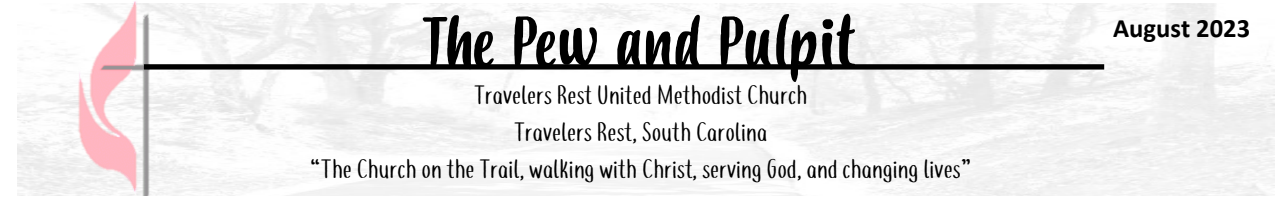


Travelers Rest United Methodist Church
19 S. Main St.
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



As much as we hate to say it-- SUMMER is almost over and school is about to start back.

Teachers and Students go back in the next couple weeks. Going BACK TO SCHOOL offers a chance for a fresh start. Maybe last year, you didn't make the best grades, maybe you didn't like your teacher, maybe teachers didn't like their students, whatever the case- **it's a New year!** A chance for a fresh start!



Who doesn't want a fresh start, a clean slate? That is exactly what Jesus offers us; He gives us the chance to begin anew every single day. When we say yes to God's new beginning in our lives, we are saying yes to an adventure that will require courage, perseverance, and boldness. We are saying yes to having our world turned upside down and inside out. We are saying yes to being stirred up and to stirring things up. And one thing is for sure: this fresh start is so worth it.

On July 30th, we will start a new sermon series called, **"Let's Go Back to School!"** During this series we will look at how going back to school and following Jesus offer us a chance for a new beginning and fresh start.

See you this Sunday!

Pastor Brian



A Request from North Greenville Crisis Ministry

As school gets underway, there are special items that are needed at the Crisis Ministry. They are asking for donations of the following items:

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| Peanut Butter | Jelly (any variety) |
| Dry Beans (any type) | Cereal |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Canned Foods |
| Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.) | |

Heather Baker
864 N. Hwy 25 Bypass
Greenville, SC 29617

Sunday Participation

Date	On-Line	In-Person	Sunday School
7-02	106	204	-
7-09	58	155	-
7-16	41	147	-
7-23	TBD	182	-
7-30	TBD	TBD	-

Building Project Fund as of June
\$1,340,278

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 August

Adam Roberts

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Prayer Concerns

Honorariums and Memorials

In Memory of Ron Parker

Ellen and Walter Berry

In Honor of the Tompkins Family

Adam and Allison Roberts



Rev. Randy and Sarah Smith

HOMEBOUND

George Adamson

Fred Dyal

Bobbie Floyd

Martha Foster

Mary Greene

Dee Hughes

Frances Lockaby

Pam Miller

Patrick O'Dell

Reggy O'Dell

James White

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

TRUMC

Myra Robitalle

Richard Goodall

Sandy Bailey

FRIENDS

Carol Wilson



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

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.)

Children and Youth Ministry

Sunday, August 6th —We have **Blessing of the Backpacks** during worship service at 10 AM. *Children and youth* bring your backpack to church and receive a blessing for this new school year.

August 13th and August 20th —Children and Youth Sunday School classes will meet in the Education building in their “old” classrooms from last school year.

Sunday, August 27th is Discipleship Sunday.

We will celebrate our Sunday School program at 10 AM in the Sanctuary on this day.

Children and youth who are being promoted:

from the nursery during the Sunday School hour (turn 2 before September 1)

from the 2 year old class (turn 3 before September 1)

from the K3-K5 class (start 1st grade this school year 2023-2024)

and youth who are starting 6th grade this school year

will be recognized. We will recognize all of our Sunday School classes and teachers as well.

There will be a “Meet the Teacher” time in your new classrooms for this coming school year on the 2nd floor of the Education Building after we have Celebrated Sunday School in the Sanctuary.

Also on August 27th during worship services, children who are starting 3rd grade this school year will receive their 3rd grade Bibles!

Parents and Guardians, please help me remember your child’s grade level/age! If your child is at one of these milestones (see above), then please send me a reminder.

We will welcome new 6th graders to our Youth Sunday School class on Discipleship Sunday, August 27th at 10 AM in the Sanctuary. Our first UMYF with our new 6th graders will be on Sunday, September 12th at 5:00 PM.

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



Discipleship

Connecting with God

Connecting with Others

Serving All

Sunday School

Sunday School starts back again on Sunday, August 13th at 10 AM when we move back to two worship services at 8:45 and 11 AM.

Children and youth will attend their classes from last school year for two weeks on August 13th and the 20th. Sunday School Promotion will take place on Sunday, August 27th at 10 AM as a part of Discipleship Sunday. (see Discipleship Sunday announcement on page 13).



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 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, August 2nd, 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, September 10th, at 12:15 PM in the parlor. **A new 2023 resource, *Thrive: Living Resilient and Renewed*** is “designed to aid you through a whole health journey in discovering healthy solutions for your heart and mind.” Contact Mickey Hess: (484) 459-1455 or lmhess712@gmail.com

Prayer Team meets on August 16th (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, August 15th, (3rd Tuesday of every month) at 10:00 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, August 20th, 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, September 14th (2nd Thursday of the month) at 10:30 AM in the parlor of the Family Life Center. 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@me.net

Discipleship Sunday

Discipleship Sunday will be Sunday, August 27th.

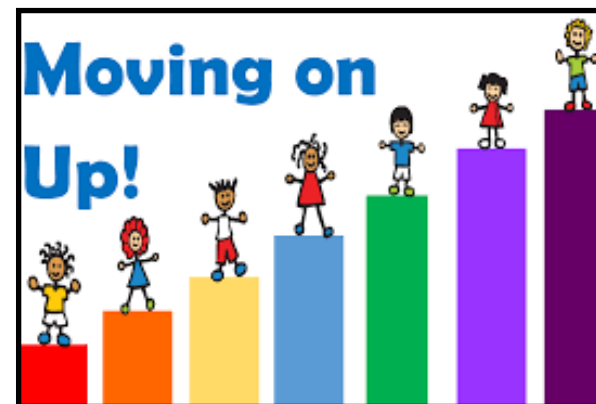
This is the day that we will celebrate all our 3rd graders with their 3rd grade Bibles during both worship services.

At 10 AM, all Sunday School classes of all ages will meet in the Sanctuary for “Celebrate Sunday School!” We will recognize our teachers, our classes, and our children and youth who are being promoted to the next class level.

If you are not involved in Sunday School yet, then this would be a great time to meet our teachers and classes!

After our time in the Sanctuary at 10 AM, children, youth, and their parent/guardians are encouraged to visit their new classroom, meet the teachers, and sign the annual Sunday School information forms. There will also be refreshments during this “meet the teacher” time in the coffee nook on the 2nd floor of the education building.

If you have a child or youth that is a rising K-3, 1st grader, 3rd grader, or 6th grader, then contact Pastor Christine know so that his/her promotion can be recognized or so he/she can receive the 3rd grade Bible.



Trumpets

During the month of August, there are times for getaways to favorite places for some. There are wonderful experiences ahead for those children attending camp, which allow God's Love to fill the lives of young singers.

Help young singers to express the wonder of God's creation as they share with others their stories of an awesome God.

- What are your favorite camp memories?
- Perhaps sharing stories and singing around a campfire, or splashing and swimming with other campers?
- Bonding with other campers and laughing as you put together the crafts?
- Getting together with other campers to roast marshmallows and make s'mores?

Savor the wonders of God's awesome gifts given to disciples of any age and stage whether on a getaway or "staycation" at home.



"Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above!
With wisdom, power, and love,
Our God is an awesome God."

Rich Mullins

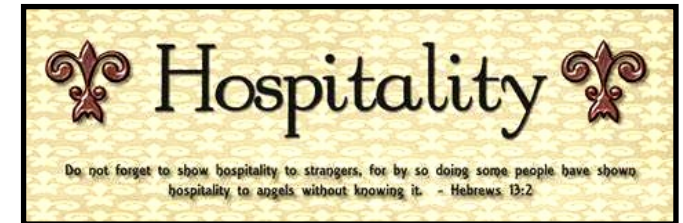
Contact Kathleen McCombe for further information trumctrumpets@gmail.com (585) 413-8920 and visit us at <https://trumctrumpets.com>

Who is That?

Hospitality Ministry Update & Opportunities

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2 (NIV) The primary goal of an intentional hospitality ministry is to actively affirm and connect guests who come to worship at TRUMC. Since last fall, first time guests have been greeted after each worship service with a smile and a gift bag, letting them know we are grateful for their presence. As these efforts continue, folks express encouragement, enthusiasm and excitement that this ministry is now up and running.

Each of us can remember what it was like to be new. Think about how that felt and who or what connected you to this unique and beautiful faith community. There is a wonderful team working already, but we would love to have more folks on board to share in this incredible opportunity and blessing. Everyone can be involved in some way!



Here are some suggestions:

- + Pray for those who are seeking a church home. Groups & individuals can pray for the ongoing ministry and for new guests by name each week.
- + Help fill up the Welcome Gift Bags once a quarter or as needed.
- + Look for new guests on their row or sitting near them & linger a few minutes after service to help them receive their "first time gift" & help them connect to someone else &/or one of the Pastors.
- + Individuals gifted &/or led to this type of ministry could serve as a team member on a rotating basis once every month or two after the worship service (either 8:45 or 11:00) .
- + Before each service, team members could also be available to help new folks enter the building & find their way to the sanctuary, restrooms, nursery, etc as needed.
- + When contact information is received from guests, team members might also write them a note or email to assist the Pastors with further contact & follow-up.
- + Look for opportunities by asking God to raise your radar so that you might sense when guests who come here for the first time might be offered these kinds of affirmations that make TRUMC such a special place!

Thank you!

For more information on how you or someone you know might be a part of these efforts in any way, please contact Rhonda Gilliam: Cell# 864-907-4561 email: rkgilliam19@gmail.com

Discipleship

Growth Groups will start back in October this year instead of in September because we will have GOAL Justice Ministry Network House meetings and Cottage Meetings with our pastors during the month of September.

House Meetings for GOAL Justice Ministry Network

“Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.”

GOAL stands for Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership. It is a growing ministry coalition of congregations throughout Greenville County. Through the power of large numbers of organized people, we will work to solve critical community problems. GOAL is about grassroots and direct action that gets at the roots of the problems in our county. Travelers Rest United Methodist Church is a member Covenant Congregation with GOAL.

If you are interested in learning more about being an agent of change and justice in our area, then you are invited to attend one of these GOAL House Meetings during the month of September. They will be hosted in people’s homes. Locations, dates, and times will be announced by mid-August and sign-ups will be through Pastor Christine and GOAL team leaders.



Cottage Meetings

During the month of September, we will be having Cottage Meetings in order to spend time getting to know Pastor Brian and each other. We will also sharing our hopes and dreams for Travelers Rest United Methodist Church. These Cottage Meetings will be held in people’s homes. Dates, times, and locations will be announced in mid-August.

Serving Others and Gatherings

Mission Circle

Please save **Wednesday, August 2 (9:30-11:30)** and meet in the Parlor.

We will be working on Halloween costumes and packaging for deliveries.

Please join us!!
With love, Edie and Susan

There are ALWAYS jobs for sewers and non-sewers!



The Prayer Team

welcomes everyone to their monthly meeting for a devotional, time of praying together and the encouragement of being together.

Wednesday, August 16th
11 am in the Parlor.

Pat Hansen will guide our time together. Call her for more info: 864-517-7291

Gathering Together



FOREVER 55 (Senior Adult Group)

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

Since I missed the last 2 lunches (and 2 great programs!) and have had ample time to contemplate; I've realized that we need additional help and reactivate the Forever 55 Planning Committee. We always have a great group to pitch in to clean up, but more hands make quicker work when setting up and making plans, too.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, please come and sign up at 11-ish (after church) on Sunday, August 6 at the Turquoise Table in the Bell Tower area. I assure you **no meeting** and will only have some basic information for you to think about.

Our September lunch will be at a restaurant, so that one will not need to be planned.

Hope to see some smiling faces! Sandy Bailey sbailey4750@gmail.com 864-421-4709.



August Celebrations



Birthdays

- 1 Alexander Holbrook
- 2 Makenzie Chadwell
Randy Smith
- 3 Ander Melogy
- 5 Curtis McClure
Michelle Garrison
Ed Koziol
- 8 Anne Morgan
- 9 Josh Burgess
- 10 Vince McCarty
- 12 Jim Farren
Mickey Hess
Savannah Dockery
Levi Crenshaw
- 13 Howard Warren
Bob Kay
Drew Toney
Bryson Aiken
- 14 Steve Beller
Lee Wright
Sam Halbrook
- 15 Micaela Anne Cisson
Sarah Hinton
- 16 Karen Bryant
Sharon Peek
- 17 Dave Koss
- 19 Scott Koegler
Bella Nance
- 20 Paige Longest
Faith Brown

- 21 Kelsey Saucedo
Rossie Koss
Tammi Griffith
Drew Jones
- 22 Crystal Scott
Chris Hulme
Faith Harris
- 23 Patty Pilz
Lisa Loftis
Louisa Hulme
- 24 Jason Catron
- 25 Heather Golightly
- 26 Rimes McElveen
- 27 Jackie Maurice
- 28 Jane Duncan
- 29 Claudia Kessack
- 30 Chris Frazier
Paul Halbrook
- 31 Paula Watt



- 1 Pat and Marvin Whitcomb
- 2 Crystal and Scott Allen
Peggy and Jeff Pearson
- 3 Jill and Michael Grogg
- 5 Dannah and Michael Moore
Melanie and Kyle DeJong



Anniversaries Cont'd.

- 6 Allison and Adam Roberts
- 7 Mary Ann and David Pike
Nora and Roger Mature
- 8 Karen and Austin Caulder
- 9 Debbie and David Arnold
Pat and Rick Earl
Tammy and Delma Lord
- 11 Diana and Tim Stroud
- 12 Rebecca and Jonathan Tompkins
- 16 Cheryl and James Vanderslice
- 17 Barbara and Gil Allen
Sarah and Randy Smith
- 18 Claudia and Bob Kessick
- 19 Alisha and Christopher Bowen
Christine Matthews and Kyle Thompson
Kathryn and Rhimes McElveen
Susan and Mike Chandler
- 20 Amanda and Kyle Snipes
- 21 Debbie and Winfield Kay
Dorene and Doug Dix
- 22 Cathy and Dana Cash
Virginia and Clark Davis
- 27 Erin and Kevin Lausch
- 28 Julie and Kevin Buchanan
- 29 Tina and George Thomas
- 31 Corajane and Robert Melton

BLESS the BLESSING BOX

The Blessing Box operates with one very simple rule:

Take what you need! Leave what you can!

Food Blessings can be dropped off in the Narthex area at church at ANY TIME!
This food helps our neighbors in the Athens Community and surrounding area.



Suggestions:

canned meats, or veggies, or fruit;
canned soups/stews,
Ramen noodles, Chef Boyardee,
"add-water" mac and cheese, rice
crackers/granola bars....

AUGUST

August Sermons and Scriptures

Sermon Series: *Let's Go Back to School*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:30A Mission Circle— Parlor	3 6:30P AA— Parlor	4 9:30A Solomon's Porch II GG— Zoom	5
6 10A Worship - Blessing of Backpacks 11A Forever 55 Sign-up— Bell Tower	7 6:30P AA— Parlor 6:30P Scouts— FH 20	8 9:30A TOPS— FH 10 10A Miriam's Rascals Woodlands Apt. 1208	9	10 10A Swamp Rabbit Quilt Guild — Gym 6:30P AA— Parlor	11 9:30A Solomon's Porch II GG— Zoom	12
13 8:45A Worship 10A Sunday School 11:00A Worship	14 6:30P AA— Parlor 6:30P Scouts— FH 20	15 9:30A TOPS— FH 10 10A Share and Care—Parlor 10A Miriam's Rascals Woodlands Apt. 1208	16 7P Choir Practice— Sanctuary	17 12P Forever 55 Lunch at Silver Bay Seafood 6:30P AA— Parlor	18 9:30A Solomon's Porch II GG— Zoom	19
20 8:45A Worship 10A Sunday School 11:00A Worship 2:30P Stephen Ministers— FH11 and ED105	21 6:30P AA— Parlor 6:30P Scouts— FH 20	22 9:30A TOPS— FH 10 10A Miriam's Rascals Woodlands Apt. 1208	23 11A Prayer Team— Parlor 7P Choir Practice— Sanctuary	24 10A Swamp Rabbit Quilt Guild Sew Day— Parlor 6:30P AA— Parlor	25 9:30A Solomon's Porch II GG— Zoom	26
27 Discipleship Sunday 8:45A Worship 10A Sunday School 11:00A Worship	28 6:30P AA— Parlor 6:30P Scouts— FH 20	29 9:30A TOPS— FH 10 10A Miriam's Rascals Woodlands Apt. 1208	30 7P Choir Practice— Sanctuary	31		

August 6th

Scripture: John 8:1-11

Sermon: Backpacks

*Bring your backpacks to worship to have them blessed

August 13th

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Sermon: We Don't Fit In

August 27th

Scripture: Mark 4:35-40

Sermon: Broken Pencils



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	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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