

# The Good Word

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*Open Hearts  
Open Minds  
Open Doors*



## See You Later

I grew up in the United Methodist Church. Being a United Methodist meant showing respect for other Christians. I would often attend Vacation Bible School at my neighborhood friend's churches. United Methodists do that.

I could name many beliefs and practices contributing to this denomination's identity. Over the years serving in United Methodist Churches, I have often been surprised by the number of people who had found a home in this or that church and held little to no appreciation for what we did.

Easter Sunday will be my last Sunday as of this writing. Like all United Methodist pastors, we are sent. We go where we are sent. In one of the practices, we continue to share gifts and graces between pastors and churches – if only for a brief time. When I arrived, our time together began and would end too. We have arrived at the destination. Soon, David and Samantha McManus will arrive to start an excellent beginning. As they arrive, a new chapter in the book of Trinity UMC will begin.

So, as we prepare to depart, I thank you for kind words. I thank you for good memories. I thank you for the privilege of serving during this chapter of Trinity's history. I say, thank you, but I don't say goodbye.

Years ago, as I went on overseas missions, I would meet people. Some I would know only for a week or two. Working side by side and spending time together, it's inevitable for some people to become close to complete strangers. For years I enjoyed a relationship with a pen pal. In my youth I made lots of assumptions about life. You can imagine my shock the first time I returned to a country and one of the locals had passed away at some point. It's a part of life, but it really hit me. Until that moment I had not realized how much the person had meant to me.

One practice and a belief helped me.

At the end of that trip, we did not say "goodbye." Instead, we said, "See you later." It's a practice reflecting a belief in eternal life and taking it seriously. It also takes seriously the turns and twists the road of life often takes. So, whether we see one another soon in this life, or we wait until the next, "See you later" seems to be more than appropriate.



# EASTER *Lilies*



In Honor Of.....

Merilyn Holcombe by Barry and Libby Cates

The Trinity Staff by Nancy Winiarski

Our 5 granddaughters by Rich and Phyllis Eisenman

Jimmy Johnson by his daughters

Her granddaughters, Caroline, Kayleigh, and Carleigh by  
Cheryl (Mema) Robertson

Trinity UMC by Howard and Helen Emmons

Her mother, Annie Pearl Norris, by Donna and Glenn Cartrette

Whitley Gainey by Linda and Boyd Gainey

The Music Program at Trinity by Jerri Woodle

Her Grandson, Solan Woodle, by Jerri Woodle

In Memory Of.....

David Helms by his son, Jack Helms

Her sister, Peggy Inman, by Athene Long

Their parents, Patsy and Joe Sam Smith, by Doc Smith and Amy Smith Burger

Tom Gray by Kathy Gray

Their mother, Emma Lou Johnson, by Judy, Jenny, Joy, & Jan

Robert Winiarski and Daniel Winiarski by Nancy Winiarski

Gene Norris by Carolyn Norris and children

Robert Brinson by Michael and Colleen Brinson and family

Robert Brinson, by Ashley and Marty Barnes and family

Robert Brinson by his wife, Beth Brinson

Her brother, Ken Sitterson, by Chap and Nila Hutchinson

Dale Ginty by Diane Ginty

Thanks Ailey Covington for the beautiful song and for sharing God's love with your Trinity family.



I will  
**Sing praise**  
to my God as  
long as I live.

PSALM 146:2, NIV

ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR CHURCH E-BLASTS? IF YOUR ANSWER IS "NO", PLEASE LET JENNIFER KNOW THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED. YOU CAN SEND HER AN E-MAIL LETTING HER KNOW TO ADD YOU TO THE LIST. JDONKLE@TRINITYCONWAY.COM



### CLASSICS

ALL COFFEE IS MADE FROM LOCALLY ROASTED BEANS

	16OZ	20 OZ
DRIP COFFEE	\$3.50	\$4.00
ICED COFFEE	\$4.50	\$5.00
LATTE	\$5.50	\$6.50
AMERICANO	\$3.50	\$4.50
MACCHIATO	\$5.50	\$6.50
SHAKEN ESPRESSO	\$5.00	\$6.00

### NON-COFFEE

	16OZ	20 OZ
LOTUS ENERGY	\$5.00	\$6.00
HOT CHOCOLATE	\$4.00	\$4.50
LEMONADE	\$4.00	\$4.50
REDBULL INFUSION	\$5.00	\$5.50
BOTTLED WATER	\$1.25	

### EXTRAS

COLD FOAM	\$ .75
ESPRESSO SHOT	\$ .50
FLAVOR	\$ .25
NON DAIRY MILK	\$ .25
WHIPPED CREAM	\$ .25

### FLAVORS

APPLE	SALTED CARAMEL
BANANA	STRAWBERRY
BLACKBERRY	TOASTED MARSH-MALLOW
BLUE RASPBERRY	VANILLA
BROWN SUGAR	WATERMELON
CARAMEL	WHITE CHOCOLATE
CHERRY	
COCONUT	<b>SUGAR FREE</b>
COTTON CANDY	SF BLUE RASPBERRY
HAZELNUT	SF CARAMEL
HONEY	SF HAZELNUT
LIME	SF STRAWBERRY
MOCHA	SF VANILLA
PINEAPPLE	SF WHITE CHOCOLATE
RASPBERRY	

### SPECIALTY DRINKS

ESPRESSO DRINKS: \$7 | LEMONADES: \$5.00 | LOTUS: \$6.50

#### BLACKWATER SPECIAL

ICED WHITE CHOCOLATE MOCHA LATTE WITH SWEET COLD FOAM

#### MALLOW MOCHA

AN ICED LATTE WITH TOASTED MARSH-MALLOW, CHOCOLATE SYRUP, CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE AND COLD FOAM

#### CAM'S COFFEE

AN ICED MOCHA LATTE THAT IS AS SWEET AS CAM, TOPPED WITH SWEET COLD FOAM

#### HONEY'S LATTE

AN ICED LATTE WITH HONEY, BROWN SUGAR AND CINNAMON TOPPED WITH SWEET COLD FOAM

#### BLUE JOLLY RANCHER LOTUS

BLUE LOTUS WITH BLUE RASPBERRY & WATERMELON

#### COTTON CANDY LEMONADE

LEMONADE WITH COTTON CANDY SYRUP

#### BUDDY'S BREW

SALTED CARAMEL AND ENGLISH TOFFEE LATTE WITH SWEET COLD FOAM AND CARAMEL DRIZZLE

# SPRING MENU



## Banana Pudding Latte \$7.50

A CREAMY BANANA LATTE TOPPED WITH COLD FOAM AND NILLA WAFERS TO REMIND YOU OF YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT THAT GRANDMA MAKES



## Fruity Pebbles Latte \$7.50

A WHITE CHOCOLATE AND LAVENDER LATTE TOPPED WITH COLD FOAM AND FRUITY PEBBLES CEREAL



## Strawberry Shortcake Latte \$7.50

A STRAWBERRY AND VANILLA LATTE WITH PECAN COLD FOAM TOPPED WITH NILLA WAFERS



## Cotton Candy Craze \$6.00

A COTTON CANDY ALANI TOPPED WITH BLUE COTTON CANDY COLD FOAM



## Easter Bunny Energy \$6.00

STRAWBERRY LOTUS ENERGY WITH PINEAPPLE



## Lucky Lotus \$6.00

LOTUS ENERGY WITH APPLE AND PINEAPPLE

JOIN US APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9:00AM  
-10:15AM FOR A DELICIOUS DRINK.  
DRINKS WILL BE HALF PRICE AND YOU  
WILL SUPPORTING A CONWAY  
NATIVE...IT'S A WIN-WIN SITUATION!





Sunshine Circle—Sunday, April 12 @ 12:00 PM in  
the Cordie Page Building

Betty Goldfinch Circle—Monday, April 13 @ 5:30  
PM in the Fellowship Hall



United Methodist Men—Monday, April 13 @ 6:30  
PM in the Cordie Page Building



### April Flower Schedule

- April 5            **Easter Lilies**
- April 12        **In honor of their grandchildren, Hayes, Braxton & Evelyn by Susan and Sid Blackwelder**
- April 19        **With love and in memory of Stan Cross by Martha Cross**
- April 26        **In memory of her brother, Ken Sitterson by Nila Hutchinson**



### TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible study, "Revelation-Extravagant Hope" will begin on  
Tuesdays; April 7 through May 12 in the  
Cordie Page building.



It takes a village! A very big THANK You to the Tuesdays at Trinity group. They stuffed 1,100 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. You guys are rockstars and very much appreciated.





# EASTER EGG HUNT





Dearest TUMC,

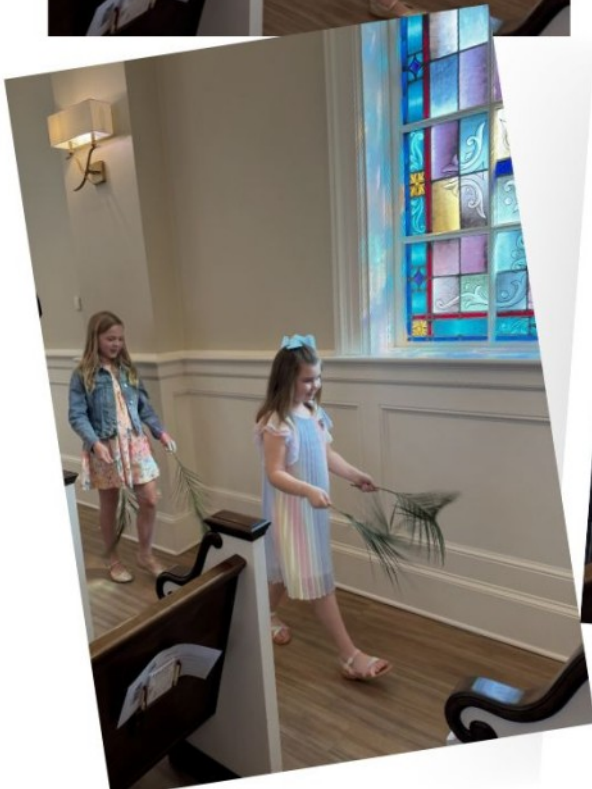
The family of Janet C. Mayers would like to take this time to thank the church for their outpouring of love and generosity during the loss of our dearly beloved mother, Janet. Over the years, Mom received numerous letters, cards, and prayers from her Trinity family.

Mom's heart was always in the choir loft as she loved to sing God's praises each Sunday morning.. Mom's ray of light and her voice still rain down from heaven upon us each day.

Sincerely,

The Mayers Family

## PALM SUNDAY



## Given in memory of....

### Janet Mayers

Mr. & Mrs. Stoney Harrelson  
Harriet Hearl  
Mr. & Mrs. Furman Long  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Moyer

### Marilyn (Ria) Fowler

Mr. & Mrs. Pat Howle  
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Cates  
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Eisenman  
Mr. & Mrs. Milton Gantt  
Dr. Sandra Stevens Poirel  
Harriet Hearl  
Mr. & Mrs. Furman Long  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Moyer

### Karen Nobles

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Wiseman  
Merilyn Holcombe  
Mr. & Mrs. Milton Gantt  
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Howle  
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Cates  
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Eisenman  
Harriet Hearl  
Monday Morning Prayer Group  
Mr. & Mrs. Furman Long  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Moyer

### Peggy Inman

Merilyn Holcombe

### Sharon Smith

Dr. & Mrs. Richard Eisenman

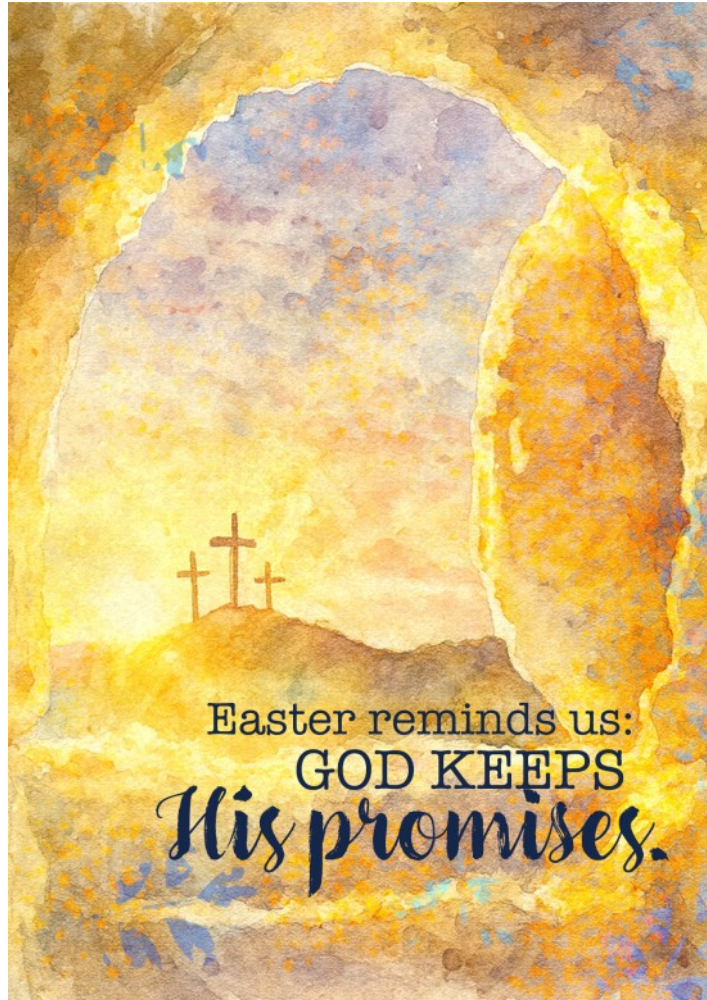
### Larry Woodle

Mr. & Mrs. Furman Long

## Given in honor of...

### All April Birthdays

Merilyn Holcombe



*Rev. McCoun and the entire F.U.M.C. family and staff join in expressing sympathy and Christian love to:  
The family of Ed Grove*



# We Care for One Another

## OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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Seneca, SC 29678

Austin Suggs  
1100 Bluff Rd, Unit 507  
Columbia, SC 29201

John (J.D.) Murdock  
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Ruby Pittman (Rm. 355)

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Kathy Gray  
Pat & Eddie Gerosa  
Beth Brinson  
Merrell Floyd  
Tina Hubbard  
Phyllis Koch  
Linda Hendrick  
Jason Owens  
Sharon Black  
Tamara Tindal  
Burnett Owens  
Dennis & Susan Wiseman  
Dr. Dick Rush  
Art & Sandy O'Brien

## MEMBERS' PARENTS

Gene Keller (Jennifer Donkle's father)  
Shaula Richardson (Mother of Tamara Tindal)  
Mary Hopkins (Mother of Bryan Hopkins)

## MEMBERS' FRIENDS & FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Janice Elmer (Jerri Woodle's friend)  
Harmony Fields (daughter of Ralph Fields)  
Ralph Fields  
Mike Cloderfelter (friend of Gene & Cookie  
Johnson)  
Rev. Carl Hunsucker

## MEMBERS' FAMILY

Bret & Bryn Ginn (son-in-law & daughter of  
Lana Fortson)  
Cynthia Inman (Donna Cartrette's sister)  
Pam Brounton (sister of Beth Suggs)  
Ruth Ellen Coffey (sister of Mary Miller)  
Betty Coggeshall (sister of Linda Hendrick)  
Frankie Collins (sister of Pat Gregory)  
Charles Johnson IV (son of Pete & Martha  
Johnson)  
Ellen Wright (cousin of Cynthia Gantt)  
Eddie Garrison (Brother of Helen Emmons)  
Bill McIlroy (Uncle of Harriet Hearl)  
Terri Hutaff (Sister of Barry Cates)  
Joyce Hathaway (Sister of Micheal Mears)

## Armed Forces

Eliza Edge

**Altar Guild**

**April:**  
**Jerri Woodle**  
**Phyllis Eisenman**

**Acolyte  
Schedule**

**April Schedule:**

**April 5 Hailey Patterson**  
**April 12 Ailey Covington**  
**April 19 Rosemary Reid**  
**April 26 Whitley Gainey**

## MEMBERS

John Wright  
Lana Fortson  
Anne Woodle & Family  
Marie Skipper  
Lynn Spires

**Please let us know if your  
phone number has changed  
and/or if you have dropped a  
land line. Please update your  
preferred phone numbers and  
emails. We want to stay  
connected!!**

All information that is to  
be included in the next  
month's  
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be in the church office  
by the 20th  
of each month.

# CULTIVATING GRATITUDE

14-18 OCTOBER

2026



Ladies, join us as we head to the NC mountains for our annual ladies retreat! It is a time to deepen your relationship with God and the ladies at TUMC. We have great fellowship, delicious food, and a whole lot of fun!! Don't miss out...RSVP by May 31<sup>st</sup>; cost depends on attendance.



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|--|--|
| 2 Sandra Crosland<br>William Gainey<br>Sharon Bailey   | 2 Irene & Robert Booth   |
| 4 Katie Fox<br>Ann Campbell<br>Greg Smith<br>Brett Johnson                                       | 7 Beth & Ken Calhoun   |
| 5 Bonnie Silk<br>Alex Marshall   | 11 Elaine & Terry Hyman  |
| 6 Jared Cochell  | 14 Gary & Kristi Updegraff   |
| 9 Charles Gidney<br>Todd Marshall<br>Jeff Bange<br>Ella Wysong                                   | 18 Becky & Mike Smith  |
| 12 Caleb Boyd  | 22 Trisha & Grant Cates<br>Cheryl & Mike Landry                          |
| 13 Stoney Harrelson  | 23 Linda & Boyd Gainey   |
| 15 Harrell Hardwick<br>Sid Blackwelder<br>Miles Feldner<br>Gina Hucks<br>Todd Cox<br>Mike Landry | 24 Jerri & Joe Woodle<br>Deborah & William Gainey                        |
| 16 Abby Freudiger  | 25 Cynthia & Dave Evans  |
| 17 Cynthia Evans<br>Larry Hyman<br>Stella Gore   | 26 Melanie & Reid Murdock<br>Jessica & Bob Rogers<br>Anne & John Stewart |
| 19 Xavier Campbell<br>Todd Browning  |  |
| 21 Janie Barnes<br>Ford Graves<br>A. J. Wysong   |  |
| 22 Brent Glasgow<br>Barry Cates  |  |
| 24 Donnie Brown  |  |
| 25 Pat Jordan  |  |
| 26 Mandy Tobin<br>Arthur (Art) O'Brian   |  |
| 27 David Covington   |  |
| 29 Dottie Brown  |  |

*Thank you for your generosity! We will be delivering 39 baskets to Help4Kids.*



# APRIL





“Don’t be alarmed,”  
he said.

“You are looking for  
Jesus the Nazarene,  
who was crucified.

*He has risen!*

He is not here. See the  
place where they laid him.”

Mark 16:6, NIV

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