528,470

Month-to-Date Receipts, \$107,471

Month-to-Date Expenses, \$139,923

Difference, **(\$32,452)**

Year-to-Date Receipts, \$246,832

Year-to-Date Expenses, \$263,403

Difference, **(\$16,571)**



Holy Week at TRUMC

On April 2, Palm Sunday worship services will begin with a Processional of Palms led by a donkey. The TRUMC Children's Choirs will sing at the 11:00 a.m. service. A Time of Prayer will be held Monday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m. in Rm 110. Our Maundy Thursday Service on April 6 at 7:00 p.m. will be a service of Holy Communion commemorating Jesus's last supper with his disciples, and the stripping of the altar. A Service of Taize' will be held on Good Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. Worship services on Easter Sunday will be at 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. We will redress the altar at the early service, and you are invited to bring fresh flowers to decorate the Easter Floral Cross on the front steps.

SAVE THE DATE

A Word from Your Lay Leaders

Mark your calendars for Laity Sunday, April 23! Both 8:45 and 11:00 worship services will be dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the importance of the TRUMC Laity in taking our ministry and mission into our community! The service will be conducted by those who have been elected to lead us in 2023. We will focus on the joy of carrying out our vision for living TRUMC's unique calling to Discipleship - equipping disciples for the work of making more disciples and serving in the community/world with transformational love. Come and meet your wonderful leadership team and be part of an interactive service of covenant and commitment to humbly and joyfully do the work that God has called us all to do!

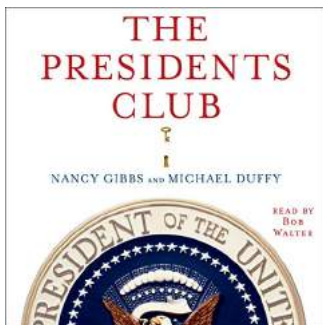
-Randy Akers and Beth Corley



TV Ministry Help Needed!

Our TV Ministry touches hundreds if not thousands of people each week, but we need your help to keep it going! Camera operators and video editors needed. Please fill out this form if you are interested in being trained!

<https://forms.gle/13v8Z9qfgUXZMMYz6> or scan QR code on left.



TRUMC Book Club

The TRUMC Book Club will meet on Monday, April 3 in the parlor. The group will discuss *The Presidents Club: Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity*, by Michael Duffy and Nancy Gibbs.



Seamstresses needed!

Handy with a sewing machine and/or needle and thread? The Youth lounge is being updated and we need new slip covers made for some of the couches! Contact Linda if you're interested in helping! youth@trumc.org



Mark your calendars to join us for VBS 2023!

We will be meeting at night again, July 16th-19th. Times and more details will be available soon. Please use this link above to register or volunteer to help:

https://form.jotform.com/Ashlea_Ayers/vbs-2023

The TRUMC family is invited to attend the **Children and Youth Celebration Sunday** on Sunday, April 30. The children will present a musical at 9:30 am. The musical will be held in the sanctuary and all parents and adult Sunday School classes are welcome to attend. **There will only be (1) ONE worship service at 10:30am. The youth will lead the worship service.** The Missions team will sponsor a Picnic Lunch on the front lawn at 11:30 am. Proceeds will go towards the El Salvador trip. Make it a day of support and joy as we all celebrate the children and youth of TRUMC.



**Senior Recognition:
Senior Sunday is May 14!**

Do you have an upcoming class of 2023 graduate in your family? We want to recognize him/her! Make sure we have your senior on our list!



High School Summer Mission Trip:
Salkehatchie: Pick your own camp or join Linda June 11-16 at Creekfront. Register using the QR code on the left. Deadline April 20 for Creekfront! Scholarships available!

Sunday School Teachers and Assistants need for Youth!

With the start of the Confirmation class, Sunday School teachers and assistants are needed more than ever! Would you consider sharing your time? All materials will be provided for you!

Thank you in advance for your time and talent!

Contact youth@trumc.org for details.



SAVE THE DATE!

Ladies Spring Tea

HOSTED BY THE UWF

\$10 per person

Tickets will be on sale in the West Foyer following worship services on March 26 & April 2

APRIL 16, 2023 • 12:30PM



Please drop off donations this month for Harvest Hope. We appreciate your continued support. Your care and generosity help many families in the Midlands.



Tulips

Be sure to stop by TRUMC and take pictures with the tulips.



Located in Room 104 in the Main Building across from the Business Office - our library is always open. Adult books ranging from fiction, Bible study, history, help with problems, and DVD programs are available for check-out. There is also a section of free books available. Come check it out!



While you are in the pew or away, continue to support TRUMC by giving online or by mobile phone. Txt2give - text the word GIVE to 803-998-2311 and follow instructions or www.trenholmroad.org

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March 2023 Oyster Roast in the back lot of TRUMC





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