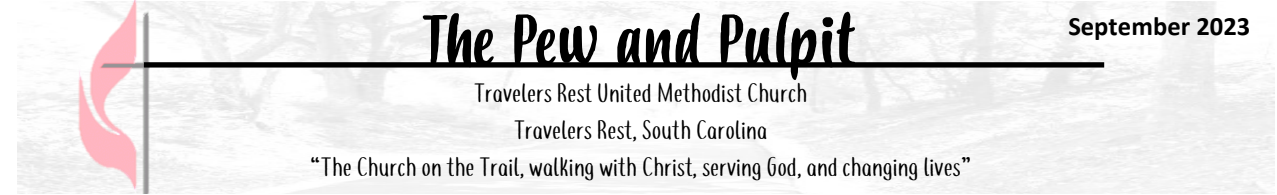


Travelers Rest United Methodist Church
19 S. Main St.
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



In our overly complex world, it is important to come back to the basics, to the heart of our faith to discover again what it looks like to live out our beliefs. When Methodism was in its infancy, John Wesley, the co-founder of the Methodist movement, knew the movement was growing so fast that he could not meet with each group of people. Most did not have a lot of knowledge of the details of the Christian faith.-they were very young in the faith

Wesley also realized that the lives of people of faith can be pretty messy. He believed that living a holy and good life required help from a caring community, commitment to the practice of spiritual discipline, and ongoing instruction. He needed something to help people who knew very little, as well as those who knew quite a bit about the faith, to talk about their spiritual growth together.

In 1742, John came up with “General Rules.” Three rules that were so simple and challenging.

They were also easy to remember !!!

3 Simple Rules:

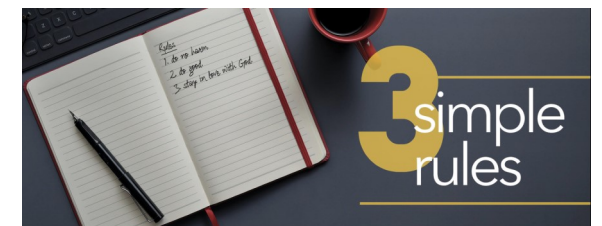
1. Do no harm,
2. Do good,
3. Stay in love with God.

In 2007, Bishop Ruben Job, a retired bishop from the Iowa Episcopal area, wrote a book called *Three Simple Rules* that remind us not only of our Methodist heritage, but also that these three rules are meant not only for Methodists, but for all followers of Jesus .

During September, we are going to be looking at these rules one by one to see how we can implement them in our own lives, and more importantly how these rules can change our lives.

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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| Rice | Jelly (any variety) |
| Mac and Cheese | Cereal |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Canned Foods / Soup |
| Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.) | |

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

Sunday Participation

Date	On-Line	In-Person	Sunday School
8-06	43	193	-
8-13	42	228	92
8-20	TBD	181	84
8-27	TBD		

Building Project Fund as of July
\$1,343,857

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

Mark Garrison

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Memorials

In Memory of Ron Parker

Bryon and Bernona Rodgers



Dear Church Family,

We cannot begin to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, visits, calls, kindnesses, and meals provided to us this summer. A prayer has been said for each one of you.

The last four months have been quite an unexpected adventure and definitely a not so fun roller-coaster ride. Prayers will still be appreciated as I begin CardioRehab on September 6th. It's a little bit scary, but I'm ready.

Many blessings to you all,

Sandy and Bruce Bailey

Prayer Concerns

HOMEBOUND

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

TRUMC

Myra Robitalle
Sandy Bailey

FRIENDS

Becky Deskins

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.



Loss of Loved Ones

Pam Miller

Bill Szigeti, Barbara Allen's Brother

Youth Ministry

UMYF for grades 6-12



UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) will be meeting on September 10th at 5:00 PM in the gym and the parlor. We will welcome our new 6th grade students to our group with a devotional, a game of kickball, and a meal. Pick up is at 6:30 PM.

UMYF will also be gleaning on Saturday, September 23, at Beechwood Farms 204 Bates Bridge Rd, Slater-Marietta, SC 29661 from 10 AM to noon.

Gleaning means going into the fields and picking crops that are leftover to share with those in need. If you aren't familiar with gleaning, then look up Leviticus 19:9-10 and Deuteronomy 24:19-22 to find out more. The whole family is invited to glean with the youth. Younger siblings can come as long as a parent is present with them the whole time.



We will meet at Beechwood Farms--not the church. Pick up will be at North Greenville Crisis Ministries at 12:45 PM. We will unload our harvest to NGCM to help hungry people in need.

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

Discipleship

Connecting with God

Connecting with Others

Serving All

We do not have Sunday School on Sunday, September 3rd because we have one 10 AM worship service for Labor Day Weekend. We will return to our typical schedule on Sunday, September 10th with worship at 8:45 and 11:00 AM and Sunday School at 10:00 AM.

Adult Sunday School

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

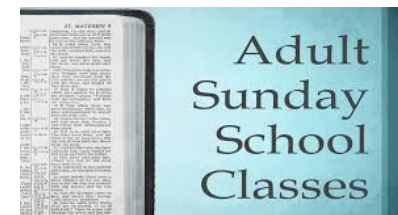
The Young Adults class (led by Eddie Shirley) meets in ED 101. This class is for young men and women, couples, and singles, who have finished high school (18 ish) to 35ish.

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

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, September 6, 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. Contact Mickey Hess: (484) 459-1455 or lmhess712@gmail.com

Prayer Team meets on Wednesday, September 20th (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, September 19th (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, September 10th and September 24th, 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

Sunday School

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 _____ (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)



Trumpets

TRUMPETS stands for **Travelers Rest United Methodist People Eager to Sing.**

TRUMPETS are for young singers ages 3K-grade 5. The TRUMPETS team is excited that rehearsals will begin on September 10 in the Chapel at 5:00 p.m.

We will be looking forward to seeing some TRUMPETS who have not sung with us before to welcome them, and invite those who have sung with us before to join us for another year of fun and fellowship as we sing God's praises.

We will rehearse on September 10, September 17 and September 24.

The TRUMPETS team invites all TRUMC young singers to "Sing to the Lord a joyful song" always and everywhere!

All of us at TRUMC can lift our hearts with joy at the wonder of God's love around us and celebrate our community of faith.

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

**Sing to the Lord a joyful song,
lift up your hearts, your voices raise;
to us his gracious gifts belong,
to him our songs of love and praise.**

(John Monsell)



Discipleship

Cottage Meetings

During the month of September we will be holding Cottage Meetings to get to know Pastor Brian and each other. This will give Pastor Brian a snapshot of the congregation's past, our identity, and hopes for the future.

Each Cottage Meeting will be limited to 16 people (including the hosts).

There are 4 opportunities for you to participate in a Cottage Meeting.

1. Tuesday, September 5th at 10 AM in the Camelia Room at the Woodlands (where the stage is located). There will be coffee and muffins.
2. Thursday, September 14th at 7:00 PM at Mark and Michelle Garrison's home at 24 Center Street Travelers Rest, SC 29690.
3. Sunday, September 17th after the 11:00 AM service in the Parlor of the Family Life Center.
4. Monday, September 18th at 7:00 PM at Bryan & Paula Catron's home at 110 Bluff Ridge Road Cleveland, SC 29635.

Pick the one that works for you! Sign up is on the church website:
<https://www.trmethodist.net/online-sign-ups>

Please sign up one person per slot!!! Couples will need to fill in two slots.
Additional Cottage Meetings may be scheduled for October if needed.

Questions? Contact Pastor Christine

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

Discipleship

House Meetings for 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. Travelers Rest United Methodist Church is a member Covenant Congregation with GOAL. Last school year we advocated for justice concerning affordable housing and mental health.

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 three GOAL House Meetings during the month of September.

Wednesday, September 20th, at 7:00 PM
Nancy Mauldin's home at 10 Chukar Way Greenville, SC 29617

Thursday, September 21st at 10:00 AM
Cliff & Janet Joens' home at 203 Nolan Rd, Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Monday, September 25th at 3:00 PM
Grace Lyle's home at 304 Scalybark Rd, Greenville, SC 29617

Sign up is on the church website
<https://www.trmethodist.net/online-sign-ups>

Please sign up one person per slot!!! Couples will need to fill in two slots.

Questions? Contact Pastor Christine

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

Serving Others and Gatherings

Mission Circle

Please save **Wednesday, Sept. 6 (9:30-11:30)**
and meet in the **Parlor**.

We will be working on Fall Hearts and
Halloween costumes.

Please join us!!
With love, Edie and Susan

*There are ALWAYS jobs for sewers and
non-sewers!*



Join the
Prayer
TEAM

The Prayer Team

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

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 11am 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!

**Let's Fall into a new Season
of Gathering Together!**

**Join us on Sept. 21, 2023
12:00PM**

Silver Bay Seafood Restaurant

6513 White Horse Road
Greenville, SC 29611

and

Let's play BINGO!

Please bring a **SMALL** wrapped "white elephant" gift to use as prizes....
(anything in a closet, under the bed, gathering dust —
that you would like to pass along to someone else!)

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

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex until Sunday, September 17th, or email, text, or call.

Hope to see some smiling faces!

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



September

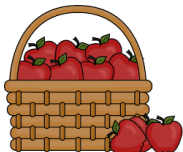
Birthdays

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| 1 Ann Koziol
Coleman Roberts
Davis Snipes | 16 Bill Courtwright
Bryan Catron
Sara McAda |
| 2 Sherry Cunningham | 18 Brittany Hughes
Polly Shoelen |
| 3 David White
Robert White
Mitchell Bobbitt
Lana Nance | 19 Charlotte Dyal |
| 5 Charlie DeLancey
Edie Sampson | 20 Tamera Pirraglia |
| 7 Karl Rohrbaugh, Sr. | 21 Caroline Mills
Karen Speedling
Hailey Chadwell
Kadyn Chadwell
Hudson Snipes |
| 8 Maggie Snipes
Roger Mature | 22 Melissa Pavlina |
| 9 Jonell Hart
Martha Hughes | 23 Bruce White
Louanne Lunny |
| 10 Ralph Timmerman
Kathleen Johnson
Courtney Stinnett
Hayley Harris
Mason Harris | 25 Janet Joens
Chiles Steifle
Lynn Burroughs |
| 12 Ernie Brown | 26 Debra Lusk
Kerri Burgess
Hannah Rice |
| 14 Emma Vanderslice | 28 Ann Warren
Kate Wilson |
| 15 Andrew Bryant | 29 Marilyn Dyal
Bryan Carpenter |
| | 30 Allen Scott
Michael Rice
Kami Holder |

Anniversaries

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| 2 Marcia and Bob Kay
Bunnie and Tom Turnbull |
| 4 Anita and Johnny McDaniel
Jennifer and Bryan Gilmer |
| 7 Jackie and Kenny Maurice
Peggy and Mickey Brown |
| 9 Missy and John Kemp |
| 13 Kristin and Keith Chadwell |
| 16 Rosemary and Richard Goodall |
| 17 Pam and Glenn Ashley |
| 18 Kathy and Luke Mims
Nancy and Jeff Peek |
| 23 Debra and Chet Lusk |
| 24 Ann and Tony Della Valle
Rhonda and Jim Gilliam |
| 30 Lynn and Steve Barrow |





September 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:30A Solomon's Porch II GG—Zoom	2
3 10A Worship - One Service	4 LABOR DAY Office closed 6:30P AA—Parlor	5 9:30A TOPS—FH 10 10A Cottage Mtg @ the Woodlands/ Camelia Room	6 9:30A Mission Circle— Parlor 7P Choir Practice— Sanctuary	7 6:30P AA—Parlor	8 9:30A Solomon's Porch II GG—Zoom	9
10 8:45A Worship 10A Sunday School 11:00A Worship 12:15P Mind Health Support Team—Parlor 2:30P Stephen Ministers— FH11 and ED105 5P UMYF—Parlor & Gym 5P TRUMPETS—Chapel	11 6:30P AA—Parlor	12 9:30A TOPS—FH 10 10A Miriam's Rascals Woodlands Apt. 1208	13 7P Choir Practice— Sanctuary	14 10A Swamp Rabbit Quilt Guild — Gym 10:30A TR Fellows — Parlor 6:30P AA—Parlor 7P Cottage Mtg @ Mark Garrison's home	15 9:30A Solomon's Porch II GG—Zoom	16
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24 Discipleship Sunday 8:45A Worship 10A Sunday School 11:00A Worship 2:30P Stephen Ministers— FH11 and ED105 5P TRUMPETS—Chapel	25 3P GOAL Mtg @ Grace Lyle's home 6:30P AA—Parlor	26 9:30A TOPS—FH 10 10A Miriam's Rascals Woodlands Apt. 1208	27 7P Choir Practice— Sanctuary	28 10A Swamp Rabbit Quilt Guild Sew Day—Parlor 6:30P AA—Parlor	29	30

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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The Backpack Ministry ...

provides weekend food for students at 5 area schools. Those schools are:

- Berea Elementary
- Armstrong Elementary
- Berea Middle
- Lakeview Middle
- Berea High

Food is donated by TRUMC members or purchased at a reduced fee from Harvest Hope.

Currently we have several slots open for monthly food donations:

- 80 small pks of raisins,
- 40 juice boxes,
- 10 cans of Chili
- 10 cans of pasta sauce.

Contact Linda Hollis at hollislindat@gmail.com or call 864-607-0482.

