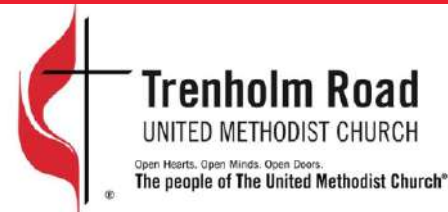




MAY 2024

# 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 PERSPECTIVE



### "This Is Who We Are"

Pastor James McCoy-Bruce



When we think of May, our minds are often drawn to Mother's Day, graduations, and Memorial Day. This May, we celebrate two of the defining moments in our life as the church, and in our lives as disciples.

Forty days after the first Easter, the lives of the disciples would change – as would their names. Jesus had appeared to them many times since his resurrection, and on this day, the day of the Ascension, he walked with them once again. Before he "ascended into heaven," he changed their nature. Once they were disciples learned from their teacher and followed his lead. Now they are sent into all the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching. They are apostles, the "sent out ones."

Ten days later the disciples/apostles were gathered in a room to pray. The Holy Spirit filled the room and rested on each of them. Now they were empowered to change the world by the grace and power of God.

Now we travel through the days that mark Jesus' ascension and the power of Pentecost. We, the church, are reminded that we are no longer the same. We cannot be a group of believers huddled within the walls as we gather to pray. We are being commissioned by Christ and enflamed by the Spirit. May we hear the clear call to make disciples to change the world once again.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor James

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# NEWS & NOTES

## Trenholm Road Cares

### BAPTISMS

Sunday, April 21, James Henry Miano, son of Brad and Grace Miano.



### BIRTHS

William "Wills" Rankin Pearson was born on April 16 to parents Ashton and Mike Pearson.

### DEATHS

To Shirley Bennett at the passing of her stepfather, Furman Gibbs Raines, on Saturday, March 30. A service was held on Friday, April 5.

To Becky Kerr Hadley at the passing of her husband, Edwin Hadley Jr, on Friday, April 26. A service will be held at 1pm on May 17 at Shives Funeral Home.

### NEW MEMBERS

Harrison and Erin Vance joined Trenholm Road on April 14.



### Expectant Parents

Sarah and Coty Jones



## YOUR NEWS!

**Do you have a life event to share with your church family?**

Contact Renee Foxe, via [renee@trumc.org](mailto:renee@trumc.org)

## Prayers of the Church:

Catherine Henderson, Bernita Shepard, Jean Frey, *sister of Jan Fary*, Tom McCoy, *father of Rev. Ashley McCoy-Bruce*, Heather Caldwell, *cousin of Rev. Ashley McCoy-Bruce*, Sally Sansbury, B Jackson, Matt Turner, Beverly Nance, Pat & John Bolin, Ann Meares, *sister of Catherine Williams*, Larry Ayers, Jeff Adams, *son of Jess & Myra Torres*, Shealy McCoy, Maxine Reynolds, *mother of Amy Craighead*, Eddie Drayton, Michael Reed, Jess & Myra Torres, Paula Wilson, Suzanne Wise, Sharon Lentz, Robbie Bowers.

## Post General Conference - IMPORTANT MEETING - May 8 - TRUMC Sanctuary

Attention everyone! Don't miss out on the upcoming information session about the United Methodist Church's latest developments. It's going to be led by Pastor James on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:15 p.m. in the TRUMC sanctuary. This session is a must-attend for everyone who wants to stay informed and engaged with the church's ongoing progress. So, mark your calendars and make sure to join us!

## The Prayer Team Wants You!

Join our monthly prayer meeting to pray for the TRUMC family. We meet on the first Monday of every month at 11 am. Come and pray with us on May 6 at 11 am in MB #110. Contact Geri Cutler for details at 803-238-6641.

## Congregational Care Meeting

The Congregational Care Team will meet on Sunday, May 5, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room MB #113. Contact George Estes for more information at [gestes1950@gmail.com](mailto:gestes1950@gmail.com).

## Stephen Ministry

We all experience challenges in life - times when we could benefit from care and support. Stephen Ministers can provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficult. Contact Mark Donnelly for more information at [markbryandonnelly@gmail.com](mailto:markbryandonnelly@gmail.com).

## A Word from Your Lay Leaders

As you read this, decisions regarding the direction of the denomination known as United Methodists may have already been made. The General Conference of the UMC, consisting of delegates from around the globe, has been meeting since April 23 in Charlotte, NC, and will close its gathering on May 3. For several weeks now, TRUMC has provided a wealth of information to keep us abreast of the issues via our web site, [www.trenholmroad.org](http://www.trenholmroad.org). We hope you have availed yourselves of that opportunity.

Please put this upcoming date/time/place on your must-do calendar: Wednesday, May 8, at 6:15 PM in our sanctuary. Better yet, come for supper beforehand and enjoy fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ! At that time, Pastor James will lead an information session on the important matters that transpired during the General Conference. Regardless of the results, we remain a family of open hearts, open minds, and open doors. Our calling has not changed: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World - Come and worship, grow in faith, share the word, go and serve. We excitedly participate in what God is doing among us and through us! Thanks be to God!

Randy Akers and Beth Corley



# NEWS & NOTES



**Epworth**  
Children's Home

## EPWORTH SUNDAY

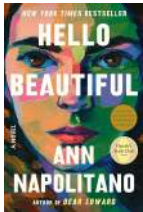
Epworth Children's Home has been helping children for 128 years. They need your support. Please donate generously on May 12th to help break the cycle of need. We ask you to give generously on May 12th and stand with Epworth as they work to break the cycle. Be part of something that lasts – a child's future.

## LANDSCAPING GOAL MET!

The United Women in Faith would like to thank all the circles, Sunday school classes and individuals who helped us raise the money necessary to complete the third and final phase of the landscaping project. We met our goal and can even add pine straw which was not included in the original budget. The planting is not yet complete but it is already such an improvement. Special thanks to Byrnie for planting everything allow our money to go further. Check out the area to the left of the triple doors into the main building.

## Thank you for supporting the Habitat House – Faith Build

Special thanks to David Free, TRUMC Coordinator for countless hours of planning and coordinating to help TRUMC be a part of building Lucinda's house. Thank you all for your support and service!



### TRUMC Book Club

The TRUMC Book Club will meet on Monday, May 6, at 6:30 pm in the TRUMC Parlor. The group will discuss *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. All are welcome to attend.

### May TRUMC Hiking Group

The Trenholm Road UMC Hiking Group will visit Pickens County on May 17 for two short, easy hikes to see Twin Falls and Haygood Mill. Meet at 7:00 am in the TRUMC back parking lot to carpool. For more information or questions, feel free to contact Steve Krietemeyer at [swkrietemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:swkrietemeyer@gmail.com) or 803.528.4184 to join.



### May Harvest Hope Donations

Your generosity can make a big difference! This month, please donate **peanut butter and jelly** and drop it off in the white bin for Harvest Hope. Your support helps countless families in the Midlands. Thank you for your continued kindness!

**PLASTIC CONTAINERS ONLY**

### May Wednesday Meals

The congregation will gather in the gym on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. 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.



#### May 1 meal

Adults: Chicken Quesadilla or Beef Tostado, Cilantro lime rice, Pintos/Black beans  
Chips & Salsa and salad/dessert  
Kids: Cheese Tostado or Beef Taco, Fruit, Tortilla chips and dip, and dessert



#### May 8 meal

Breakfast for dinner  
\$5.00/Person  
\$15.00 /Family Cap

**THE FINAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINBER is MAY 8.**



# NEWS & NOTES

## End of School Celebration

# Join Us!



TRUMC Children's Ministry invites you..

**END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION**

JOIN US ON THE FRONT LAWN FOR MEXICAN FOOD AND BOUNCERY HOUSES!

SUNDAY, MAY 5 @ 12 PM

3401 TRENHOLM ROAD  
COLUMBIA 29204

## Churchwide Outing to USC Baseball Game!

Sponsored by the Children and Youth! Join the children, youth, and their families at Founder's Park for an intergenerational evening of fun on Friday, May 10, at 5:30 p.m. Use this link for more information and to register: <https://tinyurl.com/USCvsGeorgia> or the QR code below.



**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SPONSORED BASEBALL OUTING**

USC VS GEORGIA

\$30 FOR EVERYONE  
FRIDAY MAY 10TH  
START 5:30 PM

**Everyone is welcome!**



**START the PARTY**

Celebrate the Good News

Start the Party and celebrate the Good News! Jesus loves us! Make plans to join us for VBS 2024. It will be held June 23-26, from 5:30-7:45 PM. VBS is for children aged 4 (as of September 1, 2024) through completed 5th grade.

Registration will be available at <https://linktr.ee/trumckids> starting May 1st. We hope you and your family are able to join us!



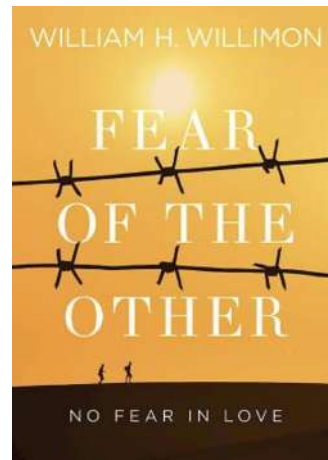
**THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF TRUMC presents a CHILDREN'S SUMMER MUSICAL CAMP**

**OH JONAH!**

**Who:** All children entering 1st-6th grades are welcome!  
**When:** Sunday, July 21 3:30 pm-5:00 pm  
Monday, July 22 - Friday, July 26, 8:30 am-12 pm. Snack provided.  
Friday, July 26, 2024, 11:00 am Performance in Sanctuary.  
Sunday, July 28, 11:00 am, Performance of one song from musical  
**What:** Preparation and performance of the musical *OH JONAH!* By Allen Pote and Carol McCann, plus arts, crafts, singing and fun!  
**Where:** Trenholm Road United Methodist Church  
**Cost:** \$25, includes snack, copy of music and t-shirt  
**Registration:** Space is limited, so please register early! Scan the QR code or go to [trenholmroad.org](https://trenholmroad.org) to register. Registration deadline is June 30, 2024.

*"It's a tale of a whale and a whale of a tale and a story of the deep blue sea... about a fish and a man named Jonah, who's a lot like you and me!"*





## **Church & Society: Love the Other Edition**

I opened the first 2024 Church & Society meeting in January with a devotional about seeing God in each person we encounter. I talked about how I have Hebrews 13:2 framed on my desk at the library – “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” – as a reminder that each person I cross paths with at the library is a child of God. This includes the man who smells bad because he’s experiencing homelessness and lives on the street; the custodian emptying the trash cans who doesn’t speak any English; the customer who requests a copy of *Mein Kampf*. We talked about how when we see people, really see them as a beloved child of God, we’re more inclined to want to work towards justice for them.

In response to our February meeting, I re-read Bishop Will Willimon’s book *Fear of the Other*. This book challenged me to do more than see God in others, but to love the other, to let go of my fear of the other.

And each of us has an “other” – the immigrant, the homeless, those belonging to a different political party, the person down the pew with different theological beliefs, the disabled, the addicted, the unemployed, and the list could go on. Yet Jesus calls us to live as one body (1 Corinthians 12:12–27) and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:30–31). I’ve found that to be much easier in theory than in practice; maybe you have to.

So what are we going to do about it?

Join Church & Society at 9am on Sundays in June for discussion based on Bishop Willimon’s book *Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love*. We’ll meet in the dining room for prayer, study of scripture, and discussion about how God is calling us to love the other. In *Fear of the Other*, Willimon says: “First John challenges us to see others differently, not denying our differences but opening ourselves to what is good, asking what God might have to teach us through each other. In other words, we are hereby urged to look at others as God in Christ has looked upon us” (12).

**When: Sundays in June, 9am–9:45am** June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

**Where: TRUMC Dining Room** in the Leisure Ministries building

**What: large & small group discussion about how God is calling us to love the other** using *Fear of the Other* as a guide (a limited number of copies of the book will be available on June 2)

**Who: You! All of us together**, led by Church & Society members and other congregation members

**Why:** When we actively work to tear down the walls dividing us, we are more likely to build a bridge in its place – bringing us closer to seeing the other as another child of God. Through the love of God at work in each of us, the world is changed – we are changed, the way we see and interact with the other is changed and the mission of the church – to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world – takes place.

Join Church & Society this year as we celebrate the unity of the body of Christ while recognizing our differences and find ways to embody the love of God to the other, whoever that other might be for each of us. We look forward to learning, listening, and loving as God first loved us.



# NEWS & NOTES

# SPRING TEA PHOTO RECAP



Congratulations to  
**Naomi Baker**  
Outstanding Woman of the Year





# NEWS & NOTES



This summer, we will have one (1) worship service at 10 am from **May 26 through July 28**. Sunday School classes will meet from 9–9:45 AM, with worship to follow at 10 AM. Children and Youth Sunday School only meets in June. Nursery and Little Church will take place during 10 am service.



## MARCH 2024 OFFERING REPORT

Annual Budget, \$1,553,867

Month-to-Date Receipts, \$185,638

Month-to-Date Expenses, \$145,674

February Difference \$39,964

Year-to-Date Receipts, \$439,856

Year-to-Date Expenses, \$407,106

Year-to-Date Difference \$32,750



Will you share a gift of at least **\$24** in the year **2024** to help boost the pastors discretionary fund?

The **ministry of TRUMC** continues its work after Sunday service. During the week on Monday thru Friday, local families and individuals **visit or call** TRUMC for assistance with food and other essentials!

The **Pastors Discretionary Fund** provides support both inside and outside the church walls of TRUMC. Your **\$24 gift** (1x or as often as you like) can **HELP** answer the call for others!

Please consider giving to the **Pastors Discretionary Fund**.

GIVE ONLINE, BY QR CODE ABOVE  
OR BY ENVELOPE

www.trenholmroad.org  
Thanks for your generosity!



## MONTHLY MEETINGS

May 6 - Prayer Team - 11 am - MB 110

May 6 - Church & Society - 6 pm - MB 110

May 6 - TRUMC Book Club - 6:30 pm - MB 114

May 6 - Clergy Cohort - 10:00 am - MB 114

May 7 - SPRC - 6 pm - MB 113

May 11 - Saturday Sisterhood - 10 am - MB 114

May 13 - Frances Foster Circle - 9:45 am - Dining Room

May 13 - Stephen Ministry - 6 pm - MB 112

May 14 - United Women in Faith - 10 am - MB 114

May 14 - Major Way to Faith - 11:30 am - Dining Room

May 14 - Trustees - 6 pm - MB 113

May 16 - Communications - 6pm - MB 113

May 28 - Church Council - 6pm - Dining Room

*All meetings and locations listed or planned are subject to change. Contact your group leader for details.*

## The Connection

The TRUMC newsletter is distributed via email or print to its members. To ensure you receive your copy, notify the church office if you change your email address. The deadline to submit an article is the 18th day of each month or earlier if there are holiday hours.

Please send your articles via email to [renee@trumc.org](mailto:renee@trumc.org).

## Planning a meeting at TRUMC?

If you're interested in hosting a meeting or a class at the church, or if you would like to have an event listed on the church calendar, please fill out an event request form available at [trenholmroad.org](http://trenholmroad.org). This will help us avoid scheduling conflicts and ensure that your event is properly organized.

## TRUMC Library

The library is located in Room 104 of the Main Building, across from the Business Office. It is always open and offers a wide range of adult books, including fiction, Bible study, history, self-help, and DVD programs. You can check out any book of your choice, and there is also a section of free books available.



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# SUMMER

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Memorial Day weekend thru the month of July

MORNING WORSHIP - ONE WORSHIP SERVICE  
MAY 26 - JULY 28 - 10:00 AM

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (JUNE ONLY) - 5TH - 12 GRADE  
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Traditional worship at 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM resumes on August 4.



## TOO BUSY?

### A Biblical Approach to Life Management

*A four-week adult course to manage your time and your life.*

Led by: Rev. James McCoy-Bruce & Beth Corley

**April 18 – May 9**  
**THURSDAYS in TRUMC PARLOR**  
**12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**

Bring your Bible!  
Bring a quick lunch - sandwich or fruit

**Free Class! All are welcome to attend!**

*Come discover how to take control of your schedule and your life!*