

11:00 a.m. Service

The Work of the People for October 15, 2023

Gathering For Praise

Welcome and Announcements

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Choral Call to Worship 'We Are Members of Christ's Body' Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Praise** 'All Praise to Thee' UMH 166

***Psalter Reading** Psalm 32 UMH 766

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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Children's Disciple Moment Teresa Hrab

Anthem 'I Want Jesus to Walk with Me'
Kathleen McCombs, piano

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Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading Psalm 32 (The Message) Lisanne Cisson

***Hymn of Preparation** 'We'll Understand it By and By' UMH 525

Message Why Forgive? Rev. Christine Matthews

Responding to God's Word

***The Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles Creed UMH 881
*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic ** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*
***universal*

Offertory 'I'll Fly Away'
Christine McCombs and Jann Howell, piano

Doxology UMH 94

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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Going Forth to Serve God's World

***Hymn of Sending** 'Freely, Freely' UMH 389

Sending Forth

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Stop by one of our Hospitality Stations on your way out of the sanctuary for a welcome bag and a greeting from one of our Hospitality Team members.*

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS: The Faith We Sing Hymnal

Stewardship Report

One Fund Monthly Goal 2023	\$47,808	Date	Online	In-Person	Sunday School
		10.1	-	-	-
One Fund Actual MTD	\$14,877	10.8	TBD	234	81
Deposits week ended	\$8,985				

Building Project Fund as of September
\$1,352,344

Thank you!



E-giving available at trmethodist.net or scan QR code —>
Text-to-Give: text the amount you wish to give to (833) 948-2135,
wait for response to guide you through the process.

Prayer Concerns

HOMEBOUND

George Adamson
James White
Dee Hughes
Patrick O'Dell
Reggy O'Dell
Frances Lockaby
Barbara Floyd
Martha Foster
Mary Greene
Fred Dyal

TRUMC

Myra Robitalle
Sandy Bailey

LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Robert Kay

FRIENDS OF TRUMC

Lorretta Sigenow

Submit a prayer request to our Prayer Team:
prayer@trmethodist.net

Pray for Peace in Ukraine and
for all affected by the war



TRUMC is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. If you
could benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please
contact Patti Crenshaw (864)380-8421
or Dave McAda (864)380-5867

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Offertory 'You Raise Me Up' Rolf Lovland and Brendan Graham
Solo by Scott Koegler

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***Song of Sending** 'We'll Understand It Better By and By' Gaither Gospel version

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Psalm 100 Band Director: Bryan Catron

TRAIL GUIDE

Sunday: October 15, 2023

Message: Why Forgive?

Scripture: Psalm 32

The Message

1 Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be— you get a fresh start, your slate’s wiped clean.
2 Count yourself lucky—GOD holds nothing against you and you’re holding nothing back from him.
3 When I kept it all inside, my bones turned to powder, my words became daylong groans. 4 The pressure never let up; all the juices of my life dried up. 5 Then I let it all out; I said, “I’ll come clean about my failures to GOD.” Suddenly the pressure was gone—my guilt dissolved, my sin disappeared. 6 These things add up. Every one of us needs to pray; when all hell breaks loose and the dam bursts we’ll be on high ground, untouched. 7 GOD’s my island hideaway, keeps danger far from the shore, throws garlands of hosannas around my neck. 8 Let me give you some good advice; I’m looking you in the eye and giving it to you straight: 9 “Don’t be ornery like a horse or mule that needs bit and bridle to stay on track.” 10 God-defiers are always in trouble; GOD-affirmers find themselves loved every time they turn around. 11 Celebrate GOD. Sing together—everyone! All you honest hearts, raise the roof! May God add a blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words. Amen. 14 “Write this to the angel of the church in Laodicea: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler [a] of God’s creation. 15 I know your works. You are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. 16 So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I’m about to spit you out of my mouth. 17 After all, you say, ‘I’m rich, and I’ve grown wealthy, and I don’t need a thing.’ You don’t realize that you are miserable, pathetic, poor, blind, and naked. 18 My advice is that you buy gold from me that has been purified by fire so that you may be rich, and white clothing to wear so that your nakedness won’t be shamefully exposed, and ointment to put on your eyes so that you may see. 19 I correct and discipline those whom I love. So be earnest and change your hearts and lives. 20 Look! I’m standing at the door and knocking. If any hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to be with them, and will have dinner with them, and they will have dinner with me. 21 As for those who emerge victorious, I will allow them to sit with me on my throne, just as I emerged victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.” May God add a blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words. Amen.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Trail Blazes (thoughts and ideas to guide you)

Next Steps on the Journey

- What are some faith questions that you have in general? What are some faith questions that you would like to ask God?
- What makes it difficult for you to forgive others?
- Is there something you are holding onto that you really need to let go of for your own sake? Are you willing and able to name it or talk about it? (Only you can decide how personal and deep you go in your group setting.)
- Is there something that you need to do some forgiveness work on yourself—like confession, apologizing, repentance? (Only you can decide how personal and deep you go in your group setting.)
- Discuss the Corrie Ten Boom story. What did you think of it? Was it too unforgivable to imagine? Do you have a forgiveness story of your own or that you would like to share?

Prayer for the week

Oh God who cares and God who forgives, we are thankful that you know us, care for us, and forgive us. Enable us to let go what we need to let go of. Help us to loosen our grip. Work in us and work with us through these difficult things that we may know the freedom of forgiveness through you. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.



*The Church on the Trail
Walking with Christ,
Serving God,
Changing Lives.*

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20th Sunday after Pentecost

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Rev. Christine Matthews

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8:45 a.m. Service

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Upcoming Events and Announcements

For full events schedule, see the monthly *Pew & Pulpit* Newsletter (paper or online)

Digital Connect Card



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Email List Sign Up



TODAY'S MEETINGS 10/15

PRAYER TEAM

The Prayer Team will meet Wednesday, October 18, at 11am in the parlor.
Call/text Pat Hansen (964-517-7291) for more information

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)

No UMYF this Sunday. Meetings will resume on 10/22 with a meal and Bible study on Luke.
If you would like to volunteer to provide supper to the UMYF, visit our website to sign up.

TRUMPETS

No practice this Sunday. Next practice is 10/22 at 5pm in the Chapel.

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 29, 5:30pm

All children are welcome to attend.

Sign your car up to be a "trunk" and hand out "treats" on our website.

Each car/household brings their own candy

Please direct all questions to Meghan Guth.

GROWTH GROUPS

Growth groups will take place this fall through November 17 and will meet weekly to discuss the scripture, sermon and Trail Guide questions. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board by the bell tower entrance and online at www.trmethodist.net

WOODLANDS BIBLE GROUP

Meets each Tuesday at 10AM at the Woodlands at Furman in Brian and Mary's Apt 1208

STEPHEN MINISTRY

This group provides a caring, nonjudgemental and confidential one-to-one relationship between a trained church member and a person experiencing a difficult time or transition in his or her life.
For more information, contact Patti Crenshaw at (864)380-8421 or patticrenshaw1@gmail.com

HELP LEAD WORSHIP

Acolytes/Bible Bearers; Scripture Readers; Greeters/Ushers:
Sign up online www.trmethodist.net/online-sign-ups