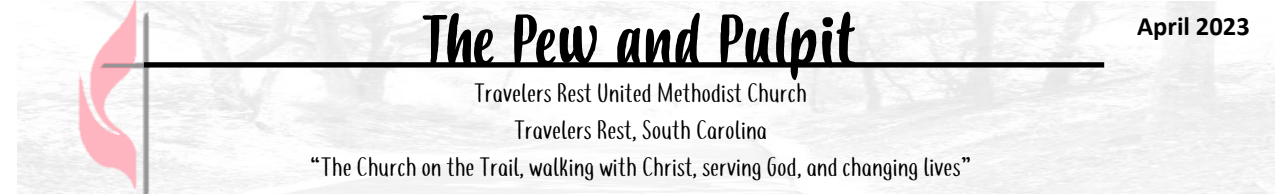


Travelers Rest United Methodist Church
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



We have been walking with Jesus as he ‘sets his face to Jerusalem’ since Ash Wednesday in February, and April finds us reaching the destination of our Lenten journeys with Palm Sunday on April 2nd, followed by Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and then entering into the joy of the Easter season starting on Sunday, April 9th.

I’d like to encourage you to make Holy Week a priority and gather for worship as the church during this most important week of the Christian year. We’re offering several opportunities, both in-person and online, for us all to walk with Christ to the cross, into the grave, out of the tomb, and into the light of the resurrection—walk with us!

Holy Week

- Palm Sunday: April 2nd, wave palms and sing ‘Hosannas’ as Jesus arrives in Jerusalem; TRUMPETS Children’s Choir sings
- Stations of the Cross: Monday-Friday of Holy Week, 8am-6pm, Sanctuary open for self-guided walk with Jesus through Scripture and prayer as he carries his cross (also available anytime on our YouTube page)
- Maundy Thursday: April 6th Service of Communion, 6pm with New St. Luke UMC (in-person at TRUMC and streamed online)
- Good Friday: April 7th Worship Service, 6pm at New St. Luke UMC (in-person only, 250 Pine Log Ford Rd, TR)

Easter Sunday: April 9th

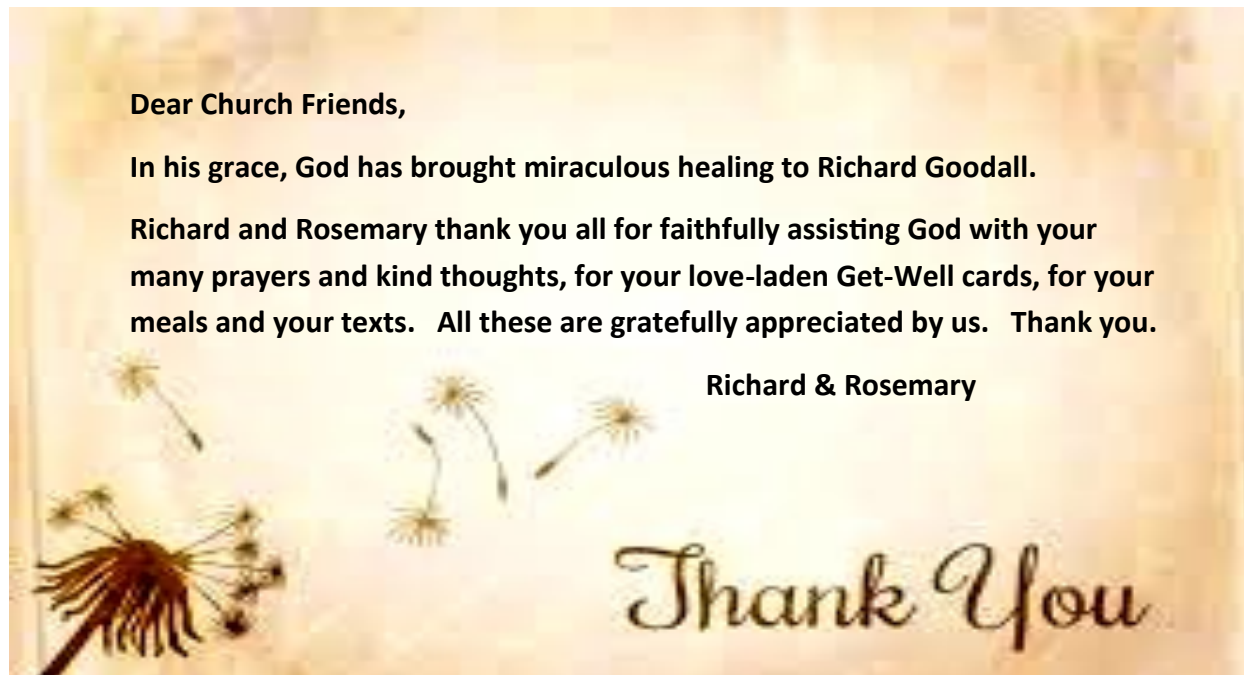
- Sunrise Service: 7am outdoors in front of the Chapel
- Worship Services: 8:45am and 11am in the Sanctuary

2nd Sunday of Easter: April 16th

- Worship Services: 8:45am and 11am with Communion: ‘Keep Walking’

Grateful to be walking along with you!

Jonathan



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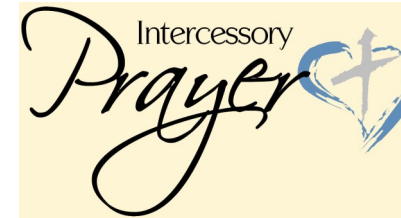
Prayer Requests: prayer@trmethodist.net

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 Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM
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Sermon Podcast: trmethodist.net/media.html

Prayer Concerns



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

(Please indicate if you would like it to be on the church-wide list or just for the Prayer Team.)

Covid-19

Those
Who have died
Who are ill
Who care for them on the front lines
Who are lonely
Who have experienced loss of any kind

HOMEBOUND

George Adamson
 Bobbie Floyd
 Martha Foster
 Mary Greene
 Dee Hughes
 Frances Lockaby
 Pam Miller
 Patrick O'Dell
 Reggy O'Dell
 James White

TRUMC

Fred Dyal
 Myra Robitalle
 Richard Goodall
 Ron Parker

FRIENDS

Jennifer Morgan
 Joey Smith
 Brynley Woods and family

Names are routinely taken off after a month. If you would like a name left on longer, please contact the office.

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



Sunday Participation

| Date | On-Line | In-Person | Sunday School |
|------|---------|-----------|---------------|
| 3-05 | 83 | 200 | 88 |
| 3-12 | 101 | 201 | 78 |
| 3-19 | 122 | 186 | 84 |
| 3-26 | TBD | 218 | 84 |

Financial information as of 3-28-2023

Monthly Budget: \$43,620

THANK YOU!

Building Project Fund as of February 2023
 \$1,322,081

E-giving available at trmethodist.net (click on the E-giving icon)

Text-to-Give: text the amount you wish to give to (833) 948-2135, wait for response to guide you through the process.

Just a Reminder: When you contribute to the church for a specific cause, make sure you donate to the cause and not a specific person. If a person is listed, the contribution will NOT be on your yearend statement. (The IRS does not recognize personal names)
 From: Jan Paxton, Finance Manager

TRUSTEE for April

Rossie Koss

Youth and UMYF

Grades 6-12

UMYF meets April 16th at 5:00 PM in the Parlor of the Family Life Center for a meal and Reading Buddies!



This is a service opportunity. We will be hosting children from Brookside Pointe Apartments again for our **Reading Buddies Program**. Come prepared to get to know and read with a K5-3rd grader. Bring some books for that age range and a book for yourself to read just in case our numbers are not even (youth to child ratios). This is your chance to be a role model and mentor to younger children outside your family and to reach out into our community in real ways. Pick up is at 6:15 PM.

UMYF will also meet on Sunday, April 23, at 5:00 PM in the Parlor of the Family Life Center for Bible Study night. We will continue our theme for this school year on values! Pick up will be at 6:15 PM. We will not have a meal on this evening, but we will have some gym/Gaga ball time at the end if everyone is on time at the beginning!



I hope to see you at these activities and also worship and Sunday School on Sunday mornings!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Christine
christine@trmethodist.net
864-915-4737



Discipleship

Connecting with God

Connecting with Others

Serving All



Adult Sunday School Classes

We have 5 adult Sunday School classes at TRUMC! The adult classes are listed below:

The Young Adults class (led by Eddie Shirley) meets in ED 101. This class is for young men and women, couples, and singles, who have finished high school (18ish) to 35ish.

A Woman's Way Sunday School Class (led by Karen McCarty) meets in room ED 103. This class is all women, single or married, usually 55+, but all ages are welcome!

The New Beginnings Sunday School Class (led by the Weatherlys and the Hansens) meets in room FH 11 (the old fellowship hall). This class is for men, women, singles, and couples.

The Trail Class (led by Meghan Guth and Tony Snyder) meets in ED 102. This class is for men, women, singles, and couples usually in their 30s and 40s, but all ages are welcome! Make sure to check [The Trail Class at TRUMC Facebook Page](#) for more information.

Coffee with Jesus Sunday School Class (led by Dave and Jenni McAda) meets in the Parlor of the Family Life Center. This class is for men, women, singles, and couples.



Discipleship

Other Small Groups

The Homebound Team meets quarterly to share updates on those church members who are unable to attend church services and activities. This group send cards, make phone calls, and visit regularly to let these members know they are not forgotten. Our next meeting will be on April 19th at 10 AM in the Parlor. Contact Sandy Bailey: (864) 421-4709 or sbailey4750@gmail.com

The Mission Circle is a group of United Methodist Women who work on local mission projects, such as the Preemie Project, which makes hearts and hats for babies in the Neonatal Care Unit at local hospitals. They will meet Wednesday, April 5, from 9:30 AM- 11:30 AM in the Parlor of the Family Life Center. Contact: Edie Sampson (864) 346-4244 or esampson@charter.net.

Mind Health Support Team encourages confidential, trusted sharing, using scripture and prayer, to promote healthy community and resilience during our journey together through mental health recovery. Meets Sunday, April 2nd at 12:15 PM in the Parlor. Contact Mickey Hess: (484) 459-1455 or lmhess712@gmail.com

Prayer Team meets on April 19th (the 3rd Wednesday of every month) at 11 AM in the Parlor to pray for the needs of our church, community, and world. To submit a prayer request or find out more information about the Prayer team, contact Donna Koegler or Pat Hansen through prayer@trmethodist.net.

Share and Care Chronic Pain Group offers help to those with chronic illness and/or pain in a safe, confidential, faith-based environment. Meets Tuesday, April 18th (3rd Tuesday of every month) at 10 AM in the Parlor. Contact Karen McCarty: (864) 593-3507 or karengsc@att.net

Stephen Ministry provides a caring, non-judgmental 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. The Stephen Ministers meet on Sunday April 23rd, from 2:30-5:30 PM, in FH 11 and ED 105 in the lower level of the Education Building. For more information, contact Patti Crenshaw at (864) 380-8421 or patticrenshaw1@gmail.com.

TR Fellows meets monthly. Open to retired men in the congregation, it was formed to promote easy fellowship among men at this stage of their lives. The monthly meeting format includes free-ranging discussion of topics of general interest, the sharing of personal histories, and the viewing of TED Talks. TR Fellows meet on Thursday, April 13th (2nd Thursday of the month) at 10:30 AM in the Parlor of the Family Life Center. Contact Contact Charlie Crenshaw (864) 380-9075 or charliecrenshaw3@gmail.com.

Woodlands Bible Study, aka 'Miriam's Rascals', meets each Tuesday, 10:00 AM, at the Woodlands at Furman in Brian and Mary's apartment #1208. Contact Linda Anderson: (864) 230-4197 or lcanders3131@charter.net

Serving God

Stephen Ministers bring distinctively
Christian care to those in need.
They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care
for others—listening and comforting,
calling on the training they have received and
employing the tools of faith.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

If you have found that some of what life has dealt you is too much to handle alone, perhaps a Stephen Minister could help. Each Stephen Minister is trained to listen and walk with you through difficult or stressful times. Some relationships are short-term, lasting only a few weeks, while others are long-term. Whichever you need, we are here for you.

Reach out to one of our Stephen Leaders:

Patti Crenshaw (864) 380-8421 or Dave McAda (864) 380-5867

Save the date!

Vacation Bible School Hero Hotline

Monday June 26-Thursday June 29 from 6-8 PM.

Vacation Bible School is for children ages 4 years old to just completed 5th grade. Light meals will be included.

If you want to help volunteer for VBS, then please contact Ashley Gutschow (ashley.gutschow@gmail.com 864-764-2051), our VBS director. We are looking for an assistant director to help Ashley with coordinating VBS. Please consider how you will help with this important time of discipleship for our children.



Trumpets

During Palm Sunday and Holy Week, our thoughts turn to the stories of how Jesus turned towards Jerusalem and his Passion. Help young singers to invite others to know the wondrous stories of Jesus and His Love for us on the Cross. We all can tell others the stories of Love that has reached us in Jesus Christ, no matter what our ages, on our journey.

TRUMPETS will be performing on Palm Sunday, April 2 at both services and singing “Everybody Ought to Know.” May we all at TRUMC be disciples who encourage others to know who this Savior of the world is!

TRUMPETS will take a brief pause in April and rehearse April 23 and 30 from 5-5:30PM in the Chapel. All children K-3 through 5th grade are welcome to join us as we sing God’s praises!

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus by William H. Parker

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Tell me the stories of Jesus | Into the city I’d follow |
| I love to hear; | The children’s band, |
| Things I would ask him to tell me | Waving a branch of the palm tree |
| If He were here: | High in my hand; |
| Scenes by the wayside, | One of his heralds, |
| Tales of the sea, | Yes, I would sing |
| Stories of Jesus, | Loudest hosannas, |



Contact Kathleen McCombe for further information: trumctrumpets@gmail.com, 585.413.8920 and visit us at <https://trumctrumpets.com>.

Who is That?

Name Badges

Would you like to know more people’s names on Sunday morning? Help everyone learn your name by wearing a name badge! Anyone who would like to wear a name badge may order one at www.namebadge.com. Each person will be responsible for creating, paying for, and keeping up with his or her own badge. You are invited to bring your badge with you and wear it to all church events and activities. Of course, if you are not comfortable wearing a name badge or tag, then you do not have to do so.

If you would like a badge that looks similar to Pastor Jonathan and Pastor Christine’s badges, then here are some tips in creating your badge.

Go to www.namebadge.com

Go to the Design tab and click nametags.

You start on the size and shape tab. Choose the 1.5” x 3” Oval badge

Type your name in the text box.

Use Arial font and black color.

Go to <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/agencies/communications/brand-standards> to download the official cross and flame logo. Click download files. Choose the color option. Download crossflame_CLR.jpg and save it to your computer or phone.

Click on the Upload Logo orange tab on namebadge.com to upload the logo to your badge.

Adjust size of logo and text as desired. Center the text and logo vertically by moving the logo and text boxes. Center the text and logo horizontally by clicking on it and then clicking on Center image or Center text to your right.

Move to the background tab and choose a white plastic background under the material tab. You do not have to choose a color if you are choosing white.

Under the border tab, choose a gold border.

Under the fastener tab, choose a magnetic fastener. Do not choose a magnetic fastener if you have a pacemaker.

Under the dome tab, choose add doming. (Doming is a clear protective covering on the badge.)

If you would rather use a different website or create a badge that does not look similar to Pastor Jonathan and Pastor Christine’s badges, then that is completely up to you! You are not obligated to use this website or this design. Please note that the price changes based on the different options that you choose. The pastors’ badges cost \$16.95 each not including shipping. A swivel clip fastener and not choosing doming would decrease the price. If you try to create a name badge and need help, then please ask a fellow church member that already has a name badge for help!

Disposable paper nametags will be located in the narthex for visitors and those who choose not to order a name badge. Again, if you are not comfortable wearing a name badge or tag, then you do not have to do so.

Discipleship

Growth Groups

Growth Groups start back up for Spring Session on Monday April 10th through Wednesday, May 24th (7 week session). We have 6 Growth Groups that meet during the week. Growth Groups read the scripture passages from the previous Sunday and discuss the scripture, sermon, and Trailguide questions for next steps on the journey.

The Monday evening Growth Group meets on 1st and 3rd Monday evenings on April 17, May 1, and May 15 at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary at the church. Contact: Teresa Hrab at treeh2020@yahoo.com or 864-354-4455.

The Tuesday evening Growth Group meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings on April 11, April 25, May 9, and May 23 from 6:00-7:15 in the Parlor. You may bring along a light supper to eat during the first part of our time together. The leadership of this group is shared. Contact Jack and Pat Hansen at jhansen@ihmc.org or 850-292-8373.

The Women's Growth Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month: April 12, April 26, May 10, and May 24 at 10:00 AM in FH 11 (the old fellowship hall). Tamera Pirraglia and Debbie Arnold co-lead this group. Contact: Tamera Pirraglia at tpirraglia@gmail.com or 281-433-6007.

The Mamas Growth Group meets on the following Wednesdays: April 12, April 26, May 10, and May 24 at 7:00 PM (every other Wednesday). Frances Hulme leads this group. Contact: Frances Hulme at Hulme.frances@gmail.com or 864-978-2878.

The Papas Growth Group meets on the following Wednesdays: April 19, May 3, and May 17 at 7:00 PM (every other Wednesday) at Community Tap. Bryan Carpenter leads this group. Contact: Bryan Carpenter at bdcarpe@g.clemson.edu or 678-469-7081.

Solomon's Porch II will be led by Luanne Beller by Zoom on Friday mornings at 9:30 AM. Contact: Luanne Beller at luannesteve@yahoo.com.

Serving Others and Gatherings

Mission Circle

Please save **Wednesday, April 5th (9:30-11:30)** and meet in the **Parlor**.

Spring hearts, blankets, and burp cloths have been delivered to the NICUs at Prisma, Spartanburg Regional, and AnMed Hospitals.

We will be finishing up Easter items and work on Summer ones.

Please join us!!

With love, Edie and Susan



It's for the Babies!

There are ALWAYS jobs for sewers and non-sewers!



The Prayer Team invites Everyone to come to the Parlor on Wednesday, April 19 from 11-11:45.

We begin with meditative prayer and a devotional.

Our goal is to offer various styles of group prayer; to offer encouragement to each other; to intercede in prayer for our church, community, and world.

Come and bless us with your presence and be blessed.

Want more information?

Contact: Pat Hansen pathansensc@gmail.com or
Donna Koegler donnaMarie@koegler.net

Gathering Together



FOREVER 55 (Senior Adult Group)

Once you reach this milestone, you are a permanent member of this group!

Our next lunch will be held on:

April 20 at 12 PM in the Parlor

Menu :

TBD (Check your email)

Cost: \$10 per person

Program:

Just What is UMCOR????

Presented by: Lois Coster



Sign-up Sheets are located on the credenza in the Narthex until April 17th.

If attending is a financial hardship, Forever 55 can cover your expenses so that no one is excluded.

Contact Information for reservations:

Sandy Bailey sbailey4750@gmail.com 864-421-4709

Birthdays

- 1 Hadley Hebrank
- 2 Ian Jones
- 3 Brianna Dockery
- 5 Kensey Buchanan
Tasha Carpenter
- 7 Michael Moore
Alexis Garrison
- 8 Emma McDaniel
- 9 Candice Bryant
Michael Brown
Bryant Haris
- 10 Linn Buchanan
Megan Cox
Beatrice Moore
Lou Riddick
Jackie Stewart
- 11 Mickey Brown
- 12 Harper Banks
- 13 Gavin Schmitz
Tucker Collins
- 14 Gay Fewell
Caden Wood
- 15 Jan Finnamore
Chuck Wooters



- 17 Brooks Brown
- 18 Silas Hulme
- 20 Grace Lyle
- 22 Debbie Arnold
Maggie Melogy
- 23 Brady Gilbert
Stephanie Meek
- 24 Cathy Cash
Matthew Harris
- 25 Peggy Stephenson
- 26 Jay Price
- 27 Leo Hughes
- 28 Justin Forrester
- 29 George Thomas

Anniversaries

- 5 Bonnie and Charlie DeLancey
- 7 Kathleen and Tom Johnson
Lisa and Jeff Loftis
- 8 Geny and Steve Cox
Sam and Paul Halbrook
- 9 Cathy and Dennis Fulbright
- 12 Jane and Wayne Duncan
Paige and Gary Longest
- 14 Nancy and Jeff Plumblee
- 15 Lori and Eric Holle
Susan and Thomas Lyness
- 16 Amy and Andrew Reese
- 20 Stephanie and Brian Gillian
- 22 Patty and Bill Pilz
- 25 Karen and Richard Speedling
- 26 Karen and Vince McCarty
- 27 Polly Shoelen and Jack Walley
- 30 Susan and Dan Jepson





April Sermons and Scriptures

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 Palm Sunday 8:45A Worship 9:30A TRUMPETS rehearsal— Chapel 10A Easter Egg Hunt 11A Worship 12:15P Healthy Minds Team— Parlor | 3 6:30P AA— Parlor 6:30P Scouts— FH 20 | 4 9:30A TOPS— FH 10 10A Miriam's Rascals Woodlands Apt. 1208 7P Choir Practice | 5 9AM Mission Circle— Parlor | 6 Office Closed 11:30A Back Pack Ministry— FH10 6:30P AA— Parlor | 7 | 8 |
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| 16 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:45A Worship 10A Sunday School 11A Worship 5P UMYF— Parlor | 17 6:30P AA— Parlor 6:30P Scouts— FH 20 7P Monday GG— Sanctuary | 18 9:30A TOPS— FH 10 10A Share and Care Chronic Pain Group— Parlor 10A Miriam's Rascals Woodlands Apt. 1208 7P Choir Practice | 19 10AM Homebound Mtg— Parlor 11A Prayer Team— Parlor 7P Papa's GG— Comm. Tap <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i> | 20 11:30A Back Pack Ministry— FH10 12P Forever 55 Lunch and Program — Parlor 6:30P AA— Parlor | 21 9:30A Solomon's Porch II GG— Zoom | 22 <i>Bring Backpack Ministry Food Items</i> |
| 23 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:45A Worship 10A Sunday School 11A Worship 2:30P Stephen Ministers— FH11 and ED105 5P TRUMPETS— Chapel | 24 6:30P AA— Parlor 6:30P Scouts— FH 20 7P Monday GG— Sanctuary | 25 9:30A TOPS— FH 10 10A Miriam's Rascals Woodlands Apt. 1208 6P Evening GG— Parlor 7P Choir Practice | 26 10A Women's GG— FH11 7P Mama's GG— Parlor | 27 10A Swamp Rabbit Quilt Guild Sew Day— Parlor 11:30A Back Pack Ministry— FH10 6:30P AA— Parlor | 28 9:30A Solomon's Porch II GG— Zoom | 29 |
| 30 4th Sunday of Easter 8:45A Worship 10A Sunday School 11A Worship 5P TRUMPETS— Chapel | | | | | | |

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| Location Key: Sanctuary Open 9AM-1PM Mon.-Thurs. | Bell Tower is between the Sanctuary and Education Building Coffee Nook (CN) is located on the 2nd floor of the Education Building | Conference Room is on the 2nd floor of the Education Building Education Building (ED) Family Life Center (FLC) | Fellowship Hall (FH10/11) is in the basement of the Education Building GG = Growth Group | Miriam's Rascals is at the Woodlands, Room 1208 (Furman Univ.) Parlor and Gym are in the Family Life Center | Picnic Shelter (PS) is located behind the Family Life Center Community Tap (CT) 321-B S. Main St., Travelers Rest, SC |
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4/2 Palm Sunday
Scripture: Luke 19:28-41
Series: *WALK*
Sermon: 'Walk the Line'
Reading for the Week: Luke 20-23

4/9 Easter Sunday
Scripture: Luke 24:1-12
Series: *WALK*
Sermon: 'Walking on Sunshine'
Reading for the Week: Luke 24

4/16 2nd Sunday of Easter
Scripture: Luke 24:13-35
Series: *WALK*
Sermon: 'Keep Walking'

4/23 3rd Sunday of Easter
Series: *The Trail Ahead*
Sermon from Pastor Jonathan Tompkins

4/30 4th Sunday of Easter
Series: *The Trail Ahead*
Sermon from Rebecca Tompkins

