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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

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

Harsh Reality



Rev. Mike Slaughter said in his book “Dare to Dream” that “I tell the people in my congregation that my job is to remind them every week that they are going to die.” (Dare to Dream, p. 9) When I first read that sentence, I have to admit that I was shocked. What an awful way to speak to the church family!

As I kept reading I began to understand. Rev. Slaughter pointed to the Book of James chapter 4. “Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.” (James 4:14, NRSV) Our congregation was founded nearly 70 years ago. How many of us can name the founders? Can we tell the stories of who they were and what they did? What we do know is that their faithfulness to follow the call of God in Jesus Christ led them to establish a community of believers in the Methodist tradition. We stand firmly on the shoulders of those disciples.

In the same way, few of us who are currently part of the family of Trenholm Road UMC will be here in 70 years. Our stories will be all but forgotten. We are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. However, we have an opportunity for faithfulness. Future generations will build upon the legacy of our work. They will answer the call following the example that we work into the very fiber of who we are as a congregation.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Prayers of the Church

Summers Duffie, Jeff Adams, *son of Jess & Myra Torres*, Lynn and Sophia Derrick, Shealy McCoy, Geri Cutler, John Bolin, B Jackson, Sandy Harris, Maxine Reynolds, *mother of Amy Craighead*, Eddie Drayton, Michael Reaves, Nancy Howarth, *grandmother of Nathan Cox*, Jess & Myra Torres, Stella Wilkins, Vernon Bowen, Paula Wilson, Suzanne Wise, Sharon Lentz, Robbie Bowers and Andrea Pyatt.

Christian Sympathy

To Lawrence Flynn, at the death of his father, Larry Flynn. A service was held on Sunday, August 18 in Spartanburg, SC.

To the Mosser family, at the death of Carol Sims Mosser. A service was held on Thursday, August 24 in Cullman, Alabama.

To Kathy (Bob) Klotzbach, at the death of Kathy's mother, Vivian Hause. A service was held on Saturday, August 26 at Brighton UMC in Brighton, Colorado.

To Hazel Shumaker, at the death of her husband, James Allen Shumaker, Sr. A service was held on Saturday, September 23 at Dunbar - Dutch Fork.

Baptism of Emily Caughman Daughter of Scott & Mary Grace Caughman

Recent Births

Congratulations to Paula and Tom Ress on the birth of their grandchildren.

Erin Ress Travers and Christian Travers welcomed a daughter, Oleida Ann Travers, on September 8, 2023.

Logan Ress Smith and Cole Smith welcomed a daughter, Genevieve Allen Smith (Gigi), on May 18, 2023.

Expectant Parents

Jess Gooding and Ben Gooding,
Grace West Miano and Brad Miano



September 17, 2023

August Financial Report

Annual Budget, \$1,528,470

August Receipts, \$88,584

August Expenses, \$117,293

Difference, (\$28,709)

Year-to-Date Receipts, \$869,944

Year-to-Date Expenses, \$983,433

Difference, (\$113,489)

**Thank you for supporting Epworth's
Work Day offering with \$3,817.00.**



A Word from Your Lay Leaders

We are full of gratitude and joy at your response to our Ministry and Mission Showcase on September 10! What a shining example you are of this faith community coming together in amazing preparation and fellowship as we set the stage for living into God's calling for us as His Ministry of the Laity! We have planted seeds for identifying and employing both our spiritual gifts and heart's passions, and now we must intentionally nurture and grow them. Thank you to all who so caringly worked to bring our dream to fruition!

Life is a series of transitions. We now begin the transition into seasonal change and with it the promise of transitioning to the excitement of observing our beloved faith traditions. A word that always stays in our minds during this time is "gratitude." There is a word that follows naturally from the heart of gratitude: stewardship.

"Vibrant Christian stewardship includes what we do on God's behalf in our relationships... Such faithful stewardship grows not from obligation or membership, but from a grateful response to God's initial outpouring love and covenant faithfulness to us. When we start with gratitude, we end up living out of God's abundance ... We nurture generous living in ourselves and others, encouraging one another to trust God's empowering work among us." (UMC Discipleship.org). Let us be "All In!"

Randy Akers and Beth Corley, with Ann Baggett, Josh Day and Jess Gooding



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

Make Plans to Join us on Wednesday Nights

The congregation will gather every Wednesday evening 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. Following the meal, there will be a variety of activities to participate in. Children can join the engaging children's programs, while youth can attend their dedicated meetings. Additionally, Sanctuary Choir, Carillon Handbell Choir and a Bible study session will take place. We encourage everyone to watch for more details and join us on Wednesday evenings for community, growth, and fellowship.



OCTOBER Wednesday Night Schedule



Wednesday Night Activities

Nursery

5:45 PM - 7:30 PM - LMB Two's 2 Room

Children's Choirs

5:00 PM - 5:45 PM - Parlor/MB110, 112,114

Carillon Handbell Choir

5:30 PM - 6:15 PM - LM 125

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM - TRUMC GYM

Sermon-based Discussion Group with Pastor James

6:15 PM - 7:15 PM - LM 114

Small Group Study with Pastor Mollie & Kate Bozik

6:15 PM - 7:15PM - LM 109

"Belonging: 5 Keys to Unlock Your Potential as a Disciple" by Karoline Lewis.
Visit www.TrenholmRoad.org to register to attend this class - ends 10/18.

Children's Discipleship Junior

6:15 PM - 7:15 PM - LM 3rd Floor

Youth/Student Discipleship

6:15 PM - 7:15PM - Youth Lounge

Sanctuary Choir

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Choir Room

*Location & Times subject to change
Watch for details in the bulletin or weekly newsletter

For more information and to register for the small group study and children's and youth opportunities visit www.TrenholmRoad.org

Wednesday Night Dinner is served in the TRUMC gym at 5:30 PM.

Adults \$10, Kids \$7 & Family \$27.



Wednesday Night Menu

October 4

Adults: BBQ Sandwich, Corn on the Cob, Sides, Slaw & Dessert

Kids: Hot Dogs, Corn on the Cob, Fries & Fruit



October 11

Wurst Wagon in the Patch



October 18

Adults: Traditional Lasagna or Spinach/Mushroom White Lasagna, Vegetable, Garlic Bread/Caesar Salad & Dessert

Kids: Spaghetti, Salad with Cheese or Glazed Carrots, Garlic Bread, Fruit & Dessert

October 25

Adults: Loaded Baked Potato, Chili with Toppings, Garden Salad, Grape Salad & Dessert

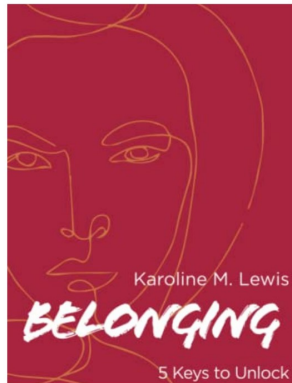
Kids: Pizza, Halloween Snack Bag, Fruit, Pretzel Rods & Dessert

WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUP STUDY AND DISCUSSION

WITH PASTOR MOLLIE AND KATE BOZIK

"BELONGING: 5 KEYS TO UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL AS A DISCIPLE"

by Karoline M. Lewis



What does it look like for you to belong to Jesus Christ? Not your colleague, or your professor, or your neighbor, or the leaders of your denomination, but you? How might your one-and-only life be patterned differently, to more truly align you with Christ? What pretense might you give up? What potential might open up for you as a leader and disciple?

September 6 - October 18

Class will be held in the LMB - Room 109 (Basement)

6:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Look for link on homepage and **register** to attend: www.trenholmroad.org

Pre-purchase your own book on Amazon or your favorite bookstore

Limited copies available at class - \$20

Kairos

Pastor David will serve on the Kairos Prison Ministry Team at Broad River Correctional Institution next month. The dates are October 26-29, and he needs your prayers and support. The Team will minister to 42 inmates during this time who need the love of Jesus, to be sure. You can assist the Team in many ways, such as baking cookies, volunteering to pray, and donating money. It takes about 10,000 cookies, 72 hours of prayer, and \$6000 to cover the cost, among other needed items, to make this Weekend a success for all, especially the inmates. Pastor David's goal is to get as many Sunday School Classes, UMW Circles, UMM, and other groups or individuals as possible involved. All who feel called to help in any way, please contact Pastor David for more details and information.

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TRUMC Book Club

The TRUMC Book Club will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 2 in the parlor. The group will discuss *First Ladies*, by Benedict and Murray.

A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune—an unlikely friendship that changed the world, from the *New York Times* bestselling authors of the Good Morning America Book Club pick *The Personal Librarian*.

Upcoming October children/family ministry events

October 1: Children's Choirs singing in worship

October 4: Children's Choir Pizza Party @ Mays Park

October 7: First delivery of pumpkins and Patch officially opens!

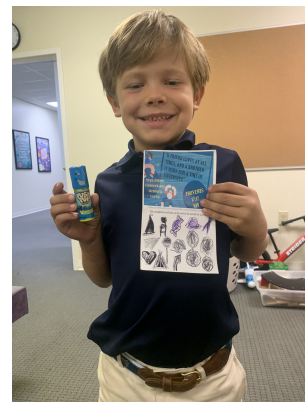
October 11: Fall Service Project

October 14: Second delivery of pumpkins

October 29: Fall Festival with Eastminster Presbyterian

Monthly Memory Verse Challenge

Congratulations to Grant Owens for being our first to complete our monthly memory verse challenge! All children eligible to participate in our children's ministry are invited to take part in this monthly challenge. Keep your eyes open for mail from Miss Ashlea which includes a memory verse cling, the challenge sheet, and a Parent Cue card. Complete the challenge sheet and bring it back at the end of the month (with your verse memorized) for a special prize!



Our first delivery date is Saturday October 7th!

Youth are invited to sign up for this day! Parents and other congregation members are invited to join us! We will have a great time working together to unload Pumpkins, donuts provided! And lunch for all youth who come out to help!

This will be in place of MYF on Sunday, October 8th!

PUMPKIN PATCH UNLOADING:

We are unloading the pumpkins the same way that we did last year. The pumpkins will come in containers that will be taken off the truck with a forklift. We are asking that families sign up as one unit on the sign up and show up for just one hour.

Upcoming October student ministry events

Sunday, Oct. 1- MYF: Crucifer and Acolyte training with Mrs. Cathy!

Monday, Oct. 2- Youth Core, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Wednesday Oct. 4- Discipleship, 5:00- 5:45 p.m. Pizza Party in Mays Park with Children's Choir (no other Discipleship)

Saturday Oct. 7- First Pumpkin Delivery! MYF: Youth unloading 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. with lunch provided! Sign up below!

Sunday Oct. 8- NO MYF due to Pumpkin Unloading on Saturday

Fall Casserole Sale

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, October 22

9:30am-12:15pm

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Saturday Sisterhood Circle



Rada Knives

The Agnes Rogers Circle is accepting orders for Rada Knives.

Place your order for Rada Knives with Julie Camp

803.736.4263, home 803.238.8223, cell

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Our call to follow Christ is urgent, and we understand that each one of us has the opportunity and responsibility to be a disciple. Just a few verses later, James warned us “Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, commits sin.” (James 4:17, NRSV) The people of God were never meant to be passive recipients of grace but active participants in mission and ministry.

The call is urgent. We must serve Christ today for none of us are promised tomorrow. Today is the only opportunity we have to use the gifts we are given to lay a foundation for future generations. “Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.” (Hebrews 12:1, NLT)

The church leadership is here to help you answer God’s call. You can reach out through phone, mail, visits, conversations, Facebook, and the website. The next step is yours.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor James



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October meetings

October 1 - Congregational Care - #113

October 2 - TRUMC Book Club - 6:30 pm - #114

October 2 - Prayer Team - 11am - #110

October 2 - Youth Core - 6pm - #113

October 3 - SPRC - 6pm - #113

October 9 - Stephen Ministry - 6pm - #112

October 10 - UWF - 10am - #114

October 10 - Major Way to Faith - 11:30 am - Dining Room

October 10 - Trustees - 6pm - #113

October 14 - Sisterhood Circle - 10am - #114

October 17 - Finance - 6pm - #114

October 24 - Council - 6pm - Dining Room

**Locations and times subject to change.*