

The Good Word

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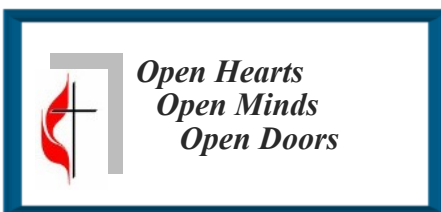
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YET HE HAS NOT LEFT HIMSELF WITHOUT TESTIMONY:



He has shown kindness

by giving you rain from heaven
and crops in their
seasons;

he provides
you with plenty of food and

fills your hearts
with joy.

Acts 14:17, NIV



Worship Series: The Creeds

The Methodist movement has often been misunderstood. From the very beginning John Wesley and his brother, Charles, were judged harshly because they became involved in activities which were questionable. The Wesleys did so for good reason most times.

For example, John Wesley began “field preaching” despite his personal reservations about the practice. In the Church of England (modern day Episcopal Church) the practice was frowned upon. It was deemed uncouth by both clergy and members of the Church. However, George Whitfield had tried it and discovered so many people wanted to learn about Jesus. Many in his crowds would not attend Church for a variety of reasons. Some felt unworthy. That’s like a sick person waiting to get healed before going to the doctor. So, Whitfield started going to them.

On his first attempt at field preaching, John Wesley chose a graveyard, because of the acoustics. The crowd was huge. For Wesley it became standard practice, and lead to other practices you and I would recognize from years past in our lifetimes. This practice changed his beliefs on some things.

Beliefs are important.

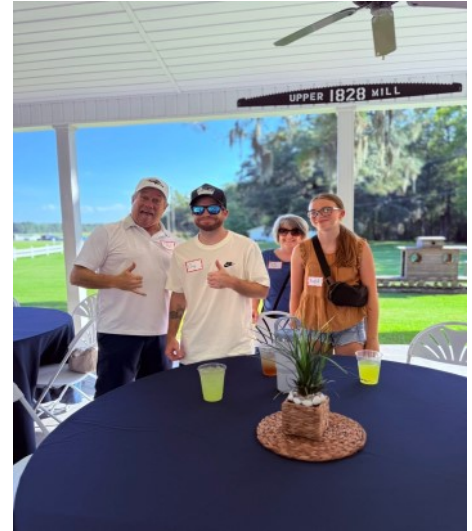
Each week we join together and profess “The Apostles’ Creed”. It only takes a few minutes. We have substituted other creeds at times. In each creed we see central beliefs intentionally put together to form a single statement about Christianity. Each creed answers a simple question. What are Christianity’s core beliefs?

Good beliefs lead to good Christian behavior. Some beliefs are so foundational we hold onto them despite circumstances. Beliefs surrounding the practice of field preaching came and then they went. They were helpful for a time, but no one considers them central to Christianity.

Some church leaders looked to creeds from the early church as one tool among many to help Christians better understand their faith. At the heart of Christianity, we find the Bible telling us about God and God’s faithful servants. Then, the Creeds could more easily be memorized than one of the gospels. Therefore, Christians could go to others and recite a Creed. Hymns serve a similar function. Think about Philippians 2:5-11. It talks of Jesus “self-emptying” even though he was God. It may have been one of our earliest hymns. The beauty of the language still attracts attention even today. In a few minutes any Christian could share a central idea about Christianity and not worry about how important the idea really was. Creeds help us do this.

Bill

ROOTED TOGETHER FAMILY PICNIC





Book Drive for Families Read

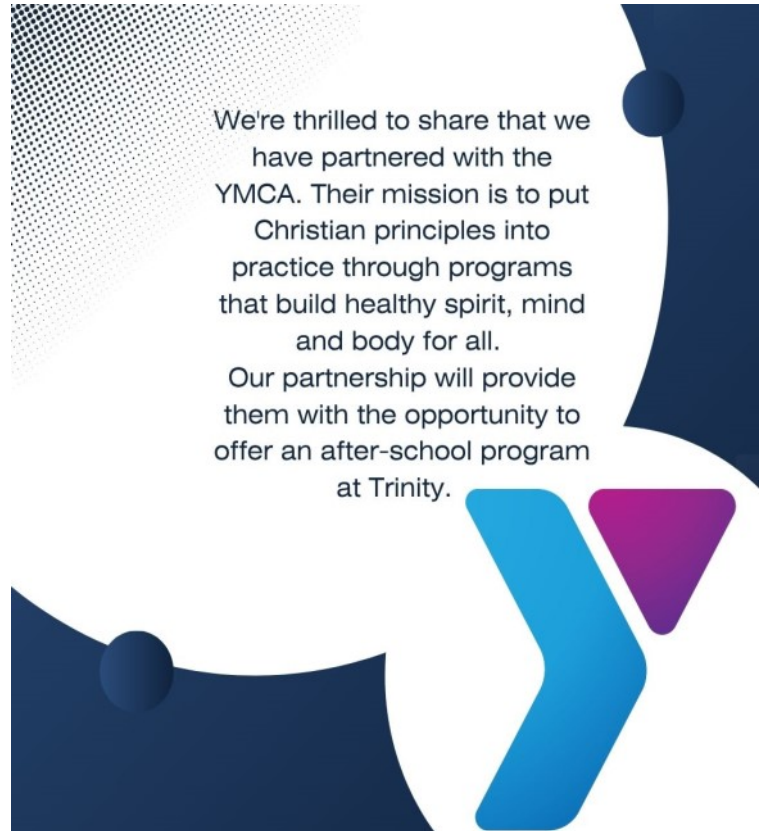
Families Read is a mission that began at Socastee UMC during the 2020 pandemic. To help improve reading skills, they began collecting and cleaning books. Once cleaned, they were redistributed, free of charge, to children. Let's help them keep this mission growing and strong! Bring new or gently loved books and place them in the box outside Jennifer's door. We will collect books through July 31st. Thank you for helping!



We are pleased to inform our Trinity family that we have partnered with the Grand Strand Down Syndrome Society. Their mission is to empower people with Down Syndrome and their families through support, information, and community connection. They celebrate the potential in every individual and promote acceptance and inclusion in the community and beyond. We are delighted to support them in all they endeavor to achieve.

We're thrilled to share that we have partnered with the YMCA. Their mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Our partnership will provide them with the opportunity to offer an after-school program at Trinity.





FALL CRAFT FAIR & CAR SHOW



**Saturday, October 11, 2025
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
198 Long Avenue—Conway, SC 29526**

**For more information, contact
Brenda Plaughter — Craft Fair (703)-507-9029
OR
Bryan Hopkins — Car Show (843) 421-0049.**

Thank you Jennifer Donkle and Holli Siena for being the hands and feet of Jesus in a hurting world, by Serving Lake Murray Salkehatchie.



Take Time To Pray



A word from the Old to the Young From Marilyn Holcombe

Time is precious; each moment is too valuable to waste. One of the best uses is time spent with our Heavenly Father and our Savior, Christ Jesus, in worship, prayer, and Bible study. Don't waste those minutes **WAITING**—waiting for the doctor or dentist, waiting in line, waiting at a stoplight or in traffic. Spend all waiting time in prayer for those needy ones, planning for ways to serve, reviewing God's word. (Always alert, however, to safety needs.)



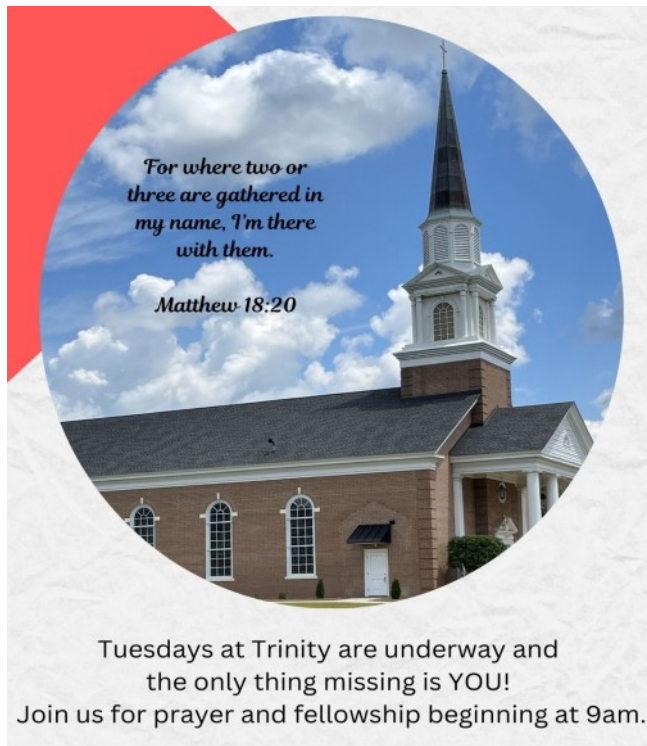
Called to Serve

August Altar Guild:

Greg & Beth Suggs
Charles & Judy Gidney

Acolytes:

Aug. 3 Whitley Gainey
Aug. 10 Kirby McCown
Aug. 17 Hailey Patterson
Aug. 24 Rosemary Reid
Aug. 31 Holli Siena



Tuesdays at Trinity are underway and the only thing missing is YOU!
Join us for prayer and fellowship beginning at 9am.



Joy Class News

The heat of summer, along with vacations and our fair share of rain and storms has not dampened the spirit and enthusiasm of the Joy Class! Participation and fellowship have helped th strengthen our much needed bond as we strive to better our relationship through the teachings of Christ and His church. Pastor Mike's study and discussion of "You'll Get Through This" has been a well-timed and thought provoking series. Starting with July's church wide picnic, the Joy Class hopes to continue planning inclusive activities that will bring our Trinity Church family closer together and closer to God.





Thank you, Trinity family, for your care and concern at the loss of my Aunt Rosemary. Your messages, cards, and prayers were like being enfolded in a big hug during a difficult time. I am so blessed to be part of the Trinity family.

Much love,
Jennifer Donkle



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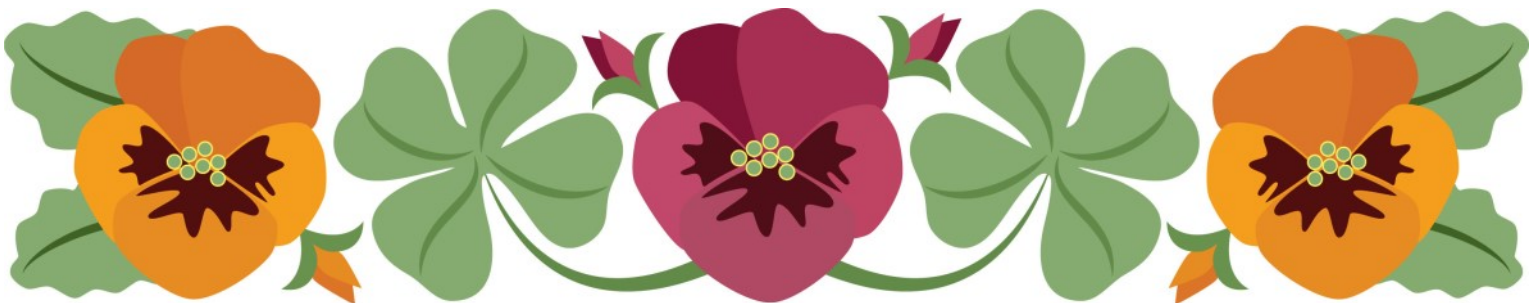
Dear TUMC,
Thank you for your generous donation of \$350.00 on 07/01/2025. Your Support is essential in helping us continue our mission to fight hunger in South Carolina by helping the people in Conway & surrounding areas.

Because of generous donations like yours, we can serve 30,000 hot meals annually & distribute more than 4,000 boxes of fresh fruits & vegetables through our Fresh Express events.

Once again, thank you for your kindness and generosity. May God bless you!

On behalf of The Shepherd's Table, its Board of Directors, & our neighbors served,

Dana Hanna
Director
The Shepherd's Table





Given in Memory of...

Joe Parler

Dr. & Mars. Richard Eisenman

Rosemary Seif

Mr. & Mrs. Barry Cates

Given in Honor of...

All Who Are Celebrating August Birthdays

Merilyn Holcombe



*Rev. McCown and the entire T.U.M.C. family and staff join in expressing sympathy
and Christian love to:*

*Jennifer and Vance Donkle and family following the death of her aunt,
Rosemary Seif*



August Flower Calendar

August 3 In celebration of our summer birthdays by Cynthia & Milton Gantt

August 10 In memory of their mothers by Brenda & Ed Plaughter

August 17 In honor of Carla Booth by her daughter Tami Casey & in celebration of her birthday

August 24 In praise of God and asking his blessings on all of the members of Trinity
by Merilyn Holcombe

August 31 In memory of Mary Shellam Hill by Margaret & Charles Jordan

We Care for One Another



MEMBERS EMERITUS

Claiborne at W. Lake

557 Furys Ferry Rd, Martinez, Georgia 30907
Janet Mayers

Arbor Landing

3105 Dick Pond Rd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
Carrie Raymor (Apt. 101)

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Ruby Pittman (Rm. 355)

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Saundra Parler

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Pete & Martha Johnson

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Conway, SC 29526
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B.G. Gantt

16 Holly Cr.
Greenville, SC 29607

Members

Marie Skipper
Lynn Spires
Patsy Smith
Rich & Phyllis Eisenman
Cheryl Robertson
Mark Blackwelder
Mary Miller
Martha Cross
Vance & Jennifer Donkle
Tom & Kathy Gray
Pat & Eddie Gerosa

Tina Hubbard
Phyllis Koch
Linda Hendrick
Jason Owens
Sharon Black
Tamara Tindal
Burnett Owens
Susan Wiseman
Dr. Dick Rush

MEMBERS' PARENTS

Gene Keller (Jennifer Donkle's father)

MEMBERS' FRIENDS & FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

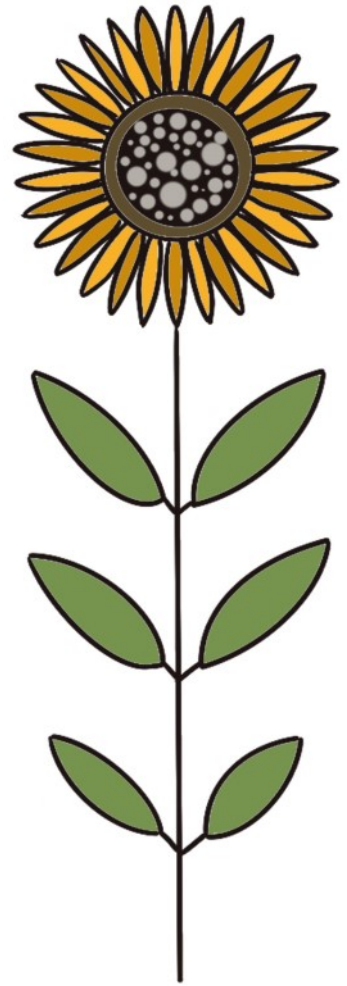
Janice & Danny Elmer (Jerri Woodle's friends)
Harmony Fields (daughter of Ralph Fields)
Ralph Fields
Daved Kinard (Daisy Fair Florist)
Carol Horner (mother of Amy Horner)
Mike & Chris Cloderfelter (friends of Gene & Cookie Johnson)
Helen Emmons
Rev. Carl Hunsucker

MEMBERS' FAMILY

Bret & Bryn Ginn (son-in-law & daughter of Lana Fortson)
Cynthia Inman (Donna Cartrette's sister)
Pam Broun (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)

Armed Forces

Eliza Edge
Samuel Weitzman (nephew of Marti Hubbard)



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 **Good Word** needs to be in the church office by the 20th of each month.



Birthdays

- 1 Heather Vaught
Janice Cutts
Chandler Abrams
Doug Smith
- 2 Grace Fortson
Greg Suggs
Victoria Arel
- 3 Russ Nixon
- 8 Sharon Black
Patsy Buck
Karley Watts
- 9 Michelle Brovelli
- 10 Dave Evans
Hank Eddy
- 12 Bailey Spivey
- 13 Stephanie Fleming
Jill Marshall
- 14 Chris Kinon
Michael Kinon
- 15 Anderson Davis
Steve Hughes
- 16 James Vaught
Hayes Blackwelder
Guy Dozier
T. J. Robertson
- 17 Cynthia Gantt
Aubrey Heinz
Walt Peterson
Melanie McKeefery
- 18 David Hill
Ryan Covington
Ashley Hucks
Glenn Ray
- 19 Anne Stewart
Camden Brown
- 21 Carla Booth
- 22 Meredith Hyman
Mary-Carson Helms
- 23 Fay Holt
Michael Palmer
- 24 Brice Strickland
- 26 Vance Donkle

- 27 Alta Fox
Jordyn Boyd
- 28 Carol Baker
- 29 Carolyn Causey
Marti Hubbard
Ailey Covington
- 31 Tamara Tindal

Anniversaries

- 1 Pat & Janet Howle
- 10 Andy & Lisa Davis
Tim & Karen Lowrey
Doug & Sandy Smith
- 14 Larry & Ann Woodle
- 15 Glenn & Sondra Ray
- 20 Richard & Nancy Anderson
- 23 David & Amy Price
- 25 Lex & Georgia Johnson
Mac & Jenny Smith
- 26 Gray & Linda Strogon
Ava & Garrett Luttrell
- 27 Eddie & Pat Gerosa
- 30 Burt & Dottie Brown





Let the **heavens rejoice,**

**AND LET THE EARTH BE GLAD ...
LET THE FIELD BE JOYFUL,
AND ALL THAT IS THEREIN.**

PSALM 96:11-12, KJV

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