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*Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors*





John Wesley's Gift

We hear lots about John Wesley from time to time. Some ministers talk about him too much. Others don't talk enough. As the founder of Methodism and a key leader in the Evangelistic Revival spiritually igniting the churches of the eighteenth century, his historical place is secure.

What does he offer our age though?

In his day most British people were done with religion. After the Protestant Reformation and the conflict produced by King Henry the VIII, (one day the king would be Protestant, and the next day a new king or queen had declared them Catholic.) The violence committed by one Christian against another. Most people didn't want to return to this. Being a Christian was mostly a political act in those days.

After the violence of the Protestant Reformation, John Wesley went to Oxford to become a minister like his father. Ancient books had been discovered thanks to archaeological scientists. This discovery ignited a firestorm of intellectual activity at Oxford's seminary. The newly discovered books showed the Christian movement to have been more concerned about a person's spiritual well-being than about his or her political affiliation. Emphasizing the spiritual nature of the church lead to implications reaching into all areas of life.

Through preaching to the people who were not attending church and then organizing them into small groups, Methodism taught and lived out a radical hospitality (grace upon grace). It also embodied Christians living out high standards of behavior (justice) and calling for others to follow their lead. Methodism made use of many innovations to church work: field preaching, lay preachers, small group studies, and taking religion and its practices into all areas of life. (The "12 -Step program" of Alcoholics Anonymous was supposedly developed in this period.)

Adam Hamilton uses his pulpit to address any and all subject matters patterned after Wesley. Many come to see what he will say next. This takes a tremendous amount of time to do it well. Adam spends the time doing this. However, they also have a mix of small groups to foster fellowship, and other small groups embrace local community social projects – soup kitchens, Habitat for Humanity, et cetera.

Imagine what a small group of six to twelve people could accomplish as they met regularly and sought make changes in how people viewed nature. I first thought this way during seminary. During my time in Lexington, a group of us went deer hunting regularly during the fall. People who had not felt comfortable in church their whole lives soon became highly involved in that church. We talked about the harm our nation does to nature – the shrinking areas to safely hunt. This included the shrinking habitats of the animals we hunted. What could we do? These problems were so big.

In John Wesley's day he would have tried to solve these problems. With what you know about Wesley, what might he have done about our environmental concerns?

Bill





We have launched a Fresh Expression in Aynor, SC, called "Grace Gatherings". We have met at the Aynor Senior Citizen's Home. We have had a time of fellowship including a luncheon and pastries while sharing the Word of God, and a time of prayer. Come join us as we come together in community to have real life conversations about faith & life, weather you're seeking peace, purpose, or just a place to belong. There's a seat for you.

Here are our upcoming dates:

October 19th

November 9th & 23rd

December 14th

Thank you for your generous gifts, encouragement, and prayers.

Blessings
Pastor Mike

GRACE GATHERINGS



A Place For Everyone





Ladies Retreat

Another amazing retreat! The theme was trust and Matthew 6:26 was our foundation, "Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are?"



United Methodist Men-Monday October 12th at 6:30 pm in the Cordie Page.



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

Betty Goldfinch Circle Monday, October 6th at 5:30 PM—Fellowship Hall

ATTENTION WOMEN OF ALL AGES!

“She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.” Prov. 31:20

Trinity United Methodist Women would like to invite all women, members and visitors (you needn't be a member of the church) to become a part of our great fellowship!

Our purpose is to become a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, develop creative and supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global and local ministries of the church.

At present we have 2 circles who meet separately and we all have a great time of fellowship together. We meet together as a united group at Christmas for our annual Soup Supper (don't miss this!) and for a service of Prayer and Self-Denial in February.

Betty Goldfinch Circle—meets the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall

Sunshine Circle—meets the second Sunday of the month at 12:00 noon in the Cordie Page Building

Plan to join one of these circles and meet new friends, experience Christian fellowship with other women and have fun!

We support the following missions: Fostering Hope, Help 4 Kids/Backpack Buddies, The Shepherd's Table, and CAP (Churches Assisting People). Working together we plan and carry out various mission projects to help these folks in need throughout our community and the world. For example, the UMW is putting on a craft show with proceeds going towards our church and missions. Come join us on October 11 for a fun time and join one of our circles! You'll be blessed by friendships and help others at the same time!



Joy Class News

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, Where? Down in my heart,
Where? Down in my heart. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
down in my heart to stay.*

The Joy Class was formed in 1975. We have always been a group of people who love and care for each other. We support each other during times of happiness and through times of sadness.

We also support several organizations in Horry County by giving them donations quarterly. One of our missions that we support is *New Directions* which is located in Myrtle Beach. Between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025 they did the following: They provided 66,351 safe nights off the street, 135,710 meals, and they served 1,349 men, 418 women, 137 children, 49 veterans, and 63 families.

They empowered: 497 individuals and 16 families to go home to reunite with family or other support systems, 226 individuals and 18 families to secure permanent or transitional housing, and 39 individuals to connect to long-term recovery. 44% of people served secured a permanent positive solution to their crisis.

The Joy Class (Jesus 1st, Others 2nd and yourself 3rd) is more than just a Sunday School Class that meets once a week from 9:30 to 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is welcome to join us and to be a member of our caring class. We not only support our members but we also support others in our community.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord and serve the Lord with gladness. Psalm 100:1



A Word from the Old to the Young Merilyn Holcombe

Time spent in good clean fun is time well spent. A family that finds many ways to have safe, caring fun finds many ways to enjoy each other. This builds a stronger, happier family. That old saying is expressed in a different way, "The family that plays together stays together." Just remember: what's fun for one might not be fun for another. So everyone must find ways that all in the family enjoy.



Called to Serve

October Altar Guild:

Cynthia & Dave Evans

Lois & Alan Edwards

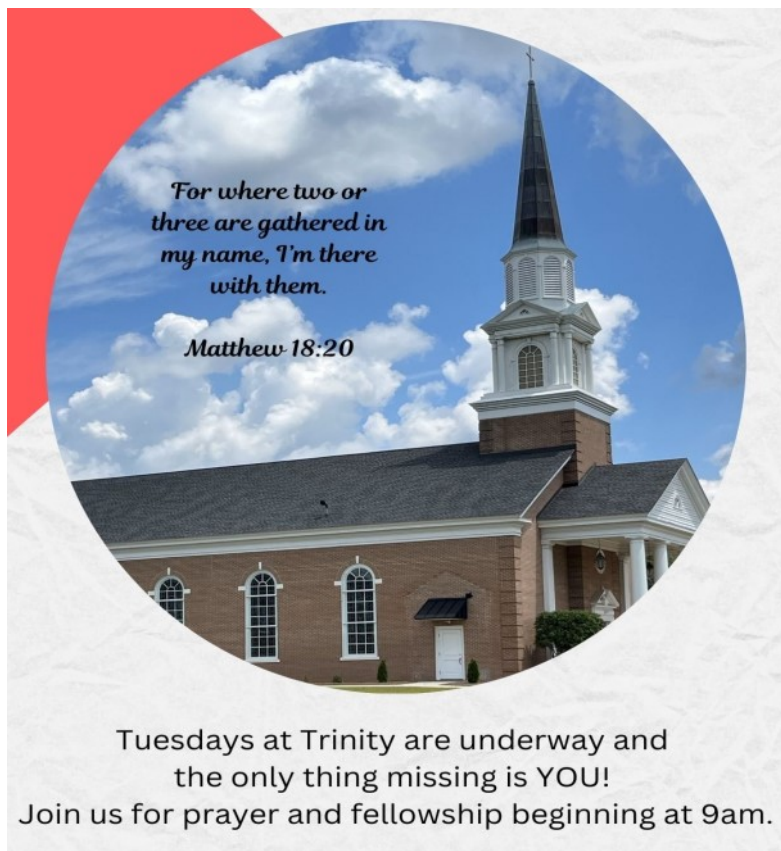
Acolytes:

October 5 Rosemary Reid

October 12 Holli Siena

October 19 Ailey Covington

October 26 Whitley Gainey



Flower Schedule

October 5th

In memory of their mothers by Sid & Susan Blackwelder

October 12th

To the glory of God by Linda & Boyd Gainey

October 19th

In honor of Marilyn Holcombe by Elizabeth Lane

October 26th

In memory of her mother and in honor of her birthday by Nila & Chap Hutchinson



THANK YOU

Thank you, Trinity Family, for your prayers, support, and love...it made a difference! New Directions was able to raise \$51,000.



Dear Trinity Family,

Most of you do not know me, but I want to thank you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls while I was recovering from major back surgery these past 5 months.

Y'all gave me strength when I was ready to give up. I truly feel welcomed in this church. Thank you and God bless you!

A Sister in Christ,

Helen Emmons



To: Trinity United Methodist Church (UMW)

Dear Friends,

All of us at Fostering Hope appreciate the United Methodist Women of TUMC and your donation of \$200.00 on 08/25/2025, and your continued support of the children we serve. With your help we are able to provide for hundreds of children in our community every month.

Thank you for all you do,
In His Service,
Fostering Hope

09/05/2025

Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$200.00 on 08/27/2025. Your support is essential in helping us to continue our mission to fight hunger in South Carolina by helping the people in Conway and the surrounding areas.

Your donation is greatly appreciated & 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, & our neighbors served.

Dana Hanna
Director of The Shepherd's Table

memorials & gifts

Given in Memory of...

Patsy Smith

Chad Johnson
Gail Kemm
Cynthia & Milton Gantt
Bryan & Nancy Hopkins
Dr. Cynthia Terres & Brian
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Eisenman
Jimmy Johnson

Tom Gray

Merilyn Holcombe
Milton & Cynthia Gantt
Bryan & Nancy Hopkins
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Eisenman
Jimmy Johnson

Rosemary Seif

Gail Kemm

Stan Cross

John Ricks

Bob Brinson

Barry & Libby Cates
Merilyn Holcombe
Bryan & Nancy Hopkins

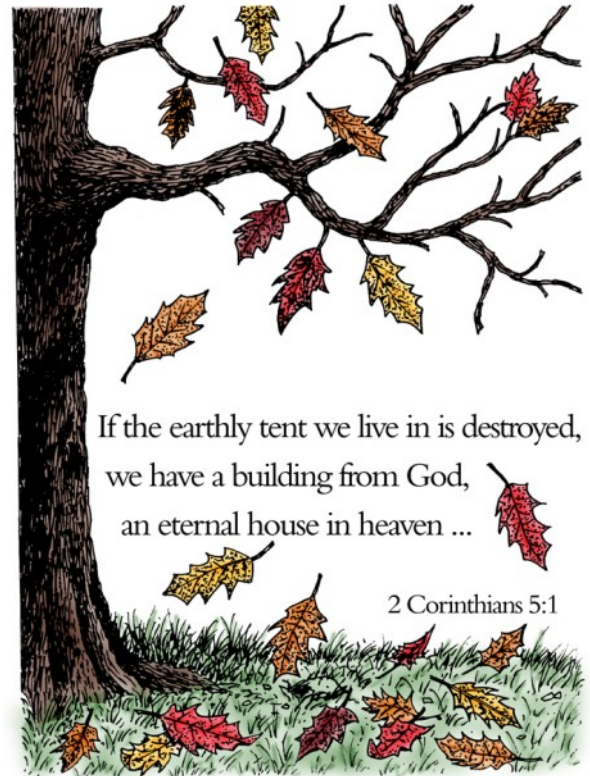
Given in Honor of...

All Who Are Celebrating October Birthdays

Merilyn Holcombe

Kip & Mary Miller

Pat Taylor



*Rev. McCown and the entire F.U.M.C. family and staff join in expressing sympathy
and Christian love to:
Beth Brinson and family following the death of her husband
Robert (Bob) Brinson*

We Care for One Another



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

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
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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

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)
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)
Peggy Inman (sister of Athene Long)

Armed Forces

Eliza Edge
Samuel Weitzman (nephew of Marti Hubbard)

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Conway, SC 29526

Buddy Walk® & Festival!

Join us for our annual Buddy walk, all proceeds benefit the Grand Strand Down Syndrome society programs. A fantastic day of games, laughter, and a celebration of inclusion!

FREE ENTRY OPEN FOR ALL AGES

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Saturday October 18

Grand Park at Market Commons

Fun Games Face Painting Live Performances

STILT WALKERS! GAME TRUCK! RAFFLE BASKETS! LIVE MUSIC!

Food Trucks & So much more!

Community Resources

REGISTER OR DONATE IN 3 STEPS

SCAN THE QR OR VISIT CHARITY.PLEDGEIT.ORG/CSBUDDYWALK

TAP "JOIN US" TO REGISTER — OR "DONATE" — SHARE YOUR LINK WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A Memorial Service for Robert Brinson will be held on Sunday October 12th at 2 PM, in the Sanctuary with Lunch being served after, in the Fellowship Hall.

A Memorial Service for Tom Gray will be held on Thursday October 16th at 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall with Lunch being served after.

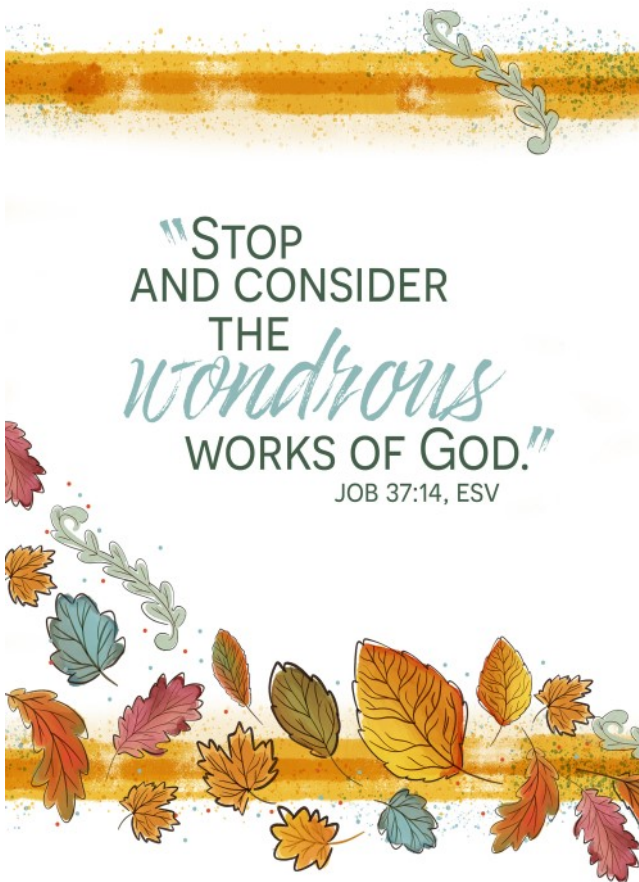


Birthdays

- 1 Donna Lunsford
- 3 Lindsey Fleming
- 4 Lisa Kinon
Kandace Hyman
- 5 Jean Hoover
Eliza Tyler
- 7 Pat Gregory
Jake Nesbit
- 8 Martha Cline
Melissa Demko
Georgia Johnson
- 9 Davis Inabnit, Jr.
David Webster
John Wright
Lauren Richardson
- 10 Lorelei Rautsaw
- 11 Markell Singleton
- 12 Conor Guyton
Teryl Scholes
- 13 Lori King
Tim Hoover
- 14 Beth Suggs
Brenda Plaugher
Tami Casey
Linda Croyle
- 15 Nancy Anderson
- 16 Charles Jordan
- 17 Susan Blackwelder
Mary Tovornik
Evelyn Blackwelder
Kirby McCown
- 18 Paul Smith
- 19 Andy Davis
Ed Plaugher
- 22 Russ Boatwright
Tanner Guyton
Josh Wysong
- 23 Carly Jones
- 24 Beth Calhoun
Lucas Brookshire
- 25 Josie Hunsucker
Riley Hunsucker
- 26 Shana Boatwright
- 27 Sara Farrington
John Creel
Shaun Sellers
- 28 Wayne Hill
Everett Todd
- 29 Brian Anderson
Anne Woodle
- 30 Emery Howle
- 31 Pandra Johnston
Manny Feldner
Matt Reynolds

Anniversaries

- 1 Sudie & David Thomas
- 3 Beau & Catherine Dingle
- 4 Harry & Lucy Foote
Clay & Sarah Branyon
- 5 Cheryl & Gerry Michael
- 6 Michael & Katherine Palmer
- 11 Steve & Shawna Hughes
Louie & Inez Guilmette
- 16 Beth & Greg Suggs
- 17 Alan & Lois Edwards
Wren & Kelli McMeekin
- 20 Alex & Tammi Hyman
- 23 Jennifer & Vance Donkle
- 24 Marley & Glenn Crotts
- 31 Charles & Marcia Small



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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