Travelers Rest United Methodist Church

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Travelers Rest, SC 29690

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The Pew and Pulpit

May 2023

Travelers Rest United Methodist Church
Travelers Rest, South Carolina
"The Church on the Trail, walking with Christ, serving God, and changing lives"



May brings with it many transitions: we're in the middle of Spring and yet some of our young people are ready to transition to Summer break; we begin the month still in the Easter season and then transition to Pentecost; and I prepare to make the transition from Pastor of the Church on the Trail to Pastor of a Church by the Sea.

This month we will transition from one sermon series to another, and from a two-service schedule to one.

April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> will conclude the series '*The Trail Ahead*,' looking forward to what lies ahead for TRUMC as we continue to trail Christ together. These Sundays will be our regularly scheduled two-services at 8:45am and 11am. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, we will hear a sermon from my spouse, Rebecca Tompkins, on her 'view from the pew' and how the church can be welcoming to a new pastor's family. On the 7<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome Greenville District Congregational Specialist Rev. Cathy Joens, as she offers words of encouragement on how to make a healthy pastoral transition. On the 14<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Christine Matthews will offer her vision for what lies ahead for TRUMC in discipleship and justice ministries.

**Beginning Sunday, May 21**<sup>st</sup>, and going through August, we will move to our **One-Service Sundays at 10am**. We will transition to my final sermon series with you, 'The Church on the Trail,' celebrating what we have done together for these past 10 wonderful years of ministry:

May 21<sup>st</sup>: 'Walking with Christ' with a Remember Your Baptism service

May 28<sup>th</sup>: 'Serving God' with a time of Anointing with Oil

June 4<sup>th</sup>: 'Changing Lives' with Cardboard Testimonies

June 11<sup>th</sup>: 'All Good Things...' with Communion

In this time of transition, how wonderful it is that 'Jesus Christ is the same today, yesterday, and forever' (Hebrews 13:8), that 'every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above...from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all' (James 1:17), and that TRUMC is a church so 'expansive with energy' that nothing will stop it! (Matthew 16:18)

Grace and peace,



### Sunday Participation On-Line In-Person

Date	On-Line	In-Person	Sunday School			
4-02	150	236	94			
4-09	85	333	89			
4-16	TBD	198	_			
4-23	TBD	TBD	TBD			

#### Financial information as of 3-28-2023

Monthly Budget: \$43,620

#### THANK YOU!

### Building Project Fund as of March 2023

\$1,326,093

**E-giving** available at <u>trmethodist.net</u> (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 May

Don Underwood

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### Prayer Concerns

### Loss of a Loved One

Ron Parker





#### **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

Sandy Bailey

#### **FRIENDS**

Chuckie Mituzas
Simon and Emma

Webster

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.



### 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.)

### Youth and UMYF

#### Grades 6-12

#### YOUTH CORNER



UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) will be meeting Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM in the picnic shelter for Salkehatchie skills training with Mr. Eddie Shirley. Come and find out more about what Salkehatchie is about.

Salkehatchie

Youth ages 14 and older and adult chaperones are able to attend Salkehatchie. Salkehatchie is a ministry of home repair. We will attend the Lancaster Camp June 11-16.

We are also planning to have TRHatchie for youth who are 11-13 years old and have completed the 6th grade by June 2023. This will likely be a 2-3 day experience, Monday-Wednesday, June 19-21. More details on that to come. This is not an overnight camp, but a day camp.





On Saturday, May 20th we will have a UMYF fellowship outing to the Greenville Drive game! Families are welcome to attend with their youth. Please let me know if you are planning to attend by Thursday, May 4th, so that I can reserve enough tickets together for our group.

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



### Discipleship

**Connecting with God** 

**Connecting with Others** 

**Serving All** 



#### **Sunday School!**

Children and Youth Sunday School classes will meet the first two Sundays of May (7<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup>) at 10 AM as usual. When we move to one service at 10 AM on May 21st for the summer, then Children and Youth classes will not meet on one service Sundays.

#### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

We have 5 adult Sunday School classes at TRUMC! Adult Sunday School classes will meet at 10 AM on May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14th. Schedules for adult classes beginning May 21st for one service summer Sundays will be announced closer to that date.

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 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, May 3, from 9:30 AM- 11:30 AM in the parlor of the Family Life Center. Contact: Edie Sampson (864) 346-4244 or <a href="mailto:ebsampson@charter.net">ebsampson@charter.net</a>.

**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, May 7, at 12:15 PM in the parlor. Contact Mickey Hess: (484) 459-1455 or <a href="mailto:limbess712@gmail.com">limbess712@gmail.com</a>

**Prayer Team** meets on May 17<sup>th</sup> (the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:prayer@trmethodist.net">prayer@trmethodist.net</a>.

**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, May 16<sup>th</sup>, (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month) at 10:00 AM. Contact Karen McCarty: (864) 593-3507 or <a href="mailto:karengac@att.net">karengac@att.net</a>

**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 May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, May 11<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month) at 10:30 AM in the parlor of the Family Life Center. Contact Contact Charlie Crenshaw (864) 380-9075 or <a href="mailto:charliecrenshaw3@gmail.com">charliecrenshaw3@gmail.com</a>.

**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.



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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



Pastor Jonathan's final Sunday with us will be on June 11. We are so thankful for the ministry to our church, families, and community that he has provided over these past years. He and his family have given much to all of us and as we say farewell and Godspeed, we would like to provide him with a special love offering of appreciation. Please consider what you would like to give to Jonathan and the Tompkins family as a token of love and appreciation while they ministered to our church community.

You may give through the church: Make checks out to TRUMC and include in the memo section "Tompkins Love Offering" or through E-giving on our website. We plan on presenting the love gift at our June 4th church-wide luncheon.

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### Trumpets

We celebrate Mother's Day together as a TRUMC church family this month. The TRUMPETS will rehearse May 7 from 5-5:30PM in the Chapel and will be performing on Mother's Day, May 14 at both services. Women who are mothers, who have shaped us in faith, who have been present with us to guide—we celebrate women who have touched our lives with God's Love whether they are birth mothers or strong women of faith who care tenderly for us. Help young singers honor the mothers and/or women who are part of the spiritual journey. We all can learn from the love and care of God given in the lives of those who are "mom" in one way or another!

Happy Mother's Day from all the TRUMPETS!

How can I thank you for your support, For the guidance, prayers, and help of all sorts?

So much you have done that I could never repay. All I can do is to honor you in this noble way.

Kind, caring, and loving is who you are. May the blessing of the Lord propel you far.

> I am who I am today Because you showed me the way.

God bless you in every way, And Happy Mother's Day!!!

Attribution: "Many women have helped me growing up. This poem is a sign of my appreciation for their support." Malcom Yendaw. https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poems/family/mother/

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



### 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 <a href="www.namebadge.com">www.namebadge.com</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.resourceumc.org/en/agencies/communications/brand-standards">https://www.resourceumc.org/en/agencies/communications/brand-standards</a> 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**

Spring Session for Growth Groups continue through Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> (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 Trail guide guestions for next steps on the journey.



The Monday evening Growth Group meets on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evenings on May 1 and May 15 at 6:30 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evenings on 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@jhmc.org or 850-292-8373.

The Women's Growth Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month: 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 <a href="tvpirraglia@gmail.com">tvpirraglia@gmail.com</a> or 281-433-6007.

The Mamas Growth Group meets on the following Wednesdays: May 10 and May 24 at 7:00 PM (every other Wednesday) in the Parlor. Frances Hulme leads this group. Contact: Frances Hulme at <a href="https://example.com">Hulme.frances@gmail.com</a> or 864-978-2878.

The Papas Growth Group meets on the following Wednesdays: May 3 and May 17 at 7:00 PM (every other Wednesday) at Community Tap. Bryan Carpenter leads this group. Contact: Bryan Carpenter at <a href="mailto:bdcarpe@g.clemson.edu">bdcarpe@g.clemson.edu</a> 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**

Pease save Wednesday, May 3 (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 working on Summer items and packaging for deliveries..

Please join us!! With love, Edie and Susan

There are ALWAYS jobs for sewers and non-sewers!





The Prayer Team invites Everyone to come to the Parlor on Wednesday, May 17 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 <u>pathansensc@gmail.com</u> or Donna Koegler <u>donnamarie@koegler.net</u>

# 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:

May 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM in the Parlor

#### Catered by:



Menu:

Beef Tips over Rice
Tossed Salad
Rolls
Green Beans
Dessert

Cost: \$10 per person

#### Program:

Foothills Family Resources—Slater, SC

Presented by: Marilyn Neves,
Executive Director

Sign-up Sheets are located on the credenza in the Narthex until May 14th.

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

# May Celebrations



- 1 James N. White 1 Dominique Thompson
- 2 Teresa Hrab Seth Scott
- 3 Jeff Pearson Steve Cox
- 5 Lowell Clawson
- 6 Debbie KayAmelia SnipesCampbell Snipes
- 7 Carol RobertsHunter ReeseChristopher Scott
- 8 Nancy Capps Will Kellett
- Maureen StrangeJack AumanNathaniel Ayers
- 11 Cathy Fulbright Pádraig Ayers
- 12 Edward Tompkins
- 14 Martha Foster
- 15 Sophie Gilbert

- 16 Russ Hughes
- 17 Geny Cox
- 18 Linda Anderson David Peek Reed Fulbright
- 19 Willa Veach Paul Wood
- 20 Rebekah Hinton
- 21 Jerry Leach Christopher Bowen Justin Harris Ashley Rose Wilson
- 22 Harry Cato Brenda Leach Jerry House
- 26 Robert Hinton
- 27 Kathy Barstow
- 28 Ann Laws Chip Downing Kenny Maurice
- 29 Mike Mitchell Annie Hulme
- 30 Richard Quartermaine
- 31 Gene Cunningham Austin Harris

### Anniversary.

#### **Anniversaries**

- 4 Jan and Lowell Clawson
- 10 Brandi Cambpell and Matthew Harris
- 12 Linda and Chuck Wooters
- 13 Ann and Eugene Warren
- 21 Taryn and Ryan Lindsey Carol and Wayne Roberts
- 22 Lisanne and Scott Cisson
- 23 Hayley and Justin Harris
- 27 Tracy and Rob Reynolds
- 29 Maureen and Eddie Strange
- 30 Ashley and Matt Gutschow
- 31 Kathy and Tim Barstow



### **May Sermons and Scriptures**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu		Fri		Sat		Series: The Trail Ahead			
	1 6:30P AA—Parlor 6:30P Scouts—FH 20 6:30P Monday GG— Sanctuary	9:30A TOPS—FH 10 10A Miriam's Rascals Woodlands Apt. 1208 7P Choir Practice	3 9:30A Mission Circle—Parlor 7P Papa's GG—Comm. Tap	4 11:30A Back Pack Ministry—FH10 6:30P AA—Parlor		5 9:30A Solom Porch II GG		6		4/30 Scripture: John 14:1-4, 15-17; Matthew 28:18-20 (MSG) Sermon: 'My View from the Pew' Rebecca Tompkins  5/7 Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (NRSV) Sermon: 'Connected' Rev. Cathy Joens			
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