

## WORSHIP AT TRINITY UMC

July - "Miracles Everywhere"

The Gospels tell of Jesus' miracle ministry using two Greek words dunamis and simaios. In the synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke, the Greek word dunamis is used which means power – God's power to transform life. The Gospel of John primarily uses the word simaios, which means sign – a miracle that points to God's activity in the world. Where is God still at work? How are we called to be courageous participants? As we open our eyes and fill our prayers with expectation, we'll find miracles everywhere.

> July 7 - "Shift" - Rev. Roy Mitchell Scripture: Psalm 77:14 (NIV)

July 14 - "Unbelievable" - Rev. Roy Mitchell Scripture: John 11:38-45

July 21 - "Courage" - Rev. Kathryn Bariou Scripture: Esther 8:1-8 \*\*9am - Historic Providence UMC on Lake Hartwell, Rev. Roy Mitchell

> July 28 - "Tangible" - Rev. Roy Mitchell Scripture: Mark 8:22-25 \*Blessing of the Backpacks

## August - "Reset"

God's mercies are new every morning! But sometimes it is easy for us to get stuck in the same old routine. This new school year (and fall church calendar year) let's hit the "reset button," so we can claim the fresh start God makes available to us. As we rediscover our true identity in the love of God, we will discover new purpose and, guided by the compass of God's values, head off in an exciting God-given direction!

> August 4 - "Soul Reset" - Rev. Roy Mitchell Scripture: Luke 3:21-23

August 11 - "Reset Purpose" - Rev. Roy Mitchell Scripture: Mark 1:32-39

August 18 - "Reset Values" - Rev. Kathryn Bariou Scripture: Galatians 5:24-6:10

August 25 - "Reset Direction" - Rev. Roy Mitchell Scripture: Acts 9:1-15

**The Oasis Service @ 9:00am in our Fellowship Hall** - our version of a modern, laid-back service with a praise band, family tables, community prayer, holy communion, and message.

**The Traditions Service - @ 11am in our Sanctuary** - Traditions have a place here: choirs, handbells, hymns, liturgy, and sermon.

Both services are live streamed. Join us from anywhere...when you can't be here!

# Red Shoe Reflections with Rev. Kathryn

Today I had the opportunity to go and deliver popsicles to the hard working team at one of the Piedmont Salkehatchie sites. The thermometer in my car read 97° outside, that's hot. The youth and adults working were very excited about cold popsicles in the afternoon heat. I have very fond memories of Salkehatchie. Yes, it is where I met Craig but it was also a chance for a young girl to be the hands and feet of Christ without saying a word. Public speaking is not really an issue for me anymore, but I dare say my actions then may have spoken louder than my words do now.

Seeing this act of service made me think about our Discipleship Path. To me, service is living for Christ in the world. We are called to serve our brothers and sisters as disciples. As you look to find your next steps on this path, perhaps you start with where to serve. You may be just beginning to see God at work, you may have fully accepted God's call on your life or you may be somewhere in between; you can still serve. Matthew 5:16 says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Our service brings glory to God; our service allows others to see the light of Christ in us.

So the big question is how do I serve? There are many ways to serve here at Trinity, I am sure something will fit your gifts and graces. Still not sure, call me, we will find a place that fits your gifts. Still want specifics, check out this list...

Volunteer for VBS

Help with sound in either service Pack Weekend SnackPacks Join the Visitation Team Help with the sign out front Send cards to Love Persons

Become a part of the Sunday Security Team

Share your musical talents with the Praise band or Choir.

I hope that sparked some interest and ideas. Still not sure, let's talk. There is a place for all to serve in the body of Christ.

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# **Online Giving**

online You may give at www.trinityanderson.org/giving-2/. Create your own account by visiting the website and clicking on give and following the instructions there. Creating your own account lets you monitor your giving at any time during the year. For those who wish to give one-time gifts, you may also do that by clicking on "click here to give now." You do not have to create an account to give one time. There is an option to contribute an additional 3% to help cover fees for your online transaction.

Certain funds are already listed. If you do not see a fund to which you wish to give or make a payment, choose one that is closely related and make a note in the comment section or send an email to trinityadm1809@gmail.com with the details of the transaction. Thank you!

# Thank You for Your Gifts! Ways to Give:

Sunday offering—place in designated offering boxes

In Person—drop off at the church office

Online—trinityanderson.org/giving-2/ Choose the fund to which you wish to give (please include 3% fee)

Mail—

Trinity United Methodist Church 1809 N. Main Street Anderson, SC 29621





# **Trinity Financial Update**

The General Fund is our non-designated fund from which our operational expenses are paid.

<u>General Fund (Budget)</u> Beginning Balance	\$ <u>May</u> 11.95
Income/Transfers	\$ 43,223.74
Expenses	
Personnel	\$ 37,888.07
Administration, Building,	
Maintenance	\$ 4,854.28
Programs/Ministries	\$ 434.10
2024 Apportionments	\$ 0
Ending Balance	\$ 59.24
Monthly Mission	\$ 1,305.00

# Notes to Trinity

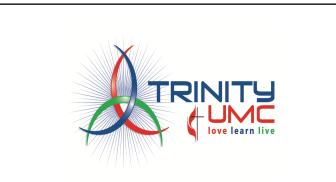
The family of Louise Tiller Mull expresses the following: We truly appreciate all the home visits, cards, meals, monetary gifts, and other acts of random kindness you expressed to Mother Mull during the past three years.

We are grateful to our Trinity Family for your presence, thoughts, and prayers.

Love and Thank You for your support, Greg, Debbi, and Randy Mull

Thank you for supporting the ministry of Epworth Children's Home. We appreciate your gift that will help children find their voice. Many thanks for all you do for Epworth. You all are a blessing to us.

Beth Williams President



## Interested in Joining Trinity United Methodist Church?

You may join by baptism and profession of faith, or by transfer from another United Methodist Church or another denomination if previously baptized.

If you would like to learn more or discuss with a pastor, please contact Rev. Roy or Rev. Kathryn at the church office.

As members of this congregation (Trinity United Methodist Church - Anderson), we vow to faithfully participate in its ministries by our **prayers**, our **presence**, our **gifts**, our **service** and our **witness**?

# We Welcome Our New Members



Gill Timpson

Rod & Susan Smith



# Why Do You Love Trinity UMC?

Write a few sentences or paragraphs to let us know. We will include them in an upcoming newsletter.

Email your article to trinityadm1809@gmail.com.

The Trinity Congregation expresses Christian love and sympathy to

• The family of Fred Marchant



## <u>United Women</u> in Faith

## **Trinity United Methodist Church**

### Calendar of Activities at a Glance:

United

Women

in Faith

July 15: Craft items due to church July 18-20: SCCUWFaith's Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College, must register July 27: Social Action Event, Asbury Hall, 9:30 am doors open, 10:00 am program August 7: Reading Lists due to Beth Addis September 14: Anderson District UWFaith 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, Easley First Methodist Church, 9:00 am doors open, 9:45 am program Details of Activities & Events: A sizeable donation of healthy foods was made to Good Neighbor Cupboard of Anderson at our May 15<sup>th</sup> Unit meeting. Executive Director Jenny McEvoy shared information on this local food ministry and

received our collection of 139 food items equaling 104 pounds and 2.01 ounces. Members brought nonperishable foods to meetings from February to May. Our project was inspired by the 2024 Program Book titled *Food, Faith, and Fellowship* by Joyce del Roasairo. We pray to end hunger.



## Calling all crafters! We seek your talents and

generosity to provide a well stocked, unique **Craft Room** for Missions. The **Craft Room** will be located at Spartanburg Methodist College during **SCCUWFaith's Mission u on July 18-20**. Our member Beth Addis serves as SCCUWFaith's Education & Interpretation Mission Coordinator and is responsible for the Craft Room. All proceeds from sale of handmade items go to missions, namely Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg; Columbia Bethlehem Community Center; Killingsworth; and Wallace Family Life Center. Let us support this endeavor by donating our handmade crafts. Jellies, pickles, breads, knitted and crocheted items, sewn and quilted items, note cards, jewelry, woodwork, and wreaths are some of the crafts sold in years' past. Donations are due at the church office by July 15th. Thank you so very much for sharing your talents.

Calling all Social Activists! Our Social **Action Mission Coordinator Pamela Miller is** planning a motivational Saturday morning July 27th. Our doors will open at 9:30 am with light refreshments and fellowship. The program will begin at 10:00 am. A video presentation from the 2024 SCCUWFaith Legislative Advocacy Days Workshop Two on predatory lending and a six minute movie from UWFaith on breaking down the school to prison pipeline will be shown. A Calvary Children's Home guest speaker will update us on this important local mission. We will collect back to school supplies for their resident children. Many prayers will be offered throughout the morning to address these social issues and concerns. Other units in Anderson District will be our guests for this educational and inspiring program. All are invited to attend.

## Calling all who read with purpose!

UWFaith **Reading Program** is meant to inspire faithful and informed action on behalf of women, children and youth. Any book on the 2019-2024 reading lists will count towards earning a personal 2024 Reading Certificate. **Send your reading list to Beth Addis by August 7th**. All qualified readers will receive a personal certificate this fall.

The Mission of United Women in Faith: United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global



Hello, friends. The dog days of summer are upon us - rough heat and the inevitable countdown to back to school. We await the summer with great anticipation only to watch it fly by. Our story focus this month is on John the Baptist. John had a special relationship with Jesus. He was an unusual fellow but a man who cared deeply about others finding life with God. He encouraged people to repent (turn away) from the things that get in the way of their relationship with God. It was true 2000 years ago and it is still true today; we have stuff that just gets in the way of our best life with God. Like a path in a garden, weeds grow up quickly where they do not belong and can take over. What areas of our lives can use a little weeding? What ways can we pause to enjoy time with God where other less important things are filling up and taking over? John the Baptist knew how important time was. He felt the urgency in telling people to not wait to get back to life with God. Every day separated from God is one too many. We need every day with Him. Jesus Week Two - Science shows up at the water to get baptized by John at the Jordan River where John is baptizing others. John has an interesting reaction - he does not feel worthy of what Jesus is asking him to do. Why did Jesus get baptized? Why was John unsure about doing it? What Week Four - Snack happened as Jesus was coming up out of the water that gives us a tiny glimpse of the Holy Trinity together? We will discuss all of this in our lesson this month.

#### AIM Service Day

July 8th - Last AIM Service Date for the Summer. Bus leaves Trinity at 9:50; Working at AIM from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Bus returns to Trinity by 12:10 PM.

#### TGIF: Together Growing in Faith

July 12th is our last TGIF of 2024 - Paint Night - 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. in the KIDS Craft Café on the second floor. You must RSVP with number of painters to ensure ample supplies are ordered and available. Supper and drinks will be served. We are painting, so dress for the mess. If your family has an allergy concern, please let me know by July 1st to allow substitutes or menu changes. The whole family is welcome to participate but please RSVP by 7/1 with a headcount. This is just FREE fun in fellowship. RSVP for this event by email to childrentumc@gmail.com; type TGIF in the subject line and include contact info and number of persons attending in the body of the email.

All TGIF events are family friendly. Other siblings are welcome to participate. If you are unable to attend at the start time, you are welcome to join as soon as you are able. Contact me to work out arrangements so your child can attend if you cannot get there by 5:30 pm.

#### VBS - CAMP I'WANA'NO'IM



Vacation Bible School is coming July 21st-25th. At Camp I'wana'no'im, children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they seek God while experiencing the "great outdoors." They will have s'more fun, make a few friends and discover that God's love is found in the world around us! "In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind." (Job 12:10) Volunteers are needed every night for help at stations, if you are available (one or all nights). The sign up link is available on our website.

#### Words to Ponder:

"Though no one can go back and make a brandnew start, anyone can start from now and make a brand-new ending." Carl Bard

#### Lessons for July

Sunday School 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM John the Baptist/Candyland Week One - Story Week Three - Craft

#### \*JAM Session\*

3rd - 5th Grade Bible Study July 12th @ McDonalds (1651 Greenville St.) 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Bring your Bible and \$\$ for a drink or snack.

#### Key Passage:

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River. He wanted to be baptized by John. But John tried to stop him. So he told Jesus. "I need to be baptized by you. So why do you come to me?" - Matthew 3:13-14 NIrV

KIDS Midweek Lessons are paused until the fall (Sept. 4th). We have lots of other special opportunities to meet during the summer (TGIF/AIM Service/VBS/Sunday Morning Lessons) so check out our Trending at Trinity, Facebook Page, Website and Newsletter submissions for ways to connect. Follow us: facebook.com/trinityandersonkids

# The Well Youth Ministry

July 5th - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Fortson Fun Friday	Service News
July 7th - NO WELL	Fortson Fun Fridays are an opportunity for youth to serve and
July 11th - 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM – AIM/JCs	connect through our outreach ministry. Youth will serve lunch and
July 12th - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Fortson Fun Friday	help with activities each Friday from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Summer activities
July 13th – 9:00 – 10:00 AM – Guys and Gals' Small Groups at Chic-fil-a; Same location for both groups.	include art days, games and water day. We hope that you can join us for Friday Fun Days.
July 14th - Lake Day at the Ross'	Questions about Fortson?
July 17th - 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Cleo Bailey Project	Contact Michelle Lynch
July 19th - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Fortson Fun Friday	happymommy3g@gmail.com or Kathryn Bariou
July 21st-25th - 6:00 - 7:45 PM - Vacation Bible School	kmbariou@umcsc.org.
July 26th - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Fortson Fun Friday	Cleo Bailey Project Service Day - Our youth visited this special site of a
July 28th - Blessing of the Backpacks (Both Services)	future community center to learn about the needs in our community.
Our regular Sunday Night Well takes a pause for the Summer events that are planned. Please try to plug in over the Summer in as many ways as you can. If any youth are interested in assisting with children's ministry events, that is another great way to serve.	The garden was phase one. It provides fresh produce to around

7:45 AM and return around 11:15 AM.

We will leave TUMC on the bus at

### Final AIM Summer Service Date

We have Summer Service Dates so we can pour out what God items from the garden on July 17th.

has spent the school year pouring into us. Serve as able.

Our final youth service date at AIM this summer is July 11th. We have an opportunity over the summer to help distribute, stock and sort food items for our Anderson folks who need a little help. Our youth are always a huge help. We meet at Trinity at 8:15 am to bus over to AIM and then head over on the bus to JCs for lunch after. Bring money for lunch. We will return to the gym around 1:30 pm. If any adults are interested in helping us serve, feel free to join us.

Our regular weekly youth (The Well) that meets on Sunday from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm will take a pause over the summer to allow for other ways of connecting through retreats, service projects and fun fellowship. Check out our Instagram, Facebook and website for details. We continue to have our youth Sunday school class from 10:00 am—10:55 am in our youth room above the gym. If you are a youth or have a youth interested in plugging in this summer, email thewell.tumc@gmail.com. We also welcome adults willing to invest in our young people and if you have thought about helping occasionally or regularly with our youth, we have lots of opportunities to serve. Our church and the future of the church depends on our continued efforts to make disciples who make disciples and this includes our youth and children - the future church. We have room for you at the table. Come and see what is happening.





#### If you or someone you know needs support now, Call or Text 988 or chat 988SC.org

#### Know the signs of someone at risk of suicide:

- Talking about wanting to die or kill oneself.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Acting anxious or agitated behaving recklessly.
- Sleeping too little or too much.
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.
- Displaying extreme mood swings.





## What is a lifesaver?



An iconic fruity or minty candy?



Or someone who can give you a listening ear, encouragement and focused care aka a Stephen Minister. If you find life has placed you in a trying or difficult situation, a Stephen Minister can assist. Trinity UMC is blessed to have a team of Stephen Ministers ready to support as you navigate a difficult time.

Do you feel you could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister? Please contact Rev. Kathryn Bariou, Trinity's staff Stephen Leader via email at Kmbariou@umcsc.org, or Rev. Roy Mitchell at rmitchell@umcsc.org. You may also contact Reverends Bariou or Mitchell by calling the church office at 864-224-2531.

# Monthly Mission News



This month our Monthly Mission Offering is going to support our own Trinity Youth Scholarship Fund. This fund allows any Trinity youth to attend events if they want to without finances getting in the way. Youth outings can get expensive, especially if parents have more than one youth. This fund helps alleviate that financial strain on our families. By supporting the Trinity Youth Scholarship Fund, we can help foster growth and discipleship by heeding the words of Proverbs 22:6, "Point your kids in the right direction—when they're old they won't be lost" (The Message).

TRINITY Lake Day July 14 | 3-8pm

Join us for our Church-wide Lake Day on July 14. In addition to fun and fellowship we will enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixings. Bring a favorite sidedish, snack food or dessert to share.

If you plan to go out on the lake and have a life jacket, we ask that you bring that as well.

411 Beamer Dr. - Parking across the street



# Trinity Costa Rica Mission Trip 2025

God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good. We believe God will continue to bless our efforts as we prepare to send a Trinity team to Costa Rica in January 2025. We aim to serve in the Santa Rosa de Pocosol community in the same capacity as we have before; providing skills and labor to the construction project,

offering Vacation Bible School and women's ministry, and donating resources to those in need. Soon, we will share details on ways that our church family can help with these projects. The team is thankful for your support and prayers. For information, contact Cynthia Keesler or Rev. Kathryn.



## Facilities / Campus Report July 2024

July gives us the season of summer filled with beautiful flowers, green lawns, vacations and the sounds of children playing. Hopefully, you can find some time to relax, be thankful, and enjoy spiritual peace this month.

Let's give thanks to Eldon Zehr for his hard work, dedication, and donation towards upgrading the flower bed with new plantings in front of the church office. A huge appreciation goes out to Mark Gaillard for his hard work preparing the flower bed for Eldon with an advance dead plant and stump removal process.

We are continuing our scheduled summer facility maintenance projects of servicing HVAC systems, cleaning & waxing floors, and carpet cleaning, just to name a few things on our list. Please notify me regarding room request as some areas may be closed during the week while we perform maintenance or cleaning.

Last month with the assistance of Ken Ramsey and Sherryl Laing we installed two Pickleball courts in the gym. These courts will provide fun, casual games in a safe and convenient location. Ken and Sherryl will work with me to set a schedule for gym availability, practice and lessons for beginners. We are looking forward to Pickleball being a big part of our fall, winter, and spring gym activities.

Our facilities require constant maintenance, adjustments and service in order to provide the level of comfort you desire. With utility cost rising each month, we must all work together to conserve energy by turning off lights in empty restrooms and classrooms, and resetting thermostats to our night settings as you leave areas of use.

Together, we can continue to grow our church, offer comfortable facilities for worship, and broaden our Christian fellowship.

Peace & Grace, David Ford Business & Facilities Manager



# **Trinity UMC Membership Audit**



The task of the church is to reach out to people and receive them in the name of Jesus Christ, to help them relate to God, to nurture and strengthen them in their journey of discipleship, and to send them into the world to live transformed and transforming lives.

The reason to do an audit of our members is two-fold. First, it should help us care for our members in better ways. It can help us realize who has moved, who has dropped out, who maybe has joined another church, or those who are now homebound. It should help us see where we may be falling short of our task, and how we might improve to help nurture and strengthen your journey of discipleship better. Secondly, it can help congregation members re-engage into an active church relationship if they have become inactive.

When we join a local United Methodist Church, we vow to participate by our "prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness." Sometimes, of course, life prevents us from practicing all five of those vows, but are we engaged in as many as possible?

Gaining clarity on our membership statistics should enable us to better see the ebb and flow of people coming in and out and ask the ever-present question, "How can we be a more faithful church in this age and this place?"

Our goal is discipleship, not membership. But taking an honest and realistic look at membership is crucial. Over the next couple of months, all members will receive letters to which we will need your help and response to make this audit successful. **Together, we are #TrinityStrong!** Currently, our membership is 722 and 373 name tags have been made for those attending worship.

## Why We Love Trinity UMC

The old country song by Clint Black "Love isn't something that we say, It's something that we do" comes to mind when I think of Trinity. I believe this church is full of people committed to do just that and we couldn't be happier being part of the family. My grandma taught me years ago to answer a phone with sunshine in my voice because you never know who was on the other end and needed it.

When we joined the church in 2011, I could feel the warmth of the people when they welcomed us. Our sone was in 6th grade at the time and needed a youth group. Chris Lynch was the Youth Director and he started up a conversation with our son and made him feel like one of the guys. He has since graduated but his values were defined by what he learned in the youth group.

Then I see my daughter who has been raised in this church. She was welcomed by the older girls as a friend when she was young and she is a friend and fan of the younger people now that she is one of the "older" girls. I see her welcoming new people and I think, she is paying forward what she has been taught. And I know Trinity provided that frame, too.

I find myself looking around at any given event I work and witness all the people who come out to volunteer for the various events Trinity hosts. I think, what a blessing it is to be part of this family.

We have been witness to some great pastors who know how to deliver a message I think about long after the message is given. I appreciate their guidance, commitment and passion for our faith community. And then we have our very own Reverend Kathryn Bariou and Carolyn Brashear who have been inspirational in all they have done and continue to do.

My husband and I have had the opportunity to serve on several committees, volunteered for the Journey to the Resurrection, the Pumpkin Patch, the Spring Festival and in many other capacities because we appreciate this church and want to give back because ultimately, it's not what we say, but what we do.

God Bless Trinity! The Dave Gill Family



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