

*“Life in the Son”*

# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

706 14th Ave. S., North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

## Trinity Tidings

July 2026

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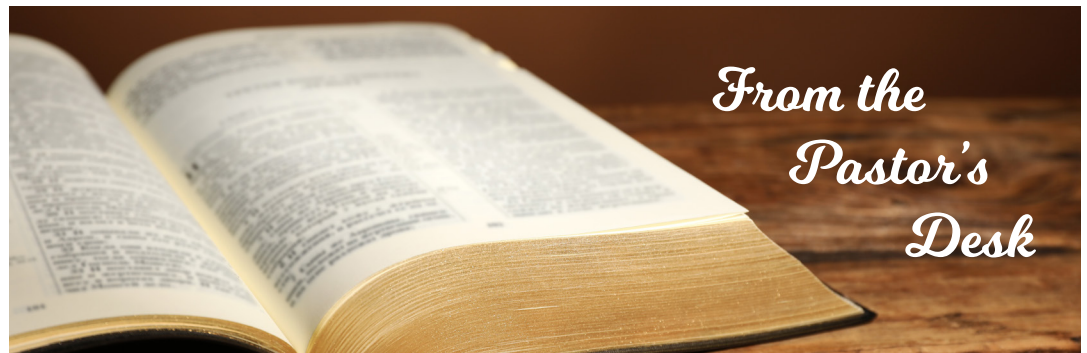
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*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*

Hey Trinity Family,

Earlier in June Pastor Stephanie and I attended the 2026 South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in Greenville, SC as the clergy delegates from Trinity. The lay delegates from Trinity who attended were Mark Fahner, Pat Fahner, Jayson Powers, Brooke Powers, and Bob Erway. Ann Aiken attended as the Youth Delegate from the Marion District.

The most important outcome and the one that Stephanie and I are most excited about is that we have been officially

reappointed here for another year.

This was a conference filled with a lot of unity and very little division or arguments. We were able to pass the 2027 budget for the conference with very little change overall but focused more on ministries with youth, children, and college students and tried to reduce the cost of administrative expenses.

This is especially great news for the Coastal Wesley ministry which is one of the ministries we continue to support financially. Emily Kirby, the director of Coastal Wesley, is moving

from quarter time at Coastal Wesley to half time with funding help from the conference due to the growth of that ministry. This is evidence of our support at work in the lives of college students in Conway.

As of July 1, the conference will officially move from 12 districts to 10 districts. We will still be part of the Marion District, but we will be the Marion District in Conway. The District office will now be located in Conway at First UMC in Conway as the shape of our district has changed with the loss of the Florence District. Our District

*(continued on page 2)*

## From the Pastor's Desk *(continued from page 1)*

Superintendent will still be Rev. Steve Brown, the former pastor here at Trinity, and he will be living at his house just across the street from the Trinity parsonage here in North Myrtle Beach.

Annual Conference celebrated the ordination of several deacons and elders along with the commissioning of several deacons and elders as well.

Those who are commissioned will now go through a residency process of at least two years before they will be eligible to apply for ordination. At the same service

as ordination, we celebrated those pastors who are retiring this year.

There was a worship service to remember the pastors and spouses who have passed since the last Annual Conference. We received a number of reports letting us know the work of the many committees of the Annual Conference and what they have done over the past year.

The best part of the Annual Conference, at least for me as a pastor, is the chance to see other pastors and catch up with them. We have

the chance to see how one another is doing, to have a meal together and break bread around a table. It is a chance for us to share ministry together and how life is going. We share both joys and share burdens together.

As vital as the business of the Annual Conference is, the camaraderie and the friendships that the down time fosters are as important as it gives a chance for us to share life together.

In Christ,

*Gene*



## Vacation Bible School

July 26 - 30

5:30 to 8:30 p.m.



## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to make this week a special week for all the kids.

We need helpers before, during and after!

Click on the QR code above, check out all the help we need and sign up for what God is calling you to do!

We can't wait to share God's love with you!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Stephanie.

TUMC received a letter from CJ Bennett, a member of our youth group, who has just left for basic training in the Army National Guard Program. He is currently at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. We look forward to hearing more from CJ as he continues with his military service. (Typewritten letter on page 4.)

06/08/2026 18:58  
 Monday 6:58  
 43<sup>rd</sup> Reception Battalion

Good morning, good afternoon, or  
 good night, whenever you read this.  
 It is CJ (Christopher) Bennett & I  
 am currently at basic training reception.  
 I meant to write yesterday after  
 we lost phone time but I fell  
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 its still really trash. One thing that  
 really helps me is reading my bible  
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 terrible, I'm not sure who may  
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United  
Women  
in Faith  
TUMW News

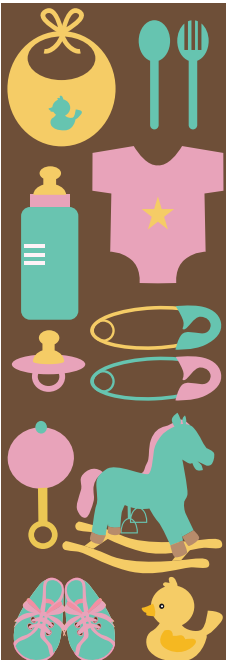
TUMW are enjoying the summer. There is not much activity until August when we have Women at the Pulpit. So, watch for that!

We are also continuing to work on our Festival of Nativities' luncheon. Much more to come in future newsletters and bulletins.

Continue to enjoy your summer. Continue to serve our church as God is calling you to do.



The Suzanna Wesley Circle met in June at Clark's for lunch filled with delicious food and warm fellowship. After taking the summer off, we will meet the first Tuesday in September. We welcome new members. We will continue to maintain the Trinity gardens throughout the summer and support Vacation Bible school.



The Congregational Care Team invites you to a

## Diaper and Baby Wipes Shower

for Jordan and Jenna Bryant

**Saturday, Aug. 8**  
**from 2 to 4 p.m. in Trinity Hall**

RSVP: Susie Hammond (304) 709-4221

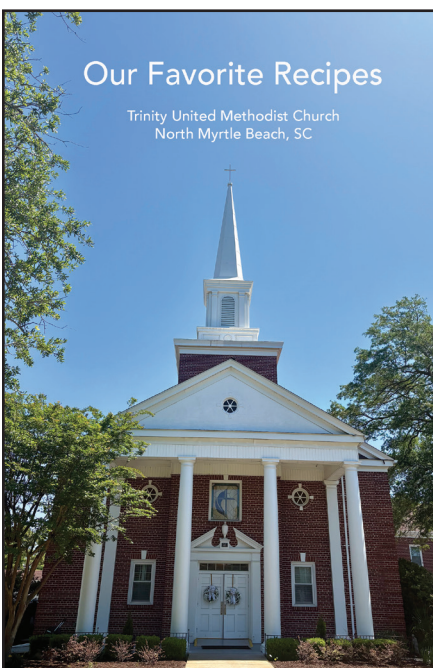


# Congregational Prayer Names



July 2026

Week/Volunteer	Date/Names	Week/Volunteer	Date/Names
	<b>July 5</b>		<b>July 19</b>
1 – Ann Zehr	1. Cathy Windell	3 – Susan Kerschner	1. Tonya Ard (Nicholas)
	2. David & Diane Woodman		2. Georgia Baker
	3. Betty & Jerry Wyles		3. Estelle Barentine
	4. Tina & Lenton Yates		4. Jan Barnes
	5. Jeff & Carol Adams		5. Susan Battle
	6. Pastor Gene & Katie Aiken (Ann & Lily)		6. Michelle Beasley
	<b>July 12</b>		<b>July 26</b>
2- Donna Allen	1. Allen & Sharon Bixler	4 – Terry Slapnik	1. Sharon & Rick Bruns
	2. Julie Bostian		2. John & Karen Bullard
	3. Tood & Laura Bowle		3. Ann Burgess
	4. Cynthia Brannock		4. Sally & Aaron Burr
	5. Brandi & Matt Breznicky		5. Liz Campbell
	6. Anthony Brothers		6. George Carter & Terri Dorton



## Our Favorite Recipes

Trinity United Methodist Church  
North Myrtle Beach, SC

# Pre-order your Trinity Cookbook today.

Pre-orders are now being taken for Trinity's cookbook full of more than 375 recipes and cooking tips. Look for a pre-order form in the Narthax or on the table by the volunteer room to pre-order your copy. When writing a check, please indicate cookbook in the memo on your check and then drop your pre-order-form and check in the offering during one of the services. You may also pre-order your cookbook on Realm.

Pre-ordered books are \$20 and will be delivered around Sept. 15.



Thank you for your generous support for Family Justice Center! They truly appreciate you!

We are still receiving new and used Christmas cards and cancelled postage stamps. Contact Linda Dunn at [ldunn58@live.com](mailto:ldunn58@live.com) or (803) 687-7096.

**JULY Special Focus:** It is that time again! Each year we support the Back-to-School Shoe Drive at Helping Hands of the North Strand during the month of July.

Our collection provides children in need with gift cards to the Shoe Show in North Myrtle Beach where each child gets to pick their own NEW shoes to start school. This is a wonderful ministry that Trinity has continued for over 10

years. Please mark your check Missions: Back to School Drive. Thank you so much for your continued support. See Mahala Pearsall at [mahalapear@aol.com](mailto:mahalapear@aol.com) or (843) 424-7844.

**August Special Focus:** Adults with special needs are among the most underserved people in South Carolina and the nation. The need for their care continues to grow, and Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry (<https://aldersgatesnm.org>) is there for them.



Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry provides the highest quality of life and greatest level of independence in Christian homes for adults with special needs. There are currently six homes: Columbia, Florence, Orangeburg and Irmo. Please consider this mission. Please mark your check Missions: Aldersgate. Contact Linda Dunn.

## Church Trustees

UPDATE



A very special "THANKS" to Mark Fahner for building the new cross in Trinity Hall. Mark's craftsman talents and what he does for Trinity is a reflection of doing things perfectly for God's House.

There is still no water for the Irrigation system. With the well being a "shallow type" plantings, you MUST water using the hoses

around the church. Please pray for rain to fill the well.

With everything going on at Trinity, please remember to clean up, lock up, and reset the system when finished.

We are seeking volunteers to spread mulch around the church---when it gets cooler!!!! Neal Krumme has offered the use of his tractor/front end loader to move the mulch where needed. We just need people to spread it around.

Thanks to all the trustees for their dedication and for their work. Please remember to tell them how grateful you are for them.



## BOOK CLUB

Book club meets the first Monday of each month at 1 p.m. in Room 1 of Trinity Hall. All are welcome whether you are a church member or not. Please come even if you have not read the book. We have lively discussions and many laughs. The following books will be discussed:

### July 6

*Magnificent Life of Marjorie Post*  
by Allison Pataki

### August 3

*The Rent Collector*  
by Camron Wright

### September 7

*The House Beyond the Dunes*  
by Mary Burton

### October

*The Flight Girls*  
by Noelle Salazar

### November

TBD

### December

*The Autobiography of Santa Claus*  
by Jeff Guinn

Congregational Care Health  
and Wellness will host a

## Vaccine Clinic

provided by CVS  
on **Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026**  
from 2 to 4 p.m.

More information  
in the August newsletter.



### July

(6/29 to 7/26)

Linda Blair (pews)  
Carol Adams (candles)

### August

(7/27 to 8/30)

Carol Holt (pews)  
Susan Douglas (candles)

## July Usher Schedule

### 8:30 a.m. services

**July 5** - Dick & Emily Tinsley, Tom & Connie Kelser

**July 12** - Alan and Sarah Jane Slaughter, Baxter Barger, Betsi Rudder

**July 19** - Bob & Kathy Slack, Verne Cappell, Judy Lowe

**July 26** - Aubrey & Pam Apple, Hugh Holiman, Jeannie Reeder

### 11 a.m. services

**July 5** - Tonya Ard, Cindy Burgio, Mary Jane & Dave Ryan, Melissa Pack

**July 12** - Don & Michele Godwin, Linda & Bob Miller, Jackie Stanley

**July 19** - Linda & Bob Miller, Margaret Martin, Tonya Ard, Del Haws

**July 26** - Michele & Don Godwin, Mary Jane & Dave Ryan, Jackie Stanley

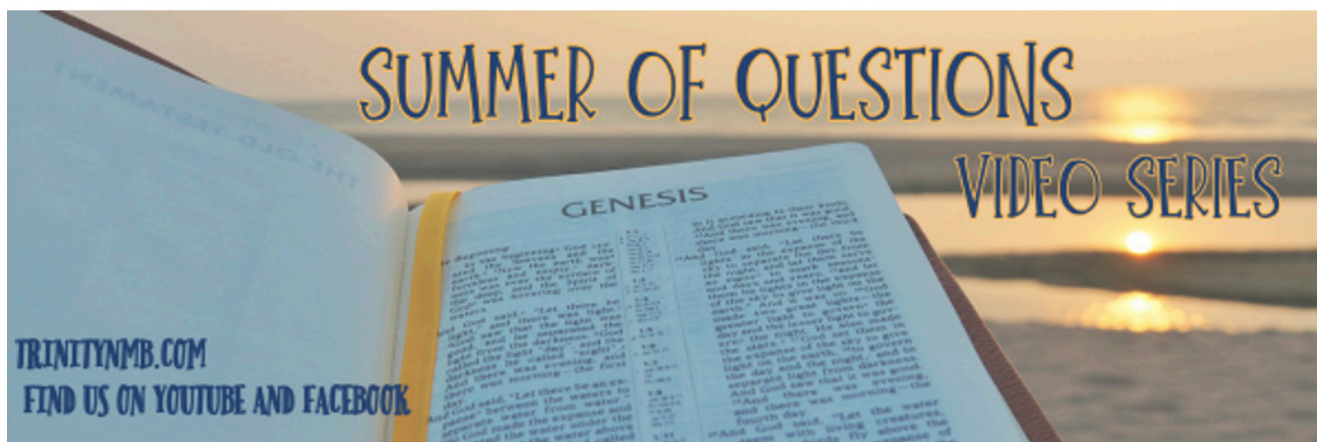
## NEW DATE set for family “Drive-In” movie night

Join us for our rescheduled Drive-in Movie Night on Sunday, July 12!

Doors will open at 6 p.m., giving kids a chance to get a jump on decorating their cardboard box cars before the movie begins at 6:30 p.m.



This month we'll be screening the much-anticipated *Zootopia 2*, so gather your family and friends for a night of laughter and joy. Don't forget to bring your cardboard box car—decorated or plain—as well as blankets and chairs for extra comfort.



This summer we are thrilled to invite you to join us for our series, “Summer of Questions,” where we will explore some of the more than 100 thought-provoking questions submitted by our church family back in April.

Each Wednesday we will release a new video diving deeper into these important topics and providing insights and guidance to help us grow in our faith together.

Whether you're curious about prayer, the nature of God, or how to navigate life's challenges, this series is designed to foster

discussion and deepen our understanding.

We believe that asking questions is a vital part of our spiritual journey, and we are excited to seek answers alongside you.

You can find the videos on our website at [trinitynmb.com](http://trinitynmb.com) as well as on our Facebook and YouTube channels. We encourage you to engage with the content, share your thoughts, and invite friends to join us on this journey of discovery.

Let's come together this summer to explore the questions that matter most!



Vacation Bible School

**JULY 26 - JULY 30**

**5:30 - 8:30 PM**

Open for all kids ages 4 - entering  
5th grade

**Registration is open!**

Exploring the Nature of God

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure, discovering the nature of God, and exploring what it means to be rooted in a relationship with their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

At Rainforest Falls, kids explore the nature of God. Rainforest Falls is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids will see, hear and touch. Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and yummy food are just a few of the

standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and sturdy shoes.)

This event is FREE and includes a yummy dinner and dessert each night and is open to ALL kids ages 4 through ENTERING 5th grade. Mark your calendar: Sunday, July 26 through Thursday, July 30, 2026. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and will end at 8:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Stephanie. Scan the QR code above to register your children today.

# MEET & GREET

*The Congregational Care Team  
invites you to a Meet and Greet for our  
Youth Director Jordan Bryant and family  
on Sunday, July 19,  
following the 11 a.m. service  
in Trinity Hall.*

# JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays

**1**  
Doug Henderson

**2**  
Sherri Ellis  
Harrison Seneca

**3**  
Damon Bard  
Chip Lennon  
George McMurtry  
Steve Rountree

**4**  
Linda Caldwell

**5**  
Pam Apple  
Maria Thompson

**6**  
Harold Johnson  
Tucker Lee  
Diane Woods

**7**  
Bob Miller

**8**  
Lia Rose Moore Boncic  
Michael Dobson

**9**  
Sarah Coates  
Melanie Cole  
Hayes Davis  
Jolie Tandy

**10**  
Jan Walsh  
Brianna Wood

**11**  
Allan Bixler  
George Carter Jr.

**14**  
Stephanie Schellinger  
Lenton Yates Jr.

**15**  
Jan Barnes  
Todd Bowie  
Joan Cameron

**17**  
Janet Mowery  
Reatha Robertson

**18**  
Judy Caulder  
Alan Faulkenberry

**19**  
Jayson Powers

**21**  
Betty Hase

**22**  
Patricia Boatwright

**24**  
Robert Dunn  
Patricia (Trish) Morris  
Shanah Seneca

**25**  
Melody Evans  
Susan Franklin  
Jerry Ferguson  
Suzanne Wells

**26**  
Jane Cole

**27**  
Beth Johnson

**28**  
Koah Collins  
Michael Howle  
Judi Martino

**29**  
Janice Bowman

**31**  
Sharon Bell  
Paula Cubberley  
Charlie Ribelin  
Kaitlyn Williams

## Anniversaries

**3**  
Bob & Pat Clark

**7**  
Brad & Valeri Davis

**17**  
Michael & Norma Walters

**18**  
Michael & Kim Stone  
Jerry & Betty Wyles

**24**  
Jerry & Joan Cameron

**25**  
Jim & Carolyn Bailey

**26**  
Mel & Karen Creighton

**30**  
Wayne & Ann Zehr

**31**  
Dave & Jan Walsh



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**Business Hours:**


Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Friday - Office closed;  
Please call and leave a message

**Sunday Worship Services:**

8:30 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary & Streaming Online)  
9:45 a.m. Contemporary (Sanctuary & Streaming Online)  
11 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary & Streaming Online)  
Adult Sunday School Classes, Sundays at 9:45 a.m.  
Children's program at 9:45 am and the 11 a.m. services.  
Nursery is available at all of our Sunday services.

**Trinity Staff**

Gene Aiken ..... Pastor  
Stephanie Schellinger ..... Associate Pastor  
Edmond Daniel..... Pastor Emeritus  
Jordan Bryant..... Youth Director  
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Richard Schellinger ..... Director of Contemporary Music  
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Dr. Pam Bumstead, Ph.D ..... Newsletter Editor



If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity UMC, please contact the church office.

I was glad when they said... Let us go into the house of the Lord.  
Psalm 122:1

TUMC Calendar and Events

To find out more about what is going on at TUMC and to find out when things are happening, check our website at [www.trinitynmb.com](http://www.trinitynmb.com). Click the **EVENTS** tab to see the latest events. To view the entire calendar, click the **Full Calendar Link** at the top of the page.



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