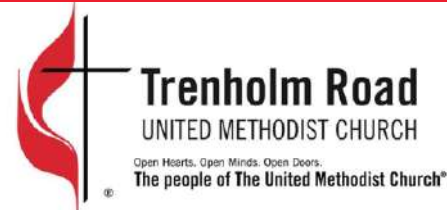




MARCH 2024

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 PERSPECTIVE

"The Main Thing is to Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing"

Pastor James McCoy-Bruce



One of the "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," according to Stephen Covey, is keeping our primary purpose and mission at the heart of all that we do. At TRUMC, we are a community of faith with a singular call to "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World." We seek to be a faithful band of believers, claimed by grace, who are learning to live like Jesus lived so that our lives will change the world.

If we are keeping the main thing the main thing, we find sacrificial love at the heart of all that we do. We follow Jesus as he goes to the well and offers living water to someone of an ethnicity that was despised by his community of faith. We follow Jesus who would not allow rules and religious assumptions to prevent him from caring for needs of others on the Sabbath. His love drove him to be surrounded by those that the [Hebrew] Bible-believing folks said were so lost that he should avoid them. Jesus called out the religious people whose showy piety was used to place themselves above others.

Jesus did not focus on the things that divide us. He came to help us see others the way that God does: all of us loved by God and every single person, without exception, deserving of love from others. Learning to follow Jesus like this will challenge us when we recognize that we do not always love the way that God loves us. Too many times we shake our heads, and we judge the person brought before us caught in their sin, telling them to "Go, and sin no more." But we are not sinless nor are we the Judge of the Nations. Instead, we should recognize the stones in our hands we are ready to throw. [John 8]

There will be many voices from the world that call us to distraction. They will cry that this issue or that issue, this stance or that stance must be assumed and affirmed. They will call for division and for separation. We will not be fooled; we must not be deterred. Our call is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Let's take up our crosses and follow where Jesus leads. Let's risk everything for the sake of reckless love and watch God use us to change the world.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor James

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NEWS & NOTES



Trenholm Road Cares

BAPTISMS

John Forrest Sturgis, son of Alex and Melanie Sturgis, was baptized on February 11.

Genevieve Allen Smith, daughter of Cole and Logan Smith, was baptized on February 18.

Oleida Ann Travers, daughter of Christian and Erin Travers, was baptized on February 18.

BIRTHS

Reed Gregory was born on October 25, 2023, to parents John and Kaitlyn Gregory and big brother Knox.

Ann Elizabeth "Annie" Littlefield was born on December 8, 2023, to parents Kason and Blythe Littlefield and big sisters Audrey and Maddie.

DEATHS

To Daryl Byrd and family at the death of Daryl's brother, Willie Byrd, on February 16.

NEW MEMBERS

Sara Grace Bailey
Cole Smith
Christian Travers
joined Trenholm Road UMC on Sunday, February 18.

Do you have a life event to share with your church family?

Contact Renee Foxe, via renee@trumc.org

Prayers of the Church:

Jean Frey, *sister of Jan Fary*, Tom McCoy, *father of Rev. Ashley McCoy-Bruce*, Heather Caldwell, *cousin of Rev. Ashley McCoy-Bruce*, Sally Sansbury, B Jackson, Matt Turner, Beverly Nance, Pat & John Bolin, Ann Meares, *sister of Catherine Williams*, Larry Ayers, Jeff Adams, *son of Jess & Myra Torres*, Shealy McCoy, Maxine Reynolds, *mother of Amy Craighead*, Eddie Drayton, Michael Reed, Nancy Howarth, *grandmother of Nathan Cox*, Jess & Myra Torres, Vernon Bowen, Paula Wilson, Suzanne Wise, Sharon Lentz, Robbie Bowers, Andrea Pyatt.

The Prayer Team Wants You!

If you believe in the power of prayer and if prayer is a big part of your life, join us for a monthly prayer meeting to pray for the TRUMC family. We meet every first Monday at 11 am. I John 5:14 states "This is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to his will, He heareth us." Come pray with us! Join the Prayer Team on Monday, March 4 at 11 am. Contact Geri Cutler for details – 803-238-6641.

A Word from Your Lay Leaders

March 1 is the 17th day of our remembrance of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, and our own Lenten call to examine our relationship with the triune God. So how is that going? Are you spending daily time with spiritual disciplines such as Bible study, contemplative prayer, doing works of mercy, or perhaps fasting in some way to remind you of the importance of this time of introspection? We remember the emphases of last year on spiritual gifts and calling, and suggest that you incorporate into your disciplines what you learned about yourself as a Disciple-in-progress.

John Ortberg, writer and Presbyterian minister, in his book "The Me I Want To Be," reminds us that our "flourishing is never just about [us]. It is a 'so that' kind of condition...so that [we] could be part of His redemptive project in ways that [we] otherwise would not." Our flourishing spiritually is about a vitality in us, flourishing beyond us!

The energy here at TRUMC is palpable, a sense that God is calling us in specific ways "so that" as a unified body of Christ, we are living into His call to make Disciples for the transformation of the world. Let us be "All In!"

Randy Akers and Beth Corley



March Book Club

The TRUMC Book Club will meet on Monday, March 4, and discuss *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn. The group will meet at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. Newcomers are always welcome. Our TRUMC Book Club includes TRUMC members and individuals from other churches in our area. Newcomers are welcome anytime. Add your name to the mailing list for updates; contact Jane Elliott at jelliott24@att.net. All are invited and welcome to attend!

NEWS & NOTES



TRUMC Hiking Group

The Trenholm Road UMC Hiking Group will hike two easy 1.5-mile trails, Cherokee Path and Gouedy, at Ninety Six National Historic Site on Friday, March 15th.

Meet at 7:00 am in the TRUMC back parking lot to carpool with the group. Contact Steve Krietemeyer at swkrietemeyer@gmail.com or 803.528.4184 to join.

March Harvest Hope Donations

Your generosity can make a big difference! This month, please continue to donate canned soup by dropping it off in the white bin for Harvest Hope. Your support helps countless families in the Midlands. Thank you for your continued kindness!



March Wednesday Meals

The congregation will gather in the gym on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. 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.

**LENTEN
SMALL GROUPS**

JOIN A GROUP STUDY TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH DURING LENT.

WEDNESDAY
WRESTLING WITH DOUBT CLASS
Feb. 21 – Mar. 27 @ 6:15pm
(Dining Room)

WEDNESDAY
PARENTING CLASS
The Well-Behaved Child
Jan. 10 – Mar. 6 @ 6:15 pm
(Sanctuary)

THURSDAY
WOMEN IN FAITH SPRING SESSION
The Me I Want to Be
Feb. 15 – Mar. 21 @ Noon
BYO Lunch
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
(Parlor)

March 6 meal

Adults: Soup/Sandwich/Salad, mixed fruit, assorted sides and dessert

Kids: Mini Turkey Sub or PBJ Uncrustable, chips, string cheese, fruit and dessert

March 13 meal

Adults: Baked chicken, mac and cheese, vegetable, salad and dessert

Kids: Pizza, pineapple tidbits, carrots & ranch and dessert

March 20 meal

Adults: Chicken tetrazzini, vegetable, garlic bread, salad and dessert

Kids: Mini corn dogs, fries, gogurt, grapes and dessert

March 27 meal

Adults: Ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, slaw, bread, dessert

Kids: Ham, green beans, strawberries and bananas, rolls and dessert

NEWS & NOTES

RAISE A FORK FOR A GOOD CAUSE

SUPPORT THE CHRISTOPHER RIDDLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AND THE TRUMC YOUTH PROGRAM

Spaghetti Dinner COOK OFF FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 - TRUMC DINING ROOM
(after 11am service)

DINNER INCLUDES SALAD AND DESSERT!

\$10/ Adults, \$7/ Kids, \$27 family cap



Be Sure to...

- Bring your tastebuds and try all the sauces!
- Vote for your favorite sauce!
- Register in advance - so we will know how much pasta to prepare. Let us know you are coming!

CHURCHWIDE SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!

Donations are welcome to provide more ministry for our YOUTH!
Contact Linda, Director of Student Ministries: youth@trumc.org

Trenholm Road
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EL SALVADOR

July 14-
July 21

MISSION TRIP

INTEREST MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - 9:45 AM & 12:15 PM

TRUMC DINING ROOM

Inquire about costs, fundraising opportunities and ways to help.

MEDICAL, DENTAL & CONSTRUCTION TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!
SPECIAL PRAYER TEAM NEEDED FOR THOSE TRAVELING & SERVING.

Contact Pastor Mollie Reddic - mollie@trumc.org - 803.254.6695 x 114

HOLY WEEK SERVICES & EVENTS



Prepare your hearts for the celebration of Easter Sunday.

● PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday worship services will begin with a Processional of Palms led by a donkey. Children's choirs sing at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 24 | 8:45 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.

● EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, March 31

8:45 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.
Redress the altar at early service. Bring fresh flowers to decorate the Easter Floral Cross on the front steps.

● EASTER EGG HUNT

In the TRUMC Field
Sunday, March 24 | 3:00 p.m.

● EASTER SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, March 31 | 9:45 a.m.

Light breakfast and friendly conversations in the TRUMC Gym

● MAUNDY THURSDAY

A service of Holy Communion commemorating Jesus's last supper with his disciples, and the stripping of the altar.

Thursday, March 28 | 7:00 p.m.

● GOOD FRIDAY- TAIZE

A Service of Taize will be held on Good Friday in the sanctuary.

Friday, March 29 | 7:00 p.m.



Scan for Lenten Events

TRENHOLM RD UMC

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 24, 2024 | 3 PM

Join us for a very special Easter Family Event. We are excited to partner with Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

3401 TRENHOLM RD, COLUMBIA SC
WWW.TRENHOLMROAD.ORG

NEWS & NOTES

*All ladies of the church are invited
to celebrate the beauty of the season*

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SPRING LUNCHEON

Tea and Tulips

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - 12:15 P.M.
TRUMC DINING ROOM

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: KELLY WILSON HALL
FORMER TRUMC MEMBER

INCLUDES LIGHT LUNCH & ANNOUNCEMENT OF UWF WOMAN OF THE YEAR
WEAR YOUR SPRING HATS & SPRING COLORS.
DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR

THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF TRUMC presents a CHILDREN'S SUMMER MUSICAL CAMP



OH JONAH!

- Who:** All children entering 1st-6th grades are welcome!
When: Sunday, July 21 3:30 pm-5:00 pm
Monday, July 22 - Friday, July 26, 8:30 am-12 pm. Snack provided.
Friday, July 26, 2024, 11:00 am Performance in Sanctuary.
Sunday, July 28, 11:00 am, Performance of one song from musical
What: Preparation and performance of the musical *OH JONAH!*
By Allen Pote and Carol McCann, plus arts, crafts, singing and fun!
Where: Trenholm Road United Methodist Church
Cost: \$25, includes snack, copy of music and t-shirt
Registration: Space is limited, so please register early!
Scan the QR code or go to trenholmroad.org to register.
Registration deadline is June 30, 2024.



*"It's a tale of a whale and a whale of a tale and a story of the deep blue sea... about a fish
and a man named Jonah, who's a lot like you and me!"*




TRUMC

Basketball team pictures!

WAY TO GO!




NEWS & NOTES



Trenholm Road
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OUR MISSION:
COME AND WORSHIP, GROW IN FAITH,
SHARE THE WORD, GO AND SERVE

MEET LUCINDA



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – FAITH BUILD RECIPIENT

Lucinda is a mother of two, Faith and Mario.

She has been in the Habitat program since August 2020



Lucinda has completed over **460 hours** of sweat equity! She has earned 128 hours of those hours working at other build sites. She has also successfully completed 70 hours of financial counseling and workshops.

TRUMC is proud to partner with Habitat for Humanity.

GET INVOLVED – GO AND SERVE

TRUMC Volunteer slots at the Habitat homesite are available on selected Thursdays and Saturdays in April and May. You can choose a date and time to serve at trenholmroad.org. Look for the **Habitat button** on the homepage.

Or share a gift for this important mission –

www.trenholmroad.org

Lucinda's Homesite Address

416 Jasper St. West Columbia, SC 29169

Contact David Free with any questions – dafree@sc.rr.com



NEWS & NOTES



Night of Promise Gala

Family Promise of the Midlands is hosting the Night of Promise gala on Friday, April 26.

The event will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Family Promise's establishment in Columbia, with TR being a founding congregation.

The guest of honor at the event will be Coach Dawn Staley.



JANUARY 2024 OFFERING REPORT

Annual Budget, \$1,553,867

Month-to-Date Receipts, \$159,116

Month-to-Date Expenses, \$126,197

Difference, \$32,919

Year-to-Date Receipts, \$159,116

Year-to-Date Expenses, \$126,197

Difference, \$32,919



MONTHLY MEETINGS

Mar. 3 - Congregational Care Committee - 4 pm - MB 113

Mar. 4 - Prayer Team - 11 am - MB 110

Mar. 4 - Missions - 5 pm - MB 113

Mar. 4 - Church & Society - 6 pm - MB 110

Mar. 4 - Youth Core Committee - 6 pm - MB 113

Mar. 4 - Children's Core - 6pm - Dining Room

Mar. 4 - TRUMC Book Club - 6:30 pm - MB 114

Mar. 5 - SPRC - 6 pm - MB 113

Mar. 9 - Saturday Sisterhood - 10 am - MB 114

Mar. 11 - Frances Foster Circle - 9:45 am - Dining Room

Mar. 11 - Clergy Cohort - 10:00 am - MB 114

Mar. 11 - Stephen Ministry - 6 pm - MB 112

Mar. 12 - United Women in Faith - 10 am - MB 114

Mar. 12 - Major Way to Faith - 11:30 am - Dining Room

Mar. 12 - Trustees - 6 pm - MB 113

Mar. 21 - Communications - 6pm - MB 113

Mar. 26 - Church Council - 6 pm - Dining Room

All meetings and locations listed or planned are subject to change. Contact your group leader for details.

The Connection

The TRUMC newsletter is distributed via email or print to its members. To ensure you receive your copy, notify the church office if you change your email address. The deadline to submit an article is the 18th day of each month or earlier if there are holiday hours.

Please send your articles via email to renee@trumc.org.

Planning a meeting at TRUMC?

If you're interested in hosting a meeting or a class at the church, or if you would like to have an event listed on the church calendar, please fill out an event request form available at trenholmroad.org. This will help us avoid scheduling conflicts and ensure that your event is properly organized.



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2024 TRUMC Easter Lily Plant Order Form



In Honor of

In Memory of

Given by _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

If you would like to make a donation to our Easter Lily Fund please complete the form and return it to the church office by mail or in the offering plate no later than Monday, March 11. The cost is \$15 per lily. Make your check payable to TRUMC and designate it for Easter Lily Fund. Lilies will be available for pick up following the 11a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday (March 31) while supplies last. Additional forms are in the Narthex and West Foyer.