



**Trenholm Road**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# *The Connection*

## SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

**Making Disciples of Jesus Christ: Come and Worship, Grow in Faith, Share the Word, Go and Serve**

### **Trenholm Road United Methodist Church**

*Our mission is to bring people to Jesus Christ, worship him together, grow in grace and in the knowledge of him, and serve him by serving those in need. We are also a Stephen Ministry Congregation.*

#### **Pastor's Article**



As fall approaches, the days begin to shorten, the mornings begin to cool, and people everywhere seem to be infected with a most curious disease called football. Football, especially college football, is like a religion in many places around the US.

Rising before the sun, scores of faithful fans begin the trek across the state to spend all day tailgating in preparation for the big game. The crowds roar and are filled with a passionate frenzy that hits a crescendo if their team wins following a close contest. Many pastors have longed for people to "get ready for worship the same way they get ready for games."

I don't.

Football, by nature, is a spectator sport. We show up to watch the players on the field. We listen to the commentary. We might even get a bite to eat. When we return to our cars, we leave the game behind. Win or lose, the contest is over, and it is time to get on with our lives.

I don't want Christians to approach worship as they do football because following Jesus is not a spectator sport.

God has called us by name, claimed us in the waters of baptism, and empowered us through the Holy Spirit. Each one of us has a role to fill; each one of us has a ministry for which God has prepared us. Only as the whole church, the entire Body of Christ, answers the call of God can we fulfill God's mission as intended. No person is insignificant. Not a single person is unimportant. We all have a place in this journey of faith. For in the life of a disciple, we can never be content to simply sit and watch. We are all part of the team, part of the Body of Christ, sent out for mission and ministry every day of our lives.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor James

[pastor@trumc.org](mailto:pastor@trumc.org)



### **NEW MEMBERS**

**WELCOME TO TRENHOLM RD UMC**

*Buddy & Mary Grace Baker  
Jeffrey & Michele Jacobs*

**Received on Sunday, August 21, 2022**



# *Lord, in your mercy...Hear our Prayer*

Prayers are requested for senior members, homebound, hospitalized or have special prayer needs

Stuart Smith  
Carol Parrish  
Jess Torres  
Debby Joyner  
Angela English  
Hayes Mizell  
Stella Wilkins

Betty Jo Nix, grandmother of Ashlea Cox  
Lauren Meekins

David Williams of DeLoache Florist  
Gigi Dawson

Nancy Howarth, grandmother of Nathan Cox  
Robbie Bowers

Lendi Watkins, niece of Geri Cutler  
Art Baker

Vernon Bowen  
Carol Mosser  
Betty McCoy

Shoan Sterns, Pastor David Day's son in law's mother

Suzanne Wise  
Celeste Cobb

Maxine Reynolds, mother of Amy Craighead

## *Christian sympathy:*

To Carol Mosser and family, at the death of Charles Mosser, who passed away July 31.  
A funeral service was held August 3.

To Linda and Kyle Collins and family, at the death of Linda's mother, Frieda Posey, who passed away August 24.

## **From the TRUMC PRAYER TEAM:**

**"No church's corporate prayer life will be greater than the personal prayer lives of those who make up its constituency."**

Jack Taylor, Pastor and Author, "Prayer: Life's Limitless Reach"

Jesus calls us to a personal and corporate life of prayer. His example of frequent and intentional times of prayer demonstrates for us prayer's importance as the foundation of a vibrant and committed life of faith.



Our Prayer Team meets for a time of prayer monthly on the first Tuesday at 11:00 AM in Room 110. We pray for individuals as well as the staff, programs and ministries of our church, and the plight of people in distant lands. Please join us, or let us know if you would like to participate by praying from home.

(Contact Beth Corley to 803-446-4063,

Naomi Baker 803-735-3991, or Mina Antley 803-779-8585)

We are beginning a period of renewal and revitalization of our prayer ministry.

In addition to our gatherings for intercessory prayer, look for future opportunities to participate in activities to deepen both personal prayer life and corporate prayer life. Stay tuned...



**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**TWO SERVICES**  
**RESUME**

Get involved in Sunday School  
Enjoy fellowship and serve others

**8:45 am Traditional Service**  
**9:45 am Sunday School**  
**11:00 am Traditional Service**



*Come worship with us!*  
**Gathering together at TRUMC**

**TWO SERVICES:** As we have returned to worship together, again, we've tried to do so with a sense of care while striving to gain some semblance of "normalcy." Once again, we are coming to the close of another Summer. During the month of September as many are settling back into their schools and jobs following vacation, we also know this is a time for people to look to the church once again for inspiration and fellowship.

The Bible tells us in Heb. 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." We gather online and in person to strengthen our faith.

Here at Trenholm Road UMC, we are excited to welcome everyone to join us for either worship service at our church. There are many Sunday School groups to join or visit. TRUMC offers classes and activities for the children, youth and all adults.

Would you take a few moments and invite a few of your co-workers, friends, or family members to visit TRUMC? Remember, we are the church!!!

**IMPORTANT!**

**TRUMC WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED**  
**SEPTEMBER**

Many people are needed each week to serve as Lay Readers, Acolytes, and Crucifer. Can you serve and share your time? If you cannot volunteer on the scheduled day, please inform Rev. Sarah Fletcher, so that a substitute can receive the worship materials in advance of the worship service.

For more details contact Sarah— [sfletcher@trumc.org](mailto:sfletcher@trumc.org)



**DON'T FORGET**

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**SEPTEMBER**  
**MEETINGS**

Prayer Team - Sept. 6 - 11 am (Believers Rm.)  
Trustee - Sept. 6 - 6pm (Conference Rm.)  
Congregational Care - Sept. 11 - 3pm (Conference Rm.)  
Church & Society Core - Sept. 12 - 6pm - (Believers Rm.)  
Book Club - Sept 12 - 6:30 - (Parlor)  
Youth Core - Sept. 12 - 6pm (Conference Rm.)  
Children's Core - Sept. 23 - 6pm (Dining Rm.)  
SPRC - Sept. 13 - 6pm (Conference Rm.)  
Council - Sept. 27 - 6pm (Conference Rm.)

***Did you know? The United Methodist Church is the largest American mainline Methodist Church.***

# CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY – Ashlea Cox, Director



## Help us in Children's Ministry

We are currently looking to add adults to our Sunday School and Little Church rotations! We have 3 Sunday School classes (Preschool, 1st-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade) and Little Church serves 3 year olds- 1st graders. Our Sunday School teachers are in a rotation and teach about once a month or every 6 weeks. Please email Ashlea at [ashlea@trumc.org](mailto:ashlea@trumc.org) if you are interested in joining this team!

## No Children or Youth Sunday School

We will not be holding Sunday School on September 4th due to the Labor Day Holiday. Enjoy time with your family!



**September 21- Pizza Party**  
in May's Park. No Discipleship  
Junior on September 21.

## Important Dates for Youth

- September 4- No Sunday School or MYF
- September 7- Discipleship begins
- 5:30-6:00 Dinner in the dining room
- 6:00-7:00 Bible Study in the Youth Lounge
- 7:00-7:30 Early Pick Up or Free Time
- September 11- Youth Choir
- September 12- Youth Core Meeting
- September 19- Lattes with Linda, 3:00-5:00, Starbucks Trenholm Plaza
- September 21- Pizza Party in May's Park for Children and Youth

Contact Linda - [youth@trumc.org](mailto:youth@trumc.org)

# YOUTH MINISTRY – Linda Collins, Director of Youth & Student Ministries

## Youth Choir and Handbells are back!

Our first performance will be October 16<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 service!

Youth choir and handbells will rehearse in sessions. Meaning you will know the performance date and rehearsals before you sign up! If you are unavailable for the performance date, no worries, just keep your eyes open for the next session and join us then! We can't wait to get started!

Rehearsals: 5:00-5:30 (Choir in the choir room, Handbells in the bells room (LM 125)

Choir: September 11, September 18, September 25, October 9

Handbells: October 2, October 9

Register Here: (see attached QR code below)

- Sign Up here to help with Sunday School, MYF or Discipleship: (see attached QR code below)
- Sign Up here to help unload Pumpkins (see attached QR code below)

- Unloading dates: October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

Sign Up here to work in the Pumpkin Patch beginning October 9 (see attached QR code below)

## YOUTH QR CODES

YOUTH HELP CODE



CHOIR HANDBELL REGISTRATION CODE



PUMPKIN PATCH



UNLOAD PUMPKINS





## Blessing of the Backpacks and Splash Day Recap



### TRUMC : EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING SEPT. 11, 2022

100% of your Work Day offering provides comprehensive care for children at Epworth. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference. Work Day is a vital means of supporting Epworth's ministry to children and families who are in need. We invite you to consider the investment made each year into the lives of God's children. We challenge our church to exceed the average of \$6.00 per member giving goal set for the South Carolina Conference. Let us all give generously during this special offering on Sept. 11.



### DONATIONS NEEDED for AUGUST



Thank you for your support in the July canned meat drive to support Harvest Hope. Family support is needed during August with donations of wipes and diapers. Drop off your donations in the white bin! Thanks for your support.







### *Sanctuary Choir*

September is a wonderful time to join and sing with the Sanctuary Choir! Weekly rehearsals resume on Wednesday, September 7 from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Choir Room. Contact Sarah at [sfletcher@trumc.org](mailto:sfletcher@trumc.org) for more information.



### *Children's Choirs Resume*

Trenholm Road Music Ministry is excited to begin another season of Children's Choirs! Choirs are open to children in grades 4K-5, and we will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 7 from 5:00 pm-5:45 pm. Register at [www.trenholmroad.org/music](http://www.trenholmroad.org/music).



### *Youth Choir & Handbells*



We are excited to begin a new season of Youth Choir & Handbells! The first Youth Choir session will begin on Sunday, September 11 and Youth Handbells will begin on Sunday, October 2. Both groups will meet from 5:00pm - 5:30pm and will share in worship on Sunday, October 16 at the 11:00 am service. A detailed schedule may be found in the Youth Newsletter and on the website. For more information email Ms. Linda at [youth@trumc.org](mailto:youth@trumc.org) or Ms. Sarah at [sfletcher@trumc.org](mailto:sfletcher@trumc.org). Register by using the QR code printed under Youth Ministry.



### *Carillon Handbell*

Carillon Handbell choir meets on Wednesdays from 5:30pm-6:15pm in the Handbell Room (LM 125.) Rehearsals begin September 7. Contact Daryl Byrd, Director at [dbyrd94@gmail.com](mailto:dbyrd94@gmail.com) for more information.



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CHURCH HOME?  
BAPTISM NEEDED FOR YOUR CHILD?

### **Contact Pastor James**

[pastor@trumc.org](mailto:pastor@trumc.org)

Get involved with great ministries at a great church!





## PERUSING THE PSALMS

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



*A Six Week Study in the Psalms  
September 7-October 12*

*Join in for weekly teaching, discussion and fellowship*

This is a 6 week Bible Study that provides an overview of the Psalms including some of the major themes in the Psalms such as "finding happiness," "God's presence in suffering," "Psalms as worship," and "establishing justice". It is based on the Immersion Bible Study series by J Clinton McCann.

**Watch for weekly readings assignments.**

**September 7 -Psalms 1-2; 19; 32; 37; 41; 72-73; 111-112**

Led by Pastor James

### SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB

The TRUMC September book club will be held on Sept. 12 at 6:30pm. The group will meet in the parlor and will feature Marie Benedict's

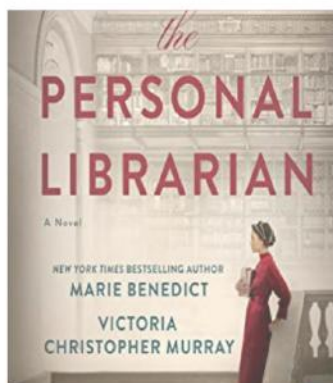
*The Personal Librarian.*

Contact Margaret Haffner at [musselman123@hotmail.com](mailto:musselman123@hotmail.com)

**Meet the Authors!!** Marie

Benedict and Victoria

Christopher Murray will appear at the "Author Talk" on Thu, Sept. 8 at 6:30pm at the Richland County Library – 1431 Assembly St. Columbia, SC



#### DID YOU KNOW?

Fanny Crosby, a blind, musical visionary who penned "Blessed Assurance" and more than 8,000 songs in her lifetime was Methodist?

### JULY 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

Annual Budget, \$1,416,812

Month-to-Date Receipts, \$106,759

Month-to-Date Expenses, \$125,467

*Difference, (\$17,808)*

Year-to-Date Receipts, \$769,953

Year-to-Date Expenses, \$769,958

*Difference, (\$5)*



While you are in the pew or away on vacation, 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](http://www.trenholmroad.org)



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