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The Connection

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SUNDAY'S in JULY @ TRUMC
10 am worship service
Sunday School - 9am-10am or 11am-Noon

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S ARTICLE

Reverend Mollie Reddic



If you've ever floundered and felt you aren't aligned with where God wants you to be in life, you know how unsettling it feels to not be using your spiritual gifts. It's like forcing a square peg in a round hole. You may already be making an effort to serve, saying yes when you are asked to fulfill a need within or outside the church community. But if you are not finding joy in serving in that role, it may be because your spiritual gift does not match that particular need. Instead, your gift is needed in a different type of ministry and saying no to the other opportunity gives you the space to say yes to a different ministry opportunity that is more aligned with who God created you to be.

One of my favorite quotes about the discerning of our Christian vocation is by theologian Howard Thurman. Thurman writes: "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

I believe we "come alive" when we are using our spiritual gifts in the ways that God desires. I know I come alive when I am serving the poor, advocating for justice, and meeting new people.

That's because God has blessed me with the gifts of mercy and hospitality and the Spirit energizes me in ways that are beyond my human capacity. I feel a deep connection to God and God's people when I am serving where I am called.

As I mentioned in my sermon on July 16th, I started a mom group in my last church. The success of the ministry was dependent upon members of that church serving in the nursery so that the moms could have uninterrupted time to discuss their faith. I prayed that God would lead those with the right gifts to serve with the children. God answered when two recently widowed women jumped at the chance to come two Mondays a month. How did I know that they were using their spiritual gifts? Every Monday they would leave saying, "We think we had more fun than the kids did!" The joy was evident! The Spirit equipped them to serve in a place where their greatest joy met the world's deep hunger. The women did not serve out of obligation. They served because the Spirit was prompting them to respond to an opportunity to bless others and an opportunity to grow in their own faith.

All Christians are called through their baptism to a ministry of servanthood in the world to the glory of God. We learn in the bible that as followers of Christ we are all given spiritual gifts. God gives each of us a desire to help in healing a broken world. Beginning August 20th, Pastor James and I will design Sunday worship experiences to explore what it means to be "All In" for God with our whole beings. While we help one another discern our spiritual gifts, we will witness God's Spirit enliven the church and bring transformation to God's world.

Christ's peace to you,
Pastor Mollie

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Prayers of the Church:

Tom and B Jackson, Carol Mosser, Maxine Reynolds, *mother of Amy Craighead*, Eddie Drayton, Joyce Ham, Nancy Howarth, *grandmother of Nathan Cox*, John Bolin, Jess & Myra Torres, Stella Wilkins, Vernon Bowen, Paula Wilson, Suzanne Wise, Sharon Lentz, Robbie Bowers, Renee Foxe and family, Andrea Pyatt, Michelle Stallworth and Carlisle Livingston

August meetings

August 1 - SPRC - 6pm - #113
August 6 - Congregational Care - 4pm - #113
August 7 - Prayer Team - 11am - #110
August 7 - TRUMPS Board - 5:30 pm - #113
August 7 - Youth Core via Zoom - 6pm
August 7 - Church & Society - 6pm - #110
August 7 - Stephen Ministry - 6pm - #112
August 7 - TRUMC Book Club - 6:30 pm - #114
August 8 - United Women in Faith - 10am - #114
August 12 - Sisterhood Circle - 10am - #114
August 11 - Trustees - 6pm - #113
August 15 - Finance - 6pm - #114
August 22 - Council - 6pm - Dining Rm
**Locations and times subject to change.*

June Financial Report

Annual Budget, \$1,528,470
Month-to-Date Receipts, \$87,841
Month-to-Date Expenses, \$126,998
Difference, (\$39,157)

Year-to-Date Receipts, \$669,775
Year-to-Date Expenses, \$723,571
Difference, (\$53,796)



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

Church and Society



Antisemitism is a real and current issue. As United Methodists we abhor this prejudice and the often violent harassment our Jewish friends and neighbors experience. The UMC Social Principles (§ 162 Rights of Religious Minorities) reminds us that “religious persecution has been common in the history of civilization. We urge policies and practices that ensure the right of every religious group to exercise its faith free from legal, political, or economic restrictions. We condemn all overt and covert forms of religious intolerance, being especially sensitive to their expression in media stereotyping. We assert the right of all religions and their adherents to freedom from legal, economic, and social discrimination.”

The Church & Society core team invites everyone to continue to make this a summer of learning and discussion. Visit Richland Library Main (1431 Assembly St.) to view the exhibit “Americans and the Holocaust” (July 7-August 18). This powerful exhibit examines the motives, pressures, and fears that shaped Americans’ responses to Nazism, war, and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. In addition to the exhibit, there are numerous events happening for further discussion and reflection. Learn more at

<https://www.richlandlibrary.com/event-series/americans-and-holocaust>

A partnership between the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association, and presented by Richland Library, the exhibit and accompanying programs hope to challenge people to not only ask “what would I have done?” but also, “what will I do?”

A Word from Your Lay Leaders

On Spiritual Gifts: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-7 tells us 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. These manifestations are often referred to as “spiritual gifts.” As we continue together in working in the “ministry of the Laity,” we each must open ourselves to discernment of “our calling” in that work. Needless to say, discernment requires intentionality on our parts to spend time in prayer, Bible study and conversation with other Christians. Another help might be to complete what is known as a “Spiritual Gifts Assessment.” You can complete one on-line by going to our website (trenholmroad.org), clicking on the “serve” tab and then choosing “spiritual gifts assessment.” This will take you to the UMC Discipleship website. The survey will take about 15 minutes, and you will get your confidential results immediately. The results are not an endpoint, but a beginning, as you wrestle with how these gifted strengths can empower a passion-filled way of serving. We would love to see your results!

Randy Akers and Beth Corley

Announcing the TRUMC Ministry and Mission Showcase: Sunday September 10

Join us on September 10th as we host a special showcase in the gym, where you can explore how to align your unique spiritual gifts with the impactful Ministry and Missions of TRUMC.

As part of a congregational focus on spiritual gifts, ALL IN, a sermon series beginning on Sunday August 20 and culminating on Sunday September 10, will help you identify the gifts bestowed upon you and learn how they can be used to the glory of God.

Whether you have the gift of compassion, a heart for teaching, or a talent for connecting with others, the showcase on September 10 will provide insights and resources to help you employ your gifts towards fulfilling our mission of spreading the love of Christ to our community.



United Woman in Faith's Woman of the Year Margie Richardson

Margie is a faithful circle member who has served as the UWF secretary and communications coordinator for multiple years. She is a member of the Spirit of Fellowship Sunday School class. Margie's greatest talent is displayed on Sunday mornings as she sings in the TRUMC Choir. Margie is a docent for Historic Columbia, and active community volunteer. She sang with the prestigious Arpad Aaraz Singers and with a group from USC. Margie worked at the Public Library, where she continued to volunteer after retirement. Margie not only inspire us with her voice, she inspire us with her humble ways, good nature and love of love and God.

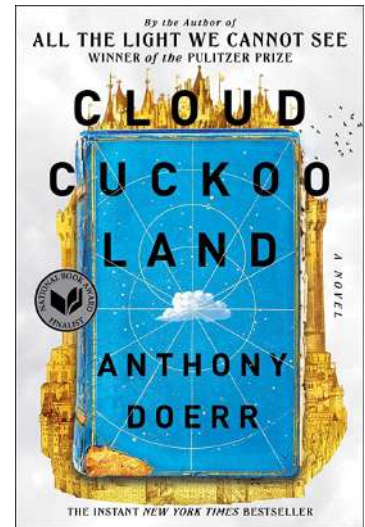


Two Sunday worship services resume
 Traditional worship at 8:45 AM and
 11:00 AM resumes on August 6.

Adult Sunday school will be held
 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM.

Youth and Children's Sunday School
 resumes August 20 from
 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM.

All are welcome at Trenholm Road
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TRUMC Book Club

The next book club will meet on
 August 7 in the TRUMC parlor.

The group will discuss
Cloud Cuckoo Land,
 by Anthony Doerr.

Newcomers are always
 welcome. Contact Jane Elliott
 to receive emails or updates
jelliott24@att.net



Altar Flowers

Many people have special days in the year
 on which they commemorate events or
 loved ones. Please sign up for available
 dates on the flower chart in the hallway.

The new price for 2023 altar floral
 arrangements is \$100



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!

Harvest Hope Donations



Please drop off non perishables in the white cart this month for Harvest Hope. The box is located near the receptionist area. We appreciate your continued support. Your care and generosity help many families in the Midlands. No glass containers please.

ITEMS NEEDED for the month of AUGUST

Boxed, Single-Serve Breakfast Items

OATMEAL, GRITS, GRANOLA BARS

Single-Serve, Pop-top Meals

CHEF BOYARDEE, MAC & CHEESE, BEEF STEW



Partnership with Family Promise



Family Promise of the Midlands (FPM) partners with Trenholm Road UMC, individuals, families, other social service agencies, foundations, and businesses to provide shelter and solutions for families who have children and are facing a housing crisis. Our partner congregations assist in providing temporary housing solutions, meals, essential needs, and companionship. The FPM staff provides professional comprehensive case management and assistance in securing employment, medical care, childcare, school placement and ultimately affordable housing.

We provide a rent-free, safe, and loving “home” while equipping families with the knowledge and resources they need to sustain their independence in a home of their own.

VBS recap



Upcoming August student/youth ministry events

Contact

Linda Collins, Director of Student Ministries with any questions and for location details.

youth@trumc.org

August 2

Movie Night

August 6

Carowinds

August 7

Youth Core via Zoom

August 10

Bible Bites Lunch

Noon-1PM

August 13

Back to School Splash Front Lawn

Blessing of Backpacks prayer for teachers/admin

August 14

Lattes with Linda

3PM - 5PM

August 20

Promotion Sunday

Regular Youth and Children's Sunday

School resumes

9:45AM - 10:45AM

Bible presentations - 4 year olds and 3rd graders

Methodist Youth Fellowship

"MYF" - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

August 27

Methodist Youth Fellowship

"MYF" - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM





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