


Travelers Rest United Methodist Church
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 Travelers Rest, SC 29690

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The Pew and Pulpit

Travelers Rest United Methodist Church
 Travelers Rest, South Carolina

“The Church on the Trail, walking with Christ, serving God, and changing lives”

March 2023



Lent has come again. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we journey with Jesus towards the cross for this 40 day (+ 6 Sunday) season that calls us to repentance: turning away from anything in our lives that hinders our walk, and turning towards practices that help us walk with Him as he calls us to follow.

Sermon Series: WALK

Worship with us each Sunday as we walk with Jesus as he ‘sets his face to Jerusalem’ and journeys to the cross, the grave, and the resurrection.

- + We encourage you to read the entire Gospel of Luke during Lent—reading plans will be given each Sunday on the Trail Guide.
- + A great book to supplement this series is ‘God Walk’ by Mark Buchanan (pro-tip: you can download the Audible version and listen while you walk!)

Lenten Studies and Lenten Prayer: See details on Page 5.

Holy Week

- + Palm Sunday: April 2nd Palm Procession, TRUMPETS Children’s Choir
- + Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary or online
- + Maundy Thursday: April 6th: Service of Communion with New St Luke UMC, 6pm at TRUMC
- + Good Friday: April 7th: Service at New St Luke UMC, 6pm

Easter Sunday: April 9th

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

<p>Location Key: Sanctuary Open 9AM-1PM Mon.-Thurs.</p>	<p>Bell Tower is between the Sanctuary and Education Building</p> <p>Coffee Nook (CN) is located on the 2nd floor of the Education Building</p>	<p>Conference Room is on the 2nd floor of the Education Building</p> <p>Education Building (ED)</p> <p>Family Life Center (FLC)</p>	<p>Fellowship Hall (FH10/11) is in the basement of the Education Building</p> <p>GG = Growth Group</p>	<p>Miriam’s Rascals is at the Woodlands, Room 1208 (Furman Univ.)</p> <p>Parlor and Gym are in the Family Life Center</p>	<p>Picnic Shelter (PS) Is located behind the Family Life Center</p> <p>Community Tap (CT) 321-B S. Main St., Travelers Rest, SC</p>
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Grace and peace,

Jonathan



HOLY WEEK

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Prayer Concerns

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

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.



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



Sunday Participation

Date	On-Line	In-Person	Sunday School
2-05	93	228	97
2-12	72	196	92
2-19	TBD	195	—
2-26	TBD	TBD	77

Financial information as of 2-23-2023

One Fund MTD **\$52,156**

Monthly Budget: \$43,620
 New Building Needed: \$ 7,500
 One Fund Monthly Goal: **\$51,120**

THANK YOU!

Building Project Fund as of January 2023
 \$1,314,858

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

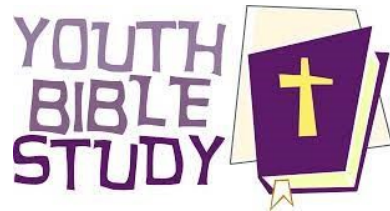
TRUSTEE for October

Charlie Crenshaw

Youth and UMYF

Grades 6-12

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) will be meeting this month on **Sunday, March 12th** and **Sunday, March 26th**.



On Sunday, March 12th, we will have a meal and Bible Study night on values, in the Parlor from 5:00-6:00 PM.

On Sunday, March 26th, we will have a fellowship activity at Climb Blue Ridge from 3:00-5:00 PM. The cost for this event is \$12 per person, but as usual please talk with me if you are in need of financial assistance.



I hope to see you at both of these youth activities this month as well as worship and Sunday School!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Christine
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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:

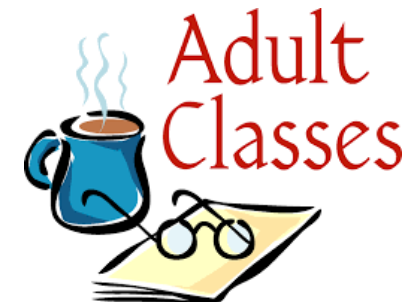
The Young Adults class (led by Eddie Shirley) meets in ED 101. This class is for young men and women, couples, and singles, who have finished high school (18 ish) to 35ish.

A Woman's Way Sunday School Class (led by Karen McCarty) meets in room ED 103. This class has just started a new study on the book "The Names of God" by Melissa Spoelstra. 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 10:00 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, March 1st 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, March 5th at 12:15 PM in the Parlor. Contact Mickey Hess: (484) 459-1455 or lmhess712@gmail.com

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, March 21st (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 Sundays, March 12th and March 26th, 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, March 9th (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

The Prayer Team To submit a prayer request or find out more information about the Prayer team, contact Donna Koegler (donnamarie@koegler.net), Pat Hansen (pathansensc@gmail.com), Luanne Belter (luannesteve@yahoo.com) or through prayer@trmethodist.net

Woodlands Bible Study 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

See our special page on Lenten Studies and Lenten Prayer services for more information on the Prayer Team and the Woodlands Bible Study during the month of March.

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



GOAL Justice Ministry Network

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. The two problems that GOAL is addressing this school year are Mental Health and Affordable Housing.

TRUMC will become a Covenant Congregation with GOAL at the Rally on March 9th at 6:00 PM at Springfield Baptist Church in Greenville.

If you are interested in learning more about being an agent of change and justice in our area, then please see our Sign Up Genius to attend the Rally on March 9th and/or the Nehemiah Action on March 28th at 6:00 PM at First Baptist Church in Greenville.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48afaf22abf58-goal#/AL>

Trumpets

During March, we remember St. Patrick who used a shamrock to help understand the Trinity: God—the loving Parent, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. The shamrock’s shape lends itself to learning about God! Help young singers to continue to know who God is as you explore with them and all of us at TRUMC this wonderful mystery of faith. “The Irish botanist and cleric Caleb Threlkeld wrote about Ireland’s native plants in 1726 that explained the shamrock as the country’s national symbol, and asserted its significance in the context of St. Patrick’s Day. Threlkeld wrote: ‘This Plant is worn by the People in their Hats upon the 17th Day of March yearly, (which is called St. Patrick’s Day.)’ Continuing to explain why the plant was relevant that day, specifically, Threlkeld said, ‘It being a Current Tradition, that by this Three Leafed Grass, he emblematically set forth to them the Mystery of the Holy Trinity.’”

Attribution: <https://time.com/5550579/shamrock-history/>

TRUMPETS will rehearse on March 5, 12, and 26 from 5:00-5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. All children K-3—grade 5 are welcome to join in singing God’s praises, even if they have sung with TRUMPETS before.

With heart and voice,
The TRUMPETS Team

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



Lenten Studies and Prayer

Lenten Studies

While Growth Groups do not meet during the season of Lent, we do have special Lenten studies.

Both pastors will lead the same session on different days and times. The title of the study is ***It is Solved by Walking***. It will include a discussion and study of each week’s Scripture from Luke plus a specific spiritual practice that involves walking.

Pastor Jonathan’s sessions will be on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM (March 7th, 14th, and 28th) in the Parlor.

Pastor Christine’s session will be on Thursdays at 12:30 PM (March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 30th) in the Parlor.

Linda Anderson will lead The Woodlands Lenten study at 10 AM on Tuesdays. Her study will be based on ***The Way*** by Adam Hamilton.



Lenten Prayer

Our Prayer Team will offer Prayer Services each Wednesday in March, 11am-11:45am. We welcome everyone to this special time of guided prayer and meditation led by different members of our prayer team.

Revised Schedule:

- 3/1 Praying the Scripture, verse by verse (Sanctuary)
- 3/8 Lectio Divina (Parlor)
- 3/15 Intercessory Prayers for Healing (Parlor)
- 3/22 Jesus was Persecuted; His followers are Persecuted (Parlor)
- 3/29 Praying the Stations of the Cross (Sanctuary)

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Serving Others

MISSION CIRCLE

Please save **Wednesday, March 1st (9:30-11:30)** and meet in the Parlor.

We will be focusing on making Spring Inspirational Hearts for the NICU babies and families.

There will be jobs for sewers and non-sewers!

Come and join us!!

With love,
Edie and Susan



Swamp Rabbit Quilt Guild — Binding with Kindness

Meeting Date: March 9 at 10AM in the Gym

Sew Day: March 23 at 10 AM in the Parlor
The focus will be on making Fidget Mats for Heartland East Memory Care

Anyone is welcome to attend.



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:

March 16th at 12 PM in the Parlor

Menu :

Lasagna, Bread, Salad

Cost: \$10 per person

Dessert: if 6 volunteers will offer to bring something!

Let me know!

Program:

What Do You Know about Autism? Kimilee Bryant

Sign-up Sheets are located on the credenza in the Narthex until March 12th.

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 Glenn Ashley
- 3 Jim Gilliam
Taryn Jones
Pat Hansen
Karen McCarty
Judson Hebrank
Harper Jane Rice
- 4 Gail Riddick
- 5 Debbie Capps
- 6 Joe Laws
- 7 Tina Thomas
- 8 Ian Bobbitt
- 11 John Hughes
- 12 Donna Aiken
- 13 Andrea Grogg
- 14 Rhett Hughes
- 15 Nora Mature
- 16 Richard Aiken
Kyle Snipes
- 17 David Morgan
Chad Aiken
Ryan Koziol
Chloe Aiken
- 19 Elliott Rice

- 20 Jim Simpson
Joshua Dockery
Abbi Loftis
- 21 Kyle McAda
Aidan Bryant
- 22 Lori Hickman
Adam Roberts
Maggie Blackwell
Tom Wilson
- 23 Keith Chadwell
- 24 Bonnie DeLancey
Emily Hollifield
- 26 Marcia Kay
Tracy Rasmusen
- 27 Jan Clawson
- 29 Sheryl Sane
- 30 Zac Wood
Lydia Wood
- 31 Jeanne Funnell

Anniversaries


- 3 Christina and Jerry Frazier
- 11 Nancy and Ralph Timmerman
- 12 Gay and Eddie Fewell
- 20 Tammi and Vince Griffith
- 23 Brenda and Bob Schmitt
- 24 Kathi and Tim Christy
- 25 Kimberly and Richard Quartermaine
- 27 Anne and Charles Morgan
- 29 Michelle and Mark Garrison
- 30 Judy and Gregg Weatherly
- 31 Patti and Edmund Paquet

Happy Anniversary



March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Feb 28 6:30P Lenten Study— Parlor	1 9:30A Mission Circle— Parlor 11A Lenten Prayer— Sanctuary	2 11:30A Back Pack Ministry— FH10 12:30P Lenten Study— Parlor 6:30P AA— Parlor	3	4
5 Second Sunday of Lent 8:45A Worship 10A Sunday School 11A Worship 12:15P Healthy Minds Team— Parlor 5P TRUMPETS rehearsal— Chapel 5P UMYF—Bible Study	6 6:30P AA— Parlor 6:30P Scouts— FH 20	7 9:30A TOPS— FH 10 10A <i>The Way</i> Woodlands Apt. 1208 6:30P Lenten Study— Parlor 7P Choir Practice	8 11A Lenten Prayer— Parlor	9 10A Swamp Rabbit Quilt Guild — Gym 10:30A TR Fellows— Parlor 11:30A Back Pack Ministry— FH10 12:30P Lenten Study— Parlor 6P GOAL Rally— Springfield Baptist Church 6:30P AA— Parlor	10	11
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19 Fourth Sunday of Lent 8:45A Worship 10A Sunday School 11A Worship	20 Spring Break (GCS) 6:30PM AA— Parlor 6:30PM Scouts— FH 20	21 9:30A TOPS— FH 10 10A Share and Care Chronic Pain Group— Parlor 10A <i>The Way</i> — Woodlands Apt. 1208 7P Choir Practice	22 11A Lenten Prayer — Parlor <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	23 10A Swamp Rabbit Quilt Guild Sew Day — Parlor 11:30A Back Pack Ministry— FH10 6:30P AA— Parlor	24	25
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Scripture and Sermons March 2023 Lenten Series: 'WALK'

3/5 Second Sunday in Lent
Scripture: Luke 9:51,57-62
Sermon: 'Walk this Way'
Reading for the Week: Luke 6-9

3/12 Third Sunday in Lent
Scripture: Luke 7:36-8:3
Sermon: 'Walk Like a Woman'
Reading for the Week: Luke 10-12

3/19 Fourth Sunday in Lent
Scripture: Luke 13:31-35
Sermon: 'A Hen Walks into the Foxhouse'
Reading for the Week: Luke 13-16

3/26 Fifth Sunday in Lent
Scripture: Luke 17:11-19
Sermon: 'Walk Like a Samaritan'
Reading for the Week: Luke 17-19

