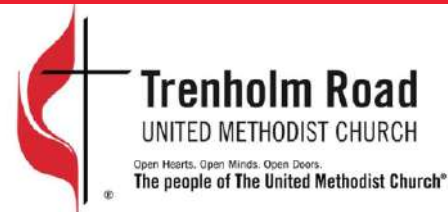




APRIL 2024

# 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 PERSPECTIVE

**"March out of March and spring into April"**

Pastor James McCoy-Bruce



Happy Easter!

As we march out of March and spring into April, we find ourselves steeped in signs of life. Trees are developing their deep green leaves, plants are blooming, and even that infuriating yellow stuff is coating everything. The world that seemed gray and cold is bursting with beauty on every side. But it is not just with the world we see...

We have left behind a season of Lent and are in the fullness of Easter joy. We celebrate the life that we have in Christ, a life that fills us today and sustains us into eternity. Everywhere we look in our lives, we see the evidence of the work of God that brings new life, new hope, and new creation.

The same is true here at Trenholm Road UMC. God is on the move and stirring mightily among us. The Spirit is breathing life into our missions, both here and abroad, as we move full swing into our Habitat for Humanity faith build and work in El Salvador. Our ministry with children and youth continues to grow as we will have opportunities to see them growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.

I know that frightening voices will cry all around us that death and destruction may loom on the horizon, but we are claiming the promise of life that we have in Jesus this Easter season. We are a people of resurrection. So rejoice! Be glad! Celebrate! Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed.

And in Christ, our hope and our mission to make disciples is stronger than ever.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor James

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# NEWS & NOTES

## Trenholm Road Cares

### DEATHS

To Anita Bowen and family at the death of her husband, Vernon Bowen. A celebration of life was held at the Bowen home on Sun. March 17.

To the Chaplin family, at the death of Marion Chaplin. A service was held at TRUMC on Mon. March 25.

To the Cox family, at the death of Gerald and Nancy Howarth, who both passed away on Mon., March 25. Gerald and Nancy are the grandparents of Nathan (Ashlea) Cox. A service will be held in the spring.

To Amy Craighead, at the death of her brother, Aaron Reynolds. Funeral plans are pending.

To Kate Swanson, at the death of her mom, Mary Jane Swanson on March 10. A service will be held on Sat, April 27 at First United Methodist Church in Hendersonville, NC.

### NEW MEMBERS

Gwen Murphy, March 10



Kevin & Jenny Smith, Wesley and Tucker, March 10



Larry & Jan Ayers, March 17



**Do you have a life event to share with your church family?**

Contact Renee Foxe, via [renee@trumc.org](mailto:renee@trumc.org)

## Prayers of the Church:

Bernita Shepard, Jean Frey, *sister of Jan Fary*, Tom McCoy, *father of Rev. Ashley McCoy-Bruce*, Heather Caldwell, *cousin of Rev. Ashley McCoy-Bruce*, Sally Sansbury, B Jackson, Matt Turner, Beverly Nance, Pat & John Bolin, Ann Meares, *sister of Catherine Williams*, Larry Ayers, Jeff Adams, *son of Jess & Myra Torres*, Shealy McCoy, Maxine Reynolds, *mother of Amy Craighead*, Eddie Drayton, Michael Reed, Jess & Myra Torres, Vernon Bowen, Paula Wilson, Suzanne Wise, Sharon Lentz, Robbie Bowers, Andrea Pyatt.

## The Prayer Team Wants You!

If you believe in the power of prayer and if prayer is a big part of your life, join us for a monthly prayer meeting to pray for the TRUMC family. We meet every first Monday at 11 am. I John 5:14 states "This is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to his will, He heareth us." Come pray with us! Join the Prayer Team on Monday, April 1 at 11 am. Contact Geri Cutler for details – 803-238-6641.

## Did you know?

The crown of thorns on the cross in the Archives window came from the holy land, and was given to the church by Red Williams, a past minister of TRUMC!

- Judy Duke



## A Word from Your Lay Leaders

A Word from Your Lay Leaders: And Now What? **John 20:19-22** *So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.*

He sent them so that, ultimately, we might be sent for this time and this season, to send others. TRUMC, there are many wonderful ministry and mission callings for us right now: Habitat for Humanity, El Salvador, Salkehatchie, VBS, Children's Music Camp, Children and Youth Ministries, Congregational Care and Stephen Ministry, Small Group Study, Music Ministry, to name a few.

**As Paul reminds us in Romans 12, 6** *In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. 7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. 8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, **do it gladly.***

Randy Akers and Beth Corley

# NEWS & NOTES

## CONGRATULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations to Mary Grace Trobaugh** who has been named the recipient of the annual Christopher Riddle Memorial Scholarship. Mary Grace is a theatre major at Wofford College.

**Congratulations to Mark Donnelly** for winning "Best Spaghetti Sauce" during the spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

**Congratulations to Linda Collins**, Director of Youth and Student Ministry on receiving the ALLISON WILLIAMS' WOMEN IN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship is for a woman who serves as the main leader of a youth ministry (whether paid or volunteer), and has been nominated by someone. Reverend James McCoy Bruce nominated Linda for the scholarship. Visit the link to watch his nomination video.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/li3axQuiVkuI46EBImYeu0ZRszNyzX6T\\_/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/li3axQuiVkuI46EBImYeu0ZRszNyzX6T_/view?usp=drive_link)

## TRUMC volunteer support is needed for Habitat House!



Nail Ceremony for Lucinda's house attended by David Free, speaker and Pastor Mollie Reddic.

**Habitat for Humanity - Faith Build Home Recipient - Lucinda**  
TRUMC Volunteer/Servant slots at Lucinda's homesite are available for April and May. Choose a date and time to serve at [trenholmroad.org](http://trenholmroad.org). Look for the Habitat button on the homepage. The address is 416 Jasper St., West Columbia, SC 29169. Water and lunch will be provided daily, and you can sign up for as many shifts as you like. No previous construction experience is needed, but on-site volunteers need to be at least 18 years old. CSC Habitat will provide all necessary tools and safety equipment. Wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty, and closed-toe and heel shoes are required. Contact David Free with any questions at [dafree@sc.rr.com](mailto:dafree@sc.rr.com).

### TRUMC Book Club

The TRUMC Book Club will meet on Monday, April 1, at 6:30 pm in the TRUMC Parlor. The group will discuss *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. All are welcome to attend. .

### TRUMC Hiking Group

TRUMC Hiking Group will visit Forty Acre Rock Heritage Preserve on Friday, April 19. They'll see unique plants and a beaver pond. The hike is moderate in difficulty and open to anyone. To carpool, meet at TRUMC's back parking lot at 7:00 am. For more information or questions, feel free to contact Steve Krietemeyer at [swkrietemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:swkrietemeyer@gmail.com) or 803.528.4184 to join.



### April Harvest Hope Donations

Your generosity can make a big difference! This month, please donate cereal and drop it off in the white bin for Harvest Hope. Your support helps countless families in the Midlands. Thank you for your continued kindness!

### April Wednesday Meals

The congregation will gather in the gym on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. for a delicious fellowship meal. Both kids and adults can enjoy specially prepared meals. Adult meals are \$10. Kids meals are \$7. Family meals are \$27.

#### April 10 meal

Adults: Orange chicken with Rice, Vegetable, Asian salad and dessert  
Kids: Individual pizza, chips, Veggies and ranch, fruit and dessert

#### April 17 meal

Adults: Spinach/ Mushroom Lasagna or traditional Lasagna, vegetables, garlic bread, salad, dessert  
Kids: Spaghetti, garlic bread, apple slices, dessert

#### April 24 meal

Adults: Burger or chicken sandwich, fries, corn on the cob, fruit and dessert  
Kids: Burger sliders, fries, corn on the cob, fruit and dessert

# NEWS & NOTES



 **Trenholm Road**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

**April 17 - May 1**  
Wednesday nights  
6:15pm - 7:15pm  
TRUMC Dining Room with  
**Pastor Mollie Reddic**

**If you are looking for a church home, look no further.  
Discover more about TRUMC!**  
Contact Pastor Mollie Reddic -mollie@trumc.org for details.

We are excited to welcome everyone as a member of the TRUMC family! If you are interested in joining Trenholm Road UMC, join Pastor Mollie in the next New Member Class. We hope that by taking our new members class you will come to learn more about our mission, our history, and our vision for the future. The next class starts on April 17



*Give hope this spring.*

**Give blood.**

 American Red Cross

## Blood Drive

Trenholm Road United Methodist Church  
**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> - Gym**  
**8:00am - 1:00pm**

To Schedule your Appt. Time Please visit:



Or go to: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
Enter Sponsor Code: **trenholm**

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
Sunday, April 21 @ 4pm TRUMC Parlor

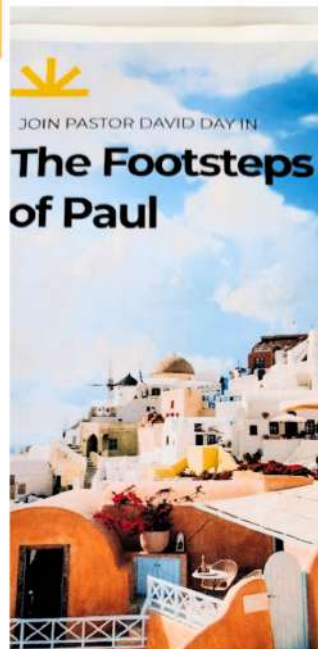
**JOIN REV. DAVID DAY**  
**TRAVEL AND EXPERIENCE**


# GREECE

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**MYKONOS**  
**EPHESUS/PATMOS**  
**CRETE/SANTORINI**  
**THESSALONICA**  
**BEREA/METEORA**  
**ATHENS/CORINTH**

**OCTOBER 16 - OCTOBER 25, 2024**

For details & more information contact  
**Reverend David Day**  
[dwday@umcsc.org](mailto:dwday@umcsc.org)  
803-587-1682  
DEADLINE: JUNE 16



 JOIN PASTOR DAVID DAY IN  
**The Footsteps  
of Paul**



*All ladies of the church are invited  
to celebrate the beauty of the season*

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**  
**SPRING LUNCHEON**  
*Tea and Tulips*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - 12:15 P.M.**  
**TRUMC DINING ROOM**  
**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: KELLY WILSON HALL**  
FORMER TRUMC MEMBER

INCLUDES LIGHT LUNCH & ANNOUNCEMENT OF UWF WOMAN OF THE YEAR  
WEAR YOUR SPRING HATS & SPRING COLORS.  
DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR

# NEWS & NOTES

## Save the Date

Family Promise of the Midlands is hosting the Night of Promise gala on April 26th to celebrate their 10th anniversary in Columbia. Coach Dawn Staley is the guest of honor and TR is a platinum sponsor thanks to the Missions Core Team.



## Churchwide Outing to USC Baseball Game!

Sponsored by the Children and Youth! Join the children, youth, and their families at Founder's Park for an intergenerational evening of fun on Friday, May 10, at 5:30 p.m. Use this link for more information and to register: <https://tinyurl.com/USCvsGeorgia> or the QR code below.



Start the Party and celebrate the Good News! Jesus loves us! Make plans to join us for VBS 2024. It will be held June 23-26, from 5:30-7:45 PM. VBS is for children aged 4 (as of September 1, 2024) through completed 5th grade.

Registration will be available at [trenholmroad.org/children](https://trenholmroad.org/children) starting May 1st. We hope you and your family are able to join us!



**Who:** All children entering 1st-6th grades are welcome!  
**When:** Sunday, July 21 3:30 pm-5:00 pm  
Monday, July 22 - Friday, July 26, 8:30 am-12 pm. Snack provided.  
Friday, July 26, 2024, 11:00 am Performance in Sanctuary.  
Sunday, July 28, 11:00 am, Performance of one song from musical  
**What:** Preparation and performance of the musical *OH JONAH!*  
By Allen Pote and Carol McCann, plus arts, crafts, singing and fun!  
**Where:** Trenholm Road United Methodist Church  
**Cost:** \$25, includes snack, copy of music and t-shirt  
**Registration:**

Space is limited, so please register early!  
Scan the QR code or go to [trenholmroad.org](https://trenholmroad.org) to register.  
Registration deadline is June 30, 2024.



*"It's a tale of a whale and a whale of a tale and a story of the deep blue sea... about a fish and a man named Jonah, who's a lot like you and me!"*

## NEWS & NOTES



This summer, we will have one (1) worship service at 10 am from  
**May 26 through July 28.**

Sunday School classes will meet from 9–9:45 AM, with worship to follow at 10 AM. Nursery and Little Church will take place during 10 am service.

Watch for additional details and updates about the Summer Schedule, Sunday School sessions and other small groups!

### Photos from the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



### Photos from Palm Sunday



# NEWS & NOTES

## Photos from the Easter Egg Hunt



## FEBRUARY 2024 OFFERING REPORT

Annual Budget, \$1,553,867

Month-to-Date Receipts, \$95,103

Month-to-Date Expenses, \$135,235

February Difference (\$40,132)

Year-to-Date Receipts, \$254,218

Year-to-Date Expenses, \$261,431

Year-to-Date Difference (\$7,213)



### **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

- Apr. 1 - Prayer Team - 11 am - MB 110
- Apr. 1 - Church & Society - 6 pm - MB 110
- Apr. 1 - TRUMC Book Club - 6:30 pm - MB 114
- Apr. 2 - SPRC - 6 pm - MB 113
- Apr. 8 - Frances Foster Circle - 9:45 am - Dining Room
- Apr. 8 - Missions - 5 pm - MB 113
- Apr. 8 - Clergy Cohort - 10:00 am - MB 114
- Apr. 8 - Stephen Ministry - 6 pm - MB 112
- Apr. 9 - United Women in Faith - 10 am - MB 114
- Apr. 9 - Major Way to Faith - 11:30 am - Dining Room
- Apr. 9 - Trustees - 6 pm - MB 113
- Apr. 13 - Saturday Sisterhood - 10 am - MB 114
- Apr. 18 - Communications - 6pm - MB 113

*All meetings and locations listed or planned are subject to change. Contact your group leader for details.*

### **The Connection**

The TRUMC newsletter is distributed via email or print to its members. To ensure you receive your copy, notify the church office if you change your email address. The deadline to submit an article is the 18th day of each month or earlier if there are holiday hours.

Please send your articles via email to [renee@trumc.org](mailto:renee@trumc.org).

### **Planning a meeting at TRUMC?**

If you're interested in hosting a meeting or a class at the church, or if you would like to have an event listed on the church calendar, please fill out an event request form available at [trenholmroad.org](http://trenholmroad.org). This will help us avoid scheduling conflicts and ensure that your event is properly organized.



# Trenholm Road

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## TRUMC - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAITH BUILD SERVING OPPORTUNITIES



# TRUMC VOLUNTEER SERVANTS ARE NEEDED!!

Join us in sharing time with building Lucinda's home or providing a lunch for those serving!

**SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP NOW!!**



Visit [www.trenholmroad.org](http://www.trenholmroad.org) to also sign up. Look for the Habitat button on homepage.

Saturday, April 13 - 8am - 11:30am or 12 Noon - 3pm  
Thursday, April 18 - 8am - 11:30am or 12 Noon - 3pm  
Thursday, April 25 - 8am - 11:30am or 12 Noon - 3pm  
Saturday, April 27 - 8am - 11:30am or 12 Noon - 3pm  
Saturday, May 4 - 8am - 11:30am or 12 Noon - 3pm

**OUR MISSION-COME AND WORSHIP,GROW IN FAITH, SHARE THE WORD, GO AND SERVE**

