

Trinity Times



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1809 North Main Street

Anderson, South Carolina

Ramblings from Rev. Roy

Last month, in the April newsletter, I shared my notes from our five dream sessions. This month I want to share some insights for "MissionInsite."

MissionInsite is a resource used by the South Carolina Annual Conference of the UMC for the study of church contextual information. It reveals insights about the community around you based upon analytics and demographic data.

I asked one of our Conference Congregational Specialists, our own Chris Lynch, to run the data from MissionInsite in a 1 mile radius around our church, a 5 mile radius around our church, and a 10 mile radius around our church.

It is a whole lot of information! But one thing that I would like to share this month is from a section of church "program and ministry preferences." The top three preferences ranked in the reports are: warm and friendly encounters; quality sermons; and opportunities to develop personal relationships. Obviously, "quality sermons" are dependent upon Rev. Kathryn and I. We continue to work on them. But two out of the three preferences in our area for folks looking for a church and what they expect to find are dependent upon YOU and me, and every single one of us. Folks want "warm and friendly encounters" and "opportunities to develop personal relationships."

How does this overlap with some of the dreams that we have heard? What can we do to improve in these areas? What can you do to help offer hospitality? What other opportunities are needed to help develop relationships?

1 Peter 4:8-10 states, ⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

Thank you for all you do, for the gifts you share, and for your ministry of hospitality.

Grace and peace,

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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:30 am—2:30 pm
Friday—Closed

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

***9am - Oasis (fellowship hall); 11am - Traditions (sanctuary)**

May 3 - "Serve Joyfully" - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Psalm 100:1; Nehemiah 8:10; John 13:14-15; 1 Peter 4:10

May 10 - "Lead Courageously" - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Joshua 1:9; Ephesians 6:10

May 17 - Ascension Sunday - Rev. Kathryn Bariou

Scriptures: Acts 1: 1-11; Luke 24: 44-53

***Worship @ 11am in Fellowship Hall followed by Fellowship Meal**

May 24 - Pentecost Sunday - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Acts 2: 1-21; John 7: 37-39 and John 20: 19-23

***Summer Worship begins @ 10am in sanctuary**

May 31 - Trinity Sunday - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Matthew 28:16-20

June Series - we will be looking at the story of Abraham and Sarah. A story of family and blessing.

June 7 - "To Be a Blessing" - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Matthew 9: 9-13; Genesis 12:1-9

June 14 - "A Miracle Called Laughter" - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Matthew 9: 35-10:8; Genesis 18:1-15

June 21- "Hearing the Voice" - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Matthew 10: 24-39; Genesis 21: 8-21

June 28 - "God Will Provide" - Rev. Kathryn Bariou

Scriptures: Matthew 10: 40-42; Genesis 22: 1-14

July Series - we will be looking at two chapters (7-8) of the letter to the Romans; Paul's poetic vision of what it means to be a follower of Jesus and a part of the body of Christ.

July 5 - "Delight in the Law" - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30; Romans 7: 15-25a

July 12 - "Set Your Mind" - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23; Romans 8: 1-11

July 19- "Wait with Eager Longing" - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43; Romans 8: 12-25

July 26 - "More Than Conquerors" - Rev. Kathryn Bariou

Scriptures: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52; Romans 8: 26-39



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

On May 4, 1956 at the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Minneapolis Minnesota, a vote was taken that granted women the right to be members in full connection as clergy. A few weeks after that vote, Maude Jensen was the first woman to be ordained in the Methodist church. In 1958, Sallie Crenshaw became the first African American woman received into full connection in the East Tennessee Conference. For many people those events have little significance but for me and many of my colleagues it is a very important date. These women fought for the right to preach the gospel as ordained clergy so I didn't have to.



The idea of women preaching isn't a new one. In all four gospels the women were the ones who shared the good news, In Romans 16:1, Paul tells of Phoebe, a deacon at the church of Cenchreae. In 16:7 he mentions Junia, who was prominent among the apostles. In the book of Acts, we have Lydia who converted as well as her whole household (16:11 - 15).

This May 4th, is the 70th anniversary of that event. When I put on my alb and stole, I am reminded that my ordination was not a given. I know many fought for the equal status of women before I was born and some are still fighting for it today. You may ask why this is important. It's important because half of the world population is female. It's important because our girls and teens need to see that they too can preach the gospel. It's important because sometimes we all need to hear voices that are not male.

I will be wearing my red heels on Sunday May 3 to commemorate that day and I am honored to stand in the company of all women who have heard the call into ministry.

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—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



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**

Trinity Financial Update

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

<u>General Fund (Budget)</u>	March
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,136.88
Income	\$ 44,187.00
Transfers	\$ 1,344.25
Expenses	
Personnel	\$ 39,519.03
Administration, Building, Maintenance	\$ 7,761.19
Programs/Ministries	\$ 1,383.99
Ending Balance	\$ 3.92
Monthly Mission - March	\$ 685.00
Monthly Mission—February (add'l)	\$ 100.00
2026 Apportionments Due	\$ 61,755.00
Apportionments Received to Date	\$ 0.00

Fortson Community Partnership

Every Tuesday and Thursday after school, the Fortson Community Partnership team provides tutoring services for the children at Fortson Homes Community Center. Over the 2025-26 school year we have seen the student participation grow from around 18 per session to 27 per session. In addition to tutoring, the students engage in educational games, arts & crafts, basketball, and other activities. Over 1400 snacks have been passed out just in the last three months. It is rewarding not only to see the children's educational growth, but also their growth as a community and the relationships we build with parents, the community at large, and school staff at Nevitt Forest Elementary School.

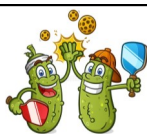
We will begin our Summer Program, Fun Fridays, on May 22 from 12-2 every Friday until the end of July. If you would like to join us, please contact Johnette Sherwood or Michelle Lynch.

Thank you for providing snacks, school supplies, help in tutoring and most of all for your prayers.

IT'S PICKLEBALL TIME

Pickleball continues in the Trinity gym on May 9 & 30 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

To sign up and to receive notices, please contact Sherryl Laing (934-1251) or Ken Ramsey (376-6324).



Epworth

Serving Children & Families

Monthly Mission

News

May

Our monthly mission for May is Epworth Children's Home. Our support last year helped Epworth serve children and families through its statewide programs. Epworth is not an apportioned item, and it relies heavily on the offerings received to provide quality care to the individuals who are in Epworth's care weekly.

Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to help Epworth make a difference in the lives of children and families every day. For more information about Epworth, visit online at www.epworthsc.org.



A Big Thank You!

We want to say a big thank you Dava and David House as well as Kim and Chris Haun for preparing, serving and cleaning up our Wednesday Night Meals. They have provided more than just an excellent meal but giving us the opportunity to break bread together. We appreciate all that they have done to help foster community here at Trinity. Sadly, the Hauns will be moving this summer to Germany and will not be able to continue to help next year. We are looking for someone to help Dava and David in the fall. If you or someone you know is interested in filling this position, please contact Rev. Kat at kmbariou@umcsc.org. And again, THANK YOU to both the House and Haun families for their service!

Bad Girls of the Bible Study

Oh no, you just realized that you are not perfect! That's okay, neither were the disciples. Many of the women in the Bible can be labeled as kinda bad girls, bad girls or even very bad girls. If you would like to learn about these women, join us for our study this summer. We will be meeting Wednesday afternoons from 5-6:30 in Asbury Hall. Class will start June 10 and continue through July 29. No book is needed for this study. For more information, contact Marcia Whaley at marciaw54@yahoo.com.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Please email the church at 1809office@gmail.com and include the following:

- Student's Name
- School
- Picture
- Worship Service Attending

Due by May 4th.
Recognition Service is Sunday, May 17th





**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



Biscuits, Donuts,
Coffee & Water
Provided



CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, May 16th

8am-noon





Contact Dan Keesler 864 276-4404 or
David Ford 864 933-0795
For More Info



Midweek in May

Our midweek meals and Bible studies take a pause for the summer months, but...we will have some fun midweek in May game nights! Our youth team is planning games for all ages with a light meal on May 6th, 13th, and 20th.

All ages are welcome to come out to test their skills and fight for bragging rights. We will meet and eat at 5:30 pm and play games until 7:00 pm. We will have minors vs majors (young vs not so young), all play games and some round table games to make sure all are able to play something.

We will also have a blood drive on May 13th from 3:30-7:30 pm in Parking Lot A to help save a life while raising up to \$500 toward our youth summer retreat. Please spread the word so we can get a great response.

New Summer Schedule
Sunday School @ 9am; Worship @ 10am
Beginning May 31 - July 26

The Discipleship Committee, which includes worship, discussed and recommended going to one worship service during the summer. The proposal was made to the Church Council, who approved by unanimous consensus.

Thus, we will have only one worship service at 10am during the summer in the sanctuary, beginning May 31 - July. In August, we will return to our two services at 9am and 11am.

We are asking that Sunday School classes move to 9am for the summer schedule.

Keep in mind, we already had scheduled one service for Memorial Day Weekend at 11am with a fellowship meal following the service. That worship will take place in the Fellowship Hall, with the luncheon in the gym.

The rationale behind this decision:

- Volunteer relief - need less volunteers
- Lower attendance reality
- Greater critical mass for one service looks and feels better for guests and members
- Choir already takes that time off because of people traveling
- Special music can provide opportunity for band to have a couple weeks off as well
- Build unity and develop relationships with others

We look forward to worshipping all together during this summertime. Mark your calendars and plan to worship at 10am this summer.

Grace and peace,
Roy



May Edition

What's Happening in a Glance



Hello, friends. This month, the KIDS Ministry is looking at the story of Joseph through the lens of Inside Out. There is a huge spectrum of emotions in Joseph's life - jealousy and anger, love and betrayal, hope and devastation, grief and reconciliation. Wow! This story is a doozy. Joseph is the son of Israel (a/k/a Jacob who wrestled with God WWE style and got a name change) and Rachel (the wife that Jacob had to work for an extra seven years to get after accidentally marrying her sister because of trickery). Since Joseph was born to his dad so late in life, he was favored above his siblings (that won't cause problems, right?). And the story gets wilder and wilder - brothers get annoyed with their youngest brother and decide to kill him. Oops. That is not a good idea. So another brother, Reuben, steps into save his life and says let's just sell him instead. Well, not a great plan but better than murder, maybe. Joseph gets sold to a man and sent to work for Potiphar, a big official guy with a big official job. Things start looking up! Oh, wait. Nope. Potiphar's wife is not a good person and she lies about Joseph to hurt him. Joseph gets sent to prison for something he didn't do. There in prison, he becomes known for interpreting dreams. I imagine Joseph had plenty of dreams himself. Dreams of being back home. Dreams of NOT being in prison. Dreams of better days. But then, after tons of emotional roller coaster moments, Joseph gets a break. He is asked to interpret a dream of the Pharaoh. Joseph gives the credit to God and interprets the dream correctly. He finds favor with the Pharaoh. Placed in a seat of importance, things start looking up for Joseph. He is helping to ensure food is rationed during a famine. His own brothers show up to get help with food and although they do not recognize Joseph, Joseph recognizes them. Oh the emotions that must have flooded Joseph. In the movie Inside Out, Riley is full of emotions and sometimes, those emotions get out of hand and overwhelming. The emotions are represented by colored balls and they remind me of the coat of colors that Joseph was given by his father. Joseph is given a chance to "get even" and even has the power to punish his brothers up to death, but he controls his emotions and chooses the path of restoration, joy, peace and love. Good emotions to choose in a tough situation. We do not always have control of our emotions but we can learn to get control of them with practice and encouragement from each other. Riley learns that even the tough emotions are good for us. We need the grief and anger sometimes, too. It helps us to regulate the pressures inside when the pressures outside are constantly changing. We can pop like a bubble if the pressure is too great in the inside or on the outside if we can't figure out



how to regulate it. Jesus handled pressure better than any of us but even He threw a table when anger was needed. Even He stepped away when life got to be too much. We can, too. Good emotional health is important for me and for you.

Words to Ponder:

"Feelings are much like waves, we can't stop them from coming, but we can choose which one to surf."

- Jonathan Martensson

Lessons for May Sunday School

10:00 AM - 10:55 AM*

Joseph and Inside Out

***Note: May 31st Sunday School moves to 9 am for the Summer**

JAM Session

3rd - 5th Grade JAMS

May 15th 4:00—5:00 PM
(McDs @ 1651 Greenville St.)

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

Key Passage:

Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons. That's because Joseph had been born to him when he was old. Israel made him a beautiful robe.

- Genesis 37:3 NlRV

VBS Planning Meeting
May 14, 2026 at 5:30 PM in
the Family Room.
Dinner provided; Kids
welcome. All are invited.

**AIM Summer
Kids Service Dates:**
May 28th (1 pm - 3 pm)
June 25th (1 pm - 3 pm)
July 9th (1 pm - 3 pm)



**Summer
TGIF PRESENTS:**
Salt and Light

**TGIF IN MAY:
WHO: RISING
KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADERS**

**WHERE:
FUDDRUCKERS TOUR
AND OASIS GOLF**

**WHEN:
MAY 29TH
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**RSVP FOR MORE INFO:
CHILDRENTUMC@GMAIL.COM**

Midweek Wednesday Night Lessons: Paused for the summer but... Come join us on **May 6th, 13th and 20th for Midweek in May Game Nights!** 5:30 pm—7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will eat fun foods and play fun games all together - adults, youth and children. We will have tons of snack foods, too. There will be a short devotion and then bragging rights up for grabs. Please invite a friend or two or three. Supper will be served at 5:30 and game play from 6:00 until 7:00 pm.

The Well Youth Ministry

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5/3 5:30-7:30 PM - The Well
5/6 5:30-7:00 PM - Midweek in May
5/10 NO WELL (Happy Mother's Day)
5/13 5:30-7:00 PM - Midweek in May/Blood Mobile
5/14 5:30-7:00 PM - VBS Planning Meeting
5/17 Graduate Recognition Sunday/5:30-7:30 PM - The Well
5/20 5:30-7:00 PM - Midweek in May
5/22 12-2pm Fortson Fridays
5/24 5:30-7:30 PM - The Well/Rising 6th Grade Night
5/28 1:00 - 3:00 PM - AIM Snack Pack Service
5/31 No Well

VBS Planning Meeting

On **May 14, 2026** at 5:30 PM in the Family Room. Dinner provided; Youth welcome. All are invited. If you have helped in the past or are wanting to find out how you can plug in for the first time, please come out to add ideas and excitement to our beach themed Vacation Bible School this year.

Midweek Youth/Midweek in May/Summer Sunday School

Our midweek Well will take a pause for summer but in May, we will have Midweek in May Game Nights on May 6th, 13th and 20th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm, with a Bloodmobile Drive on May 13th here at Trinity.

This is an opportunity for our youth to earn a \$500 grant by asking folks to donate blood that day from 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Please share this information with any family or friends who would be willing to donate for a great cause and to help out our youth for summer camp. They do not have to be Trinity members to support our blood drive. On the May 6th, 13th and 20th, we will have family friendly competition in a kids versus adults challenge and a couple of round table game night activities. Food will be provided but not from our amazing kitchen team. We will give them a break to just hangout and fellowship. We will have our Wednesday night donation boxes out to cover the cost of food. Hope to see you there!

Also, this summer, our Sunday School and Worship times will change to a **9 am Sunday School and 10 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary**. Please note the time change will run from **May 31st—July 26**. We will return to two services at 9 and 11 with a 10 am Sunday School on August 2nd.

Retreat/Service News

Salkehatchie dates will be **June 13th - 20th**. Any youth or youth families interested in being a part of this powerful ministry, please contact Dawn McLin. We partner with the Piedmont Salkehatchie site that is just up the road. Families in need of help creating safer living conditions in our local area are blessed through this ministry. We have enjoyed the last two years partnering with this site and I have been blessed personally by being a part of it. Our youth would greatly benefit from experiencing the true hands and feet of Jesus in restoration of a home in need of loving care. Please prayerfully consider attending this camp this year.

July 13th-17th is our summer retreat dates. We will dive into a **Survivor themed Beach Retreat**. Please pray for the Lord to be with us both weeks in powerful ways.

Graduate Recognition—May 17

Our 2026 graduates will be recognized during our worship services. High school, home school, technical school, or college graduates, please notify the church office with your name, area of study, from where you are graduating, a senior picture, and which church service you attend by **Monday, May 4**.

You may email your information to 1809office@gmail.com or call the church office at 864-224-2531.

Summer Service Opportunities (AIM/TGIF/VBS):

AIM: We are yet again partnering with AIM to feed our neighbors in need. Our service dates for **Youth** are May 28th (1-3), June 22nd (9-12, plus lunch after) and July 6th (9-12, plus lunch after). Our **KIDS** service dates are May 28th (1-3), June 25th (1-3) and July 9th (1-3). Youth can help at any of these dates and times.

TGIF dates are May 29th, June 12th and July 10th. TGIF stands for Together Growing in Faith and are Friday fun opportunities for kids to grow their faith together. We would love a few youth volunteers to help assist. See kids page for details about the first one in May.

VBS is coming: July 20th-24th. Contact Dawn McLin if you want to plug into any of these opportunities.

Fortson Fridays - During the summer, Trinity offers fun and lunch with our friends at Fortson on Fridays. Each Friday is an opportunity for youth to serve and connect through our outreach ministry. Youth can help serve lunch and help with activities from 12:00 - 2:00 pm beginning on May 22nd and ending on July 31st. Summer activities include art days, games and water day. We hope that you can join us for Friday Fun Days. Contact Dawn McLin or Michelle Lynch, happymommy3g@gmail.com, for more information.



2026 SOUTH CAROLINA UNITED METHODIST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

See The Possibilities: What do you see? Can you see anything? Mark 8:22-26

June 7-10, 2026 at the Greenville Convention Center



2026 Annual Conference

Mission Project

Help us raise \$53,781 to combat hunger

Bishop Leonard Fairley invites South Carolina United Methodists to join him as we "Rise Against Hunger," packing 125,000 meals and raising enough money to make this mission possible at AC2026 in June.



Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained to offer care to people who are hurting.

Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing life difficulties.

Are you in need of Stephen Ministry care? Please contact, **Reverend Kathryn Bariou**, at kmbariou@umcsc.org or **Reverend Roy Mitchell**, at rmitchell@umcsc.org.

They will assist you with the next steps of connecting with a member of the Stephen Minister team.



Congratulations, Disciple I Students!

We are excited to announce the completion of our Disciple I Fast Track Bible Study class! After many weeks of faithful study, discussion, and spiritual growth, participants have successfully completed this journey through the Bible. It wasn't always easy reading, but we definitely had a lot of fun and learned so much from each other!

Please join us in congratulating this group on their accomplishment.

Great job Kathy and Mike Casedonte, Vernon DeHerrera, Freda and Randy Dill, Dana Foushee, Janet Greene, Renee Lafy, Pat and Jim Lemons, Marie Loftis, Maxine Ramsey, Johnette and Tom Sherwood, Fran and Wilson Sofley, Anne Tavenner, and Marcia Whaley.

They spoke of the feeling of shared community, that they were able to speak their thoughts without fear of judgment, and how they better understood the connection between the Old Testament and New Testament wisdoms.

As they move forward, some participants will be continuing their studies in upcoming classes, while others are stepping into new opportunities to teach, lead, or serve within the church and community.

Stay tuned for information about upcoming classes. Let's continue to grow together in faith! We encourage anyone interested in continuing their spiritual growth to consider joining future Bible study opportunities. Linda and Jim

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- Family Activities
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- Bounce Houses

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Campus/Business Report for May 2026

The month of May represents the concept of growth, both in nature and in business. We celebrate May Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Graduations, TrinityStrong Springfest and the start of vacation season among the many other fun events this month.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 16th as the Trustees host our annual Spring Church Workday starting with a light breakfast at 8:30am in the Family Room, enter off the gym driveway at door #17. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We need your help trimming shrubbery and cutting back branches around our campus. Bring your own work gloves and any extra hedge trimming equipment, pole saw, leaf blower and wheelbarrow or come to pitch in and add extra support moving debris curbside. With your help we can finish this task before noon.

We plan to continue our spring and summer facility service and maintenance operation projects around our campus over the next few months as Preschool and church activities end or slow down for the summer, allowing us greater uninterrupted access to areas in need of service. Please make arrangements with the Business & Facilities Manager in advance to schedule your facility use or department entry as we may have areas closed for service work throughout any given week until fall.

Sunday Safety Teams for May 2026

May 3rd David Ford

May 10th David Miller

May 17th Marvin McLin

May 24th Steve Compton

May 31st Norm Teater & Fred Wightman

Grace & Peace,
David Ford, Business & Facilities Manager

Connections in Ministry through Casting Purls

A wonderful activity took place at Casting Purls on March 19. Casting Purls is the yarn of Trinity UMC and meets in Asbury Hall on specified Thursday afternoons. This crafting community aims to create knitted and crocheted items to meet the needs of ministries we support locally, and on this occasion, in the Appalachian Region of eastern Kentucky.



Casting Purls' connection to the KY ministry began through Trinity member, Stan Honeycutt, who passed away in 2017. Stan was very involved with Mission Development Ministries of Anderson and its director Bruce Byce and his wife, Kathy. They coordinated mission teams to serve in rural KY. Though Bruce passed away in 2019, Kathy continues serving with MDM and is our connection to a ministry they support in Jenkins, KY.

The ministry serves several counties through diverse ministry objectives with the utmost focus of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. One project in particular that Mrs. McPeek organizes several times a year is baby showers for expectant mothers. That's where Casting Purls plays a part. On March 19, Kathy collected the donations ladies had prepared for this year's shower since the previous year's shower. Our count of 110+ items included: blankets, sweaters, booties, bibs, cocoons, and hats. The hats included Mom & Baby matching sets that were made by women at Haven of Rest Ministries who were taught to knit by one of our members; another ministry connection! Kathy delivered them to a group of students at Anderson University's Campus Ministries, who then delivered them to Jenkins on a spring break mission trip.

It's amazing how ministry connections expand in the kingdom. The thread that runs through it all is that each of us can help in making a tremendous impact by sharing our gifts and the love of Jesus.



Notes to Trinity

Thank you everyone for your kind thoughts, prayers, cards, texts, and hugs. Your strength has held us up in my father's health crisis this year. Despite the many setbacks he has endured, day by day he is improving. I have found during these challenging times I didn't know what to pray for. But we felt your prayers around us and it was comforting. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Stephanie, Dave, Sam, and Kelly Gill and Family, Father: Ron Miskelley

Dear Friends,

Thank you for this generous gift. We are very grateful to have your support. Your contribution ensures that Rebuild Upstate can continue repairing the homes of our low-income and older neighbors. These repairs do more than increase the quality of a home; they increase the quality of life for those living inside it.

Rose M. Davis
Community Engagement Director

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