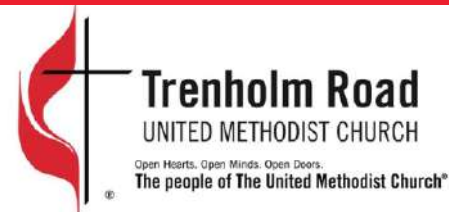




MAY 2023

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

Dance Like Nobody's Watching...but They Are

In 1989, Kathy Mattea released a country song, "Come from the Heart," written by Susanna Clark and Richard Leigh. It included the lyrics:

*"You got to sing like you don't need the money
Love like you'll never get hurt
You got to dance like nobody's watchin'
It's gotta come from the heart if you want it to work."*



I agree with the sentiment that we should live our lives filled with passion and purpose that is not deterred by what others think and what they might say. We also recognize that much has changed in the last 35 years.

Every day we learn how our personal information is not quite as private as we thought it was. Facebook makes money through selling advertising based on personal information, messages, and links we click. We don't even have to be on Facebook at the time!

Google actually scans the emails of its 1.5 billion users and, through the app) can share approximate location of the user, user ID, and the ads a person has viewed. This is combined with things like purchase history, location, email address, photos and a history of our searches – all to target advertising to individuals. (<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2021/may/09/how-private-is-your-gmail-and-should-you-switch>).

We can dance like nobody's watching, but they are.

The words of Hebrews 12 are as relevant today as they were 2000 years ago. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1, NRSV). The encouragement in Hebrews was a call to faithfulness remembering that the generations of faithful, this great cloud of witnesses, were cheering us on.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

MONTHLY MEETINGS

May 1 - Prayer Team - 11:00am - Believers Rm
May 1 - Church & Society - 6pm - Believers Rm
May 1 - Youth Core - 6pm - Zoom
May 1 - TRUMC Book Club - 6:30pm - Parlor
May 2 - SPRC - 6pm - Conference Rm
May 7 - Congregational Care - 4pm - Conference Rm
May 8 - Frances Foster - 9am - Contemporaries Rm
May 8 - Stephen Ministry - 6pm- Contemporaries Rm
May 9 - UWF - 10am - Parlor
May 9 - Trustees - 6pm - Parlor/Hybrid
May 9 - Major Way to Faith - 1pm - Dining Rm
May 16 - Finance - 6pm - Parlor
May 23 - 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:

Sandy Harris
Harriet Shuler
Carol Mosser
Allen Stokes
Rodney Cleveland
Maxine Reynolds, mother of Amy Craighead
Eddie Drayton
Jan Fary
Sharon Lentz
Nancy Cooper
Nancy Howarth, grandmother of Nathan Cox
John Bolin
Jess Torres
Myra Torres
Debby Joyner
Stella Wilkins
Robbie Bowers
Vernon Bowen
Beth Leaptrott
Pam Prim
Jack Hollis
Paula Wilson
Suzanne Wise

We extend Christian sympathy to the following

To Jan Fary at the death of Dave Fary. A memorial service was held at TRUMC on Monday, April 17.

To Elizabeth King and family at the death of her grandfather, Joseph Earl Hutchinson, on April 21. A graveside service was held Friday, April 28.

Financial Report

March 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)**

New Members

We welcomed Landon Masters and Joshua Day into the fellowship of Trenholm Road UMC on Sunday, April 16.

Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for Landon Masters on Sunday, April 16.

A Word from Your Lay Leaders

We have wonderful news! Your Lay Leadership Team is now complete! We are so very grateful and excited to announce that Ann Baggett, Joshua Day and Jessica Gooding have been elected to serve as Associate Lay Leaders. Their first priorities will be in the areas of adult small group spiritual formation opportunities and in community-building, with Ann reaching out to those 40-55, Jessica to those under 40 and Josh to singles. However, they will work closely together because of the natural interactions among these peer groups. Their first effort will be Sunday, May 7, with a meet, eat and brainstorm session on a new Sunday School class for young adults, in the dining room 9:45-10:45. Don't miss those Duck Donuts! See details in the weekly email.

Randy Akers (rlakers99@aol.com) and Beth Corley (bethcorley402@gmail.com)

Lord, Make Us ONE!

Columbia District Prayer Retreat
May 6, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Mt. Hebron UMC, West Columbia

As Annual Conference approaches, we each feel the weight of what is happening in the United Methodist Church. Let us come together for a Prayer Retreat!

We will spend the morning together working through different techniques of prayer, have lunch together with stations open for prayer, and close together with a prayer service!

Registration begins: at 9 a.m. No Cost!

Sponsored by: the Columbia District Connectional Ministries

Register by May 3rd at:

<https://forms.gle/fXXerXMYprMDMBxa9> (copy and paste into your browser to register)

Sessions include: Meditative Prayer; Praying through the Scriptures; and: Prayer Journaling and Prayer Beads

SOMETHING NEW IS BLOSSOMING
AT TRENHOLM ROAD UMC!

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

An adult Sunday School class will be starting in September 2023, and you are invited to be a part! This class is reaching out to younger adults under the age of 40, but all are welcome.

Interested in the class? Join us for Duck Donuts in the Dining Room on May 7 at 9:45 AM. Contact Ann Baggett at annwbaggett@gmail.com with questions!



Spring Casserole Sale

Benefitting Local Missions

SUNDAY, MAY 7

9:30AM-12:30PM

Location: Front Patio (Outside Triple Doors)

Chicken Enchilada
Chicken Tetrazzini
Breakfast Casserole
Southern Tomato Pie

\$15 EACH

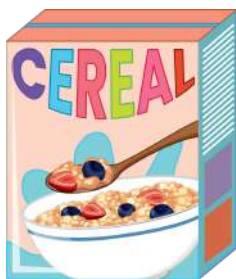
Cash or Check
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Sorry, No Credit Cards



TV Ministry Help Needed!

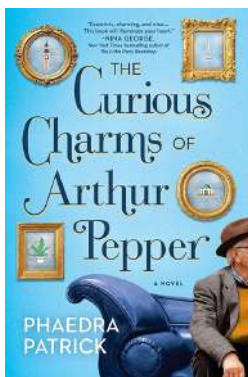
Our TV Ministry touches hundreds if not thousands of people each week, but we need your help to keep it going! Camera operators and video editors needed. Please fill out this form if you are interested in being trained!

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



Harvest Hope Donations

Please donate cereal during April – May for Harvest Hope.



TRUMC Book Club

The TRUMC Book Club will meet Monday, May 1 at 6:30 pm in the parlor to discuss *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick.

Palm Sunday

Children & Youth



Easter Egg Hunt

Children & Youth



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



“Eggcellent” time at MYF- we learned about God our Father, took care of our Egg babies, and then tossed eggs for Messy MYF in the parking lot.

TV Ministry Training- youth were trained on operating cameras for our worship services.

Ushering Tutorial- Mr. Chris gave a great training on how our youth can participate in worship by being ushers.

Confirmands- This is the 2023 confirmation class.



May 7- MYF Escape Room with Shandon UMC

May 14- Senior Sunday, with Breakfast for seniors and family in the dining room, 10:00am

May 15- Lattes with Linda, 3:00 pm -5:00 pm

May 21- Confirmation Sunday, with Breakfast for confirmands, their families, and mentors in the dining room, 10:00am

Check our Lock in States weekly in the bulletin and youth newsletter!

Date of the Lock In will be June 2- IF WE EARN IT!

Today, our technology and innovations bring new meaning to the word 'cloud.' Everything we do, all that we say, the pictures we snap, the characters we tweet, the email we send – everything is permanent. Everything is a witness. Our digital lives help friends, family, and complete strangers know who we are. They can see if we are faithful. They will learn who Jesus is by the actions of those who say they follow him.

Yes, we need to live with passion, to love with abandon, and to show grace and mercy even as we have received. Let's dance our lives of faithfulness like nobody's watching while we realize that they are aware of every step.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor James

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).



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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