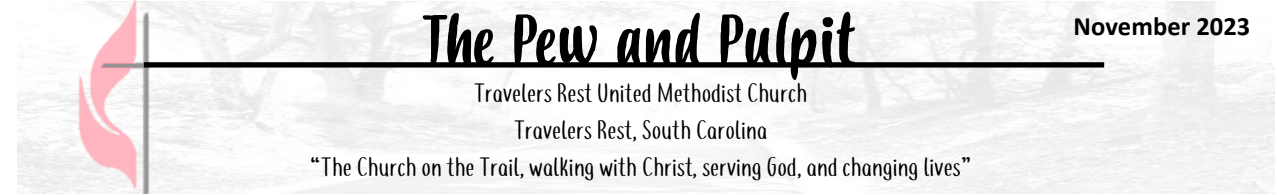


Travelers Rest United Methodist Church
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



As we begin the month of November and enter into the season of Thanksgiving, it is a wonderful opportunity for us to take a break from the busyness of our lives and reflect on the importance of giving thanks. In a world filled with challenges, uncertainties and divisions, cultivating a heart of gratitude becomes even more significant. It is a powerful way to shift our focus from what we lack to the abundance of blessings that surround us.

Giving thanks is not merely, a seasonal tradition; it is a spiritual practice deeply rooted in our faith. The Bible reminds us time and again of the significance of expressing gratitude towards God. In Psalm 107:1, it says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." This verse beautifully encapsulates the essence of giving thanks – acknowledging God's goodness and enduring love for us, His children.

When we give thanks, we not only honor God but I think we also experience personal transformation. Gratitude opens our hearts to recognize the countless blessings we often take for granted. Giving thanks, helps us develop a positive outlook, fostering contentment and joy in our daily lives. As we express gratitude, we become more aware of God's presence and we deepen our relationship with Him.

For us, as a people and a community of faith, practicing gratitude should not be limited to a single day or season. It should be part of our daily lives.

Here are a few practical ways we can cultivate a heart of gratitude:



1. Daily Reflection: Set aside a few moments each day to reflect on the blessings in your life. Consider keeping a gratitude journal, where you can write down things you are thankful for. This simple practice helps us focus on the positive aspects of our lives.

2. Prayers of Thanks: Incorporate prayers of thanksgiving into your daily prayer routine. Take time to specifically thank God for His love, grace, and the blessings He has bestowed upon you, our church, our community and our world.

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3. Acts of Kindness: Show gratitude by extending kindness to others. Small acts of service and generosity can make a significant impact on someone's life and create a ripple effect of gratitude.

4. Weekly Worship: Make sure that you attend weekly worship services. Corporate worship provides us an opportunity to collectively express our gratitude and praise God for His faithfulness.

Let us embrace the spirit of Thanksgiving not only during this season and month but throughout the year. As we cultivate a heart of gratitude, we will experience a profound transformation in our lives and witness the power of thanksgiving in our church and community.

May we always remember to give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His love endures forever.

Blessings,
Brian

Sunday Participation

Date	On-Line	In-Person	Sunday School
10- 1	-	Outdoors	-
10- 8	24	234	81
10-15	28	202	87
10-22	TBD	203	85
10-29	TBD	TBD	TBD

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

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 September

Charlie Crenshaw

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Prayers & Praises



Memorials

In Memory of Robert Kay
Marcia Kay



New Members:

Dan and Rene Batson
Todd and Lisa Jackson
Judy Durrant
Georgia Harrison

HOMEBOUND

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

TRUMC

Myra Robitalle

FRIENDS

Loretta Sigenow

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, Israel, Gaza, and for all affected by war.



Youth Ministry

UMYF for grades 6-12



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

On November 5th, there will be a meal served in the parlor and then we will continue our study of Luke by digging into Chapter 2 of Adam Hamilton’s “Luke.” We will specifically look at Luke 7:36-39 and Luke 8:1-3. It will be helpful to read Luke chapters 7 and 8 before coming to UMYF for context. In our studies, we will explore the ancient role of women and celebrate the women of our faith. **UMYF is from 5-6:30 PM.**

On November 19th, youth will meet directly after the 11 AM worship for a service project. Youth will eat lunch outside in the bell tower area. Church-wide, TRUMC will be collecting canned goods. Our project will be to sort and count the cans for the Backpack Ministries and The Blessing Box. This usually takes about 2 hours or so depending on donations and youth turnout. UMYF is from 12 noon -2 PM and pick up will be at the church.

If you have any questions or concerns, then my contact information is below.

Ashley Gutschow
Youth Director
ashley@trmethodist.net
864-764-2051



Sunday School

Adult Sunday School We have 5 adult Sunday School classes at TRUMC!

1. **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.
2. **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!
3. **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. We are currently enjoying our discussion based on the life of David
4. **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.
5. **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.

Youth Sunday School

We have one Youth Sunday School combined class for grades 6-12, middle school and high school. The teachers and 2nd persons rotate every other month. Teachers and 2nd persons include Jeff Peek and Adam Roberts (odd months) and Brandi Campbell and Eric Guth (even months). The Youth class meets in room ED 100.

Children’s Sunday School

We have 4 Children’s Sunday School classes. Parents and guardians sign children in and bring them to the chapel at 10 AM, but sign out and pickup is in their room at 10:45 AM. The Nursery is available at 10 AM for children who are not yet 2 years old by September 1st. All of our children’s department is located on one level on the 2nd floor of the Education Building and adjacent fellowship hall (formerly known as “the green room”).

Name of Class	Location	Teachers & 2nd Persons for November
2 year olds	ED 202	Jean Hughes and Marian Rice
Pre-school—K5	ED 200	Kayla Vendeventer and Linda Dorsey
Elementary Boys	FH 21	Crystal Scott and Luanne Beller
Elementary Girls	ED 203	Teresa Hrab and Kyle Thompson

Growth Groups

Growth Groups start back this month!

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 questions for next steps on the journey. Fall Session Growth Groups through November 17th. (7 week session)



The Monday evening Growth Group meets on Monday, November 13th 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 Tuesday evenings on November 14th 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. Jay and Kelly Miers will be leading this group beginning in November. Contact: Jay and Kelly Miers at simincat2@verizon.net or 267-229-0263 or 215-284-6557.

The Women's Growth Group meets on the following Wednesdays this month: November 8th and 15th at 10:00 AM in FH 11 (the old fellowship hall). Tamera Pirraglia and Debbie Arnold co-lead this group. Contact: Tamera Pirraglia at tvpirraglia@gmail.com or 281-433-6007.

The Papas Growth Group meets on the following Wednesdays: November 1st and 15th at 7:00 PM (every other Wednesday) at Community Tap. Kyle Thompson leads this group. Contact: Kyle Thompson at mky lethompson73@gmail.com or 864-915-4738.

The Mamas Growth Group meets on the following Wednesdays: November 8th (every other Wednesday) at Community Tap. Frances Hulme leads this group. Contact: Frances Hulme at Hulme.frances@gmail.com or 864-978-2878.

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.



New Staff Members

Ashley Gutschow, Youth Director

Ashley grew up in Boiling Springs, South Carolina so she appreciates the small town atmosphere. She earned her bachelors in Political Science, minoring in History at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina. After 13 years in the corporate world, life had other plans and she became a stay at home Mom. Finding a new purpose, Ashley found herself spending most of her free time at TRUMC. One of the ways she spent her time at TRUMC was volunteering with our youth. It turns out she's found a niche she didn't know she had. God is good that way. Growing up as a United Methodist, her youth group meant so much to her. Her hope for our youth group is to develop a deep love for Jesus while developing a strong sense of community with each other.

Ashley has a son, Hudson, affectionately known to all as Huddy, who loves to play baseball. Her husband's name is Matt. He is Huddy's stepdad and was born to play this role in Huddy's life. Ashley has many passions: teaching our boy's Sunday School class, Mamas Growth Group, Stephen Ministry, JustFaith, Goal and UMYF.



Casey Torrance, Communications Director



A graduate of Clemson University, Casey loves the tigers and enjoys watching them play in any sport.

Casey is married to Jason, and they have two boys, Jacob (19), a sophomore at Coastal Carolina, and Grady (8), a third grader at Reidville Elementary in Spartanburg District 5. They also have a dog named Murphy.

Casey has worked in marketing and communications for over 20 years and is excited to elevate these elements at TRUMC.

Trumpets

As we approach Thanksgiving, young singers have the opportunity to thank God in many ways. Some may wish to help cook something special for the Thanksgiving meal, some may want to offer a Thanksgiving prayer at the Thanksgiving table, some may want to write a card of thanks to someone dear, some may want to write in a notebook or “Gratitude Journal” the things they are grateful for this month. God has provided us all with the opportunity to give thanks for all God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives. The essence of Thanksgiving is helping our spiritual life to find ourselves living in gratitude, living in grace, living in the Presence of the One who surrounds us with Love.

TRUMPETS stands for Travelers Rest United Methodist People Eager to Sing. The TRUMPETS team invites all children 3K- grade 5 to sing God’s praises and learn together of the mighty God we serve.

November rehearsals will be on **November 12, 19 and 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel**. We will be working on songs for performing in December, and welcome new singers as we celebrate singing the songs celebrating the birth of the Christ Child!



Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong;”
Let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”
Give thanks!

(The Faith We Sing 2036)

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

Discipleship

Other Small Groups

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, November 12th, (2nd Sunday of every month) at 12:15 PM in the parlor. Contact Mickey Hess: (484) 459-1455 or lmhess712@gmail.com



Prayer Team meets on Wednesday, November 15th (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 Koepler 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, November 21st (3rd Tuesday of every month) at 10:00 AM. 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, November 12th, (2nd and 4th Sundays) 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, November 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.

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



Choir Notes

With the celebration of Thanksgiving, we will sing “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come,” by Henry Alford (1810–1871).

Alford was born into a long line of Anglican clergymen and was raised by his father and later his uncle, Rev. Samuel Alford. His mother died giving birth to Alford, hence the transition from father to uncle. He was ordained a priest in 1834 and served in Leicestershire for 18 years and later as the Dean of the Chapter of the Cathedral of Christ Church in Canterbury (14 years).

This hymn went through several revisions before he finally settled on traditional language and imagery of the rural community – to give words of thankfulness to God for all their provisions, and to expand on Matthew 13:24-30.

The hymn addresses harvest festivals which was called the Harvest Home in England in September. The bounty of the harvest would be collected, displayed with pumpkins and autumn leaves and then taken to the needy. This celebrates the provision of God, just as the Pilgrims did in 1621 as well as the ancient Hebrews in their Feast of Firstfruits in spring on the first day of Passover when the barley harvest was coming in.

The 1st verse addresses the physical harvest. The 2nd expands on the verses from Matthew about wheat and weeds. The 3rd and 4th verses connect the thanksgiving with the coming of Jesus.

The hymn tune is ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR, composed in 1856.

Here is the final verse in its original form:

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring Thy final Harvest-home!
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious Harvest-home!



Serving Others

Mission Circle SAVE THE DATE!!

We will meet on **WEDNESDAY November 1st!!**
9:30-11:30 in the Parlor!

We will be working on Christmas and Winter Items.
There will be jobs for sewers and non-sewers!
Please join us!!

As always, thanks!! Edie and Susan



The December 6th meeting will be our **2nd Annual Christmas Celebration!**

So write this down!

Even if you haven't been able to attend any of our meetings, come to fellowship with us!



Gathering Together

FOREVER 55 (Senior Adult Group)

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

It's a ROAD TRIP!

We will meet in Flat Rock, but you are welcome to make plans to carpool, if you choose.

Your \$15 will pay for your ticket, a sandwich, chips/potato salad, drink, small popcorn. Order forms are in the Narthex.

Please put forms in the offering trays or the mail slot in the door by the Narthex rocking chairs.



**Join us on November 16, 2023
arriving 11:30AM — 12:00PM
at Flat Rock Cinema \$15/person
For a TBD (to be determined) Movie**

2700 Greenville Hwy.
Flat Rock, NC 28731

[Website](#)

As always, do not let the cost of a meal keep you from attending—it will be covered!

Order /Reservation Forms will be in the Narthex until Sunday, November 12, or email, text, or call.

Hope to see some smiling faces!

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



Birthdays

- 1 Brett Snipes
- 3 Jill Grogg
- 4 Fred Dyal
- 6 Eva Hughes
- 7 Melanie DeJong
- 8 Steve Capps
Jeff Loftis
- 10 Peggy Pearson
Brandi Campbell
- 12 Margaret Vetter
- 13 Bill Roberts
- 14 Wayne Duncan
- 15 Frances Lockaby
- 16 Lyle Jones
Dana Cash
Hailey Halbrook



- 17 Rosemary Goodall
Paula Catron
Thomas Melogy
- 18 Layla Carpenter
- 19 Betsy Steifle
- 20 Lu Gillespie
- 21 Amelia Thompson
- 22 Christine Matthews
Zayne Brown
- 23 Jane Ennis
- 25 Dee Hughes
Tony DellaValle

Anniversaries

- 2 Martha and Dee Hughes
- 3 Sara and Kyle McAda
- 13 Melissa and Don Pavlina
- Mary Pirrallo and Brian Masinick
- 23 Sheryl and Bill Sayne

Happy Anniversary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30A Mission Circle— Parlor 7P Papa’s GG— Comm. Tap 7P Choir Practice— Sanctuary	2 6:30P AA— Parlor	3 9:30A Solomon’s Porch II GG— Zoom	4 
5 8:45A Worship 10A Sunday School 11:00A Worship 5P UMYF— Parlor & Gym	6 6:30P AA— Parlor 6:30P GOAL’s Assembly— Christ Church Episcopal Downtown 7P Charge Conference— Sanctuary	7 9:30A TOPS— FH 10 10A Miriam’s Rascals Woodlands Apt. 1208	8 10A Women’s GG— FH11 7P Mama’s GG— Comm. Tap 7P Choir Practice— Sanctuary	9 10A Swamp Rabbit Quilt Guild — Gym 10:30A TR Fellows — Parlor 6:30P AA— Parlor	10 9:30A Solomon’s Porch II GG— Zoom	11
12 8:45A Worship 10A Sunday School 11:00A Worship 12:15P Mind Health Support Team— Parlor 2:30P Stephen Ministers— FH11 and ED105 5P TRUMPETS— Chapel	13 6:30P AA— Parlor 6:30P Evening GG— Sanctuary	14 9:30A TOPS— FH 10 10A Miriam’s Rascals Woodlands Apt. 1208 6P Evening GG— Parlor	15 10A Women’s GG— FH11 11A Prayer Team— Parlor 7P Papa’s GG— Comm. Tap 7P Choir Practice— Sanctuary	16 12P Forever 55— Flat Rock Cinema 6:30P AA— Parlor	17 9:30A Solomon’s Porch II GG— Zoom	18 <i>Bring Backpack Donations</i>
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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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