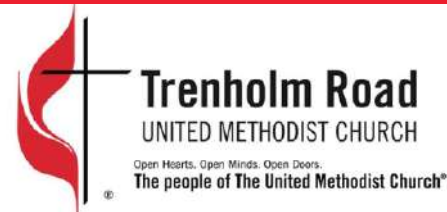




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The Connection

Monthly publication of the Trenholm Road United Methodist Church



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

We are not the first to say this, but one thing that is constant is change. In our lifetimes we have seen the ways we communicate change by constant advances in technology. Our first phones required ringing up an operator! Radio, television (3 networks), computers, internet, streaming, social media, smart phones—it does not stop. Consequently, when change happens, it does affect those of us who are slow to adapt.

We have been blessed with a ministry of broadcasting our worship service for over 40 years. Being one of only a few such ministries, TRUMC has served thousands of people who could not attend live worship. The original model for our ministry, operated by church member volunteers, edited an on-site recording of our live service down to a half hour version for TV airing the following week. This was a good model for the state of technology in its time, along with the expertise of our TV ministry team.

Through conversation with our lay leadership, our core team chairs, and our current TV ministry team, we have considered the following impacts of changes in audio-video technology over these years:

- It is increasingly difficult to find people who have the interest, technical skills, and time commitment to handle this highly edited production adequately;
- other churches share broadcast ready services in ways that we cannot because they have multiple paid staff who are trained in production, editing, and communications
- television is no longer the primary way that people participate in worship services from home, in part because the worship services broadcast on television are always a week delayed
- cable network viewership is declining at an alarming rate (including our broadcast) as more folks are comfortable with so many other methods to get their programming;
- the Covid years taught us that there are efficient ways to broadcast our live service (no need for time-consuming editing) and to then upload it to other apps for viewing via our web site; we intend to continue to share our worship services globally
- the current expense to air our edited taped services is very high at \$40,000 per year, a significant line item in our budget.

After weighing these many factors, the TRUMC Church Council has made the difficult decision not to renew our television contract with WACH-Fox as of December 31. We understand the disappointment that many loyal worship viewers will have and will do our best to guide them to our worship through means new to them. We will continue our live broadcasts on Facebook as well as uploading the services, on the same day, to our YouTube site.

This decision was made through prayer and careful deliberation by people who are long-time members and who love this church. Many decisions in all facets of life are difficult and painful but must be made as we move forward in changing times.

As we transition this beloved ministry to new technological methods of outreach, let us celebrate with gratitude the lives that have been enriched through the sharing of The Word. Be thankful, TRUMC, that God always makes a way and will empower us to continue and expand the reach of the vision born so many years ago!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Prayers of the Church:

Bob Henry, Kristin Plyler, Pat and John Bolin, Joe Tuck, Allen Stokes, 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, Nancy Howarth, *grandmother of Nathan Cox*, Jess & Myra Torres, Vernon Bowen, Paula Wilson, Suzanne Wise, Sharon Lentz, Robbie Bowers, Andrea Pyatt.

Christian Sympathy

To the family of Alfred Jack Starling, Sunday, November 26. A funeral service was held at TRUMC on Saturday, December 2.

To the family of Bill Jerry, Tuesday, December 12. A funeral service was held at TRUMC on Monday, December 18.

November Financial Report

Annual Budget, \$1,528,470
Month-to-Date Receipts, \$160,058
Month-to-Date Expenses, \$134,003
Difference, \$26,055
Year-to-Date Receipts, \$1,258,316
Year-to-Date Expenses, \$1,380,745
Difference, (\$122,429)

2023 Gifts postmarked or delivered to the business office will be accepted until 12/31.

Retirement Reception

All are welcome to congratulate Reverend David Day on his retirement as Congregational Care Pastor of Trenholm Road UMC. The reception will be held in the Dining Room on Sunday, January 7, after the 11:00 am worship service. Join us as we thank him for his ministry to our congregation. David and Annie will continue their membership at TRUMC.

January Book Club

The TRUMC Book Club will meet Monday, January 8 and discuss

Buy the Change You Want to See by Morris & Paris.

The group will meet at 6:30 pm in the parlor.

Newcomers are always welcome.

Contact Jane Elliott for more info - jelliott24@att.net.

Small Group Opportunities

Pastor James will lead a small group study and discuss the book, *The 28 Day Prayer Journey* by Chrystal Evans Hurst on Wednesday nights.

Jan 10 – Feb 7 @ 6:15 pm (Dining Room)

Register to attend – trenholmroad.org - \$10 (includes book)

Stacey Watts will lead a Parenting Class – Jan. 10 – Mar. 6 on Wednesday nights.

Topic: The Well Behaved Child @ 6:15 pm (Sanctuary)

Register to attend – trenholmroad.org - \$25/person

Pastor Mollie Reddic will lead a Tuesday class.

Topic: Women's Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels

Tuesdays at Noon (Jan 9) (Parlor)

Register to attend - trenholmroad.org – Lunch provided (bring Bible)

START THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH AN INTENTIONAL PRAYER JOURNEY

Prayer is a powerful tool that many people believe in, but it can often feel intimidating or out of reach. The good news is that it doesn't have to be!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP STUDY



Discover the steps and aspects of prayer for you and others!

JANUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 7, 2024 AT 6:15 PM (DINING ROOM)

Lead by: Reverend James McCoy-Bruce

Register online to attend - www.TrenholmRoad.org

REGISTRATION - \$10 (Includes book)

Don't miss out on this transformative class.

Scan QR code to register



Family Promise of the Midlands

Family Promise is in need of a used washer for one of the housing units. If anyone can help, please contact alysha@familypromisemidlands.org.



Winter Coat Drive

Thank you for your support and generosity to support the coat drive at Bradley Elementary. Nearly 300 coats were distributed. Thank you!

Children & Youth

Christmas Service Project & Gift Making Project



Youth Updates

Sunday, December 31 - One Sunday School class- wear your PJs!

Confirmation begins in January!

Confirmation is for any current 7th-grade student or any 8th-grade student that may have missed in years past! Email Linda with any questions: youth@trumc.org.

Sunday, January 7 - UMYF Resumes at 5:15 p.m. with optional open gym, 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Dinner and fellowship, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Lesson in the Youth Lounge.

Monday, January 8 - Youth Core Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Location TBD

Wednesday, January 10 - Wednesday Night Activities resume, Discipleship 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.

January Wednesday Meals

The congregation will gather Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the gym 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.

January 10 meal

Adults: Chicken pilau, vegetable, bread, slaw and dessert

Kids: Chicken tenders, tater tots, string cheese, peach cup, and dessert

January 17 meal

Adults: Spaghetti & meatballs, vegetable, garlic bread, salad and dessert

Kids: Spaghetti or plain with parm, green beans, garlic bread, applesauce and dessert

January 24 meal

Adults: Lemon chicken, baked potatoes, vegetable, bread, broccoli salad and dessert

Kids: Grilled cheese, chips, mandarins, go-gurt and dessert

January 31 meal

Adults: Meatloaf, brown rice, vegetable, bread and dessert

Kids: Burger sliders, corn, banana, and fruit roll-up

United Women in Faith

On Saturday, November 11th Trenholm Road United Women in Faith hosted the South Carolina United Women in Faith District Officers Training. There were over 100 women from throughout the state in attendance. We thank Pastor James for giving an opening devotion and thoughts on the theme, Christ Graced Leadership, Ephesians 4:7, 11-12, our UMM for their assistance guiding the attendees with parking - and they did it in the rain! We also thank our own Trenholm Road's young man, Wyatt Dowdee, who managed all things audio/video during the opening devotional in the sanctuary, and the about 35 UWF ladies who were able to here to make this a success.

Trenholm Road United Women in Faith hosted An Old-Fashion Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 10th. A big congratulations to Ann Baggett for receiving UWF's Special Recognition pin. Ann is very visible at TRUMC. We have all heard her beautiful voice on the choir. There aren't many members that she hasn't prayed for, led with, or sat on a committee with to make our church the great place it is. Ann is a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School class and has helped the new Sunday School class, The Vineyard, get up and running this year. She leads bible studies, co-leads the Not Your Mama's circle, and currently serves as associate Lay Leader. Ann lives with her husband Jon, and their two dogs. She is an English teacher at AC Flora and serves as department head. Poinsettias were given in memory or honor of: Gretchen Dawson & Debbie Joyner - Agnes Rogers Olive Moffatt Circle, Beth Leaptrott & Nancy Cooper - Frances Foster Circle, Frankie Garrick & Louise Chapman - Major Way to Faith Circle, Ruth Kennemore & Virginia Weathers - Not Your Mama's Circle, Rev. Mollie Reddic & Kim Vajda - Saturday Sisterhood Circle. Collections to World Thank Offering were taken to support the total program of mission carried on through UWF's national office and around the world. Special thanks to Pastor James, Rev. Day, Helene Cargile, and Emma Divine, our guest pianist. (pictured Kelley Sarvis, UWF Vice President and Ann Baggett, UWF's Special Recognition pin recipient).





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Return Service Requested

January 7th at 8:45 and 11:00am worship services we will share in a renewal of our baptismal vows, a powerful service in which we come forward and touch the water in the font and renew our commitment to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new!

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Jan. 2 - SPRC - 6 pm - MB 113
- Jan. 8 - Frances Foster Circle - 9:45 am - Dining Room
- Jan. 8 - Prayer Team - 11 am - MB 110
- Jan. 8 - Youth Core Committee - 6 pm - Offsite
- Jan. 8 - Stephen Ministry - 6 pm - MB 112
- Jan. 8 - Church & Society - 6 pm - MB 110
- Jan. 8 - TRUMC Book Club - 6:30 pm - MB 114
- Jan. 9 - United Women in Faith - 10 am - MB 114
- Jan. 9 - Major Way to Faith - 11:30 am - Dining Room
- Jan. 9 - Trustees - 6 pm - MB 113
- Jan. 13 - Saturday Sisterhood - 10 am - MB 114
- Jan. 16 - Finance - 6 pm - MB 114
- Jan. 23 - Church Council - Dining Room

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