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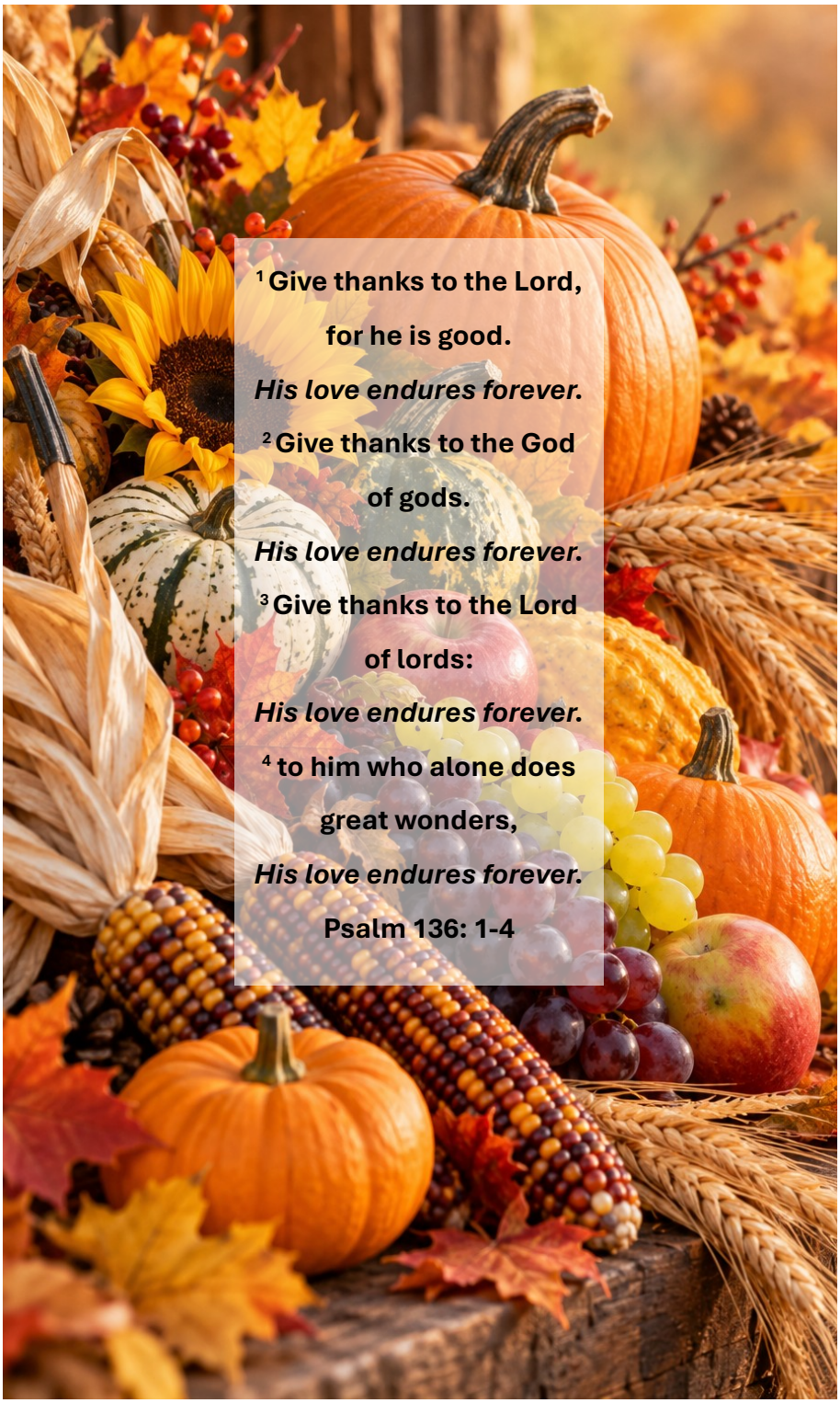
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Mission and Vision:

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Our vision is to be a family of disciples who walk together in the way that leads to life, growing in the knowledge and spirit of Christ so that we may serve others, invite others to follow Jesus, and love, nurture, and support one another.



1 Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good.
His love endures forever.
2 Give thanks to the God
of gods.
His love endures forever.
3 Give thanks to the Lord
of lords:
His love endures forever.
4 to him who alone does
great wonders,
His love endures forever.
Psalm 136: 1-4

From the Pastor

Dear ones,

When I visit someone in the hospital or at home, I will usually ask the question, “do you have a favorite Bible passage or story?” My intent is to learn why it is important to their heart. I then read the passage to them before we pray together. If I were asked that same question, I would probably mention some passages from the Epistle to the Hebrews: 4:14-16, 10:1-25 or 12:2. I might mention the 10th verse of Psalm 46 or Proverbs 4:23. All of these verses have served my heart well on occasion; they have shaped me.

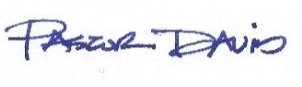
As far as stories go, the story of Deborah and Jael from chapters 4 and 5 of the Book of Judges has long intrigued me. The name “Deborah” means “bee” and is related to a verb that can mean “to pronounce.” Jael means “wild mountain goat” and is related to a verb that means “to be of practical use.” Deborah is serving God as a judge of Israel, and a prophetess. Jael was the wife of Heber the Kenite, whose people were associated with Moses’ father-in-law. Heber had managed some sort of peace with the Canaanite king, Jabin, who was threatening Israel. Deborah agreed to go with Barak (a Hebrew general) to face Jabin’s army which was led by Sisera. Deborah pronounced judgment on Barak, essentially calling him a coward for his reluctance. So, she told him that he would merit no glory from the battle because Sisera would be delivered into the hand of a woman.

Just as Deborah *pronounced*, the Israelites defeated the army after God went before them, throwing the armies into a panic. Sisera fled to the tent of Heber. He went there to hide since Heber and Jabin were at peace. He was like a baby snugly wrapped in cloth, fed with milk, and dependent upon a surrogate mother for safety. Unfortunately for him, Jael was indeed *of practical use* and drove a tent peg through his head and into the ground—accomplishing God’s intent of protecting Israel.

I have some thoughts as to why this story fascinates me; well, other than its strangeness. There is Deborah’s word to Barak, “the Lord is indeed going out before you.” This is a pronouncement of a central belief of Methodists: prevenient grace, the grace of God that goes before us into all things. I also like the fact that a Hebrew woman (Deborah) is seen clearly speaking for God (something that some say is impossible— yet there it is). I also admire Jael’s courage. I wonder if she did what she did out of loyalty to the God of Israel. Was she possibly an Israelite but married to a Kenite man who had joined with God’s enemy? Was what she did the “will of God”? Did God somehow lead her to do this? Was God merely giving Deborah foresight of what was going to be allowed to happen, or is a tent peg to the head how God actually intended to deliver Israel? Either way, God was actively working through those seen as unworthy, weak, or unexpected. Remember, Deborah said that God would “sell Sisera into the hand of a woman” and God promised to give the enemy into Barak’s hands. But Barak hesitated. In an unexpected way, God was truly active in defeating Israel’s enemy through an unexpected act of courage. Last, I appreciate the irony of God using two women to accomplish what is stated in 4:23, “on that day God subdued King Jabin of Canaan before the Israelites,” rather than using Israel’s military commander. This is not the story that some have in mind when they advocate for a return to “biblical womanhood.” It is a story of proclaiming the purpose of God, of strength, of leadership, of courage, and of faithfulness.

I would love to hear about your favorite Bible passage or story. Like me, you might find it hard to name a favorite. But there are probably one or two that come to mind for you. I would like to know what they are. Send me an email at pastor@trinityconway.com

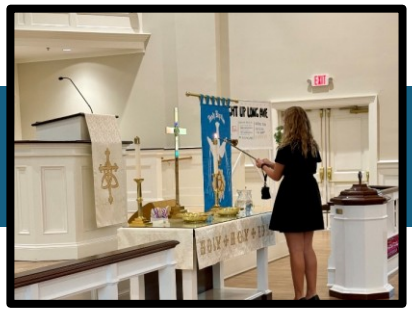
Remember Christ!



Schedules



Jesus Christ is LORD!



November Acolytes: Open

Adults can also serve as acolytes. Let us know if you are interested!



November Altar Guild

Carla Booth
Tami Casey
Milton and Cynthia Gantt



November Altar Flowers

November 1st	In honor of Carolyn Causey by Bryan and Nancy Hopkins
November 8th	In memory of Dale Ginty by Diane Ginty
November 15th	In memory of her mother and father, Jane and Bob Ramseur, by Harriet Hearl
November 22nd	Thanksgiving cornucopia by Jerri Woodle
November 29th	In memory of Woody and Irville Lane by Elizabeth Lane

Announcements

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

The next Bible study is *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel and will be Tuesday, November 3rd - December 15th at 10:00 am in the Cordie Page Building.



BLOOD DRIVE

When: Thursday, November 19th

Time: 10:30 am – 3:00 pm

Where: Trinity United Methodist in the Fellowship Hall

To schedule an appointment, please go to www.redcrossblood.org.

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Come Help Us Decorate for Advent

November 22nd after church – Getting the trees up and boxes out

November 23rd at 8:30 am – Decorating the Chrismon trees, Sanctuary, Alcove, and Fellowship Hall



Wednesday Night Fellowship

We gather at 5:45 PM for dinner and fellowship. At 6:30 PM, we begin Walking the Way, a 30-minute conversation around Scripture for everyday discipleship. This is a great experience of good food, learning, and getting to know one another.

United Methodist Women

Come join us for a fellowship meal and program!

The Betty Goldfinch Circle

Meeting on Monday, November 2nd, at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

The Sunshine Circle

Meeting on Sunday, November 8th, at 12:00 PM in the fellowship hall.

United Methodist Men

The men of Trinity meet for dinner and devotion on November 16th at 6:30 PM. They are meeting in the Cordie Page Building. Come and bring someone with you!

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday in the UMC is a day of remembrance, observed on the first Sunday in November, when congregations honor all Christian saints and publicly remember members who have died in the past year.

Cary Lawrence "Larry" Woodle, Jr.
Janet Collins Mayers
Karen Floyd Nobles
Clarence Edmound "Ed" Grove
Valarie Anne Goldfinch Price
Ruby Alice Brown Pittman
Sharon Louise Black
Katherine Rose Gray
Michael Dan Prosser
Rosemary A. "Cookie" Johnson
Tamara Richardson Tindal
Carole Dean Butler
Ronald" Ron" Scott Johnson

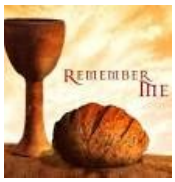


Worship Bulletin

You can now download the worship bulletin from our website! Go to trinityconway.com and then click on the menu item "WORSHIP ONLINE." Then click on the button that looks like this:

Bulletin 9/13/26

Want Holy Communion Brought to Your Home?



Our church family extends far beyond the walls of our building. We want to ensure that every member of our congregation stays connected to Christ, especially those who cannot gather with us in person.

Do you or a loved one need Communion brought to your home?
If you are temporarily or permanently homebound due to illness, age, or mobility challenges and would like a church member to bring you the elements, please let us know. We want to pray with you and bring the Sacrament to you.

Would you like to serve your church family as a volunteer?
We are looking for compassionate volunteers to join our Homebound Communion Ministry. If you are called to visit our homebound members, pray with them, and bring them Communion, we would love to have you. We will provide brief training and all necessary materials.

How to Respond:
To sign up, contact the church office at **843-248-2194**. If you have questions, call Nancy Hopkins at 843-421-0050.

Charge Conference

The date of our Charge Conference has been changed. It was scheduled for November 1, but it will now take place on **Sunday, November 8**, following the worship service.

A charge conference is an annual meeting of the leadership of a pastoral charge, held to make key decisions on behalf of the congregation. The meeting is presided over by the district superintendent. Voting members of the charge conference include all clergy appointed to the charge and members of the church council.

We Care for One Another

Members

Kelly Arel and family
Martha Cross
Vance & Jennifer Donkle
Rich & Phyllis Eisenman
Boyd Gainey
Pat & Eddie Gerosa
Linda Hendrick
Patti Herbert
Meredith Hyman
Bobbie Johnson
Gene Johnson
Athene Long
Samantha McManus
Michael Mears
Mary Miller
Carolyn Norris
Burnett Owens
Jason Owens
Dr. Dick Rush
Cheryl Robertson
Debbie Sienna
Marie Skipper
Charles Small
Lynn Spires
Dennis & Susan Wiseman
John Wright

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Columbia, SC 29205

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Rock Hill, SC 29732

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Spring Oak Assisted Living
2310 US 378, Room 515
Conway, SC 29527

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American House Myrtle Beach
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Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

B.G. Gantt
16 Holly Circle
Greenville, SC 29607

Pete & Martha Johnson
833 Shaftesbury Lane
Conway, SC 29526

Ed & Gail McNew
Maple Brook Terrace
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Greenville, SC 29607

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Conway, SC 29526

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Conway, SC 29526

Carrie Raymor
Arbor Landing
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Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Pat Rose
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Conway, SC 29526

Dave Sweeney
The Lakes
613 Hatteras River Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Barbara Thompson
7523 Misty Wood Road
Knoxville, TN 37938

Members' Family Members

Pam Brourton (sister of Beth Suggs)
Ruth Ellen Coffey (sister of Mary Miller)
Frankie Collins (sister of Pat Gregory)
Eddie Garrison (brother of Helen Emmons)
Bret & Bryn Ginn (son-in-law & daughter of Lana Fortson)
Carol Horner (mother of Amy Horner)
Ben Humphries (brother of Libby Cates)
Terri Hutaff (sister of Barry Cates)
Cynthia Inman (Donna Cartrette's sister)
Charles Johnson IV (son of Pete & Martha Johnson)
Gene Keller (Jennifer Donkle's father)
Bill McIlroy (uncle of Harriet Hearl)
Shaula Richardson (mother of Tamara Tindal)
Brian Terres (nephew of Cynthia Terres)
Clem Turner (brother of Janet Howle)
Brian Walton (son of Tami Seeders)

Friends of the Church

Rev. Ben Barnett (former pastor at FUMC)
Darry Watts
Michelle Blackmon

College Students

Ellie Howle
USC, 1615 Rice Street
Columbia, SC 29205

JD Murdock
Attn: FMU Housing
5130 E. Palmetto Street
Florence, SC 29506

Armed Forces: Eliza Edge

With Deepest Sympathy: We extend our sympathy and ask your prayers for Athene Long on the death of her brother, Roy Stevens. The peace of Christ be with you all.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

2 Wendi Bange
4 Charles “Rick” Gartrell
Hailey Patterson
9 Laura Greene
Linda Hendrick
Bryan Hopkins
10 Regis “Eddie” Oliver
13 Jesse “Jess” Glasgow
Eddie Gerosa
Polly Vereen
16 John “Stacey” Hucks
19 Diane Ginty
20 James “Jimmy” Johnson
Jason Owens
22 Donnie Guyton
Ed McNew
23 Daniel Register
25 Lily Sellers



Anniversaries

8 Pete and Martha Johnson
David and Kellah Webster
16 Kip and Mary Miller





Celebrating Pastor David’s birthday on October 14th at our Wednesday Night Meal

Photos



Our own Dr. Andrew Fowler was in Lincoln, Nebraska, where his composition “Walt Whitman meets Franz Liszt” had its world premiere on September 27. It was performed as part of the American Liszt Society Festival. The theme of this year’s festival was “Toward Re-Enchantment: Beauty as a Portal to the Sacred.” Andy introduced the work, and then Jeff Jones, baritone, and Philip Powell, piano, performed it. The picture is right after the performance.





We packed the pew!

Memorials and Gifts in Honor

The following gifts have been given to the glory of God in memory or in honor of

In Memory of

Roy Stevens
Marilyn Grainger
Merilyn Holcombe

Cookie Johnson
Jimmy Johnson

Ron Johnson
Jimmy Johnson
Merilyn Holcombe

Carole Butler
Merilyn Holcombe

Betty Coggeshall
Merilyn Holcombe

In Honor of

November Birthdays
Merilyn Holcombe

Rosemary Reid
Pat Taylor



Thank You Notes

I must thank my TUMC church family for the love, prayers, visits, food, flowers, and concern shown before and after my recent surgery. One can only imagine what it's like to prepare for a mastectomy. As time drew near, I became very anxious. Thank you, Pastor David, for your appearance to read scripture and pray that God would lead the way through my surgery. At that moment, I became perfectly at peace with God leading the way.

Athene Long

October 1, 2026

Dear Trinity Family,

I appreciate the many calls, cards, and especially the prayers I have received during the time of my sister's death.

Sincerely,

Linda Hendrick

Dear Trinity Church,

Thank you for providing the Conway football team with post-game snacks. You never let us down!! Special thanks to Jennifer for making the snack bags.

Garrett Thomas

From Help 4 Kids

We are deeply grateful for your generous donation to help feed kids. Because of your kindness, children who otherwise would go hungry on weekends will have the nourishment to grow, learn, and thrive. Your support means more than just a meal, it brings hope, comfort and the promise of a better future for these young lives. Thanks to people like you who care, we continue to fight childhood hunger and make a difference in their lives.

Thank you for being part of this mission.

Barb and Volunteers

"A child might not remember your name, but they will remember that you fed them when they were hungry."

Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

On behalf of HCCOA we would like to say thank you for your generous donation. It is greatly appreciated and our seniors will benefit from your gift. Thank you and God bless.

HCCOA Administrative Office

Bible Story

THE SCARLET CORD

A STORY OF GRACE, FAITH, AND FAITHFUL RESPONSE

JOSHUA 2:1–21; 6:22–25
HEBREWS 11:31
JAMES 2:25

The same God who reveals, promises, and saves invites a response of faithful obedience.

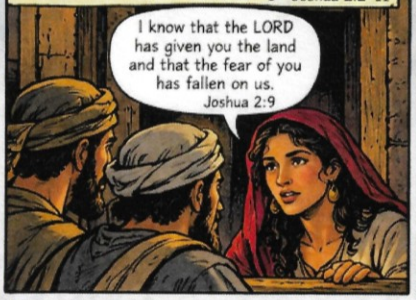
1. A CITY UNDER JUDGMENT

Jericho had shut its gates, but the people had heard what God had done for Israel. Joshua 2:1, 9–11



2. AN UNEXPECTED CONVERSATION

Rahab, a Canaanite woman, hid the Israelite spies. She had heard of the LORD and believed what he was doing. Joshua 2:2–11



3. A PROMISE AND A SIGN

Rahab asked for mercy for her household. The spies promised to spare her and all who were with her. The sign would be a scarlet cord in her window. Joshua 2:12–21



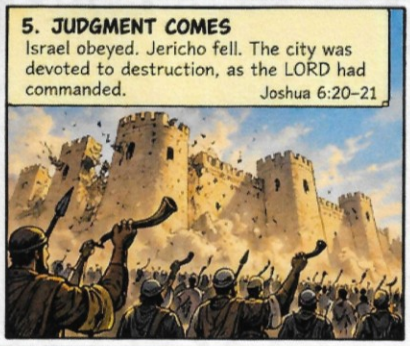
4. A RISKY ACT OF FAITH

Rahab tied the cord. She gathered her family and trusted the promise.



5. JUDGMENT COMES

Israel obeyed. Jericho fell. The city was devoted to destruction, as the LORD had commanded. Joshua 6:20–21



6. THE PROMISE IS KEPT

The Israelites spared Rahab and all who were with her, because of the scarlet cord in the window. Joshua 6:22–25



7. REMEMBERED FOR FAITH

Rahab is included in the great list of people who trusted God.

"By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace."
Hebrews 11:31

8. FAITH THAT ACTS

Her faith was not only what she believed, but what she did.

"Was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road?"
James 2:25

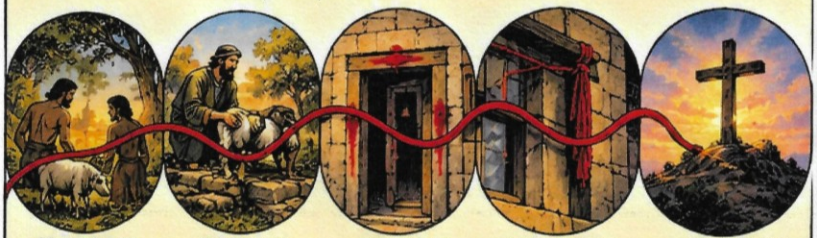
9. FROM DELIVERANCE TO BELONGING

Rahab and her family lived among Israel. The woman once outside the covenant community was welcomed in. Joshua 6:25



10. A SCARLET THREAD THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Rahab's cord is part of a bigger story. From the beginning, God provides a way of deliverance, and people respond in faith.



GENESIS 3:21
God provides garments after the fall.

GENESIS 22
God provides a substitute.

EXODUS 12
The blood marks God's people for deliverance.

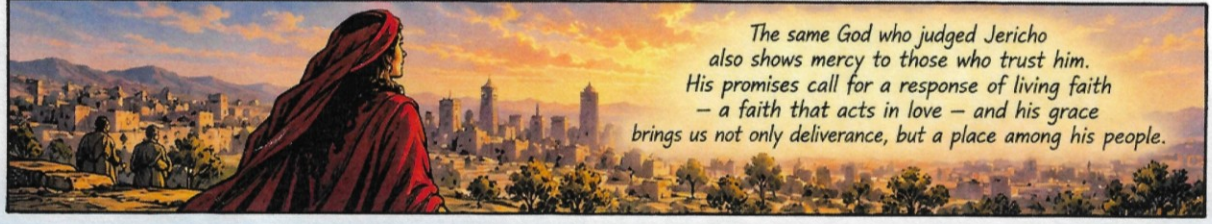
JOSHUA 2 & 6
A scarlet cord identifies those who trust the promise.

THE GOSPELS
Christ's blood brings the ultimate deliverance.

11. A MODEL FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Rahab shows us what it looks like to respond to God's revelation with faith, to trust a covenant promise, and to take faithful action.

- She heard what God had done. (Revelation)
- She believed the promise. (Faith)
- She took a concrete step of obedience. (Action)
- She and her family were delivered. (Grace)
- She was welcomed into God's people. (Belonging)



The same God who judged Jericho also shows mercy to those who trust him. His promises call for a response of living faith – a faith that acts in love – and his grace brings us not only deliverance, but a place among his people.

Word Search

Rahab Lowers the Spies from her Window
From Joshua 2



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RESCUE FAITH WELCOME JERICHO ISRAELITES RAHAB TIE
SPIES CITY FAMILY SENT SOLDIERS HOUSE WALL

Memory Verse

Fill in the missing words

The Lord your God is the God in _____ _____ and on the earth below.

Joshua 2:11 (NIrV)

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Other News

New Mission and Vision Statement for Trinity UMC:

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A New Vision for The United Methodist Church:

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

Love Boldly: We passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life. (Matthew 22:37-39 | John 13:34-35)

Serve Joyfully: With the heart of Christ, we journey alongside the most vulnerable among us, offering care and compassion with joy. (Psalm 100:1 | Nehemiah 8:10 | John 13:14-15 | 1 Peter 4:10)

Lead Courageously: Following Jesus' example, we resist and dismantle all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice, and reconciliation. (Joshua 1:9 | Ephesians 6:10)

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