

The Good Word

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...a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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*Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors*



In Pursuit of Holiness



Lately, you have heard me reference an ancient question, “How do we live the good life?”

In a mix of philosophy, theology, and religious rhetoric, each religion sought to answer this question. In doing so they raised other questions. What would a good life look like? Can anyone pursue it, or is it reserved only for the priests? Does the good life rely on beliefs or actions? Or, is it a combination of both? Is it the same thing as “being saved?”

When John Wesley went to Oxford, most people in England were done with religion. We know something of this attitude’s roots. It grew out of the religious wars of the Protestant Reformation. In England the animosity and hostility became amplified. One reason stemmed from the reign of King Henry VIII and his pursuit of an heir. In our day it’s difficult to imagine going to sleep as a Protestant in a Protestant country and waking up to discover a coup had been held during the night. We would be expected to become Catholic or there would be trouble.

After this experience happened too often, many people in England were done with religion.

At Oxford John Wesley planned to enter the ministry during those times with his brother Charles. Following his father’s footsteps, he planned to enter ministry as a good way to pay the bills. It also provided the opportunity to get into the politics of the country. All clergy became members of Parliament upon ordination.

John, his brother Charles, the Presbyterian George Whitfield, and others in their little group read newly discovered writings from the early church. They were amazed at how spiritual the early church had been compared to their day. They were shocked at the spirituality present in so many of the church activities. (It was seen as lacking in their day.) For one they began to doubt the wisdom of having clergy enter political power automatically just by being ordained. In my seminary days this tidbit of John Wesley’s story hooked me. I immediately became a fan.

They soon formed a club. Their little group decided to meet and share what they had been reading. They would regularly pray together and as individuals. They would study the Bible and read it regularly as well. They would also reach out to the poor and visit those who were imprisoned. Of course this also included regular worship.

As you can imagine, this caught the attention of the other seminary students at Oxford. They were disdainful. The other students made up lots of nicknames for the group: the Bible Moths, the Holy Club, the Reformed Club, and of course the Methodists. All these names were meant to be derogatory. The nickname, “Methodists,” stuck obviously.

The nickname stuck because this proved to be their answer to the ancient question. They would pursue holiness in their lives. By methodically practicing to love God and their neighbors, they felt anyone could become more holy – more like God. In their lifetime they played a large role in the change of England’s view of religion.

Bill



MISSIONS

CAR SHOW



Saturday, March 9, 2024

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Registration begins at 8:00 am

Trophies presented at 1:00 pm

Entry fee: \$20.00 per car

Sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Men

Trinity United Methodist Church

198 Long Ave.

Conway, SC 29526

For more info, contact Jimmy McLain at (843)246-1009

YOUTH CONNECTIONS



What A Blessing!

Four of Trinity's youth and their mentors will be taking part in a confirmation retreat, March 1st through March 3rd. They are traveling to Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, N.C. Please keep our precious youth and their mentors in your prayers.

Confirmants are Whitley Gainey, Ailey Covington, Hailey Patterson and Skylynn Peterson.



United Methodist Men

Monday, March 18th, at 6:30 pm in Cordie Page.
Join us for a wonderful meal and program.



"We Are One" will dine at Crepe Creations at Market Commons, Myrtle Beach on Thursday, March 7 at 11:30 AM.

Those who would like to carpool, please meet at the back parking lot of Trinity at 10:40.

Please email: enagyc21@gmail.com or (843)465-6103, by Monday, March 4, if you plan to attend.



Spring Forward Sunday March 10



Wednesday Night Fellowship

5:15-7:15 Fish Club
(Music, Dinner, & Program)
5:45-6:30 Dinner for All
6:00-6:45 Adult Handbells
6:30-7:30 Ukelele Club
6:30-7:15 Bible Study
7:00-8:00 Chancel Choir

March Dates for Trinity's Circles Visitors are always welcome!



Monday, March 4— **Betty Goldfinch Circle**—5:30 PM—Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 4 —**Friendship Circle**—6:30 PM—Cordie Page

Sunday, March 10—**Sunshine Circle**—12:15 PM—Cordie Page



Thursdays at Noon

March 7 hosted at Saint Anne's Episcopal Church (2104 North Main Street)

Speaker: Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.

March 14 hosted at St. James Catholic Church (1071 Academy Drive)

Speaker Rev. Bill McCown

March 21 hosted at Trinity United Methodist Church (198 Long Avenue)

Speaker: Father Oscar Borda



Prayer &
Self-
Denial
2024





PARKING LOT YARD SALE

WANT TO GET RID OF YOUR STUFF?

Reserve a space today for Trinity's UMW yard sale, which will be held at the same time as the UMM Missions Car show, on Saturday March 9th, 10am-1pm. The sale will be held in the parking lot in front of the Youth building. Call Jennifer to reserve your spot—\$25 per parking space. (843) 248-2194.



The United Methodist Women invite you to help them raise money for missions; local, state, and international. Click on the link below and send a bouquet of flowers to a friend or loved one...to celebrate a special day or to just brighten up their day. Click on the link below and send a little sunshine to someone you care about, you won't be sorry that you did!

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/c4b38fd8/2J-7exBUfki8qQkaEc7oyA?u=https://www.crayolaflowers.com/tumc2865>

Join the UMW in raising funds for local missions, as well as helping micro-entrepreneurs in Haiti, Cambodia, Botswana, and more.

Bring in your gently used or new shoes and these will be shipped to families so they can begin their business of repurposing and selling shoes.

It is a win-win for our local missions and for these families. We will be collecting shoes from Feb. 7-April 6...tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity





Fish Club Fun



EASTER

How many different words can you make using these letters?

Make your own design on these eggs. Then color them!

DID YOU KNOW?

JESUS IS LORD!

Eggs are a sign of new life, just like our new life in Christ!

You can have new life too! Use the alphabet code and your Bible to solve the puzzle and find out how.

"IF YOU C _____ WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT _____ IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN YOUR _____ THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE _____."

8 5 1 18 20 19 1 22 5 4

ROMANS 10:9, ESV

Can you find 9 other symbols of new life on this page? Circle each one, then color them!

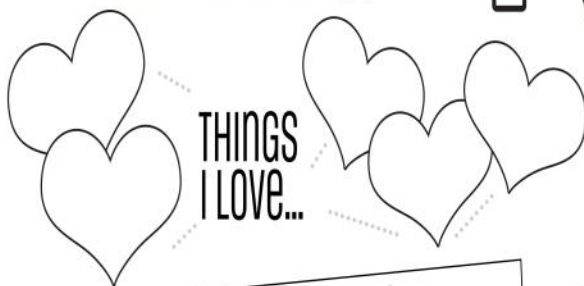
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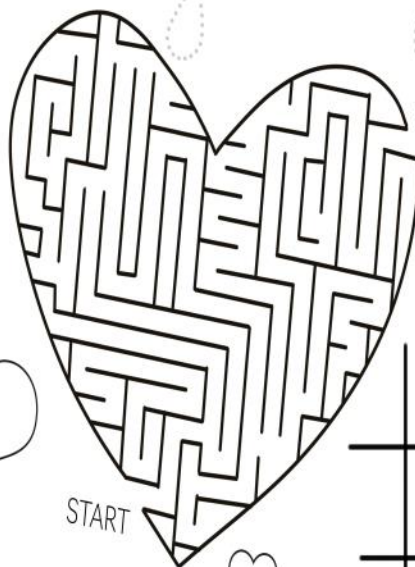
HE IS RISEN!

Matthew 28:6

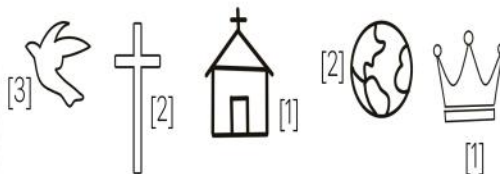
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LOVES
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T	Y	S	G	O	O	N	N	H		ANGEL
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Find & color the below images on the page



How many ♥ can you find on the page?

a. 12 b. 14 c. 9

AS THE FATHER HAS
LOVED ME,
SO HAVE I LOVED YOU.
NOW REMAIN IN
MY LOVE.

John 15:9, NIV



COLOR THE BOOKMARK
& THEN CUT IT OUT.

Once again, we will be making Easter baskets for kids ages 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, and 14-17 years old that will be donated to Help-4-Kids.

Suggestions for the baskets include: Bible, wrapped candy, chewing gum, stuffed animal, chocolate bunny, socks, pencils, crayons, small toys, note pads, toothbrush & toothpaste or age-appropriate toys.

Please cover your basket(s) with clear paper so the goodies will not spill out and clearly mark your basket(s) for a boy or girl, along with the age.

Bring your basket(s) on Sunday, March 17th, to either service, and leave at the altar. You may also bring baskets to Jennifer any time before March 17th.



Our Easter Egg Hunt is around the corner and we need your help filling our eggs. Please bring individually wrapped candy, **NO CHOCOLATE**, to Jennifer by Sunday, March 10th. The children and I thank you in advance for ensuring that they have a successful hunt.



THE EASTER CROSS

We will decorate the cross in front of the church on March 30th, at 4:30. Please bring flowers from your yard or stop by the grocery store & purchase a few bunches to help us make it a beautiful resurrection cross! Everyone is welcome to participate. Bring your children or grand children to help decorate. All help is appreciated!

Thanks!
Your Worship Committee
Lana Hudson, Chairperson



PALM & YOUTH SUNDAY

Trinity will have one service on March 24th at 11:00. Please join us in celebrating this Holy day. Our children will begin the service with a Palm Sunday processional and Trinity's Youth will present the message and music.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 24th Palm Sunday Service
One service 11:00am

March 28th Maundy Thursday Communion
Service 7:00 pm

March 31st Easter Sunday Services
6:30 am, 8:45 am & 11:00 am

Thank You Notes



Dear Trinity Family,
What a special surprise for Lanee to bring over the beautiful monogrammed blanket for our baby Jack! We cannot thank you enough for this gift—and it matches Hamp's from you too! We are so blessed to have another miracle baby boy. All the glory to God! We love you! Thank you again!

Travis, Beth, Hamp & Jack Hyman

Thank you for your donation of \$150.00 on 01/17/2024. Your faithful donation will help us to continue our mission to feed people in Conway and the surrounding area. Everything we do is free to anyone in need. Again thanks and God bless!

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
Brandon Oates

March Flower Calendar

Flowers for the Sanctuary



- 3 To the glory of God and in honor of our grandchildren by Margaret and Charles Jordan
- 10 In memory of Jo Darby Rush on her birthday by Dick, Cindy, Debbie and Tammy
- 17 In honor of our grandchildren, Caroline, Drake and Jack by Margaret and Teddy Henry
- 24 To the glory of God by Creola and Stoney Harrelson
- 31 To the glory of God by a Friend of Trinity



Join us for this fun
Intergenerational Event
for
LADIES of ALL AGES!
(Birth to 99!)

Look for more details in the
April *Good Word*.

Tea for You and Me!

May 4, 2024

10-11:30 AM

Trinity's Fellowship Hall



Given in memory of....

Stan Cross

Mr. & Mrs. Glynn G. Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Wiseman
Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Long
Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Swenson, Jr.
Dr. & Mrs. Bill Fox
Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Sasser
Mr. Wayne Hill
Dr. Reggie Daves
Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Gordon
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Sam Hodges
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hudson
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Mrs. Barbara Davis
Mrs. Athene Long
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Mr. John Long
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Mr. & Mrs. Pete Peterson
Mrs. Linda Hendrick
Robbie & Kim Thigpen
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Norton
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Staton
Mr. & Mrs. John Winn
Gina & Les Lesslie
Mrs. Gail Kemm
Mr. & Mrs. Ed McNew
Mr. & Mrs. Teddy Henry
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Eisenman
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Cross
Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Hopkins
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Mr. Jimmy Johnson
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Linda & Richard Mote

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Mr. & Mrs. Milton Gantt
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Holliday
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Bert Harrell

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Peterson
Mrs. Barbara Davis
Mr. Wayne Hill
Mr. & Mrs. Teddy Henry
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Wiseman

Carol Reis Starr

Mr. & Mrs. William W Starr

Penny Todd

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Peterson

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.
Thank you!



We Care for One Another



*Are there any among you sick?
They should call for the elders of
the church and have them pray over
them. James 5:14*

Patsy Smith
Glenn Cartrette
Carol Horner
Jan Harrell
Patsy Buck
Debbi Siena
Nancy Winiarski
Martha Cline
Mary Miller
Pat Gregory
Martha Cross
Creola Harrelson
Vance & Jennifer Donkle

ARMED FORCES

Michael Merzke (Diane Fouquet's nephew)
Matthew Merzke (Diane Fouquet's nephew)
Hughes Wrighter (Ellen Nagy's granddaughter)
Eliza Edge
Samuel Weitzman (nephew of Marti Hubbard)

Brightwater

101 Brightwater Dr. Myrtle Beach, SC 29579
Audrey Johnson (Rm.311)

Claiborne at W. Lake

557 Furrys Ferry Rd, Martinez, Georgia 30907
Janet Mayers

Arbor Landing

3105 Dick Pond Rd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
Carrie Raymor (Apt. 101) 843-902-7032

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518 S. Main, Mullins, SC 29574
Ruby Pittman

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12287 Hwy 707, Murrells Inlet, SC
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Pruitt Health Conway

2379 Cypress Circle, Conway 29526
Don Murphy (Rm. 238)
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MEMBERS' PARENTS

Molly Nobles (Wayne Nobles' mother)
Mary Hopkins (Bryan Hopkins' mother)
Carolyn Holden (Carol Baker's mother)
Barbara Nagy (Alan Nagy's mother)
Maxine Moore (Diane Ginty's mother)
Daisy Thompkins (Betty Butler's mother)
Jean Murdock (Reid Murdock's mother)
Marilyn Johnston (Elaine Hyman's &
Joey Johnston's mother)
Barbara Calhoun (Alanda McLain's mother)

MEMBERS' FRIENDS & FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Janice & Danny Elmer (Jerri Woodlee's friends)
Wayne McGinn (Wally & Cookie Elston's friend)
Mary Lee Anderson (Dawn Turner's friend)
Janet & David McClellan (Kandace Hyman's
friends)
Anne Steele (staff member)
Jimmy & Lauren Lindsey (Kellah Fortson's
friends)
Harmony Fields (daughter of Ralph Fields)
Ann Hayes (Sunshine Circle)

MEMBERS' FAMILY

Finn Brown (grandson of Sara Reddick)
Christine Kennerly (Pat Rose's daughter)
Cynthia Inman (Donna Cartrette's sister)
Tonya Hawkins (Phyllis Koch's daughter)
Pam Broun (sister of Beth Suggs)
Joe Dean (brother-in-law of Libby Inabnit)
Patsy Elliott (Pete Peterson's sister)
Jack Thompkins (Betty Butler's brother)
Palmer Jones (niece of Jennifer Donkle)
Mark Long (son of Athene Long)
Bryan Williams (brother of Doug Williams)
Ruth Ellen Coffey (sister of Mary Miller)
Rita Liuzzi (sister-in-law of Diane Ginty)
Betty Coggeshall (Linda Hendrick's sister)
Chris Merkel (sister of Kathleen Sellers)
Darlene Ginty (sister-in-law of Diane Ginty)
Joseph Holden (brother of Carol Baker)

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Linda Hendrick
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**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!!**



Rev. & Mrs. McCown join the entire Trinity Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to:

Jan Harrell and family following the death of her husband, Bert Harrell

Donnie & Susanna Register and family following the death of his mother, Annie Register

Stoney & Creola Harrelson and family following the death of his sister, Evelyn Harrelson Horne

Julie Strickland and family following the death of her grandmother, Peggy Ann Hughes

Andy & Terra Altman and family following the death of his father, Tony Altman

Barry & Libby Cates and family following the death of his brother, Karl Cates.

Welcome to Our Trinity Family!

Wendi and Jeff Bange were welcomed into the Trinity United Methodist Church family on Sunday, February 25th, by transfer of membership.



Those Who Serve March Altar Guild

Janice Hardwick
Janet Howle

March Acolytes

March 3 Holli Siena
March 10 Lona Siena
March 17 Olivia Myers
March 24 Rosemary Reid
March 31 Youth



- | | |
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| 1 Jessica Rice
Mason Luttrell | 21 John Henry
Taylor Hunsucker |
| 2 Patrice Boatwright
Ryan Freudiger | 22 Russ Richardson |
| 3 Chap & Nila Hutchinson
Brice Hilliard
Garrett Thomas | 23 Lyndsay Anderson
Mary Chesla
Jimmy Seeders |
| 4 Kelly Barnes
Frank & Sharyn Holliday | 24 Bobby Gantt
Beau Dingle
Paul Gore |
| 5 Bill Wiegand
Josh Nesbit | 25 Ara Heinz
Jackson Anderson
Austin Suggs |
| 6 Gail Kemm | 26 Travis Hyman |
| 7 Merrell Floyd
Robert Booth
Anna Johnson
Libbey Inabnit
Gage Fortson
Charles & Judy Gidney | 27 Catherine Dingle
Anna Dingle
Mary Dingle
Polly & Joey Vereen |
| 8 Mark Davis
Pam Reis
Karen Lowrey | 28 Jordyn Barnes
Rachel Fleming |
| 9 Mary Hawkins
Carolyn Guyton
Lee & Tammy Boyd | 29 Cynthia Welch |
| 10 Jessica Rogers
William Helms | 30 Reid Murdock
Skip & Carol Baker |
| 11 Betty Butler
Tyler Johnson
Holley Wallace | 31 Andy Fowler
Erica & Shane Tyler
Jacob Holden
Dennis Greene
Layla Richardson |
| 12 Sarah Hughes | |
| 13 Kathy Gray | |
| 14 Richard Anderson
Carolyn Floyd
Don & Sherri Freudiger
Deborah Burdine | |
| 15 D. J. & Lynn Hucks | |
| 16 Whitley Gainey | |
| 17 Bill Fox
Grant Johnston
Jordan Hyman | |
| 18 Janie Johnson | |
| 19 Barry & Libby Cates
Burt Brown | |
| 20 Margaret Henry
Chad & Matti Hooks | |



2024 Easter Lilies

Lilies will again decorate the chancel area on Easter Sunday morning. You are encouraged to “adopt” a lily in honor of **OR** in memory of a loved one. *(Please remember, only one name per lily).* You may choose to contribute to missions instead; if so, please indicate in the area provided below.

The cost is **\$16.00** per lily. Please, **only one name per lily.** Please send this form to the Church Office by **March 17**, along with your check made out to Trinity United Methodist Church. Thank you.

Given by: _____

_____ In Honor/Memory of _____
(please circle ONE)

_____ I do not wish to purchase a lily, but would like to make a contribution to missions. (Please specify which mission you would like to contribute to.)



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