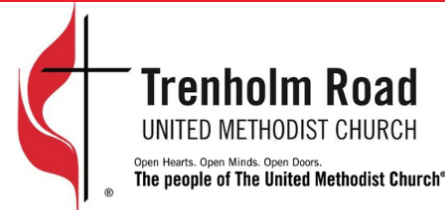


MARCH 2023

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

TRUMC & SC UMC Conversation

What is going on in the UMC?

News about the recent decision by Mt. Horeb UMC and several other churches in South Carolina, and around the nation, to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church has many people wondering, "What is going on and what should we be doing?"

As you are probably aware, questions surrounding sexuality and inclusion, faithfulness to The Book of Discipline, and other matters have been topics of debate in our South Carolina Conference for some time. A few of those who are either more traditional or more progressive have been increasingly uncomfortable with one another, while the rest of those who are conservative, progressive and moderate have been unable to find a resolution to the tension. A division or fragmenting, as we have seen in other Protestant denominations, seems inevitable. More traditional congregations that have become increasingly dissatisfied began to take an amicable path to disaffiliate from the denomination as provided at the 2019 General Conference.

Then a pandemic engulfed the world and life paused for a time. Now we have begun to live into our new normal, and those denominational efforts are nearing a conclusion.

Despite the media attention on a select few churches, the vast majority of UMC congregations have not been involved in plans and discussions to disaffiliate. The United Methodist Church has historically welcomed and included members with a wide diversity of social, political and theological opinions. John Wesley's gracious attitude helped create a church with wide open arms. Wesley, himself, said: "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Here in all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences."

UMC congregations have continued to engage in mission and ministry together instead of striving for uniformity on issues not related to salvation. Since this requires no action, nor active discussion, our congregations have focused on faithfulness. But, the activity in some of our sister churches has people wondering, "What is going on and what should we be doing?"

In that regard, on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Fran Elrod (Columbia District Superintendent) and Rev. Ken Nelson (Orangeburg District Superintendent) will be joining us for Conversations about UMC SC Conference and the UMC. This time of learning and sharing should be helpful as we continue in ministry together.

Until then, you may be interested in the following YouTube video from James Howell, the Senior Pastor of Myers Park UMC in Charlotte. A Brief Update on The United Methodist Church from Dr. Howell - YouTube

You are also welcomed to personally contact the pastor, or one of the retired pastors associated with TRUMC, for further conversation. Their contact information is given below.

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Jess Torres, Myra Torres, Celeste Cobb, Suzanne Wise, Debby
Joyner, Angela English, Stella Wilkins, Nancy Howarth,
grandmother of Nathan Cox; Robbie Bowers, Art Baker
& Vernon Bowen

We extend Christian sympathy to the following

Margaret Black, at the death of her mother,
Sarah Boyd Treatt, who passed away on January 12, 2023.

Becky Kerr, at the death of her brother, Westy Kerr, who
passed away on January 15, 2023.

Larry King, at the death of his wife, Lauren King, who passed
away on January 11, 2023.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for
Nelson Ann Jones, daughter of Robert and Sarah Jones on
January 8, 2023.

Cooper Charles Strauss, son of Jonathan & Sally Strauss on
February 12, 2023.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries -

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all
celebrants.

Daylight Saving Time begins on

Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 2:00 A.M. At
this time, we “spring forward” one hour!

TRUMC Openers and Closers Needed

The Trustees would like to invite all members to join the monthly
rotation schedule for opening and closing the church buildings on
Sunday mornings. Mr. Bob Henry and Jim Hamner currently are
the only members who regularly see to it that we are all met with
“open arms AND doors” when we come to Worship Services and
could use a “backup” person to help with this responsibility.

Please consider volunteering for this essential duty.

Contact Byrnie (byrnie@trumc.org) with ways you can help!

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. Children’s Choirs meet
from 5:00-5:45pm on Wednesdays. Contact Sarah Fletcher at
sfletcher@trumc.org for more information.

Discipleship Junior - 6:30-7:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENT GROUP DISCUSSION -6:30PM

Believers Classroom

Sanctuary Choir - 6:30pm

MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Tuesday - SPRC - 6pm

2nd Tuesday - Trustees - 6pm

3rd Tuesday - Finance - 6pm

4th Tuesday - Church Council - 6pm

1st Monday - Children's Core - 6pm

1st Monday - Stephen Ministry - 6pm

1st Monday - Church & Society - 6pm

1st Monday - TRUMC Book Club - 6:30pm

1st Tuesday - Prayer Team - 11am

2nd Monday - Frances Foster Circle - 9:30am

2nd Tuesday - UMin Faith Circle - 10:00am

2nd Saturday Sisterhood Circle - 10am - Parlor

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!



Lent



You are Invited!

Participate in Lenten Sermon Discussion Groups

An Opportunity for Unity in Discipleship!

Lent is traditionally a time in which we are encouraged to practice spiritual disciplines as a means of grace, to be awakened to God's presence, and to be transformed to living in the way of Christ.

Throughout the Lenten season, Holy Week and Easter, Pastor James will lead us in a thoughtful sermon series, "Drink from the Fountain of Grace."

We encourage your participation in an act of churchwide Lenten discipline by participating in group devotion, reflective discussion and prayer, deepening your understanding of the messages that we have heard.

Here are four ways that you can participate, using a discussion guide developed for each of the sermons on Sundays during Lent (prior to Palm Sunday):

1. Wednesday evenings, March 1 through March 29 (excl. March 15), 6:30 – 7:30 pm, in room 110 MB, join a guided discussion group following the Wednesday night church supper. **These discussions will be facilitated by Rev. Mac Kinnett.** Please register for the guided discussion group at www.trenholmroad.org/lent.
2. Sunday school classes or other small groups are invited to download the 5 discussion guides and use them either in full class sessions, or as a devotion during their meetings in Lent.
3. Form your own Lenten sermon small group discussion, meeting at your convenience at various times and places during the season. Groups might include two or more persons who meet for prayer and reflective discussion over coffee, lunch, after work, etc.
4. Individually set a quiet time each week to devote yourself to using the study guide to reflect on the sermon of that week.

You may download the five discussion guides corresponding to the 5 Sunday sermons (February 25 – March 25) at www.trenholmroad.org/lent.

Feel free to reach out to Randy (rlakers99@aol.com) or Beth (bethcorley402@gmail.com) for support.

JOIN US AS WE REMEMBER WHAT IT IS TO BE HUMAN & GOD'S FOUNTAIN OF GRACE.



Lent Bible Study

Register to attend the Wednesday nights in Lent small group



Join the Group Discussion

MARCH 1 - THE CUP OF LIVING WATER
MARCH 8 - THE BROKEN CUP
MARCH 22 - THE CUP OF DISCIPLESHIP
MARCH 29 - THE CUP OF COMPASSION

AT 6:30PM
(CLASS WILL NOT BE HELD MARCH 15).

CLASS WILL BE HELD IN
MB#110 (BELIEVERS CLASS ROOM).

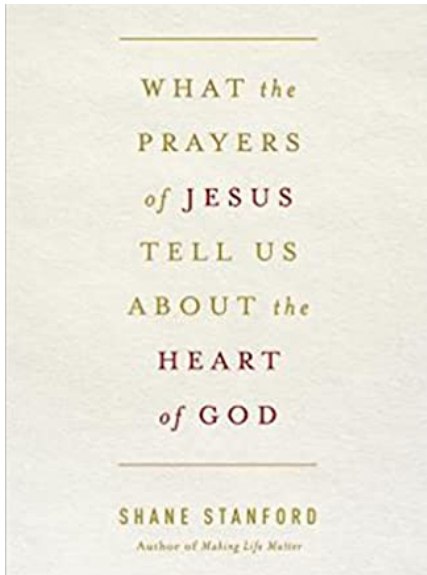


Register - www.trenholmroad.org/lent
or scan the QR code (on the left) to reserve your seat

Limited seating. Register early!

Led by Pastor Mac Kinnett

Contact: Beth Corley or Randy Akers for details



“Women in Faith” Weekly Bible Study Is Back!

After a long hibernation due to Covid, we are happy to announce that we are re-connecting and re-charging! We invite any woman of the church to join us. The session ends on Wednesday, March 29. We will meet in the Parlor.

We will follow our previous format of “sister-ship” at noon for lunch (bring your own), then engaging in study and discussion from 12:30 -1:30. If you can’t make lunch, please come for the study!

March 1 - March 29, we will have a Lenten prayer study, co-facilitated by Rev. David Day and Beth Corley.

The study will be based on **“What the Prayers of Jesus Tell Us about the Heart of God”** by UMC Minister Rev. Shane Stanford. Contact Beth Corley at bethcorley402@gmail.com for more information.



She Reads Truth Weekly Study

Join us in this seven-week Lenten study as we journey through the history of God’s people in 1 & 2 Chronicles, rejoicing in the faithfulness of a God who keeps His promises to a wayward people from generation to generation. Through reading these books of Old Testament history, followed by Holy Week readings, we make our way to the cross and the empty tomb with a renewed sense of our risen King. The group will meet in the parlor starting on March 3 @ Noon. Contact Ashlea Cox at ashlea@trumc.org or Linda Collins at youth@trumc.org.

Thanks for Supporting Family Promise!

Many thanks to the Contemporary Issues SS class, Friends in Faith SS class, Missions Core Team, and Saturday Sisterhood Circle for their generous support of our recent Family Promise of the Midlands "host week."

In addition to direct financial support for rental expenses at the triplex, Trenholm Road was able to provide 3 families with gift cards for groceries, gas, and restaurant meals, as well as, home-cooked meals and Valentine's Day goodies.

The Family Promise 2023 Night of Promise Gala will be held on Friday, March 31 at 6:30pm at Junction 800 in the Vista.

For information on the next "host week" coming in May, please contact Walter Caudle at waltercaudle@gmail.com.



ALL MEN ARE WELCOMED TO JOIN US!

ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST

THURSDAY, MARCH 9 - 6:00PM

Meet us in the TB "The Backyard" at TRUMC
The back parking lot adjacent to the LM Building

Contact David Free with questions - dafree@sc.rr.com



TV Ministry Help Needed!

Our TV Ministry touches hundreds if not thousands of people each week! But we need your 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/13v8Z9qfgUXZMMYz6> or click the QR code.

TRUMC Church and Society Core Team

Our Social Creed

2016 Book of Discipline, Social Principles ¶166

<https://www.umcjustice.org/who-we-are/social-principles-and-resolutions/our-social-creed-166>

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family. We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

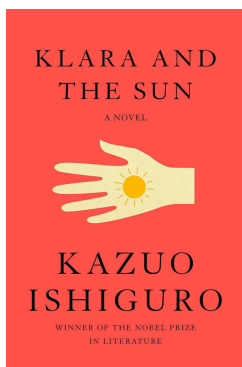
We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

VISIT THE TRUMC LIBRARY!!!



MARCH BOOK CLUB

The TRUMC Book club will meet Monday, March 6 at 6:30pm in the parlor to discuss **Klara and The Sun**, by Kazuo Ishiguro. To participate by Zoom, contact Margaret Haffner – musselman123@hotmail.com



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!

Financial Report

January 2023

Annual Budget, \$1,528,470
Month-to-Date Receipts, \$139,361
Month-to-Date Expenses, \$123,480
Difference, \$15,881

Year-to-Date Receipts, \$139,361
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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



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.



Please drop off **Peanut Butter and Jelly** this month for Harvest Hope. We appreciate your continued support. Your care and generosity help many families in the Midlands. No glass containers please.

Thank you Trenholm Road! We raised \$1,051.34 for Harvest Hope Food Bank during our Souperbowl of Caring!



Congratulations to our 5th Grade Girls Basketball team! They are the League Champions! 11-0 season! Special thanks to Coach Jordan and Coach Cox for their hard work and leadership!



YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED..

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

March 5| Following 11 AM Service
TRUMC Gym

JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON WITH GAMES, BOUNCY CASTLES (TODDLER APPROVED ONES!) AND LUNCH FOR THE FAMILY.

How do I know if I am included in "Young Family"?
Anyone with a child under the age of 5 is invited to join us!

Contact Ashlea at ashlea@trumc.org with any questions!

Youth packed 100 Blessing Bags at MYF! Be sure to pick up a couple to keep in your car to pass out when you encounter someone in need! Pick up in the main hallway outside the west foyer (Linda's office!) Thank you to the Saturday Sisterhood Circle for providing a yummy potato bar!



Trenholm Road
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Children and Youth Celebration Sunday

APRIL 30

9:30am Children's Choir Musical, "We Like Sheep"

10:30am One Church Service- Led by Youth

11:30am Picnic Lunch on the front lawn
Sponsored by Missions Team

Missions will be collecting donations for El Salvador Trip



YOUTH UPDATES

- MYF: Sunday, Feb. 26 Bowling, \$10. Please email Linda if you're planning to join us. Due to Confirmation Retreat, there will be no regular MYF on Sunday, March 5.
- Discipleship: Wednesday, March 1- "Choose Life!"
- Handbell Choir Spring Session: Performance Sunday, March 26, 11:00. Rehearsals Feb. 26, March 12 and 19 from 4:45-5:30 in the Handbell room
- Confirmation: Bowling Sunday, Feb. 26 4:00-5:30, \$10. Retreat March 3-5!
- Do you have an upcoming class of 2023 graduate in your family? We want to recognize him/her! Make sure we have your senior on our list! Email Amy Scott (amykhscott@aol.com) and tell us the graduate's name and current school (high school or college).



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At 6:30pm

Conversations about UMC SC Conference & the UMC

with
Special Guests
District Superintendents
Rev. Fran Elrod (Columbia)
Rev. Ken Nelson (Orangeburg)

All TRUMC family welcome
Watch for details on submitting
"early questions" for possible
discussion.

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