



The Good Word

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Come and See...

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Mission and Vision:

Trinity United Methodist Church exists for the purpose of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

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.

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10-11

From the Pastor:

Dear ones,

As I write this, our celebration of Holy Communion for World Communion Sunday on October 4th is fast approaching. I am deeply grateful for this Sacrament of the Church which one of my favorite theologians has termed, “the meal Jesus gave us.” I want to share with you some of the reasons that this Sacrament is important to me personally, and why I am glad that we will soon start extending the table to those who cannot be with us in person (Home Communion).

First, because Jesus said to do it. Luke 22:19-20 reads, “And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body given for you; *do this in remembrance of me.*’” Do this, the Lord said, in remembrance of me. It is an imperative, a command... Jesus said to do it. Scripture attests to the early church having obeyed Jesus’ command. In 1 Corinthians 10 we read the following words written by the Apostle Paul,

“I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.”

Second, it is an act of giving thanks. Holy Communion is sometimes called “The Eucharist” which comes from a Greek word (*eucharisto*) meaning “to give thanks.” The center of the rite is an act of giving thanks called “The Great Thanksgiving” which is a remembering of what God has done in human history to bring about salvation from our enslavement by the powers of Sin and Death. The Great Thanksgiving sets the stage for our remembering and showing forth Jesus’ offering of himself as a sacrifice. This is not a passive remembrance or a mere symbol that we might gaze upon to remind us of someone long gone. It is an active remembering, such as when we act out a favorite story. It is a participatory, thankful remembering rendered full by the real presence of the Crucified and Risen Christ.

Third, there is a holy mystery within the Sacrament. Though we do not know how, God makes the bread and wine (or Welch’s grape juice) to be for us the body and blood of Christ. In the Sacrament, Jesus is present with us and gives himself, his very life, to us. As our Lutheran brothers and sisters sometimes say, Christ is in, with, and under the elements. The cup that we receive and drink in faith is a participation, or sharing, in the blood of Jesus, shed for you and me. The bread that we receive and eat in faith is a participation, or sharing, in the body of Jesus, broken for you and me.

Fourth, Holy Communion is a means of grace. The Rev. John Wesley, a leading founder of Methodism, wrote:

“By ‘means of grace’ I understand outward signs, words, or actions, ordained of God, and appointed for this end, to be ordinary channels whereby he might convey to men [and women], preventing, justifying, or sanctifying grace.”

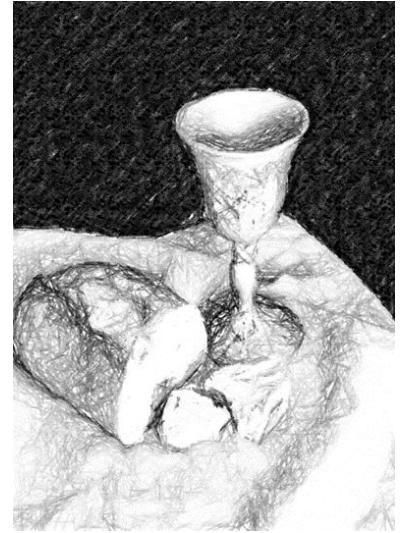
In Wesley’s list of the means of grace, “The Supper of the Lord” is central. It is the meal of grace that nourishes and sustains us. Grace is the unmerited favor of God. Grace is also the active presence of the Holy Spirit at work in us to heal us, and to renew us in the image of Christ. Salvation is not simply being pardoned for our sins but is also being healed of Sin’s effect on us. It is both pardon and healing. When we receive the Sacrament, we receive this active grace.

Last, in this holy mystery, God gives God’s self to us, and we are joined to Christ and to one another in the community of grace [so we pray, “make us one with Christ and one with each other”]. In math terms, if $A = X$ and $B = X$, then $B = A$. If Carol McManus (my mother who passed away in 2008) is one with Christ (death cannot change that) and I, David D. McManus, Jr. (Carol’s son) is one with Christ, then Carol is still one with David. For, as Jesus said, all are alive to God. I think about this fairly often when I receive the Sacrament. It comforts me to think that I am nearer to her than ever.

I ask you to be open to the presence of the resurrected Christ in the very midst of the act of celebrating Holy Communion. Give your ear to the words trusting that Christ is truly present. Give your heart to the expectation of receiving the nourishing, sustaining, and freeing grace of our Lord!

Remember Christ!

Pastor David



Schedules:



Jesus Christ *is* LORD!



Acolytes: October Schedule:

Open

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



Altar Guild: October

Glenn and Donna Cartrette

Alan and Lois Edwards

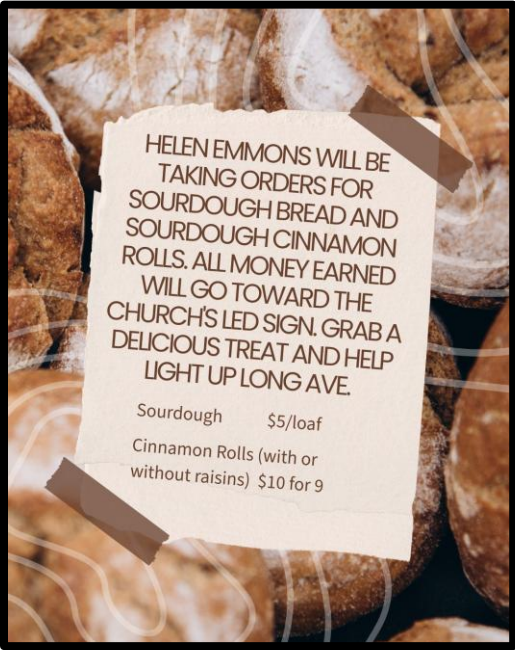


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Altar Flowers: October

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| October 4 th | In memory of their mothers by Sid and Susan Blackwelder |
| October 11 th | In memory of her mother, Eloise Sitterson, and in honor of her birthday by Nila and Chap Hutchinson |
| October 18 th | In honor of their granddaughter, Whitley Gainey, by Lindsay and Boyd Gainey |
| October 25 th | In honor of Marilyn Holcombe by Elizabeth Lane |

Announcements:



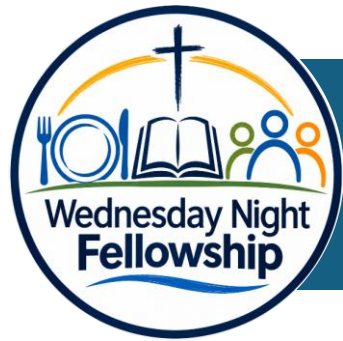
Light Up Long Avenue:

Led by the UMW, we are working to raise funds for an LED sign that will allow us to communicate with our community, inviting them to participate in worship and the many things that are going on here at Trinity.

The Goal: \$40,000

Given thus far: \$30,220

We are getting close!



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.



Request from Epworth

Sara Mishoe, who coordinates the ministries of Epworth that we house here at Trinity, has asked for some help.

One of the family preservation families she is working with has been working to make their home suitable for their three children to return. They have been maintaining employment and engaging with Epworth in parenting education. There are a few resources they need as they prepare for the children's return. They need three bedding sets. Two are full size and for boys (11 & 6). The other is queen size and for a girl (9). In addition, they need a couch for their living room as they currently have no seating. This does not have to be new, as they would be grateful for anything used as well. Please call or text her if you, or someone you know, might be interested in helping this family with their long-awaited reunification. Sara can be reached at (803) 567-5999



United Methodist Women:

Come join us for a fellowship meal and program!

The Betty Goldfinch Circle

Meeting on Monday, October 5th at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

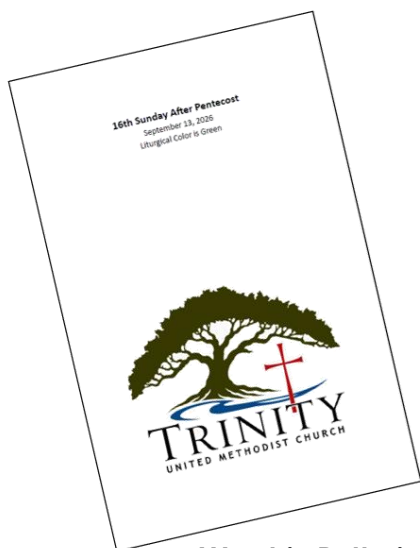
The Sunshine Circle

Meeting on Sunday, October 11th at 12:00 PM in the fellowship hall.



United Methodist Men

The men of Trinity meet for dinner and devotion on October 19 at 6:30 PM. They meet in the Cordie Page Building at 6:30 PM. Come and bring someone with you!



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

Pack the Pew

Last year we had a 'Pack the Pew' event and it was such a success, we filled 2 pews, that we would like to do it again!

Beginning Monday, Oct. 5th, bring your non-perishable food items to church and put them in the designated pew. The items we collect will be take to CAP (Churches Assisting People) on Monday, Oct. 19th. Thank you for all you do for our community!



Prayers and Praises:

Members Emeriti

Arbor Landing:

3105 Dick Pond Rd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

- Carrie Raymor (Apt. 101)

Spring Oak Assisted Living:

2310 US-378 Conway, SC 29527

- Dorothy Dietrich (Rm. 515)

At Home:

- Barbara Thompson: 7523 Misty Wood Rd, Knoxville, TN 37938
- Pat Rose: 1011 Moore Lane, Conway, SC 29526
- Pete & Lettie Byrdic: 3025 Chesbrough Blvd, (Apt. 316), Rock Hill, SC 29732
- Robert & Irene Booth: 3840 Wilmot Ave., Columbia, SC 29205
- Russ Nixon: 114 Jessica Lakes Dr., Conway, SC 29526
- Ed & Gail McNew: Apt. 331-Maple Brook Terrace, 150 Verdin Rd., Greenville, SC 29607
- Saundra Parler: 4178 Bradford Dr., Conway, SC 29526
- Pete & Martha Johnson: 833 Shaftesbury Ln., Conway, SC 29526
- B.G. Gantt: 16 Holly Cr., Greenville, SC 29607
- Dave Sweeney: The Lakes, 613 Hatteras River Rd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Friends of the Church:

- Harmony Fields (daughter of Ralph Fields)
- Ralph Fields
- Mike Cloderfelter (friend of Gene Johnson)
- Rev. Ben Barnett (former pastor at FUMC)
- Darry Watts

Family Members:

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

Armed Forces:

Eliza Edge

Members

John Wright

Anne Woodle

Marie Skipper

Lynn Spires

Rich & Phyllis Eisenman

Cheryl Robertson

Mary & Kip Miller

Martha Cross

Vance & Jennifer Donkle

Pat & Eddie Gerosa

Beth Brinson

Merrell Floyd

Linda Hendrick

Jason Owens

Burnett Owens

Dennis & Susan Wiseman

Dr. Dick Rush

Patti Herbert

Bobbie Johnson

Samantha McManus

Gene Johnson

Athene Long

Michael Mears

Debbie Sienna

Meredith Hyman



College Students:

- Ellie Howle: USC, 1615 Rice Street, Columbia, SC 29205
- JD Murdock: Attn: FMU Housing, 5130 E. Palmetto Street, Florence, SC 29506

With Deepest Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy and ask your prayers for:

- Linda Hendrick on the loss of her sister, Betty Coggeshall.
- Bobbie Johnson and family on the loss of her husband, Ron Johnson.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:**Birthdays**

- 1 Donna Lunsford
- 3 Lindsey Fleming
- 4 Lisa Kinon
Kandace Hyman
- 5 Jean Hoover
Eliza Tyler
- 7 Pat Gregory
Jake Nesbit
- 8 Martha Cline
Melissa Demko
Georgia Johnson
- 9 Davis Inabnit, Jr.
David Webster
John Wright
Lauren Richardson
- 10 Lorelei Rautsaw
- 11 Markell Singleton
- 12 Conor Guyton
Teryl Scholes
- 13 Lori King
Tim Hoover
- 14 Beth Suggs
Brenda Plaughner
Tami Casey

- Linda Croyle
Rev. David McManus
- 15 Nancy Anderson
- 16 Charles Jordan
- 17 Susan Blackwelder
Mary Tovornik
Evelyn Blackwelder
Kirby McCown
- 18 Paul Smith
- 19 Andy Davis
Ed Plaughner
- 22 Russ Boatwright
Tanner Guyton
Josh Wysong
- 23 Carly Jones
- 24 Beth Calhoun
Lucas Brookshire
- 25 Josie Hunsucker
Riley Hunsucker
- 26 Shana Boatwright
- 27 Sara Farrington
John Creel
Shaun Sellers
- 28 Wayne Hill
Everett Todd

- 29 Brian Anderson
Anne Woodle
- 30 Emery Howle
- 31 Pandra Johnston
Manny Feldner
Matt Reynolds

Anniversaries

- 1 Sudie & David Thomas
- 3 Beau & Catherine Dingle
- 4 Harry & Lucy Foote
Clay & Sarah Branyon
- 5 Cheryl & Gerry Michael
- 6 Michael & Katherine Palmer
- 11 Steve & Shawna Hughes
Louie & Inez Guilmette
- 16 Beth & Greg Suggs
- 17 Alan & Lois Edwards
Wren & Kelli McMeekin
- 20 Alex & Tammi Hyman
- 23 Jennifer & Vance Donkle
- 24 Marley & Glenn Crotts
- 31 Charles & Marcia Small

Word Search

Matthew 18:1–5

“Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

Directions: Find the 11 hidden words. Words may go across, down, or diagonally.

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WORD BANK

MATTHEW DISCIPLES JESUS GREATEST KINGDOM HEAVEN
CHILD TRUTH HUMBLER WELCOMES NAME

Matthew 18:1–5 (NIV)

At that time, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.”

Fun Photos



Carolyn's Birthday



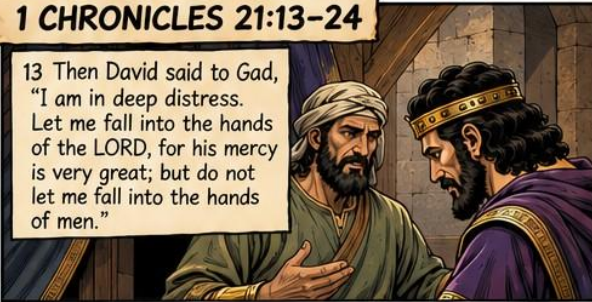
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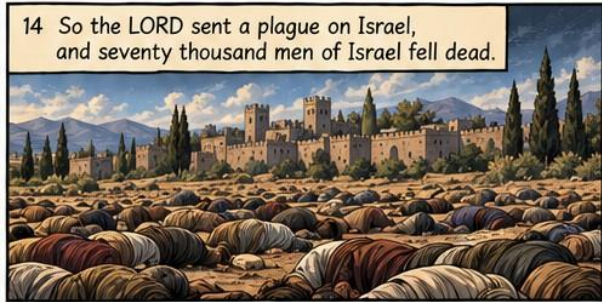
Bible Story

1 CHRONICLES 21:13-24

13 Then David said to Gad, "I am in deep distress. Let me fall into the hands of the LORD, for his mercy is very great; but do not let me fall into the hands of men."



14 So the LORD sent a plague on Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell dead.



15 And God sent an angel to destroy Jerusalem. But as the angel was doing so, the LORD saw it and was grieved because of the calamity and said to the angel who was destroying the people; Withdraw your hand." The angel of the LORD was then standing at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.



16 David looked up and saw the angel of the LORD standing between heaven and earth, with a drawn sword in his hand extended over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell facedown.



17 David said to God, "Was it not I who ordered the fighting men to be counted? I am the one who has sinned and done wrong. These are but sheep. What have they done? O LORD my God, let your hand fall upon me and my family, but do not let this plague remain on your people."



18 Then the angel of the LORD ordered Gad to tell David to go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.



19 So David went up in obedience to the word that Gad had spoken in the name of the LORD.



20 While Araunah was threshing wheat, he turned and saw the angel; his four sons who were with him hid themselves.



21 Then David approached, and when Araunah looked and saw him, he left the threshing floor and bowed down before David with his face to the ground.



22 David said to him, "Let me have the site of your threshing floor so I can build an altar to the LORD, that the plague on the people may be stopped. Sell it to me at the full price."



23 Araunah said to David, "Take it! Let my lord the king do whatever pleases him. Look, I will give the oxen for the burnt offerings, the threshing sledges for the wood, and the wheat for the grain offering. I will give all this."



24 But King David replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying the full price. I will not take for the LORD what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that

COSTS ME NOTHING."



THE LORD GAVE DAVID THREE CHOICES (v. 13)



THREE YEARS OF FAMINE

AND



THREE MONTHS TO BE DEFEATED BEFORE HIS ENEMIES

AND



THREE DAYS OF PESTILENCE IN THE LAND

David chose to fall into the hands of the LORD—trusting in His mercy.

These verses show David's repentance, God's mercy, and the place God provided for atonement. David willingly accepts responsibility and builds an altar to the LORD—an act that points forward to the ultimate sacrifice that would come through Jesus.

Memorials and Gifts in Honor:

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

In Memory:

- Henry Cannon by Mr. & Mrs. M. B. Huggins
- Jac Cannon by Mr. & Mrs. M. B. Huggins
- Betty Coggeshall
Linda P. Hendrick
- Cookie Johnson by
Boyd and Linda Gainey
Bryan and Nancy Hopkins
Benjamin & Cheryl Bryant
Donald and Leslie Hudson
Thomas and Mary Lou Manchester
Dr. Cynthia Terres
- Emma Lou Johnson by Mac & Jenny Smith
- Ron Johnson
Wayne Hill
John and Ann Creel
Dr. Cynthia Terres
- Tamara Tindal by
Donald R. Myers
Merilyn Holcombe
- Carole Butler by
Patricia Taylor
Charles and Margaret Jordan
Linda Hendrick



In Honor:

- All October Birthdays by Merilyn Holcombe
- Jimmy Johnson by Mac and Jenny Smith
- Ed and Brenda Plaugher by Jimmy Johnson

Thank You Notes

9/11/2026

Dear We Care Ministry,

Your kind expression of love and concern was not only appreciated by and nourishing to our worn-out bodies but also to our hearts and souls.

Thank you for delivering it to us and visiting with us.

I am so grateful for those who serve in this healing ministry and for all of my Trinity faith family.

Sincerely,

Bobbie and Ashleigh Johnson

“With sincere gratitude and appreciation”

Friends,

Our thanks to all of your parishioners that donated to our mission. Thank you for caring, the children appreciate all that they receive.

Fostering Hope ♡

Dear Trinity Family:

I cannot thank you enough for the wonderful birthday surprises. The delicious cake, the hugs, the birthday wishes, the cards, the gifts and the special surprise gifts of family members helped to make number 85 a very memorable day.

Thank you for loving, caring, and sharing. You are loved and appreciated.

Blessings!

Carolyn

Other News:

New Mission and Vision Statement for Trinity UMC:

On August 2nd, the Church Council approved a revised mission and vision statement for our congregation. Please give them a read and give some thought about how we might live them out together!

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Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously



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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