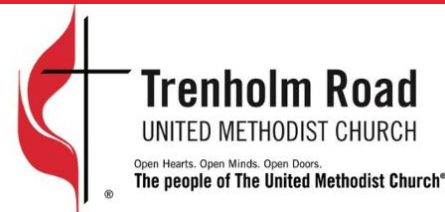




NOVEMBER 2022

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

Why I Don't Fold My Underwear

A few years ago, I was listening to a time management person talking on the radio. She was sharing various hints to cut corners and save time where we can. "And for another thing," she said, "I never fold underwear; it's just a waste of time." She explained that our underwear is rarely seen (I might amend, should not be seen), and even if it were, who could tell whether or not it had been neatly folded in a drawer? Folding underwear is just one of those activities that consumes our time without producing measurable results. We should spend our valuable and precious time doing those things that matter most.

So, I don't fold my underwear anymore. I wish that I could say that in all my life I have lived by the same motto, but I have fallen far short. The Scripture reminds us that our life is short and fleeting -- that we should make the most out of the few moments that we have (See Psalm 39:4-5).

As a United Methodist pastor, I stand in a long line of people who have all been given John Wesley's clear instructions: "Be diligent. Never be unemployed for a moment; never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time; never spend any more time at any place than is strictly necessary."

Many times, we keep doing those unimportant things, not because of a conscious, intentional decision, but because we have always done them. The phone rings while we are eating dinner with family or friends, and we cannot help ourselves. We answer the call, or at least look to see who is calling.

Instead, our mission, our true call, is to "seek first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33). Our time and effort should be spent so that we "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." (That's the mission of the United Methodist Church, by the way.) Anything else should be questioned and set aside if deemed non-essential to our mission in life.

The problem is that we are so used to doing certain things in certain ways that we no longer know why we do them. It's just what we do. It's tradition. If you don't believe me, then try to avoid doing some of those expected "time wasters" and see the response.

I had someone over at the house helping straighten and organize. I gladly accepted the help. "Would you mind folding that basket of clothes?" I asked. "Oh, but, when you see my boxers, just set them to the side in a pile. I don't fold my underwear."

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UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY @ TRENHOLM ROAD UMC

8:45am - Traditional Worship

9:45am - Sunday School

11:00am - Traditional Worship

Prayers of the Church:

Henry Gooding, Dorman Turner, Jan Fary, Dave Fary
Tiffany Helms, *TrumPreschool Director*
Sharon Lentz, David Kinard, Robbie Bowers, Art Baker
Vernon Bowen, Carol Mosser, Carol Parrish,
Jess Torres, Myra Torres, Debby Joyner, Angela English,
Stella Wilkins, Celeste Cobb, Suzanne Wise
Shealy Mccoy, Smith family, Melinda Gray, Leela Grace Oberein
Alfie Davis, *cousin-in-law of Pastor David Day*
Nancy Howarth, *grandmother of Nathan Cox*

Christian sympathy:

- To Donna Smith and family at the death of Stuart Smith. A memorial service was held Sunday, October 9 at TRUMC.
- To Kate Swanson and family at the death of Hayes Mizell. A memorial service was held Sunday, October 16 at TRUMC.
- To Geri Cutler and family at the death of Ken Cutler. A private memorial service was held October 16 in Bishopville.
- To the Hills family at the death of Annie Martha Hills. A memorial service was held Saturday, October 29 in Smoaks, SC.

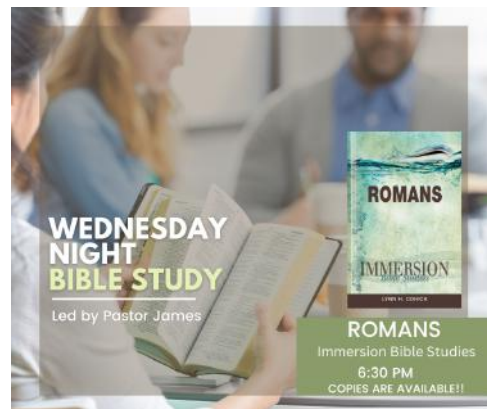
Holy Baptism – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for Henry "Hank" Waite, son of David & Ashley Waite on Sunday, October 16.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for James Bell, son of Jason & Ann Bell on Sunday, October 23.

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

Fall Backward in November

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



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

Pathfinders Classroom
Sanctuary Choir - 6:30pm

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Nov. 1 - Prayer Team - 11am - Believers Rm.
- Nov. 1- Trustee - 6pm - Conf. Rm.
- Nov. 7 - Children's Core - 6pm - Dining Rm.
- Nov. 7 - Stephen Ministry - 6pm- Hope Rm.
- Nov. 7 - Church & Society - 6pm - Believers Rm.
- Nov. 7 - TRUMC Book Club - 6:30pm Parlor
- Nov. 8 - UMin Faith Circle - 10:00am - Conf. Rm.
- Nov. 8 - Major Way to Faith Circle - 11:30am - Dining Rm
- Nov. 8 - SPRC - 6pm - Parlor
- Nov. 12 - Sisterhood Circle - 10am - Parlor
- Nov. 15 - Finance - 6pm - Parlor
- Nov. 22 - Church Council - 6pm - 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!



NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

CRUCIFER / ACOLYTE

November 6

8:45 Acolyte Volunteer Needed
Crucifer Volunteer Needed

11:00 Acolyte Connor Brandes
Crucifer Volunteer Needed

November 13

11:00 Acolyte Volunteer Needed
Crucifer Volunteer Needed

November 20

11:00 Acolyte Caroline Brandes
Crucifer Julia Reynolds

November 27

11:00 Acolyte Caroline Brandes
Crucifer Connor Brandes



LAY READER

November 6

8:45 Lay Reader Ruth Kennemore
11:00 Lay Reader Ruth Kennemore

November 13

8:45 Lay Reader Kate Bozik
11:00 Lay Reader Jim Hamner

November 20

8:45 Lay Reader Volunteer Needed
11:00 Lay Reader Volunteer Needed

November 27

8:45 Lay Reader Mary Lance Garrison
11:00 Lay Reader Mary Lance Garrison

Children & Youth

Young Families Fellowship Event *RESCHEDULED*

All families with preschool aged children at Trenholm Road UMC are invited to join us for our *rescheduled* Young Families Fellowship Event on November 20th, from 2-4 PM. We will meet at Heathwood Park for a fun time of fellowship. Hope to see you and your family there! Please contact Ashlea with any questions at ashlea@trumc.org.

Children Fall Service Project

During our regular Wednesday night fellowship on November 16th, our children will be making cards and small Christmas decorations for our local nursing homes. We will be taking up donations of soft socks to take to the nursing homes as well. We will need lots of extra hands for help on this night, so please let Ashlea know if you'll be available to help.

SPECIAL MYF Saturday Nov. 5, 9:00-11:00,

First Presbyterian Church, HUG Packathon. Use this link <https://forms.gle/StH8mN7uoynuyx7t6or> QR code (see attached) to register no later than Wednesday Nov. 2!



Photos from Youth Sunday



October was Pastor Appreciation Month.

Our children worked on a little project last week to show Pastor James how much we appreciate him! Although he has not been here long, we think "hands down" he is the best!

Youth baked over 500 cookies last night to support Pastor David in his **Kairos Prison Ministry!** Thank you so much for all the donations! And a special thank you to Pastor David, Ms. Lorene and Ms. Cathy for all their help!



All Saints Concert

Members of our Trenholm Road Sanctuary Choir will be joining with the choirs of Shandon UMC, Main Street UMC, Washington Street UMC and Cayce UMC to present Requiem, by Gabriel Fauré on All Saints Sunday, November 6. Our own Kyle Collins will be a soloist. The concert will be held at Shandon UMC (3407 Devine Street) and will begin at 4:00 p.m.

TRUMC UMMen's Fall Feast Wild Game Dinner:

All men are invited to join the UMM on **Wednesday, November 10th at 6:00PM** in the dining room for dinner and a devotion. Although reservations are not required, please contact David Free via email dafree@sc.rr.com or phone 803-606-5745, so that we can get an accurate count for food preparations.



Bring a friend and come enjoy the good food and fellowship. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Allen Johnson. Rev. Johnson, aka "Coach" is the pastor of Zoar Church in Sumter, SC. Rev. Johnson played both collegiate and professional baseball as a pitcher, and was inducted into the Wingate University and Sumter Hall of Fames.

He is an avid hunter, participating in field trials, who has trained national champion bird dogs. Although Rev. Johnson has many distinguished awards in the sports arena, his greatest passion is for the Lord Jesus Christ.



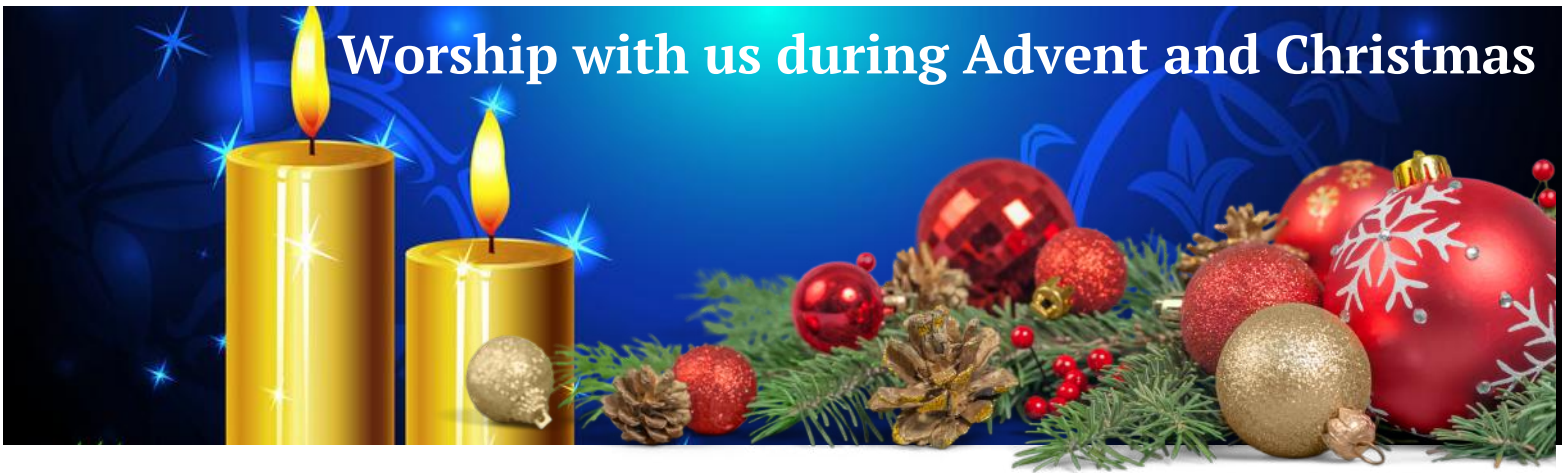
Our annual "**Hanging of the Greens**" worship service will be held on Sunday, November 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Children's and Youth Choirs will lead us in worship as we enter Advent with Scripture, readings, and music of the season.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 4! The United Women in Faith circles will be providing a covered dish Christmas luncheon after the 11:00 service. Signup information and other details to follow.



Worship with us during Advent and Christmas



Pastor James will share an Advent sermon series on the Gift of Christmas. This series explores the gift of Jesus at Christmas from the perspective of some of the people who were directly impacted by his birth: Mary (11/27), Joseph(12/4), the Innkeeper(12/18), and the Shepherds (12/24@5pm only). Each message promises a surprise that will take different forms each week. What will they be? Come and see!

Hanging of the Greens - November 27

A Service of Lessons in Carols - December 11

Music by the Palmetto Brass - December 18

Christmas Eve services: 1 pm 3pm and 5pm

Christmas Day - 1 service @ 10am

Family Promise "Host Week" Coming November 13-19

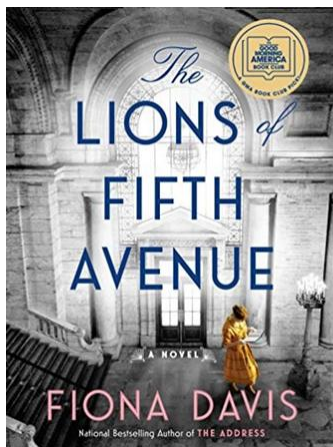
Trenholm Road will have its 3rd 2022 COVID-modified "host week" on November 13-19 to support Family Promise of the Midlands. During that week, Sunday School classes, circles, and other groups may adopt a family living in the triplex through the provision of grocery gift cards and gas cards, as well as 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.



NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB

The TRUMC Book club will meet on Monday, November 7 and discuss Fiona Davis "The Lions of Fifth Avenue". The group will meet at 6:30pm in the parlor. A zoom option is also available for participation. For details - contact musselman123@hotmail.com

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!

A WORD FROM PASTOR JAMES

In his Letters and Papers from Prison, Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes, "The Church is the Church only when it exists for others... Not dominating, but helping and serving. It must tell [people] of every calling what it means to live for Christ, to exist for others."

We at Trenholm Road UMC are striving to answer the call of Jesus Christ as we reach beyond our walls in mission and ministry through supporting church activities and groups, through Family Promise and Harvest Hope, through support of Epworth Children's Home and our missional giving in apportionments, through the Shepherd's Center and our preschool, through our youth and children's ministries reaching out in the world, and countless other ways. Thank you for using your time, talent, and treasure to respond to God's call into the world.

We ask that you consider increasing your gifts just a little more this year. It can be through increased pledges, through ad hoc giving on Sundays or increased gifts to specific programs that may call for your support during the year. Take a moment and visit www.trenholmroad.org/stewardship and make your 2023 pledge.

Attendance & Financial Report

Annual Budget, \$1,416,812
Month-to-Date Receipts, \$103,490
Month-to-Date Expenses, \$116,918
Difference, \$13,428
Year-to-Date Receipts, \$1,018,766
Year-to-Date Expenses, \$991,186
Difference, \$27,580



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

UMC CROSS & FLAME PENDANT

Contact Meg Pace to purchase a beautiful sterling silver cross. The cross is \$18/each (necklace) not included. For more details and information - Call 803.465.1536



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Place your order for Rada Knives.
Contact Julie Camp
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Thank you!



TRUMC members, your **overwhelming support** of cereal in September for Harvest Hope made a difference!!!



NOVEMBER DRIVE Help families for Thanksgiving and the holidays!

TRUMC members
are asked to donate
stuffing, pasta, rice & PBJ
(no glass).

Drop donations in the white bin.



continued from Pastor's Article

A look of shock and disbelief crossed the face of my kindly helper. After a few minutes, I looked over to see a pile of neatly folded underwear. "I'm sorry. I just can't pile them up. I'm just not used to leaving things in a mess," she said meekly.

As we seek to be faithful to God's mission, many people will try to distract us with the "tyranny of the urgent" (a phrase I remember from Stephen Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People). Just because something feels pressing, does not mean that it is important. It is difficult for people to deal with change in any form, even if that change is necessary.

Again, I do not always live up to the Wesleyan directive, but thanks to God's grace, I am still a work in progress. With God's help, we can focus more of each day doing those things that reflect who Christ is in our lives.

And at least for now...I won't be folding any underwear.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor James



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**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

1 Chronicles 16:34 NRSV

Happy Thanksgiving

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