Travelers Rest United Methodist Church

19 S. Main St.

Travelers Rest, SC 29690

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Please review your information in last year's directory, located in the narthex, for the 2024 Directory and make any updates on the draft. If you would prefer to email the church off with updates, email info@trmethodist.net



The Pew and Pulpit

October 2023

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



I just wanted to take a minute and say, "Thank you" to everyone who participated in the September Cottage meetings. If you remember, the purpose of these meetings was to give the TRUMC Clergy (Pastor Christine and me, but more me) a chance to:

- get to know the congregation in a more laid back, intimate setting.
- to be able to listen to the congregation tell their story and the story of our church.
- to share what the congregation's hopes and dreams are for TRUMC moving forward.

These goals were accomplished by answering these four questions:

- 1. Of all the churches or faith communities in the area, why are you at TRUMC? How did you get here?
- 2. 2 or 3 words that describe the essence (heart, lifeblood, spirit, core of who we are) of TRUMC for you.
- 3. What do you want to hear the community saying about TRUMC? Or what do you hear the community saying about TRUMC?
- 4. What might God be calling us to do or become in this new chapter of life? (Up to 3 answers) What would be 3 wishes you would make for the future of TRUMC?

I really enjoyed each one of the meetings and getting to know everyone who attended. I truly have learned a ton about TRUMC and its members. Moving forward we will be putting the findings of these meetings together in a report to share with the congregation. The information gleaned from these meetings will help guide our ministry together in this new season.

If you were unable to attend and would like to share your responses to the questions above, please feel free to email your responses to me and Pastor Christine. We would love to hear from you!

See you Sunday!

Pastor Brian

Sunday Participation Date On-Line Sunday In-Person School 09-03 41 136 92 09-10 167 162 09-17 **TBD** 222 **TBD** 09-24

Financial information as of 8-16-2022

One Fund MTD \$14,740
One Fund Monthly Goal: \$47,808

THANK YOU!

Building Project Fund as of August 2023

\$1,348,285

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 fund set up for the cause and NOT a specific person. If a person's name is placed on the memo line, the contribution will NOT be on your year-end financial statement. (The IRS sees this type of contribution as a pass through and NOT an actual donation to the church.) Jan Paxton, Finance Manager

TRUSTEE for October

Matt Gutschow

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Discipleship

October UMYF for grades 6-12



Youth and families, let's plan on sitting together for parking lot worship on Sunday, October 1st at 10 AM. We will meet front and center where everyone can see your example in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity (Timothy 4:12.) Following worship, we can stay after and get food from the food trucks and play on the bouncy slide (in a way that is still safe for the young children) together. Remember to bring some \$\$ if you want to eat lunch from the food trunks!

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) meets on October 8th, at 4:45 to participate with Pastor Brian and Pastor Christine in the Blessing of the Animals between the Swamp Rabbit Trail and the Family Life Center. Please note that you are welcome to bring your pet and participate and also you don't have to bring a pet to participate. Afterwards we will have a devotion and fellowship time.

Pick up will be at 6 PM.





UMYF will meet on Sunday, October 22nd for a meal in the Parlor and Bible study in the Youth room. We will begin a new series using Adam Hamilton's 'Luke'. Specifically, we will study Luke 1:51-53, Hamilton calls this Lifting up the Lowly in Chapter 1. It might be helpful to read the entirety of Luke 1 for context. UMYF will be from 5-6:30.

Contact: Ashley Gutschow, Youth Director
Ashley@trmethodist.net 864-764-2051

Serving God

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?

One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... after the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- ... after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ... after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People."

Reach out to one of our Stephen Leaders:

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

They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed. www.stephenministries.org © 2009

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We **do not** have Sunday School on **Sunday, October 1**st due to one outdoor service that Sunday at 10 AM. All of our classes meet on Sunday, October 8th, 15th, and 22nd, and 29th at 10 AM for Children, Youth, and Adults.

<u>Adult Sunday School</u> 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 <u>The Trail Class</u> 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 of class	Teachers & 2 nd persons		
2 year old class	ED 202	Jean Hughes and Marian Rice		
Pre-school and K5	ED 200	Kayla Vendeventer and Linda Dorsey (Odd months) Brittany Hughes and Matt Harris (Even months)		
Elementary Boys 1 st -5 th grades	FH 21	Crystal Scott and Luanne Beller (odd months) Ashley Gutschow and Rosemary Goodall (even months)		
Elementary Girls 1st - 5 th grades	ED 203	Teresa Hrab and Kyle Thompson (odd months) Jill Grogg and Maureen Strange (even months)		

Discipleship



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 begin the week of October 1st and end the November 17th. (7 week session)

The Monday evening Growth Group meets on 1st and 3rd Monday evenings on October 2nd and October 16th 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 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings on October 10th and October 24th 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 Jack and Pat Hansen at jhansen@ihmc.org or 850-292-8373 during October.

The Women's Growth Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month: October 11th and October 25th 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: October 4th and October 18th at 7:00 PM (every other Wednesday) at Community Tap. Kyle Thompson leads this group. Contact: Kyle Thompson at mkylethompson73@gmail.com or 864-915-4738.

The Mamas Growth Group meets on the following Wednesdays: October 11th (in the Parlor of the Family Life Center) and October 25th at Community Tap at 7:00 PM (every other Wednesday). 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.

October Celebrations

Birthdays

- 2 Kathleen McCombes
- 4 Michael White Rebecca Tompkins
- 5 Dalton Anthony
- 6 Lynn Barrow Delma Lord
- 7 Tonya Brown
- 8 Lisa Bobbitt Jonathan Burgess
- 9 Brian Hickman Ashley Toney
- 10 Baine Forrester
- 11 Debi Schusler Maggie DeLancey
- 12 Marian Rice Alice Blackwell
- 13 Ashley Gotschow
- 14 Lauren Anthony
- 15 Kyle Thompson Bryson Gilmer
- 16 Patrick O'Dell
- 17 Mary Ann Fowler Mark Garrison Drew Reese
- 18 Mary Miles Fewell Christopher Peek



- 19 Sharon Graves
 Beth Mitchell
- 22 Charlie Crenshaw Pat Whitcomb
- 23 Vince Griffith John Barnes
- 24 Connie Ott
- 25 Steve Barrow
- 26 David RobinsonJessica Cash
- 27 Eddie Fewell
- 28 Caitlin Brown
- 29 Arzilla Harbin John Pirraglia
- 30 Scott Cisson
 Caroline Steifle
- 31 Eric Guth Reggy O'Dell Trey Anthony

Anniversaries

- 4 Kensey and Linn Buchanan
- 6 Tammy and Greg Erdley
- 10 Frances and Chris Hulme
 Katherine Wedmore and David
- 11 Lori and Brian Hickman
- 15 Paula and Bryan Catron
- 26 Paula Watt and Dan Underwood
- 28 Ann and Joe Laws



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Fellowship

FOREVER 55 (Senior Adult Group)

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

Thanks to everyone who came to Silver Bay Seafood on September 21st. As always, the food was good and there was lots of fellowship going on!

We welcome new members to our group, too! Kimilee Bryant, Sandra Wagner, and Jean Trexler

Join us on Thursday, October 19th

at 12:00 PM for lunch in the Parlor

\$12

Menu:

Pulled Pork, Sauces, and Buns Green Beans Cole Slaw

Potato Salad

Drinks and Dessert



Program on the Big Screen: Living with Wanda presented by Dave and Jenni McAda

Reservations ARE required and limited to 64.

If you send me an email that you would like to attend, I **will** send a response. If you **do not** receive a response from me, please **resend**!

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

Contact Information for reservations: Sandy Bailey sbailey4750@gmail.com 864-421-4709

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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, October 4, (1st Wednesday of every month) from 9:30 AM- 11:30 AM in the parlor of the Family Life Center. Contact: Edie Sampson (864) 346-4244 or ebsampson@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, October 8th, (2nd Sunday of every month) at 12:15 PM in the parlor. Contact Mickey Hess: (484) 459-1455 or lmhess712@gmail.com

Homebound Committee meets quarterly to receive new assignments and to share any updates. This group sends monthly cards, and special occasions, to those who cannot attend church in person and all of the widows and widowers in our church family. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18th at 10 AM in the parlor. Contact Sandy Bailey at 864-421-4709 or sbailey4750@gmail.com

Prayer Team meets on Wednesday, October 18th (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, October 17th (3rd Tuesday of every month) at 10:00 AM. Contact Karen McCarty: (864) 593-3507 or karengsc@att.net



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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, October 8th and October 22nd, (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, October 12th (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.

TRUMC Trotters meets on Mondays at 6:30 pm for a brief spiritual practice and then a run on the Swamp Rabbit Trail (beginning October 2nd). Runners/Walkers of all levels welcome—we won't leave anyone behind! Contact Brandi Campbell: (864) 238-8457 or brnc014@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



Serving God

MISSIONS CIRCLE PROJECTS

Save the Date!!
Wednesday, October 4th
9:30-11:30
TRUMC Parlor

There will be "jobs" for sewers and non-sewers!! So don't be sad if you don't sew! We will be working on Christmas and Winter Inspirational Hearts for our NICU babies and families!







Come for the whole time—or just drop in!

We will not be serving food, but you are welcome to bring your own drinks and/or snacks.

We originally had cancelled this workshop, but we're back on! Come on and join us!

Hope to see you there! Edie & Susan

Prayers

Prayer TEAM

The Prayer Team invites everyone to come to the Parlor on

Wednesday, October 18 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 donnamarie@koegler.net



Jane and Charles Ennis

Homebound

George Adamson

Fred Dyal

Dee Hughes

Frances Lockaby

Bobbie Floyd

Martha Foster

Mary Greene

Robert Kay

Patrick O'Dell Reggy O'Dell

James White

TRUMC

Myra Robitalle Sandy Bailey



Submit a prayer request to our Prayer Team:

prayer@trmethodist.net

(Please indicate if you would like it to be on the Prayer List.)



Pray for Peace in Ukraine and for all affected by the war. Names are routinely taken off after a month.
If you would like a name left on longer, please contact the office.

TRUMPETS

TRUMPETS will perform on October 1st and are excited about sharing their gift of music! TRUMPETS stands for Travelers Rest United Methodist People Eager to Sing, and the young singers will join together in heart and voice singing *I Will Make You Fishers of Men* and *Deep and Wide* during worship. TRUMPETS is open to all children 3K—Grade 5, and we welcome those who have not sung with us to join in singing God's praises!

October is a wonderful month to explore God's creation with the wonders of changing colors on the leaves of trees. Share with young singers the beauty of God's creation as you walk or drive and witness the glory of Creation, and encourage them to dive into what the Bible says about loving Creator God. All of us at TRUMC can revel in the wonders of our God this month and share the beauty of God's creation.

Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the creator of the ends of the earth.
He doesn't grow tired or weary.
His understanding is beyond human reach,
29 giving power to the tired
and reviving the exhausted.

(Isaiah 40: 28-29 CEB)



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



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Feeding the Hungry

Backpack Ministry

Please support our backpack Ministry! Contact

Linda Hollis — 864-607-0482 or hollislindat@gmail.com

If you would like to provide food on a monthly basis, help pack and inventory food, and/or donate \$25 to help a child for a month, or donate \$230 to help a child for a year.

Please make checks out to TRUMC and designate BACKPACK.

or donate online.

North Greenville Crisis Ministry Needs

Rice Peanut Butter Pasta Sauce

Spaghetti Canned Veggies Jelly

Toiletries Mac and Cheese Soup





COMMUNITY BLESSINGS BOX

(Corner of Athens and Thompsons Streets)

Non-perishable foods that can be easily opened (pull-top lids) and consumed

Canned meats, Canned Pasta, Fruit, Vegetables, Peanut butter, Water, Shelf-stable Milk, Crackers

Items may be dropped off at the church by the Bell Tower and marked "Blessing Box or BB."

Outreach



Sunday, October 8th, 5PM

(between the Family Life Center and the Swamp Rabbit Trail)

Bring your pet for a blessing, a treat, & bring donations for Greenville Animal Care



Walking with Christ



During the month of October, the band will sing What Can I Do? by Paul Baloche and Graham Kendrick. Baloche grew up in New Jersey and thought he'd be a priest. Kendrick grew up in Northamptonshire, England and had planned to be a teacher. And they both became what they wanted - sorta. Both of these guys are leaders in the contemporary Christian music industry. Even though they compose for the early 21^{st} century, they call us to realize the ancient wisdom in their composition. The first verse in What Can I Do? is the testimony about our galaxy's beauty. It doesn't matter if you live now or in Moses' time - God's creation speaks of the vast unknown. In the third verse, God created the numberless stars, but God also created each of us. So in this song, we realize we cannot deny God - how do you explain the sky and heavens? And - God is my escape from death.

When I see the beauty Of a sunset's glory Amazing artistry Across the evening sky When I feel the mystery Of a distant galaxy It awes and humbles me To be loved By a God so high

What can I do but thank You What can I do but give my life to You Hallelujah What can I do but praise You Everyday make everything I do A hallelujah

When I hear the story Of a God of mercy Who shared humanity And suffered by our side Of the cross they nailed You to That could not hold You Now You're making all things new By the power of Your risen life

Jann Howell, Music Director pbear1952@gmail.com

Fellowship



Join us on Sunday, October 29 to treat the community at our Trunk-or-Treat event. Set up your trunk in the parking area in front of the Family Life Center by the Trail and be ready for trick-or-treaters at 5:30!

Please let Meghan Guth know if you have questions at meghanarnold@hotmail.com

