

The Good Word

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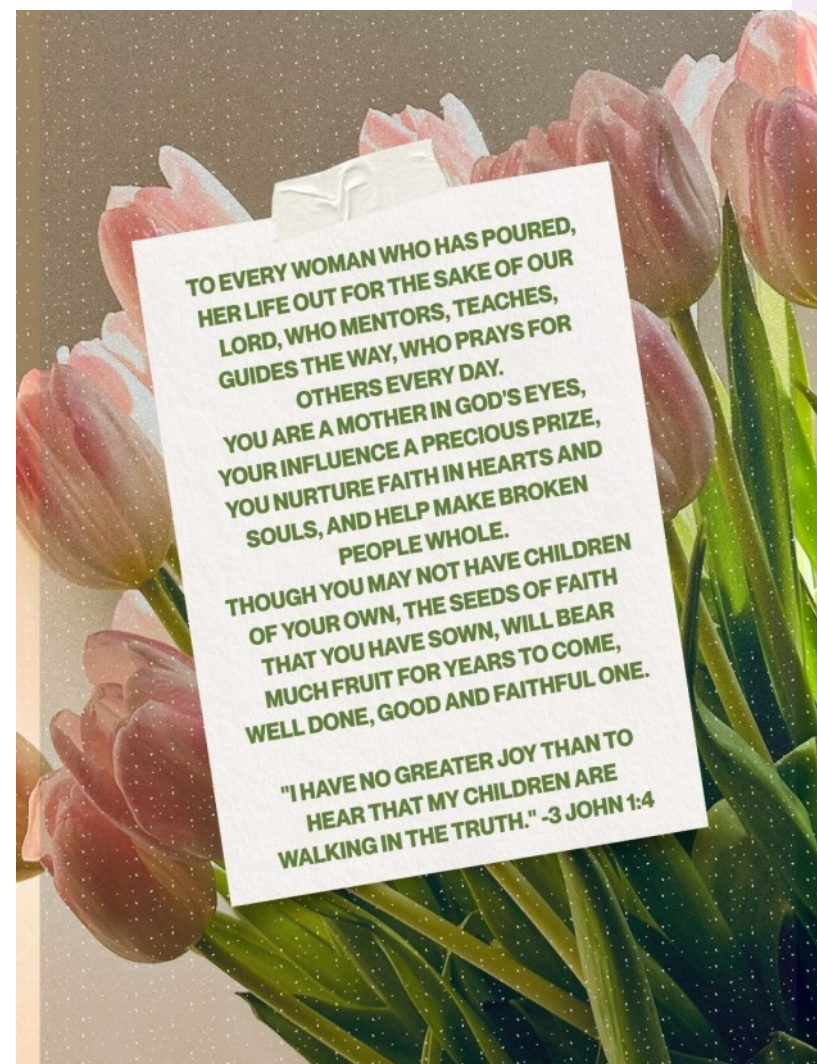
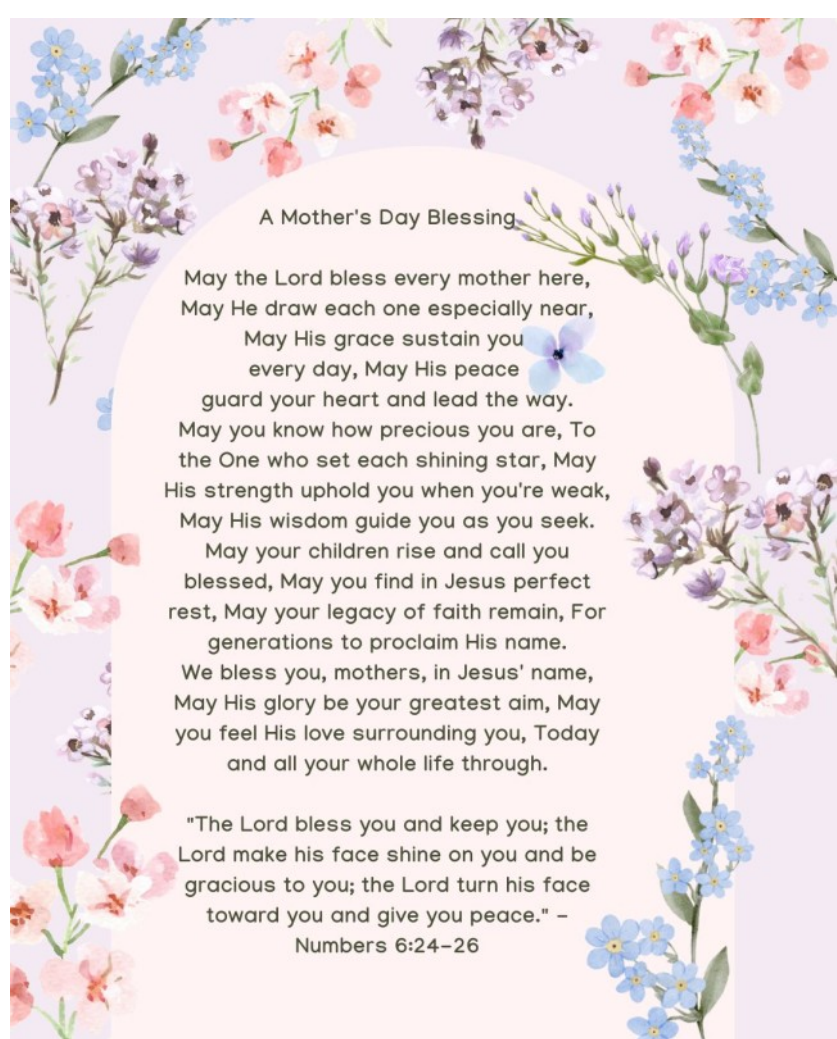
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He is risen! Hallelujah!



*Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors*





Ascension Sunday, May 17, 2026

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:44-53

The ascension means that Jesus is now Lord of the universe. His authority is not waiting for a future day; it is true today. –N.T. Wright



Have you ever faced abandonment issues? And I am not referring to those times you can't find the remote, or the keys to your apartment. You have abandonment issues when you experience a strong fear of being separated from or losing someone significant or important to you.

The disciples have a problem with Jesus' announcement that he's leaving them. They don't understand that when Jesus ascended into heaven, it was not a vanishing act. Luke tells us that after speaking to his disciples, "he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven" (v. 51). Far from being the end of his ministry, the ascension is the hinge between Jesus' earthly mission and what the Holy Spirit would continue to do through them. What did that mean for them — and for us?

First, the ascension means that Jesus is not confined to one place. During his ministry, he walked the dusty roads of Galilee and Jerusalem. Now, exalted at the right hand of God, he is present with all his people, in every place and time. This is why we can say with confidence that Christ is with us — whether we're gathered in worship, sitting quietly at home or walking through the challenges of daily life.

Second, the ascension reminds us that Christ is our advocate. Seated at the right hand of God, he intercedes for us. We are never alone in our struggles, because Jesus carries our prayers, our sorrows and our needs into the very presence of God.

Third, the ascension propels us into mission. Notice that the disciples don't leave this moment sad or fearful. Luke says they "returned to Jerusalem with great joy" (v. 52). They had work to do: to witness, to proclaim, to love in his name. The same is true for us. The ascension is not about staring up at the sky. It's about rolling up our sleeves on earth, living as his body in the world.

Finally, the ascension points us forward. Just as Jesus left, so he will also return. Until then, we live in hope, knowing the story is not over. The ascension reminds us that history has a destination, and that destination is Christ's kingdom in all its fullness. So, on this Ascension Sunday, we join the disciples in worship and joy. The risen and ascended Lord reigns, and because he lives and reigns, we can face tomorrow with courage and confidence.
Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Risen and ascended Lord, lift our hearts in joy and remind us that you intercede for us, and empower us to live as your witnesses until you come again. Amen

Thank you so much Berkley, Lily, and Rosemary for sharing your gifts with your Trinity family.



The Sunshine Circle got a special blessing at their last meeting. Thanks Ailey and Whitley for sharing your gift of music and your love for God with us.





Sunshine Circle—Sunday, May 17 @ 12:00 PM in
the Cordie Page Building

Betty Goldfinch Circle—Monday, May 4 @ 5:30 PM
at Kim Hohenforst's home



United Methodist Men—Monday, May 18 @ 6:30
PM in the Cordie Page Building



Altar Flowers

May Flower Schedule

- May 3** To the glory of God and In loving memory of Emma Lou Johnson by Jimmy Johnson
- May 10** To the glory of God and in loving memory of Jenny Gantt on Mother's Day by her husband, Bobby Gantt and her family
- May 17** Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Hilda Talbert and my mother-in-law, Juddie Fortson, by Lana Fortson
- May 24** To the glory of God and In honor of our granddaughter, Ellie Brooke Howell, on her 21st birthday by her grandparents, Phyllis and Richard Eisenman
- May 31** To the glory of God and in memory of those who gave their lives for our Country by Sandi D'Attilio

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SEND HER AN E-MAIL LETTING HER
KNOW TO ADD YOU TO THE LIST.
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FAITH
Don't Keep it to Yourself!

CULTIVATING GRATITUDE

14-18 OCTOBER

2026

Thank You

The United Methodist Women Executive Board would like to thank each lady who contributed to our recent bake sale, as well as those who purchased baked goods and made donations. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a little over \$1000. This money helps support numerous ministries in the community. In addition, we are trying to raise money for an electronic sign for the church. Thank you, Trinity, for your very generous support!
With gratitude,
The UMW Executive Board



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 31st; cost depends on attendance.





THANKS TO
EVERYONE
WHO HELPED
TO DECORATE
THE CROSS!

Join Rev. Kyle Randle on a Wesley Heritage Tour, October 10 – October 18, 2026, for an all-inclusive experience starting at \$4746. You will see Coventry Cathedral, Epworth, Cotswold & Stratford, Oxford, Bristol & Bath and London.

What's Included:

- All-inclusive Pricing
- Deluxe Motor Coaches
- Entrance and Tour Fees
 - First Class Hotels
 - Guided Tours
 - Hotel Gratuities
- International Round-Trip Airfare from Charlotte to London
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Enhance your journey with a 4-day Ireland extension for \$1748

For more information, please tap the link below:

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Contact Kyle Randle with any questions @ kyle.randle@fumconway.org or 843-488-4251



Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for all the kindness you have shown me during my illness; the cards, the calls, visits, and most of all your prayers. God spared me because of prayer, and I want to do what He has left me here to finish.

Thank you all!

I love you all,
Lynn Spires



Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity for the children. It makes a difference in a child's life to have food to eat, clothes to wear and the basic necessities of life.

With your support we are able to provide this for children in need. We are grateful for your support for the children.

Help4Kids/Back Pack Buddies,
Barb & Volunteers



Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$300.00 on 04/01/2026.

Your support is essential in helping us continue our mission to fight hunger in South Carolina by helping the people in Conway and the surrounding areas.

Because of generous donations like yours, we were able to serve our community and neighbors in need. With your support, we have contributed more than 900,000 pounds of food to our neighbors and community. We have also installed refrigerated lockers, allowing neighbors to receive food assistance convenient to their schedule.

Your donation is greatly appreciated and will have a significant impact on the lives of those we serve. Once again, thank you for your kindness and generosity. May God bless you!

On behalf of the Shepherd's Table, its Board of Directors, and our neighbors served.

Dane Hanna,
Director
The Shepherd's Table



Given in memory of....

Given in honor of...

All May Birthdays

Merilyn Holcombe



Mary Miller
Libby Cates



May Schedule:

May 3	Hailey Patterson
May 10	Rosemary Reid
May 17	Ailey Covington
May 24	Whitley Gainey
May 31	Hailey Patterson



*The F.U.M.C. family and staff join in expressing
sympathy and Christian love to:*

*the family of Ruby Pittman
and
the family of Sharon Black*



We Care for One Another

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Jason Owens
Tamara Tindal
Burnett Owens
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Art & Sandy O'Brien
Patti Herbert

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

Harmony Fields (daughter of Ralph Fields)
Ralph Fields
Mike Cloderfelter (friend of Gene & Cookie
Johnson)
Rev. Carl Hunsucker

MEMBERS' FAMILY

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Lana Fortson)
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Ruth Ellen Coffey (sister of Mary Miller)
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Eliza Edge

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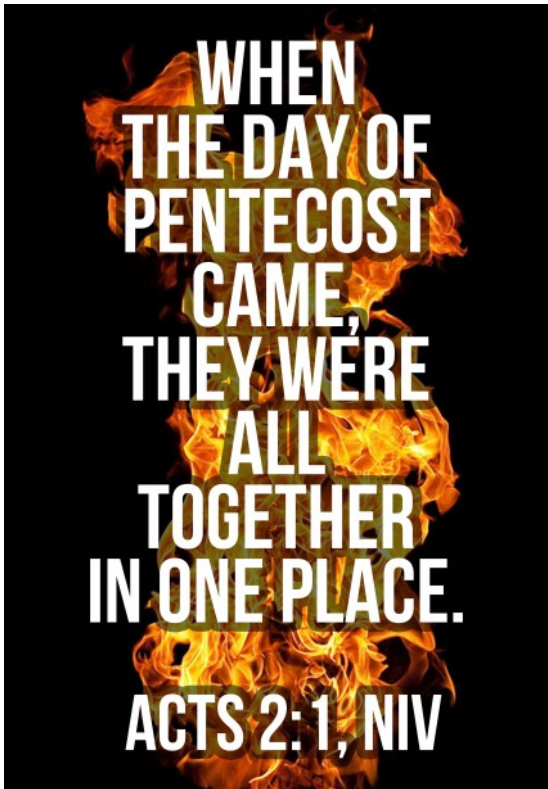
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Please let us know if your phone number has changed and/or if you have dropped a land line. Please update your preferred phone numbers and emails. We want to stay connected!!



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.



Mother's Day

Birthdays

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|---|--|
| 1 Sophie Cribb | 20 Nila Hutchinson
Pete Johnson
Cookie Johnson |
| 3 Becky Smith
Olivia Gross
Nikki Browning | 21 Marilyn Holcombe |
| 4 Harriet Hearl
Carole Butler | 23 Shawn Campbell
Mike Moyer |
| 5 Scott Davis
Sharon Reynolds
Alice Allen
Reed Smith | 24 Carolyn Wright |
| 6 Patti Herbert | 25 Aubrey Hudson |
| 7 Jenny Johnson Smith | 28 Henry Eddy |
| 8 Gannon Tyler | 30 Jerry Parker |

Anniversaries

- | | |
|--|---|
| 9 Nick Campbell
Edward Cutts
Aston Calhoun | 3 Sid & Susan Blackwelder |
| 10 Thomas Suggs
Gail Dunham | 6 Derek & Julie Strickland
Nicholas & Bailey Webster |
| 11 George Oliver
Ken Calhoun
Ellie Howle | 7 Josh & Amber Wall |
| 12 Terra Altman
Shane Tyler
Andi Fox | 12 Jake & Elizabeth Holden |
| 13 Melanie Murdock
Libby Lane
Blake Vaught | 13 Bruce & Anna Johnson |
| 14 Brady Cunningham | 14 Andrew & Cassie Brown |
| 15 Pat Sterlachini | 16 Sam & Lisa Kinon |
| 17 Caitlin Covington | 18 Kathleen & Shaun Sellers |
| 18 Savannah Wright | 22 Ken & Robin Jordan |
| 19 Pat Howle | 23 Russell & Patrice
Boatwright |
| | 24 Jordan & Kandace
Hyman |
| | 26 Larry & Meredith Hyman |
| | 29 Josh & Nikki Hudson |
| | 30 Keith & Sara Farrington |
| | 31 Ed & Brenda Plaughter |

Faith

Flourishes

in His presence

Planted in the house of
the Lord, they will flourish.

Psalm 92:13, NIV

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