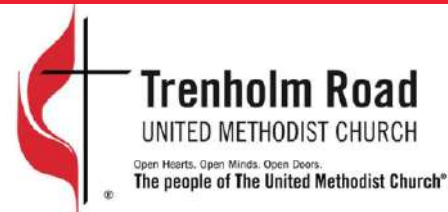




OCTOBER 2022

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

Better than Possum Pie

Growing up, one of my family's favorite Sunday desserts was Granny's Possum Pie. Yes, you read that correctly. (And I still have the recipe and made one just a few months ago). If the crowd was large because of lots of friends from church, it would quickly disappear until only one piece was left. If you have ever seen a frantic mob of shoppers try to get the last item for sale on Black Friday, you have a sense of what might come next. We know that there is only so much and that more for one means less for another.

Well, that is the way it works with Possum Pie and that is how it is from our perspective, but the scarcity mentality is not part of God's way of thinking. Instead, God challenges us, practically dares us, to try to give so much of what we have to those who are in need that God cannot keep up. In Malachi 3:10, we read, "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." God offers us the opportunity to see if we are able to be so generous that God cannot keep pace, and then smiles, knowing that it is not possible.

Try as we may, we cannot out-give God. God is good and merciful. God is also lavishly generous. More for one person does not mean less for another person when love and grace are being shared. God gives according to God's ability rather than according to our limitations.

As we grow closer to the end of the year and celebrate God's goodness, let us respond with grateful and generous hearts. The blessing that God has in store for us might even be better than a second helping of Possum Pie.

Grace and Peace,

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Jess Torres, Myra Torres, Debby Joyner, Angela English,
Hayes Mizell, Stella Wilkins, Celeste Cobb, Suzanne Wise
Betty McCoy

Alfie Davis, *cousin-in-law of Pastor David Day*

David Williams of *DeLoache Florist*

Maxine Reynolds, *mother of Amy Craighead*

Linda Dhunjishah, *mother of Michelle Betette*

Betty Jo Nix, *grandmother of Ashlea Cox*

Nancy Howarth, *grandmother of Nathan Cox*

Christian sympathy:

- To Ron Clary at the death of his twin brother, Donald Clary.
- To the Wilson family at the death of Pastor Rex Wilson. A service was held Sunday, Sept. 25 @ TRUMC.
- To Sandy O'Daniel, longtime TrumPreschool employee in the loss of her husband.
- To Sarah and John Cuttino, at the death of Sarah's dad, Marshall Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey passed on July 28. A private graveside service was held on August 2.

Holy Baptism – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for Charles Andrew Wilcox, son of Kevin & Sarah Wilcox on Sunday, September 18 during the 11am service.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries - Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all October celebrants.

Fall Backward in November

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour. Time will change at 2am on Sunday, November 6.

Stay Connected

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY @ TRENHOLM ROAD UMC

8:45am - Traditional Worship

9:45am - Sunday School

11:00am - Traditional Worship



TRUMC is the place for fellowship, discipleship, and great food on Wednesday nights. The nursery is available every Wednesday from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Volunteer cashier needed! Contact the church for details.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – 6:30PM

Perusing the Psalms - Pathfinders Classroom
Sanctuary Choir - 6:30pm

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Oct. 3 - Youth Core - 6pm - Conf. Rm.
- Oct. 3 - Children's Core - 6pm - Dining Rm.
- Oct. 3 - Church & Society - 6pm - Believers Rm.
- Oct. 3 - TRUMC Book Club - 6:30pm Parlor
- Oct. 4 - Prayer Team - 11am - Believers Rm.
- Oct. 4 - Trustees - 6pm - Conf. Rm.
- Oct. 8 - Sisterhood Circle - 10am - Parlor
- Oct. 11 - UM in Faith Circle - 10am - Conf. Rm.
- Oct. 11 - Major Way to Faith Circle - 1pm - Dining Rm.
- *Oct 18 - Church Council - 6pm - Parlor
- *Oct 25 - Finance - 6pm - Parlor

CHARGE CONFERENCE:

Oct. 23 - 12:30pm - TRUMC Sanctuary

BECOME A MEMBER

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trenholm Road UMC? Visit www.trenholmroad.org/join Fill out a member form. We look forward to having you join us as a member of TRUMC!



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

Contact Pastor James

pastor@trumc.org

Get involved with great ministries at a great church!





Epworth's Midlands foster care needs some assistance with child care for foster care training on Saturdays in October. The dates and times are October 1, 15, and 29 from 9-1:30 at our Trenholm campus (behind Trenholm Road UMC). November 12 from 9-11 am is also needed. Volunteers must complete an application and background checks through Beth Robinson, our volunteer coordinator. If you have any questions, please call Kathy James at (803) 849-8294.



Children's Ministry Volunteer Information - If you are a volunteer within our children's ministry, please take the time to fill out our information form through the link below. Please fill out the form so we will have a better idea of the places you would like to serve, and to help with burnout of volunteers. Please send me an email if you have any questions or for more information on the various volunteer opportunities! Ashlea@trumc.org - <https://forms.gle/qzaYjPzT5vfBZRJ26>



Greeters Needed - All folks interested can sign up for as many shifts at a time as they'd like. If anyone needs help signing up, contact Sarah Owens directly (swowens83@gmail.com). Instructions for greeters are listed within the signup link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EAFAD28A0FE3-trumc1>

Acolytes and Crucifer - Please contact Sarah Fletcher and sign up to volunteer for Sunday worship. Contact Sarah - sfletcher@trumc.org.

FRANCES FOSTER CIRCLE UPDATE



Members of the Frances Foster Circle at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church visited The Cooperative Ministry yesterday (Monday). The group met in the Cooperative Ministry break room before serving in the newly renovated clothing bank warehouse. From the left are Jeanette Walker, Jane Buie, Leigh Norton, Denise Nolan, Susan White, Cindy Sparks, Janice Wintzer, and Joy Tucker.

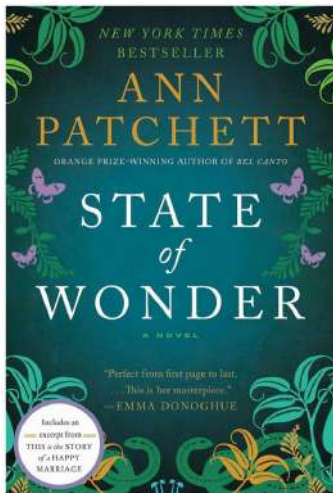
OCTOBER BOOK CLUB

The TRUMC book club will meet on Monday, October 3 and discuss Ann Patchett's "State of Wonder".

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

A Zoom option is also available for participation.

For more information, please contact Margaret Haffner, musselman123@hotmail.com



THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

We always need help to run our Pumpkin Patch! Delivery Dates are Saturday October 8th and 15th! What a great way to spend the morning with your family and get a free donut or two!

Use the QR codes below to sign up to help with delivery and or to work in the patch! We have lots of fun things planned that you don't want to miss!

Help support our Children, Family and Youth Ministries.

Not sure what working in the patch entails? Come to a short training on October 2, at 12:15 in the dining room! We will explain everything and answer all your questions!



Scan this QR code to sign up to assist with Sunday School, MYF or Discipleship



What fun the youth had filling each others buckets last night at MYF! They celebrated **August and September Birthdays**, and packed care packages for our college freshman and played a game!



Trenholm Road UMC young families (children aged toddlers- 4 years old) are invited to join us for a fun morning of fellowship at the park! We will have a light snack and fun activities planned. Hope to see you and your little ones there! Contact Ashlea at ashlea@trumc.org with any questions.



A special Sunday for our **children!** We celebrated **"Pop" up Sunday, or Promotion Sunday!** Our 4s joined us for the first time in Sunday School and our 3rd graders moved up to the older Elementary Sunday School class! We also had Bible Presentation for our 4 year olds and 3rd graders! A special and busy Sunday here at Trenholm Road!



Tommie Wingate from **EMS Closet** spoke to some of our youth at **Discipleship**. We asked ourselves some hard questions: Do I have a problem with materialism? Do I own my things or do they own me? How could our stuff be used to bless others?



UPDATE FROM TRUMC TRUSTEES

Trustees are pleased to report that landscaping will begin on the front of the church campus as we move into the fall and winter months. The landscape plan also includes an updated monument sign. Work on the sign, to include lighting and plants, will begin soon. The front lawn is looking much better with the installation of our new irrigation system and the efforts of our grounds maintenance company. These improvements will let our members and Trenholm Road passers-by know that we care for our church, our neighborhood and our community.

Attendance & Financial Report

Annual Budget, \$1,416,812
 Month-to-Date Receipts, \$144,823
 Month-to-Date Expenses, \$104,309
 Difference, \$40,514
 Year-to-Date Receipts, \$914,776
 Year-to-Date Expenses, \$874,268
 Difference, \$40,508

**Thank you TRUMC for your Epworth Work Day
 Offering donation of \$5,115.00**



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



Flowers on the altar at TRUMC can fittingly mark the anniversary of a birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, or death or honors an expression of thanksgiving joy at any time. Please sign up for available dates on the flower chart in the hallway. Dates for 2022 are still available. If you have any floral preferences, don't hesitate to contact Renee via email (renee@trumc.org) or by phone at 803.254.6695

Member Records - Please be sure to keep your contact information up to date with the church office. Our records include your birthdate, mailing address, email addresses, phone(s), and family members. If there is any change, be sure the church office knows. If you want to check to be sure the records are up to date, call (803-254-6695) or email (renee@trumc.org).



**IN HAPPY MOMENTS, PRAISE GOD.
 IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS, SEEK GOD.
 IN QUIET MOMENTS, WORSHIP GOD.
 IN PAINFUL MOMENTS, TRUST GOD.
 IN EVERY MOMENT, THANK GOD.**



Plan ahead

Delicious Casseroles

Mark your calendars for October 23, the UMW casseroles are coming back! The Saturday Sisterhood and the Not Your Mama's Circles are teaming up to make and sell casseroles. We will offer all the old favorites: Chicken Enchiladas, Chicken Tetrazzini, Breakfast Casserole and Tomato pie. Frozen casseroles will be available for \$15 each in the LM foyer on October 23, from 9:30 - 1:30pm. Purchase one of each and stock your freezer.



Family Promise "Host Week" Coming November 13-19

Trenholm Road will have its 3rd 2022 COVID-modified "host week" on November 13-19 to support Family Promise of the Midlands. During that week, Sunday School classes, circles, and other groups may adopt a family living in the triplex through the provision of grocery gift cards and gas cards, as well as prepared supper meals and/or restaurant gift cards. Individuals and families who wish to participate will be matched with a Sunday School class or other group.

Details on each family will be provided in advance. Assistance will be provided in organizing and coordinating deliveries, etc. Depending on the size and particular needs of each family, the total financial commitment is expected to be approximately \$300-\$400.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Walter Caudle at waltercaudle@gmail.com.

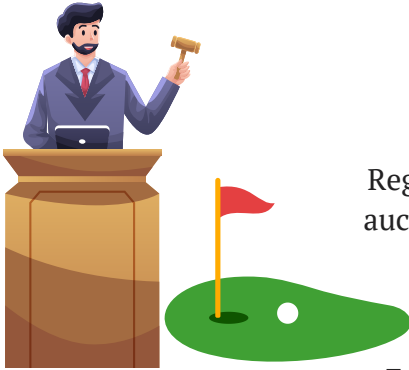


The Alex English Celebrity Golf Tournament

benefiting Family Promise of the Midlands is back for its second year at Cobblestone Park Golf Club on Monday, November 14, 2022.

Registration includes a VIP reception on Sunday, November 13, 2022 featuring a silent auction and celebrity draft, where teams will have the opportunity to bid on a celebrity guest who will join their foursome. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit Family Promise of the Midlands!

For further information or to register, please visit Home - Alex English Celebrity Golf Tournament (eventcaddy.com) or www.familypromisemidlands.org.



VISIT THE TRUMC LIBRARY!!!



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!



LET'S GO HIKING!!

Hikes are scheduled for the 3rd Friday of each month through May (except for December). We will generally alternate between sites within an hour of Columbia and hikes requiring more extensive travel. The hikes will generally be ranked as easy to moderate in difficulty and are open to anyone interested in joining us for a day of enjoying God's creation.

Contact Steve Krietemeyer at swkrietemeyer@gmail.com or 803.528.4184

Thank you!



TRUMC members, your **overwhelming support** of diapers and wipes donations for Harvest Hope **made a difference!!!**

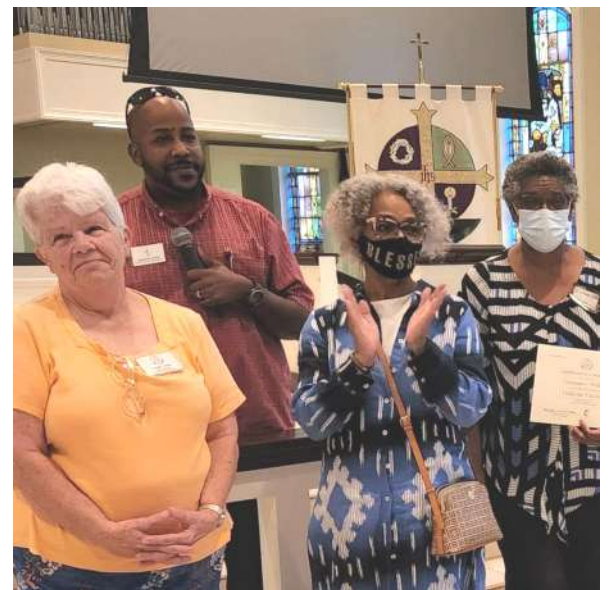


Harvest Hope is on a mission to eliminate hunger and food insecurity in South Carolina. Harvest Hope operates programs that provide food for our most vulnerable citizens – children, seniors, and rural residents who don't have access to grocery stores.

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.



Meet NAMI every Tuesday at 6PM at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church for our Family Support Group and Connection Support Group.
3401 Trenholm Road Columbia, SC 29204



The 2022 Lay Servant Academy drew an in-person crowd at Trenholm Road UMC. This was the first in-person conference Lay Servant Academy in three years because of the pandemic.

Read on in the September Advocate at

<https://advocatesc.org/articles/2022-lay-servant-academy>



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