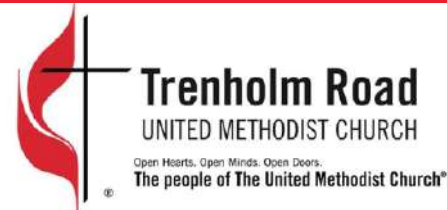




JUNE 2023

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

Reverend James McCoy-Bruce

EXPLOSION OF FIRE

Back in my early years growing up in the countryside well beyond the city limits of the booming metropolis of Piedmont, SC, I was one of three boys to a newly divorced, single mom. We lived adjacent to Granny's 3-4 acre homestead and surrounded by hundreds of acres of farmland. The property that borders farmland is often generously filled with all kinds of vegetation from small saplings to briars to honeysuckle and blackberries. When it encroaches on your land, the only thing that you can do is cut it back. At that point, you either must haul it somewhere to take care of it or dispose of it in some way on your property. Not having a truck, my mom opted for option 2.

I can still remember the huge pile 7 - 8 feet high and a good 20 feet in diameter. To help encourage the disposal of the pile of brush, my mother liberally added kerosene. While she was placing the kerosene strategically around the brush pile, one of my younger brothers (who would have been five and seven at the time) found the matches. From some distance, I heard a sound I had not heard before. WOOOOSSSSSHHHH! does not accurately capture the power and the violence of the explosion of that match hitting the kerosene. Fortunately, there was no more injury than some singed hairs and eyebrows. I learned to never underestimate the power of an explosion of fire.

As of May 28th, we are in the season of Pentecost. We celebrate another explosion of fire that took place in an upper room. The sound was described as a rushing, mighty wind that singed all those who were gathered in that room -- not their hair or eyebrows, but their hearts. That explosion of God's Holy Spirit was the birth of the church and has spread to change billions of lives.

We are in the season of Pentecost. We profess with our mouths the God's spirit is at work moving among the church now, as then. As we celebrate and worship and praise, as we discern God's call through small groups in Christian formation, as we capture God's vision for Trenholm Rd. UMC, we find ourselves playing with fire. So, hold on! Be ready! Do not underestimate the power of an explosion of the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor James

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

MONTHLY MEETINGS

June 4 - Congregational Care - 4pm - Conference Rm
June 5 - Prayer Team - 11:00am - Believers Rm
June 5 - Church & Society - 6pm - Believers Rm
June 5 - Youth Core - 6pm - Offsite
June 5 - TRUMC Book Club - 6:30pm - Parlor
June 6 - SPRC - 6pm - Conference Rm
June 10 - Sisterhood Circle - 10am - Parlor
June 12 - Stephen Ministry - 6pm - Contemporaries Rm
June 13 - UWF - 10am - Parlor
June 13 - Trustees - 6pm - Parlor/Hybrid
June 20 - Finance - 6pm - Parlor
June 26 - Church Council - 6pm - Dining Rm
Meeting times and location subject to change

Financial Report

April 2023

Month-to-Date Receipts, \$138,756

Month-to-Date Expenses, \$116,879

Difference, \$21,877

Year-to-Date Receipts, \$492,264

Year-to-Date Expenses, \$510,008

Difference, (\$17,744)

Prayers of the Church:

Sandy Harris
Harriet Shuler
Carol Mosser
Allen Stokes
Rodney Cleveland

Maxine Reynolds,
mother of Amy Craighead

Eddie Drayton
Jan Fary
Sharon Lentz

Nancy Howarth,
grandmother of Nathan Cox

John Bolin
Jess Torres
Myra Torres
Stella Wilkins
Robbie Bowers
Vernon Bowen
Jack Hollis
Paula Wilson
Suzanne Wise

We extend Christian sympathy to the following

To the family of Debby Joyner. Debby passed away April 29. A service was held at TRUMC on May 5.

To the family of Beth Leaptrott. Beth passed away May 8. A service was held at TRUMC on May 12.

To the family of Nancy Cooper. Nancy passed away May 14. A service was held at Dunbar on May 21.

To the Wheat family, at the death of Pam Prim, Pauline's daughter. Pam passed away May 13. A service was held May 20 at Shives (Trenholm Rd).

To BJ and Mike Dall, at the death of BJ's sister, Helen Byrd, May 23. Plans are incomplete.

June and July Worship Schedule

From June 4th through July 30th, we will have **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** meeting at 10 AM.

Adult Sunday School option

9 AM - 10 AM or 11 AM - Noon.

New Young Adult Sunday School Class- The Vineyard

A new Sunday School class is forming at Trenholm Road and we would love for you to join us! All are welcome, but this class will be focusing on inviting adults (single or married) in their late 20s to early 40s OR parents with young children. We will have two social events this summer, June 21st and July 20th. Our first class meeting will be on August 20th. Use this link to join our email list for more information about our class and our upcoming social events: linktr.ee/trumcvineyard

Interested in the mission trip this year?

The tentative dates for the trip are July 22-30. Reach out Tim Teaster via email @ tteaster33@gmail.com, or text or call 803-521-4112. A sign-up sheet is in the west foyer.

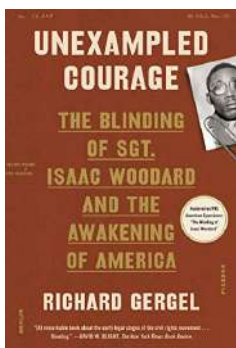
Pulpit Swap

Reverend Ashley McCoy-Bruce, pastor of Asbury Memorial UMC, will preach at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 25 at Trenholm Rd UMC. She is married to Reverend James McCoy-Bruce, pastor of Trenholm Rd UMC. Pastor James will preach at Asbury Memorial on the same day.

A Word from Your Lay Leaders

In the May newsletter, we celebrated the addition of three Associate Lay Leaders to our team: Ann Baggett, Joshua Day and Jess Gooding. This addition has already borne much fruit, as the announced intention of beginning a new adult Sunday school class is off to a very enthusiastic start. Under the initial leadership of Ann Baggett and with the support of Josh and Jess, along with our Director of Children and Family Ministry, Ashlea Cox, a group of around twenty members has coalesced and taken on the ongoing leadership for this effort. Our team will always be available for support as they set their course for growth. What an exciting development! We are grateful for the energy and enthusiasm of all involved!

Randy Akers and Beth Corley



TRUMC Book Club

The book club will meet at 6:30pm in the parlor on Monday, June 5 to discuss Unexampled Courage, by Richard Gergel. All are welcome to join in the discussion. Share your thoughts. Books have the incredible ability to bring people together. For more information, please contact Margaret Haffner, musselman123@hotmail.com.



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.



Thanks for supporting Epworth!

Epworth Mother's Day Gifts: \$5,308.80

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children's Home served over 1,000 children and families through our statewide programs? Each of these children had this opportunity because of United Methodist churches in South Carolina who embrace and provide for this ministry in support of the children and families in our state.



Harvest Hope Donations

Please donate **cereal** during June for Harvest Hope. Harvest Hope began in 1981 as the result of a shared vision of business leaders and the faith community, who set out to provide for the hungry in Columbia. Thanks for your generous support.

Summer Worship and Sunday School Schedule

Summer Worship Schedule: From June 4th through July 30th, we will have one worship service meeting at 10 AM.

Adult Sunday School option for 9 AM - 10 AM or 11 AM - Noon.

(Children & Youth)

Memorial Day (May 28)- July 4 Weekend (July 2)- "A Pause for Prayer and Rejuvenation"

We will be taking a pause from Sunday School from Memorial Day weekend to July 4th weekend. There will be no children's or youth Sunday School from May 28-July 2. In lieu of Sunday School, families are invited to the sanctuary between 9:30-10:00 AM for a time of prayer. A prayer will be provided and placed on the altar rail each week for families to pray through if they wish. Youth are encouraged to attend Sunday School with an adult class.

July 9-August 13

Beginning July 9th, Sunday School for Youth and Children will be offered during the 10:00 or 11:00 (August) service and will be dismissed during the worship service to meet.

August 20

We will resume regular Sunday School meeting (9:45-10:45 AM).

CONGRATS GRADUATES

Congratulations High School Graduates

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Anna Margaret Chapman
Dreher High School



Eva Marques Edwards
AC Flora High School



James Sanford Hedgepath
Sandhills School



Lauren Elizabeth Free
Heathwood Hall



Lila Rose Huggins
Sandhills School



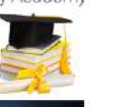
Mackenzie Lee Stokes
Camden Military Academy



Senior Recognition Sunday



Senior Recognition Sunday



Walter Franklin Caudle, IV
AC Flora High School



Jackson Tyler Betette
Richland Northeast High School



Julia Jean Falkinburg
Dreher High School



Mary Grace Trobaugh
Hammond School



Rachel Carlisle Roberts
AC Flora High School



Ryan James Hamner
Richland Northeast High School

Congratulations High School Graduates



*Senior Recognition Sunday
Congratulations College Graduates*



Jeffrey Thomas Herbig, Jr.
Spring Valley High School



Eleanor McFarlane Cuttino
AC Flora High

Thomas McCoy - Bruce
Furman University

John Palmer Lanier
The Citadel

Wade Burgess Fletcher
Indiana University

Abby Truitt
Medical University of South Carolina

Gracen Marshall Childress
University of South Carolina Honors

Shelby Truitt
University of South Carolina

Thomas Armstrong Cuttino
Wofford College

Senior Recognition Sunday



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 to register or volunteer to help:

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



LOCK IN



- Cost is \$30 (Financial assistance available if needed)
- Students who bring a friend will get a prize!
- Bring a towel and a change of clothes for water games.
- Bring your best neon for glow in the dark games!
- Please sign up by May 30th. We will need a minimum of 20 students!
- Adult volunteers are needed! Email Linda at youth@trumc.org

FRI 2 JUNE · 7PM - 7AM




June 2-3 Lock In- Sign Up using the QR code

Adults willing to serve needed for Lock In- Sign up using the QR code

Beginning in June “Feed your Faith with Bible Bites” (see graphic below)

June 1- Bible Bites Breakfast, 9-10AM sign up using the QR code below

June 8- Bible Bites Lunch 12-1PM

June 23- Bible Bites Dinner 6-7PM

June 4th and 11th- Men and Women with Power Sanders needed! After the service, bring a change of clothes to help sand and paint the wooden couches as part of the update to the Youth Lounge! Lunch provided!

June 12- Lattes with Linda 3-5PM, Starbucks in Trenholm Plaza

June 13- Mission Work, EMS Closet 9AM-12PM

June 25- Youth Lounge Reveal Reception after the service. Come check out all the updates!

Feed your faith this summer with Bible Bites!

- Short Bible study sessions that will happen at least twice a month. These sessions will last for one hour and will be a great opportunity for youth to come together and study the word of God.
- Transportation on the TRUMC bus will be available for those who need it.
- We will meet either for breakfast, lunch or dinner, dates and times forthcoming.
- I hope that you will join me for these Bible study sessions and that they will help to deepen your relationship with God.
- Please stay tuned for more details about when the first session will take place.



Congratulations to our 2023 TRUMC Confirmation Class!

Congrats!



Baptized and Confirmed
Neil Kevin O'Boyle
Shelby Christiana Watts

Mentor
Shawn McAlhany
Ann Henry

Confirmed
Connor Dodson Brandes
Carlisle Vance Livingston, IV
Bryce Edward Meekins
James Singleton Pool
Julia Mae Reynolds
Brady James Scott
Heath Webster Schuch
Elizabeth Anne Trobaugh
John Henry White II

Mentor
Phil Betette
Chris Huffman
Kyle Collins
Daryl Byrd
Rebecca Jordan
Nathan Cox
Pat Bozik
Mary Lance Garrison
Hampton Jordan



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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SATURDAY, JULY 1

6:05pm

Come fellowship with your Church Family and help
welcome Pastor Mollie and her family!

Watch for more details!



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