



SEPTEMBER 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



Life, like faith, is an adventure filled with opportunities and risks. Remember the story that I told about bridge hopping? Just like a daring leap into waters far below, our faith journey can be exhilarating and sometimes uncertain. But it's precisely in these moments of risk that we discover the depth of our faith and the boundless grace of God.

The disciples in our scripture passage left behind their livelihoods and embraced a new calling. They ventured into the unknown, trusting Jesus to guide them. Their story reminds us that following Christ often requires us to leave our comfort zones and trust in God's gifts and plans for us.

Going "all in" for Christ doesn't mean we must be perfect or have all the answers. Instead, it's about surrendering ourselves to His will, even when the path ahead seems unclear. It's about wholeheartedly saying "yes" to God's call, knowing that God equips us for the journey.

As we reflect on our own faith journeys, let's ask ourselves: Where can we go "all in" for Christ today? Is it by serving in our community, nurturing our spiritual gifts, or deepening our prayer life? Every step we take, no matter how small, can lead to profound transformation. Let's continue to encourage one another on this adventure of faith. Together, we can embrace the risks, overcome the challenges, and experience the joy of living "all in" for Christ.

May our faith be bold, our trust unwavering, and our hearts open to the incredible journey God has in store for us.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor James

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Prayers of the Church

John Bolin, Carlisle Livingston, B Jackson, Carol Mosser, Sandy Harris, Lynn and Sophia Derrick Maxine Reynolds, *mother of Amy Craighead*, Eddie Drayton, Michael Reaves, Jess & Myra Torres Nancy Howarth, *grandmother of Nathan Cox*, Stella Wilkins, Vernon Bowen, Paula Wilson, Suzanne Wise, Sharon Lentz, Robbie Bowers, Andrea Pyatt, Wayne Baker and Geri Cutler

Christian Sympathy

To B Jackson, at the death of her husband, Tom Jackson. A service was held on Sunday, August 6 at TRUMC.

To Daryl Byrd, at the death of his nephew James Grant, Jr. A service was held on Saturday, August 19 in Bluffton, SC.

To Amanda Shell, at the death of her father, Daniel F Leach. A service was held on Monday, August 21 at Shives Chapel in Columbia, SC.

To Tim Teaster, at the death of his mother, Shirley Wells Teaster. A service was held on Monday, August 21 at Ben Avon UMC in Spartanburg, SC.

To Sara Beardsley, at the death of her husband, Edward Beardsley. A service was held on Tuesday, August 22 at Rutledge Chapel on the Horseshoe, at the University of South Carolina.

September meetings

September 5 - SPRC - 6pm - #113

September 9 - Sisterhood Circle - 10am - #114

September 11 - Prayer Team - 11am - #110

September 11 - Youth Core - 6pm - #113

September 11 - Stephen Ministry - 6pm - #112

September 11 - TRUMC Book Club - 6:30 pm - #114

September 12 - United Women in Faith - 10am - #114

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

September 12 - Trustees - 6pm - #113

September 19 - Finance - 6pm - #114

September 26 - Council - 6pm - Dining Room

**Locations and times subject to change.*

July Financial Report

July 2023

Annual Budget, \$1,528,470

Month-to-Date Receipts, \$111,585

Month-to-Date Expenses, \$142,570

Difference, (\$30,985)

Year-to-Date Receipts, \$781,360

Year-to-Date Expenses, \$866,140

Difference, (\$84,780)

Holiday Announcement

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON
LABOR DAY



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

“Spiritual gifts are not our talents or skills. They are the grace of God at work within us, empowering us to match our deep passions with the world’s deep need. The gifts are given to individuals, but they are given to build and strengthen community and to meet the needs of those around us.” (From umc.org)

A Word from Your Lay Leadership Team

It’s Almost Here – the September 10 Ministry and Missions Showcase! We know that you are already seeing and hearing a lot of promotions for this event, and we sincerely hope that you will be able to be with your church family for this special after-worship time. We invite you and encourage you to prepare yourselves with some introspection about where God is calling you to match your deep passions with ministries that address deep needs. Here are some things to do that might help:

- Complete the online Spiritual Gifts Assessment** by going to trenholmroad.org and clicking the "Spiritual Gifts Assessment" link right on the home page. Save and/or print your results.
- If you are a **Sunday school class or other small-group leader**, consider spending one meeting where class members bring their results to class and share/discuss what they might mean for how and where each of you can serve from your hearts.
- Don’t miss the special sermon series “All In,”** on Sundays August 20 – September 10, that will set the stage for and tie in with spiritual gifts and our showcase.
- Register on the home page of trenholmroad.org for the showcase by September 3.** It’s easy and will help us plan for our complimentary lunch for all (eat-in or take-out).

—Randy Akers and Beth Corley with Ann Baggett, Josh Day and Jess Gooding

Ministry & Mission Showcase Nursery and Childcare Opportunities

Nursery will be provided from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in MB (Main Building Room 12 and Room 19).

Childcare will be provided for ages 5 years to 5th grade from 12 Noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Riser Room. - LMB (Leisure Ministries Building) - Room 306.

We are eagerly anticipating a fantastic day with our TRUMC community, and we hope to see you there!



Trenholm Road
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTRY & MISSION Showcase

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
11AM to 1:30PM — GYM

Nursery provided. Childcare available from 12:00-1:30 in the Riser Room (LM Bldg). Additionally, complimentary boxed lunches will be dispensed to *registered* attendees.

Make Plans to Join us on Wednesday Nights

We are excited to announce that our Wednesday night fellowship and activities will be resuming in September! Starting September 6, the congregation will gather every Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the gym 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. Following the meal, there will be a variety of activities to participate in. Children can join the engaging children's programs, while youth can attend their dedicated meetings. Additionally, Sanctuary Choir, Carillon Handbell Choir and a Bible study session will take place. We encourage everyone to watch for more details and join us on Wednesday evenings for community, growth, and fellowship.

Wednesday Nights Resume Wednesday, September 6



SEPTEMBER Wednesday Night Schedule



Wednesday Night Activities

Nursery

5:45 PM - 7:30 PM - LMB Two's 2 Room

Children's Choirs

5:00 PM - 5:45 PM - Parlor/MB110, 112,114

Carillon Handbell Choir

5:30 PM - 6:15 PM - LM 125

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM - TRUMC GYM

Sermon-based Discussion Group with Pastor James

6:15 PM - 7:15 PM - LM 114

Small Group Study with Pastor Mollie & Kate Bozik

6:15 PM - 7:15PM - LM 109

"Belonging: 5 Keys to Unlock Your Potential as a Disciple" by Karoline Lewis.

Visit www.TrenholmRoad.org to register to attend this class.

Children's Discipleship Junior

6:15 PM - 7:15 PM - LM 3rd Floor

Youth/Student Discipleship

6:15 PM - 7:15PM - Youth Lounge

Sanctuary Choir

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Choir Room

**Location & Times subject to change*

Watch for details in the bulletin or weekly newsletter

For more information and to register for the small group study, children's and youth opportunities visit www.TrenholmRoad.org

Wednesday Night Dinner is served in the TRUMC gym at 5:30 PM.

Adults \$10, Kids \$7 & Family \$27.



Wednesday Night Menu



September 6

Adults: BBQ Chicken, Mac n Cheese, Vegetable, Bread, Salad & Dessert

Kids: Tenders or Drumsticks, Mac n Cheese, Corn, Watermelon & Dessert

September 13

Adults: Taco Salad, Chicken Tortilla Soup, Guac/Salsa/Chips, Fruit & Dessert

Kids: Taco or Cheese Quesadillas, Chips/Nacho Cheese, Veggies/dip, Fruit & Dessert

September 20

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, Vegetable, Bread, Salad & Dessert

Kids: Hamburger sliders, Tater tots, Green beans, Grapes & cheese & Dessert

September 27

Adults: Lemon Chicken, Vegetable, Bread, Salad & Dessert

Kids: Grilled Cheese, Pretzels & Dip, Fruit Snacks, Apple Slices & Dessert



The Gift of Song

Trenholm Road Music Ministry has opportunities for all ages to share in the gift of song! **Cherub, Good News and Jubilation Choirs** (ages 4K-5th grade) meet on Wednesdays from 5:00pm-5:45pm in Rooms MB110, 112 and 114. **Youth Choir and Handbells** meet from 4:30pm-5:15pm on selected Sundays throughout the year. The **Carillon Handbell Choir** meets on Wednesdays from 5:30pm-6:15pm in LM 125, and rings in worship approximately one Sunday a month. **Sanctuary Choir** meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Choir Room and sings each Sunday for the 8:45am and 11:00am worship services.



We have a place for you! Contact Sarah Fletcher at sfletcher@trumc.org for more information or register for children's and youth opportunities at www.trenholmroad.org.

ONLINE SECURITY

The world of digital communication can be uncertain, and it's essential to be aware of the potential for scams, phishing, and fraud. At Trenholm Road United Methodist Church, we take the safety and security of our members seriously and want to remind you to be vigilant when it comes to online communication.

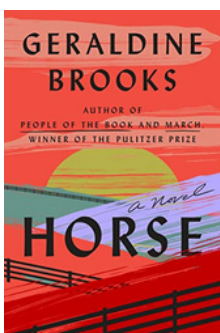


We have seen instances of scammers posing as Pastor James in emails, requesting gift cards or other payments. To reiterate, Pastor James will never ask you for any form of payment. We urge you not to respond to these emails, as they are not legitimate requests. If you ever have questions about a request for a gift card or other payment, don't hesitate to contact any staff member at TRUMC.

Additionally, please take the time to verify that the email address is actually affiliated with Pastor James or TRUMC. The email address will always appear as - (Staff member/group name @trumc.org). If it does not include trumc.org, it is a scam.

Never respond to emails that seem suspicious or ask for personal information. If you receive an email with a link or attachment from an unknown sender, it is best to delete it and not open it.

Thank you for your attention, and stay safe!



TRUMC Book Club

The TRUMC Book Club will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 11 in the parlor. The group will discuss *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks.

Don't forget - Sunday, September 10 - EPWORTH CHILDREN'S WORK DAY OFFERING

Sunday, September 10 is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades to when Methodists were challenged to "Give a Day's Pay" to the children at Epworth.



While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. Epworth Children's Home goes above and beyond providing food and shelter for children who have experienced a rough start in life. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, recreation, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging.



As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who are served by Epworth. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the September 10 worship bulletin. Additional bulletins will be available in the narthex and west foyer. For more info about Epworth Children's Home, visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation.

Partnership with Family Promise



Trenholm Road will have its 3rd 2023 "host week" on September 10-16 to support Family Promise of the Midlands. During that week, Sunday School classes, circles, and other groups may adopt one of the 3 families 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.

Upcoming September children/family ministry events

September 1

Basketball Sign ups open (2nd-12th Graders)

September 6

Wednesday Night Activities Resume

September 10

Ministry and Missions Showcase (located in Gym and Dining Room)
11AM-1:30 PM

Contact: Ashlea Cox, Director of Children and Family Ministry with any questions and for location details.

ashlea@trumc.org



Youth Choir and Youth Handbells Schedule

Youth Choir

Performance #1: Sunday Sept. 24, 2023 (Youth Sunday)

Rehearsals: Sundays Aug. 27, Sept. 10 and 17,
4:30-5:15p.m.

Performance #2: Sunday March 10, 2024

Rehearsals: Sundays Feb. 4, 11, 25 and March 3,
4:30-5:15p.m.

Contact

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

youth@trumc.org

Youth Handbells

Performance #1: Sunday Dec. 3, 2023
(Hanging of the Greens)

Rehearsals:
Sundays Nov. 5, 12, and 26th, 4:30-5:15p.m.
and Sunday Nov. 19 6:00-6:30p.m.

Performance #2: Sunday April 28, 2024 (Children and Youth
Celebration Sunday)

Rehearsals: Sundays March 17, April 7, 14 and 21,
4:30-5:15p.m.

Great job to all youth presenters on Sunday, August 20.





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WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUP STUDY AND DISCUSSION

WITH PASTOR MOLLIE AND KATE BOZIK

"BELONGING: 5 KEYS TO UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL AS A DISCIPLE"

by Karoline M. Lewis



UMYF OR MYF

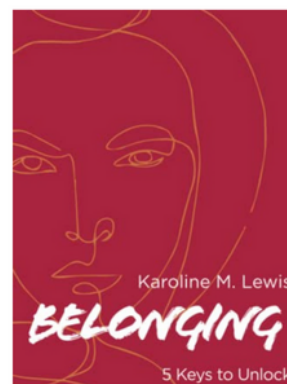
United Methodist Youth Fellowship

EVERY SUNDAY- UNLESS ANNOUNCED

5:15-5:30 Optional Open Gym
5:30-6:00 Dinner and Fellowship
6:00-7:00 Lesson and Games

Expectations

1. Learn about Jesus in a fun way.
2. Make friends.
3. Eat food.
4. Grow closer to God.
5. Ask permission for food or other items.
6. Stay seated while adults are talking.
7. No cell phones after dinner.
8. Clean up after yourself.
9. Respect the space, each other, and the adults present.

What does it look like for you to belong to Jesus Christ? Not your colleague, or your professor, or your neighbor, or the leaders of your denomination, but you? How might your one-and-only life be patterned differently, to more truly align you with Christ? What pretense might you give up? What potential might open up for you as a leader and disciple?

Belonging: 5 keys to Unlock Your Potential as a Disciple helps readers to understand and live out Christian discipleship in a way that is most deeply authentic for themselves. It's for the leader who is exhausted from trying to live by other people's templates, who wants to figure out what it looks like to live & lead as only they can. It's for the student or layperson desiring to follow Christ with integrity, to be themselves fully as a disciple.

September 6 - October 11

Class will be held in the LMB - Room 109 (Basement)

6:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Look for link on homepage and register to attend: www.trenholmroad.org

Pre-purchase your own book on Amazon or your favorite bookstore
Limited copies available at class - \$20