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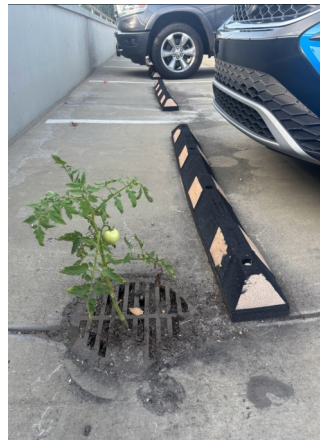
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Ramblings from Rev. Roy

It was Friday evening, and I was on my way to pick up pizza for the family (somewhat a Friday night family tradition), when I got a call that someone had been taken to the hospital. I was so distracted and upset by the call that I drove right past the pizza place and didn't even realize it. By the time I came to my senses, I was several blocks down the road. I turned around and headed back: grabbed the pizza, took it home, ate a slice, changed clothes and took off to AnMed.

My mind was whirling around, concerned and worried about the individual, and family. And so I have one less thing to worry about when going to the hospital, I always park in the same general area of the parking lot. (I don't have to think about where I parked that way, and I get steps in because it is far out). As I whipped "Bluey" (my VW) into the parking space, and jumped out of the car, I noticed a plant....in the middle of the parking lot. A tomato plant. Complete with a nice green tomato hanging from it. It was coming right out of the drain/sewage grate in the parking lot.



New life can occur in the oddest of places. Places that we would never even consider being able to be transformed. But there it was, right in front of me. And I made the time for a quick picture because somehow I knew that the person I was going to see was going to be alright.

Now if new life can occur in such a place as that, it can occur anywhere...in anyone and anyplace. God is still at work in the world bringing new life into all sorts of places. Hallelujah!

"Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes." - Matthew 6: 34 (The Message)

Peace and blessings,

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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:30 am—2:30 pm

Friday—Closed

WORSHIP AT TRINITY UMC - 2025

July - Heroes of the Faith Series

Heroes do not just belong in comic books and blockbuster movies. We have them in real life too – people whose courage, strength, and resilience we can look up to as models for our own lives. In this summer series, we will meet four outstanding heroes from our faith story. Their readiness to listen to God's voice in their lives and act on it inspires us to do the same. (Breakthrough Worship Resources)

July 6 - Deborah - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Judges 4: 4-11 and Judges 5: 1-9

July 13 - Rahab - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scripture: Joshua 2: 1-14

July 20 - Lydia - Rev. Kathryn Bariou

Scripture: Acts 16: 13-15, 40

*** Historic Providence UMC Church - 9am - Rev. Roy Mitchell*

July 27 - Esther - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scripture: Esther 3: 13; 4: 13-17

August 3 - September 7 - On Purpose Series

Have you ever asked this question: Why am I here? Trying to discover the purpose of our lives can lead to a lot of questions: Who am I? Do I have a "calling"? What am I supposed to do with my life? What does purposeful living look like? Often, the world is all too ready to give us answers to these questions—promising that finding the perfect job or achieving the next milestone will make us happy. But in this series, we will embrace these questions as an invitation to discover what it is that God wants to do with the story of our lives right now. (Breakthrough Worship Resources)

August 3 - Why Am I Here? - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scripture: John 3: 1-9

August 10 - What is a "Purpose"? - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

August 17 - Who Am I? - Rev. Kathryn Bariou

Scriptures: Acts 9: 1-19 and John 21: 15-19

August 24 - Purpose is Present - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scripture: Matthew 14: 13-21



August 31 - No Time is Wasted - Rev. Roy Mitchell

ONE Combined Service at 11am - Fellowship Hall

Scripture: Exodus 16

September 7 - Will Purpose Make Me Happy? - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Matthew 16: 24-36 and John 11: 1-37

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 so you can join us online from anywhere ...when you can't be here!

Red Shoe Reflections with Rev. Kathryn



We have three cats. Two orange males who I think share one brain cell between them and a gray female, lovingly called the gray menace. They don't add to the household income, but they sure like to eat like they do. They will occasionally catch bugs or other things and feel the need to bring them to me, a very unwanted gift. They also enjoy seeing me dance as I make some creative moves trying not to trip on them as I make my way to the coffee pot each morning.

So why do we not only keep them but love them tremendously? Because they are just so cute and cuddly. All is forgiven when they hop up in a lap and start to purr. Purring is a sign of contentment, but it's also therapeutic for the cat. Studies have found that it is therapeutic for us too. The frequency has been shown to lessen stress, lower blood pressure and promote healing. If you like cats and have had one sitting in your lap purring, you know it is very hard to get up and leave that situation. They make you take time to rest.

As I look forward to some vacation time, I am aware of how much I am ready for some rest, for some sabbath time. Matthew 11:28 says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." I am ready for some rest, to sit in the woods and do nothing. To sleep a bit later and hopefully stay up to see some stars I can't see at home. To enjoy time with my family and to have real quiet time just me and God. I am excited about time to rest before I get weary.

In some ways things slow down in the summer, in other ways it all seems to speed up. It may depend on your stage of life, but for all of us we need rest, we need sabbath rest. Whether you find it in the woods, on the beach or in a chair with a cat in your lap, take time to rest your body, mind and soul. God will meet you there for sabbath rest.

Kathryn

Online Giving

You may give online 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—

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Trinity Financial Update

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

<u>General Fund (Budget)</u>	<u>May</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 69.18
Income	\$ 37,831.09
Transfers	\$ 5,819.10
Expenses	
Personnel	\$ 38,702.03
Administration, Building, Maintenance	\$ 4,230.60
Programs/Ministries	\$ 748.28
Ending Balance	\$ 38.46
Monthly Mission - April	\$ 1,420.00
2025 Apportionments Due	\$ 69,589.00
Apportionments Received to Date	\$ 650.00

Monthly Mission News

July

This month our Monthly Mission Offering is going to support our own Trinity Children and Youth Funds. Dawn and her team are growing our programs and the more children we serve, the more funds that are needed. By supporting these funds, 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).

Our children and youth are not the future of the church, they are the church right now!

Last year we gave \$2240, can we do \$3500 this year?



Gifts

Chancel Choir Fund

In honor of Eldon Zehr by
Judi Zehr and Lisa Chambers
Judy Zehr

Sympathy

The Trinity Congregation expresses Christian love and sympathy to

- Dino Hicks upon the death of her son, Richard Allen Hicks

Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday August 3rd
Students, Teachers, Staff
9am & 11am Worship Services



Safe Sanctuary Training **August 24, 2025**

As we gear back up after summer, it's time to have Safe Sanctuary training. While this training is key for those working with children, youth and vulnerable adults, the conference has asked that all members of the Trustees, Administrative Council and SPRC are trained as well. The reality is that the more people who are trained, the more people we have who can keep our children, youth and vulnerable adults safe.



We will hold our first training of the fall on August 24, 2025 at 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rev. Kathryn at 864-224-2531 or kmbariou@umcsc.org.

Notes to Trinity



Thank you for your generous gift to the Anderson Emergency Kitchen (AEK). Your generous and unselfish giving is greatly appreciated. Because of your generosity, we will be able to continue our mission of providing hot, nutritious meals on a daily basis to the homeless in our community, the elderly, struggling families, the disabled, veterans, and many others who come through our doors. God bless.

With grateful hearts,
The AEK Team
Joyce Grimmert, Recording Secretary
Executive Board of AEK

We recently received your generous donation and I wanted to personally thank you and tell you how much of an impact you're making with your gift. Since 1896, Epworth has given South Carolina children and teens from stressed homes a nurturing refuge. We've provided education, counseling, medical care and spiritual enrichment. In recent years, we have expanded to also help children through community-based programs that work one-on-one with struggling families to improve communication, problem solving, and parenting skills that help families remain intact and thrive.



Your gift to Epworth benefits hundreds of children each year. Thank you for believing in our mission and for the compassion and love you have shown for South Carolina's most vulnerable children and teens.

Sincerely,
Beth Williams
President and CEO



TRINITY K.I.D.S. KIDS IN DIVINE SERVICE



July Edition

What's Happening in a Glance



Hello, friends. This month, our KIDS ministry will be looking at the story of the 'sinful woman'. Jesus goes to dinner at a house belonging to someone of stature (an important dude in the community), a Pharisee. While Jesus was there, a woman who was considered unclean, began wiping Jesus' feet and she anointed them with oil. This may sound like a very odd behavior, but traveling on dirt roads for miles made travelers' feet dirty. It was a normal thing for guests to have their feet washed, but not like this. This woman was so moved by getting to see Jesus in person that she cried. There are not too many times that I have cried when I see someone. I remember crying when my dad came home from his time away on submarines while serving in the Navy. I remember crying when I saw my kids excel at something and when they surprised me by coming into town when I was having some health issues. I cried when I saw my husband at our wedding. All of these moments were times when I became so overwhelmed with emotion because these people matter to me in a big, big way. Even though this woman in our story was not living a life that was considered a "clean" life, Jesus saw value in her under the dirt. He blessed her for blessing Him and told her to go in peace. We cannot determine the true value of a stranger. It is only in the relationship that we can truly see the value of the folks around us. Talent is not based on wealth or stature. Beauty is not skin deep. If you do not know how special you are - go to Jesus and let Him reveal your worth in a new and exciting way. Go in peace.

Words to Ponder:

"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."

— Albert Einstein

Lessons for June

Sunday School

10:00 AM - 10:55 AM

Butterfingers

The Sinful Woman

Week One - Story

Week Two - Science

Week Three - Craft

Week Four - Snack

Luke 7:36-50

Anointing of Jesus

JAM Session

3rd - 5th Grade JAMS

July 18th 4:00—5:00 PM

(McDs @ 1651 Greenville St.)

Bring your Bible and
\$\$ for a drink or snack.

Key Passage:

Jesus said to the woman,
"Your faith has saved you;
go in peace."

-Luke 7:50 NIV

AIM Service

July 10th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

July 11th: TGIF Lake Night!

5:00 - 8:00 PM. This TGIF night, we will head to the lake for a lesson on the water. Restoration occurs in nature, too. We do not always take time to enjoy the transformation happening around us in nature. Thank you, Mike, Sheryl, Jim and Linda for helping with this one! We will meet at TUMC to bus over and return by 8:00 PM.

As always, if you are interested in lending a hand in any part of our children's ministry, there is a place for you, too; please email childrentumc@gmail.com or call or text me at (864) 518-9322. Blessings and peace - Dawn McLin



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- Did God have a Plan?
- Is Jesus Alive?

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Midweek Wednesday

Night Meals: Paused until
August 13, 2025.

The Well Youth Ministry

JULY 2025

(Midweek Wednesday Night Meals and Midweek Well: Paused until August 13, 2025)

Retreat/Service News

July 21st-25th is our summer retreat. We will be attending the **Student Life Camp** at SWU. We have not attended this one before, but one of our counselors has. Please pray for the Lord to be with us this week in powerful ways.

Fortson Fun Fridays began on May 23rd. Each Friday is an opportunity for youth to serve and connect through our outreach ministry. Youth can help serve lunch and help with activities each Friday from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Summer activities include art days, games and water day. We hope that you can join us for Friday Fun Days. Questions about Fortson? Contact Michelle Lynch, happymommy3g@gmail.com or Kathryn Bariou kmbariou@umcsc.org.

JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY	5
6 No Well	7 AIM Summer Service/Lunch at Jcs 8:30-1:30 PM	8	9	10	11 Fortson Fridays	12
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Vacation Bible School						
27	28	29	30	31		

7/21-7/25 Student Life Camp at SWU. Get ready for a fun week of rec, lessons and worship at Southern Wesleyan University.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7/18 Elie House
7/31 Nathan Jones

Sun. 7/27 - Thurs 7/31
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM
Secret Agent Academy VBS

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 or contact Dawn McLin for any information.

The Discipleship Path

Did you forget about our Discipleship Path, because I didn't. If you did, this is your reminder that we are all on this path, regardless of our age, place in life or how long we have been on the path. Below you will find three logos, reminding you of the three parts of the Discipleship path, Loving God and All People, Learning God's Will and Ways, and Living for Christ in the World. You will also see these logos throughout the newsletter alerting you to what Trinity is doing and how it fits into our Discipleship Path.

As always, if you have questions, I would love to help answer them. Rev. Kathryn




Casting Purls

THURSDAY
JULY 17 & 24
1-3PM
ASBURY HALL



GAME DAY
YAH
(Young at Heart)
Thursdays
July 17

Meets in the Family Room
1:00-4:00pm



CARD MINISTRY
Asbury Hall
Tuesday July 15th
12:45pm

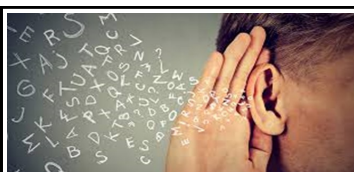


YAH LUNCH GATHERING!

Imperial Chinese Buffet
July 10th
11:30 am

Meets every second Thursday of each month.

Please let Carolyn know by noon the day before if you plan to attend.



Stephen Ministry

Do you hear a quiet voice, speaking to you about Trinity's Stephen Ministry? Is it possible God is calling **YOU** to serve as a Stephen Minister? God has gifted all of us with a plethora of talents. Let's talk one-on-one and discuss how your gifts and personality may fit within the Stephen Ministry. Together we can prayerfully consider you becoming a part of the Stephen Ministry team.

Our next training class will kick-off in August 2025.

Please contact, Reverend Kathryn Bariou, Trinity's staff Stephen Leader, at Kmbariou@umcsc.org to get the conversation started.





Don't Go Alone, Take Jesus

As you head out this summer for vacation, take a little Jesus. Maybe you go on a few day trips or maybe you cross the globe. Take a little Jesus and tell us how far you traveled. Take two and give one to someone else on your travels. We will report in August how far Jesus went this summer. Send a picture, we would love to share them on social media as well. Little Jesus will be available at service, but remember, Jesus is always available via knee-mail.

It's Pumpkin Time! I know it seems early but the Pumpkins will be here before we know it. Our first load will be arriving Oct 4. Our Outreach Ministry Team will be accepting applications from Trinity members who wish to nominate a charity to receive funds during the month of July.

Applications to receive funds will be available July 1 and the deadline to turn them in is Aug. 1.

For an application or if you have any questions please contact Kathryn Bariou, kmbariou@umcsc.org.



Disciple Fast Track 1 **Becoming Disciples Through** **Bible Study**



Studying the Bible is essential to becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ. This adaptation of the original, best-selling Disciple Bible Study is ideal for busy people who want to fit a comprehensive Bible study into their schedule. Classes cover most of the Bible—from Genesis to Revelation. Twelve weeks will be spent in the Old Testament and 12 in the New Testament.

Join us August 10 at 10 am for more information. A signup will be available August 11. The orientation class will be September 11 at 6pm in Asbury Hall and will be led by Jim Brookshire and Linda Peterson.



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**

Campus/Business Report for July 2025

July being the seventh month of the year marks the “dog days of summer” for some, for others it offers completeness, perfection, and rest based on the biblical account of God resting on the seventh day after creation as written in Philippians 1:6

The grounds around our campus are beautiful this time of year with our deep green lawn and abundantly blooming flowers and trees. Let’s give a shout -out to our lawn care crews and to Eldon Zehr for his dedication, hard work and donation of plantings around our office entrance flower beds.

We have replaced the broken and dated AC system in the church kitchen thanks to a generous equipment donation from Loftis Heating & Air. This upgrade should serve us with greater comfort and better energy efficiency.

I’ve been working with several Commercial HVAC companies exploring the possibilities of installing proper air conditioning in the Gym. Engineers are addressing the scope of this project, codes, installation and equipment options.

We hope to have a couple option packages available for the Trustees to view before the end of summer.

As utility cost continue to rise, we should all work together with conserving energy by turning off lights in empty spaces or rooms, resetting thermostats to night settings as you leave the space and check that faucets and toilets have stopped running or turned off in our restrooms.

Together, we can continue to grow our church, offer comfortable facilities for worship and broaden our faith and fellowship with others in Christ.

Peace,
David Ford
Business & Facilities Manager

July Sunday Safety Team 10:15am – noon

July 6th
David Ford

July 13th
David Miller

July 20th
Marvin McLin

July 27th
Steve Compton

Pickleball News

Our Pickleball Project was a bigger success than we could have imagined. Some Saturdays saw over 20 people showing up to play and fellowship. A large number of these folks were from outside of Trinity. Our mission and outreach worked! We are so thankful to everyone who helped make this a reality.

It is just too hot to play in the gym through the summer. We have ended this session and plan to start back up in the fall. You can contact Sherryl Laing (934-1251) or Ken Ramsey (376-6324) if you have questions or if you want to sign up on our GroupMe app in order to get notifications.

We look forward to seeing everyone when the weather gets cooler.

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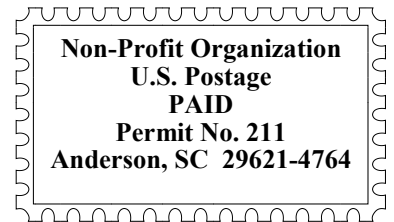
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