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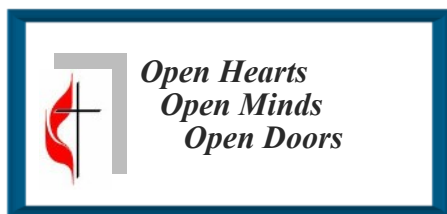
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Monica's Prayers

We often talk about the power of prayer. Our style of praying might be very formal at times and at other times be very casual – perhaps too casual we sometimes fear. Through the spirituals of black slaves, we learn of its power to change things. They often spoke of God “making a way” when there seemed to be no way forward. With many stories like this one, the Church finds reason to seek change through prayer.

We pray for change at times when we do not seem to have the power to make things happen. We seek God's help.

St. Augustine's mother, Monica, provides a story for the power of prayer. Born on a Sunday, November 13, 354, Augustine grew up in Thagaste, North Africa. His father, Patricius, was a stern man. Pagan in religion Patricius was a typical Roman citizen living in the provinces. Patricius married Monica. Monica was a devout Christian.

Monica wanted her son to know Jesus, but only God can change someone's heart.

She began praying about this. From Augustine's youth he wanted to be more like his father. This included being a pagan. As he grew older, his father's influence and the influence of the society of Thagaste played major roles in the path Augustine chose. Instead of marrying, he took a woman to be his mistress. Roman law forbid people of unequal social status to marry. The woman became his mistress instead. Monica prayed.

Showing great intellect and work ethic, the young Augustine decided to move to Rome. He left his mistress in North Africa. In Rome he attended a university studying rhetoric. Soon after enrolling, Augustine found another mistress. His mother continued to pray.

Although Augustine was brilliant, he looked like many other men of his day in his attitudes and behavior. He did possess a keen intellect, and he noticed the injustices of lots of their practices. For these reasons he found the Apostle Paul interesting, what could this Jewish man from the backwaters of the Roman Empire offer to educated people in Rome? Yet despite his reservations, Paul's words moved him in heart and mind. Augustine was so moved by them he once prayed, “Lord, change me, but not yet.” God was working in Augustine. Monica continued to pray.

We know these details of Augustine's life, because he shares them in his famous work known as “Confessions.” He wrote about the prayers of his mother and how those prayers were eventually answered. He goes into tremendous detail about his spiritual journey. Beginning with the time before he knew Christ and continuing into the time he becomes famous as a Christian bishop. In his own words he looks to his mother's prayers as instrumental in helping him find his way.

Bill





First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul. —Hebrews 6:19

There's an old story of a woman who, nearing the end of her life, asked to be buried with a fork in her hand. When asked why, she said: "At church dinners, after the meal was cleared, someone would always lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It meant something better was coming — dessert! I want people to see the fork and remember that the best is yet to come."

This is what hope looks like. Even after a long life full of both blessings and trials, the Christian can still say with confidence: "The best is yet to come."

Advent is the season when hope lights the first candle, pushing back the long shadows of the year. But what is hope?

Hope isn't wishful thinking. It's not crossing our fingers and hoping for the best. Real hope is anchored in the faithfulness of God.

Many of us know from experience that life is filled with seasons — seasons of illness, loneliness, loss or waiting — when hope feels hard to hold onto. Seniors especially have known the long wait for answered prayers, for healing or for reconciliation. Yet it is precisely in these seasons that Advent speaks the loudest. Theologian Karl Barth once said: "What other time or season can or will the church ever have but that of Advent?" In other words, all of life, in a sense, is lived in Advent — in the waiting, in the longing, in the trusting that God is still at work even when we can't yet see all God has promised.

Today, we wait — not for a Savior to be born, but for a Savior to return. And while we wait, we live in hope — a hope that has roots deeper than circumstances.

The apostle Paul prays for believers to be so full of God's hope that it overflows: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

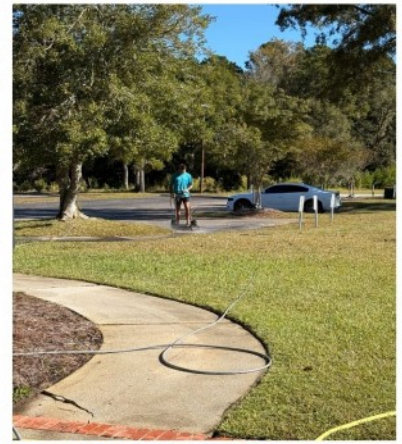
As we light the first candle of Advent, remember: Your hope is not behind you. It's still ahead. God's promises have no expiration date. —Timothy Merrill

Prayer: God of Hope, kindle in our hearts a flame that never dies. Fill us with joy and peace in believing. Let our hope overflow, because the best truly is yet to come. In Jesus' name, Amen.

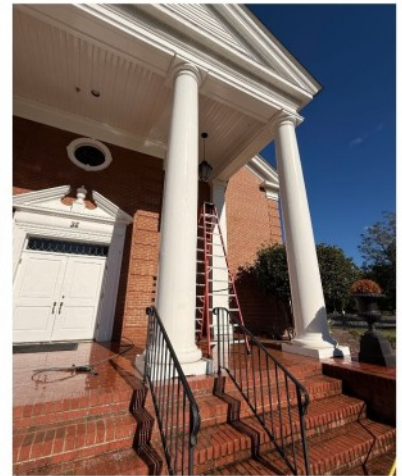


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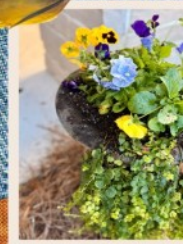
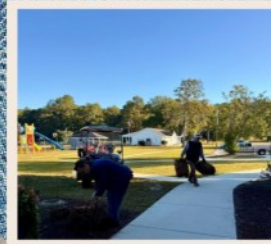
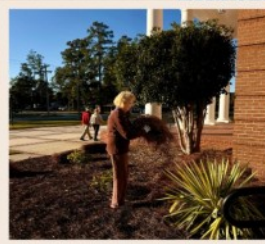
A big thank you to all who participated in the recent work day to make our property more beautiful. You are loved and appreciated. It takes a village!



BEGINNING OF
TRINITY'S
FALL REFRESH



Fall



WORK
DAY





United
Methodist
Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Sunshine Circle Sunday, November 9th at 12:00 PM—Cordie Page Building

Betty Goldfinch Circle Monday, November 3rd at 5:30 PM—Fellowship Hall



United Methodist Men—Monday November 17th at 6:30 pm in the Cordie Page.

Advent EVENTS

Nov.
30

First Sunday of Advent
Hope

Dec.
7

Second Sunday of Advent
Peace
Christmas Cantata - Glory to the
Newborn King.

Dec.
14

Third Sunday of Advent
Joy

Dec.
21

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Love
Handbells Perform
Longest Night Service @ 3:00 pm

Dec.
24

Christmas Eve
Christ
Worship Service @ 5:00 pm

Youth CONNECTIONS



A Word from the Old to the Young Merilyn Holcombe

Parents must spend time getting to know their children. It is worthwhile to set a pattern from a child's first year when the parents and child talk about the child's interests and problems. The parents must listen and help, not just lecture. It would be helpful for the parents and child to keep notebooks and record what is discussed in each time together.



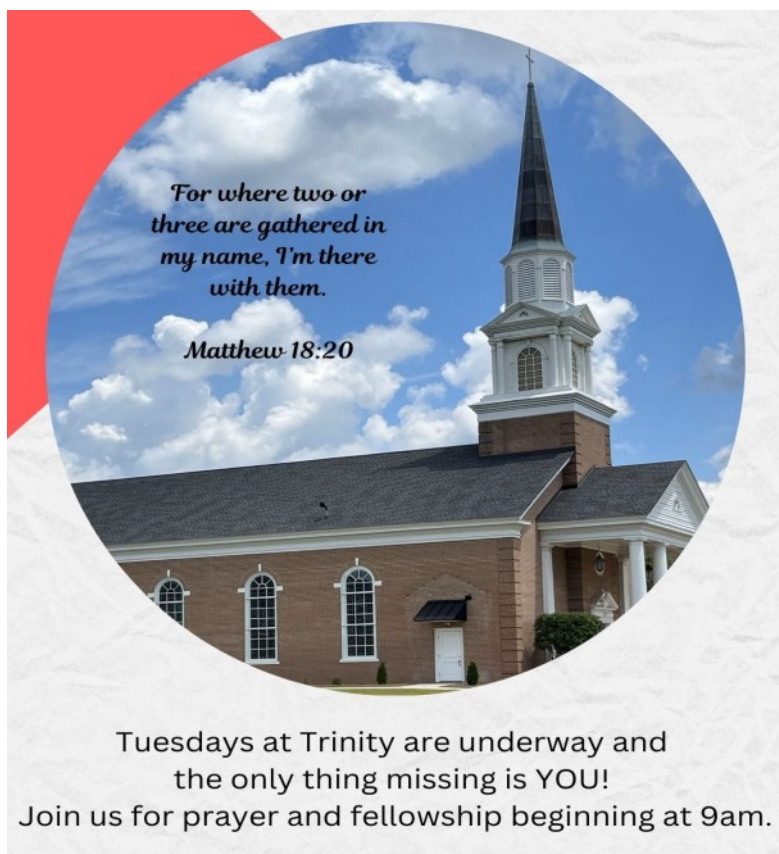
Called to Serve

November Altar Guild:

Carla Booth
Tami Casey
Jerri Woodle

Acolytes:

November 2	Kirby McCown
November 9	Hailey Patterson
November 16	Rosemary Reid
November 23	Holli Sienna
November 30	



Fall back, not behind!

Set your clocks back Saturday, November 1st *and*

join us on time for worship.



Flower Schedule

November 02	In honor of our 5 granddaughters and to the glory of God by Phyllis & Richard Eisenman
November 09	In honor of Dale Ginty for his birthday by Diane Ginty
November 16	In memory of her parents, Jane and Bob Ramseur by Harriet Hearl
November 23	Thanksgiving altar by Jerri Woodle
November 30	In memory of Richard N. Booth by Carla Booth and Tami Casey



Dear United Methodist Women,

We are deeply grateful for your generous donation to help feed kids. Because of your kindness, children who would otherwise go hungry on weekends will have the nourishment to grow, learn, and thrive.

Your support means more than just a meal. It brings hope, comfort and the promise of a better future for these young lives. Thanks to people like you who care, we can continue to fight childhood hunger and make a difference in their lives.

We pack 3200 meals a week for forty-one schools in Horry County. These are sent home with the students on Friday to eat over the weekend. We also provide clothes, shoes, and other essentials recommended by teachers.

Thank you for being a part of this mission.

Barb & Volunteers

"A child might not remember your name, but he will remember you fed him when he was hungry."



Dear Friends at Trinity United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$350.00 on 10/18/2025.

Because of your faithful support, neighbors in our community know they can count on The Shepherd's Table. Your generosity provides stability—ensuring we can serve hot meals in our Community Kitchen, open our pantry doors, and share fresh produce through Fresh Express.

This year your support has contributed to more than 30,000 visits across all our programs—an impact made possible only because of people like you.

Thank you for walking alongside us all year long. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and for the hope you bring to our community.

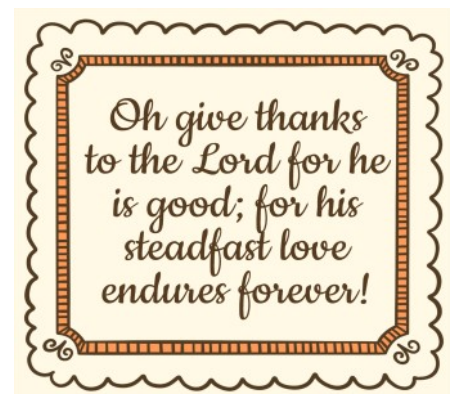
On behalf of The Shepherd's Table and its Board of Directors,

Dane Hanna, Director



My sincere thanks to all who joined in celebrating Tom's life. Words cannot describe my gratitude for the genuine love and caring during this difficult time.

God bless,
Kathy Gray





Given in Memory of...

Jac & Henry Cannon

Mr. & Mrs. M.B. Huggins

Patsy Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Pat Howle

Tom Gray

Mr. & Mrs. Pat Howle

Given in Honor of...

All Who Are Celebrating November Birthdays

Merilyn Holcombe

Merilyn Holcombe

Mr. & Mrs. Pat Howle



ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints Sunday

The names of these members of Trinity United Methodist Church who have joined The Church Triumphant since last All Saint's Day were called out and remembered in worship on Sunday, Nov. 2nd.

Robbie Yarborough	Marie Herrin
Joe Parler	Larry Dietrich
Tom Gray	Doug Williams
Patsy Smith	James Richardson
Bob Brinson	

We Care for One Another



MEMBERS EMERITUS

Claiborne at W. Lake

557 Furs Ferry Rd, Martinez, Georgia 30907
Janet Mayers

Arbor Landing

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

Mullins Nursing Center

2829 E. Hwy. 76, Mullins, SC 29574
Ruby Pittman (Rm. 355)

Spring Oak Assisted Living

2310 US-378 Conway, SC 29527
Dorothy Deitrich (Rm. 515)

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
(843) 333-1020

Ed & Gail McNew

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Sandra Parler

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Conway, SC 29526

Pete & Martha Johnson

833 Shaftesbury Ln
Conway, SC 29526
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B.G. Gantt

16 Holly Cr.
Greenville, SC 29607

Members

Marie Skipper
Lynn Spires
Rich & Phyllis Eisenman
Cheryl Robertson
Mark Blackwelder
Mary Miller
Martha Cross
Vance & Jennifer Donkle
Kathy Gray
Pat & Eddie Gerosa
Beth Brinson
Merrell Floyd

Tina Hubbard
Phyllis Koch
Linda Hendrick
Jason Owens
Sharon Black
Tamara Tindal
Burnett Owens
Susan Wiseman
Dr. Dick Rush
Art & Sandy O'Brien
Helen Emmons

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
Mike & Chris Cloderfelter (friends 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 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)
Peggy Inman (sister of Athene Long)

Armed Forces

Eliza Edge
Samuel Weitzman (nephew of Marti Hubbard)

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Hayes Blackwelder
614 Elgin Ct
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579-3332

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Columbia, SC 29205

Luke Skipper
566 J.P. Stevens Rd
Seneca, SC 29678

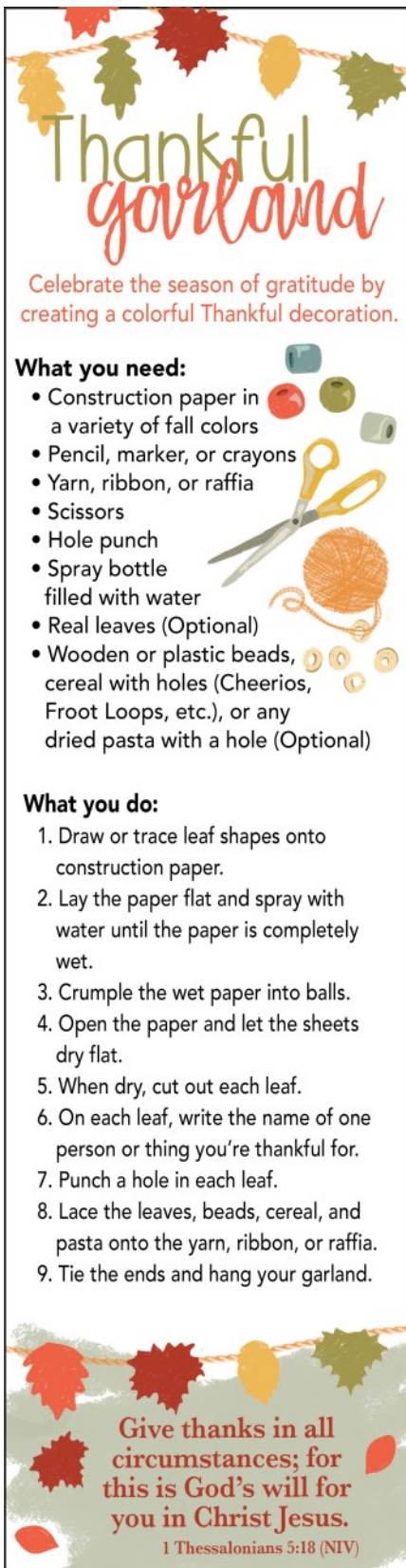
Austin Suggs
1100 Bluff Rd, Unit 507
Columbia, SC 29201

John (J.D.) Murdock
Attn: FMU Housing
51430 East Palmetto St
Florence, SC 29506



Please come and visit the Joy Sunday School class on Sundays at 9:30 AM. You will make new friends and receive a blessing.





Thankful Garland

Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)

What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1 Ralph Fields
- 2 Jackson Brookshire
Wendi Bange
- 3 Chad Cunningham
- 4 Jennifer Dozier
Glenn Graves
Rick Gartrell
Hailey Patterson
- 5 Maddie Neese
Beth Brinson
- 6 Bobbi Dawn Inabnit
Olivia Myers
- 8 Israel Singleton
- 9 Bryan Hopkins
Linda Hendrick
Laura Lowder Greene
- 10 Eddie Oliver
- 11 Flora Helms
Page Anderson
- 12 Russell Boatwright
- 13 Jess Glassgow
Polly Vereen
Lizzy Line
Eddie Gerosa
- 14 Sha McCollum
Davis Inabnit
- 16 Linda Johnson
Stacey Hucks
- 19 Diane Ginty
- 20 Jimmy Johnson
Jason Owens
- 21 Delores Dickerson
- 22 Donnie Guyton
Ed McNew
- 23 Ellen Vaught
- 25 Daniel Register
Lily Sellers
- 26 Tyler Smith
- 27 Maida Fuentes
Bob Rogers
Riggs Hyman
- 28 Glynn Johnson
Dan Wysong

Anniversaries

- 2 Jeff & Valerie Davis
- 3 Andrew & Katie Fox
- 8 David & Kellah Webster
Pete & Martha Johnson
Kevin & Alicia Todd
- 16 Kip & Mary Miller
- 30 Sam & Jennifer Graves



Happy THANKSGIVING!

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!





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198 Long Avenue, Conway

November 24, 25, 26, 28

December 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31

January 2

7:30 am - 5:30 pm

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