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The Connection

Monthly publication of the Trenholm Road United Methodist Church



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



PASTOR'S ARTICLE

Welcome!

Associate Pastor & family to TRUMC



Welcome Pastor Mollie Bame Reddic and her husband, John, and children, Luke and Addie! This month we welcome Pastor Mollie as she returns to Trenholm Road UMC to join our ministry team. Since her time with us nine years ago, she has been the lead pastor at St Paul UMC in Greenville, SC and at Lawrence Chapel UMC in Central, SC.

During our listening sessions and time of discernment last year, the church council identified four areas of focus including missions, hospitality/evangelism, small groups, and youth. The SPRC recognized that the first three of these areas offered an opportunity: if only we could find someone gifted by God, proven in ministry, and called to equip us to serve in these ways. I believe that God's hand has been at work in delaying our request for an associate for a year while helping Mollie discern the call to serve with us once again.

For those who know Mollie from her time with us before, here is a word of caution: much has changed at Trenholm Road while she has been serving elsewhere AND God has been working in Mollie's life so that she, too, has changed and grown. Our time in ministry will not be like it was before.

For those who have never served alongside Mollie or experienced her leadership, we have much to look forward to. God is "doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19) I am grateful for the ways in which God's Spirit has been stirring among us here at Trenholm Road UMC and is calling us toward an exciting future of mission and ministry together.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor James

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Pauline Wheat, Sandy Harris, Carol Mosser
Rodney Cleveland, Maxine Reynolds, *mother of Amy Craighead*,
Eddie Drayton, Paula Wilson, Jack Hollis, John Bolin, Sharon Lentz
Jess Torres, Myra Torres, Suzanne Wise
Stella Wilkins, Nancy Howarth, *grandmother of Nathan Cox*,
Robbie Bowers and Vernon Bowen

Christian Sympathy:

To Reverend Bill Bouknight (Gloria) at the passing of his brother, Joseph "Joe" Bouknight, June 8. A service was held Monday, June 12 at Chapin UMC.

To the Conrad family, at the death of Charles Conrad III, June 12. A funeral service was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg on Friday, June 16, 2023.

To the Bodie family, at the death of Dorothy Bodie, June 1. A graveside service was held at Elmwood Cemetery in Columbia on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

To Charles and Paige Davis, at the death of Charles' sister, Terri Davis, May 28. A service was held Saturday, June 3 in Florence, SC.

May Financial Report

Annual Budget, \$1,528,470
Month-to-Date Receipts, \$89,669
Month-to-Date Expenses, \$86,564
Difference, \$3,105
Year-to-Date Receipts, \$581,934
Year-to-Date Expenses, \$596,572
Difference, (\$14,638)

Monthly meetings

July 2 - Cong. Care Mtg - 4pm - #113
July 3 - Prayer Team - 11am - #110
July 5 - Church & Society - 6pm - #110
July 8 - Sisterhood Circle - 10am - #114
July 10 - Stephen Ministry - 6pm - #112
July 11 - Trustees - 6pm - #113
July 11 - UWF - 10am - #114
July 18 - Finance - 6pm - #114
July 27 - Council - 6pm - Dining Rm
**Locations and times subject to change.*

HOLIDAY HOURS

In observance of Independence Day, the church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

UMC SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

We are pleased, honored and excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe to kick off a July study of the UMC Social Principles on Sunday, July 9 at 9am in the Dining Room. Rev. Henry-Crowe recently retired after serving 8 years as General Secretary of the General Board of Church and Society in Washington, DC. She'll be sharing with us from a lifetime of experience and leadership in promoting the Social Principles as a guide to how living into the Gospel can be expressed in our social interactions and institutions.

Rev Henry-Crowe is a member of the South Carolina Annual Conference, serving pastoral appointments in the upstate early in her career. For over 20 years she served as Dean of the Chapel of Religious Life at Emory University. Now, we welcome her back to SC as she shares with us her passion in advocating for social justice and peace.

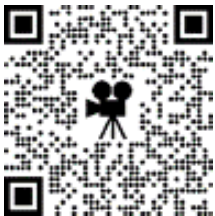
On Sundays July 16, 23, 30 at 9am, small groups will meet in three classrooms in the main building to more deeply explore and discuss three individual UMC Social Principles: education, poverty, and human sexuality. Each topic will be discussed each Sunday allowing you to rotate between all three or choose the topics of most interest for the Sundays you're present.

Human Sexuality – Room 110

Education – Room 112

Poverty – Room 212

This summer make your July one of learning and discussion by joining the TRUMC Church & Society core team as we study and discuss the UMC Social Principles. We look forward to seeing you.

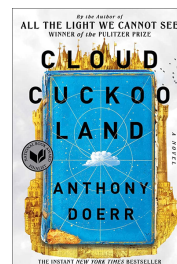


TV Ministry Help Needed!

Our TV Ministry touches thousands of people each week, and we need help to keep it going! Camera operators and video editors needed. Please fill out this form if you are interested in being trained!

<https://forms.gle/13v8Z9qfgUXZMMMyZ6>

or scan QR code above.



TRUMC Book Club

The next book club will meet on August 7 in the parlor. The group will discuss Cloud Cuckoo Land, by Anthony Doerr. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Jane Elliott to receive emails or updates

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A Word from Your Lay Leaders

Highlighting July Sessions on the UMC Social Principles: *Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?* You have already heard about the plans of our Church and Society Team for a summer Sunday school hour intersession exploring some aspects of the UMC Social Principles. In addition to a kick-off session on July 9, featuring the Rev Dr. Susan Henry Crowe, (newly retired director of the UMC General Board of Church and Society), there will be a three-Sunday follow-up July 16, 23 and 30 offering group conversations on three of the social principles that have a tremendous bearing on our lives and culture today: education, human sexuality and poverty.

We encourage your participation in these conversations, as we learn from each other's own experiences and understandings, where we find commonality and where we might find differences. In the words of John Wesley, "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion?"

Randy Akers and Beth Corley

Children & Youth

VBS Volunteer Luncheon

We will have a short lunch and meeting for all VBS volunteers on July 9th following the 10 AM service. We will meet in the Dining Room. Please let Ashlea know if you're planning to attend so she can plan accordingly for food.

Older Kids Pool Party

All rising 3rd-5th graders are invited to join us for a pool party at the Graham's house on July 7th at 6 PM. We will have pizza for everyone so please let Ashlea or Pate know if you're planning to attend!

Children's Sunday School for July and August

Children's Sunday School is returning! Starting on July 9th through August 13th the children will have Sunday School during the main church service. We will dismiss during the Children's Message time. We will need extra helpers for this, so please sign up to teach at linktr.ee/trumckids or by emailing Ashlea at ashlea@trumc.org.

Youth Updates

July 1: Church Wide Fireflies Game with Pastor Mollie and Family We are so excited to welcome Pastor Mollie (Bame) Reddic to our church staff beginning in July! Our church family will be gathering on July 1st at the Fireflies game to welcome Pastor Mollie and her family. The game will be at 6 PM. Buy your tickets now to join us! Contact Ashlea with any questions. Here's the link to purchase your tickets:

<https://www.fireflietickets.com/group/event/trenholmroadumc2023/?mibextid=Zxz2cZ>

Bible Bites Dinner- July 5- Bible Bites Lunch, 12:00-1:00p.m. Register here: <https://forms.gle/mj92sMsSCoWjUhf7>



VBS 2023

We had such a blast at VBS last year that we don't want you to miss it this year! Make plans to join us July 16-19 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Dinner will be provided for children and volunteers. Children who have completed 3K through 5th grade are invited to join us. Join us as we learn to follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere! Please email Ashlea Cox at ashlea@trumc.org with any questions.



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WRITE A BLESSING OF THANKS ON A STICKY NOTE!
**WHAT HAS GOD GIVEN
YOU THIS WEEK?**

PLACE THE STICKY NOTE ON THE PASTOR'S DOOR.
NAMES NOT NECESSARY.
THANKS FOR TAKING A MINT TO GIVE THANKS!!