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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Sanctuary of God

"But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a worrisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I perceived their end."

Psalm 73:16-17.

These are truly strange times. I have lived for almost seven decades and I have never experienced times like these. In order to remain safe, we have curtailed our normal way of living. Over the past four months we have been mostly confined to our homes. We have been greatly restricted from public places like schools, stores, restaurants, gyms, and even church. We have learned to do things differently than we ever have before. Those who may have never purchased anything online have become frequent users of online sites. Churches, such as ours, who had never broadcast our services online now reach increasing numbers of people via Facebook and YouTube. In order to protect each other, we now wear face coverings when we do venture out into the public and to church. We now no longer feel open to shake hands with those we meet or hug our friends—in order to keep them and ourselves safe. These are truly strange times.

But the reading from Psalm 73 reminds us that when we come close to God—when we go into the sanctuary of God and open our hearts and our minds to God's wisdom then we are comforted, we are reassured and we are enlightened. The psalmist reminds us that when we enter the sanctuary of God we will then perceive the ultimate promise of God despite the problems and the chaos that surrounds us. Indeed, Paul wrote that "we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

It is easy for us to be afraid during these difficult times but let us strive to seek peace and comfort in God's presence. Let us enter into the sanctuary of God and be reassured.

Blessings,

Charles



Pastor Charles Wilbanks



TRINITY UMC GUIDELINES FOR RETURNING TO WORSHIP

1. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported that individuals over the age of 65 are at a higher risk of contracting coronavirus than people who are younger. That being said, if you are 65 or older, before you choose to come back to worship, carefully consider your risks.
2. No matter what your age, if you feel uncomfortable coming back to in-person worship, please do not feel obligated to do so. Your reluctance and anxiety are certainly understandable. We would urge you to participate in worship online via our Facebook page or take advantage of alternate ways of joining us.
3. If you have compromised immune systems or underlying medical conditions that put you at an increased risk, we ask that you stay home and worship with us online until it is safe for you to return.
4. If you have any symptoms (fever, coughing, headache, etc.) please remain at home and worship with us online.
5. Seating in our sanctuary will be limited to 60 persons. The fellowship hall can seat more if space is needed as the service can be seen via livestream on the television in that area.
6. We are working on repairing the outside speakers of the church so that you may choose to worship with us by either sitting in your cars or by bringing your own lawn chairs and sitting outside your car. You can listen to the service as well as watch via livestream with the volume turned down.
7. Those attending in the sanctuary and/or in the fellowship hall will wear masks. Bring your own if you have one. If not, one will be provided. Hand sanitizer will be available. You are strongly encouraged to use it as you enter and as you leave the sanctuary.
8. There will be no acolyte processional or lighting.
9. There will be no children's church downstairs during the service.
10. There will be instrumental music, but no congregational hymns will be sung.
11. There will be no collection plates passed. Instead the plates will be at the entrance of the church for the collection of tithes and offering.
12. Communion will not be celebrated until it is safe to do so.
13. Ushers will seat attendees. Proper social distancing of approximately six feet will be observed. People may be asked to sit in pews in which they do not normally sit.
14. Doors will be opened and closed by the ushers.
15. There will be no Sunday School.
16. As you leave the church after service, please maintain six feet from the person in front of you and keep your mask on. Wait until you go outside to visit with others or attempt conversations with others. Even outside you are urged to maintain appropriate safe social distance.
17. The sanctuary and other public areas will be thoroughly sanitized after each worship service.
18. All items, including pew Bibles and Hymnals will be removed from each pew.

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AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN!

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Organist: Phyllis Sanders
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GREETERS AND USHERS NEEDED!!!

We need ushers and greeters who will be attending In-Person church service. Please let Pastor Charles know if you would be willing to help. Thank you. **WE ALSO NEED MORE TECHNICIANS.**

Missing Baseball Season. Maybe this cartoon will cheer you up for now!



We are a caring church and want to share your concerns. Let us know if you or someone you know would like to share a prayer request with us. We will be happy to pray for you. Contact Peggy Bogart, Church Secretary, to add or remove names from the Church Prayer List.

Known Hospitalizations:

Recent Hospitalizations and/or Surgeries:

Nursing Home:

Trinity Member Prayers: *The family of Mary Waldrop, Jean Bundrick, Rebecca Bundrick, Debbie St. Mark, Olin Bundrick*

Family and friends of Trinity: *Phillip Sanders*

Please let Harriet know if you have names to go on the Newsletter Prayer List. These should be new and current prayer requests. Ongoing prayer requests can be found in the weekly bulletin. Names will be removed from the Newsletter Prayer List after two months. If you need ongoing prayers, please let Peggy or the Pastor know. Thank you.

CANCELLATIONS.

- Vacation Bible School has been cancelled.
- Salkehatchie Summer Service has been cancelled.
- All church organizations (UMW, Men's Club, Silver and Gold, MYF) are cancelled for the month of July. Some events may be starting back up in August. We will keep you informed.

We will be mailing newsletters every two months for a while. Also, be sure to watch our Facebook page for information as well. **We have made some changes to our website. Go to www.newberryumcnewberry.net and let us know what you think.**



1 – C. J. Griffen
 7 – Denise Pitts
 8 – Taylor Bouknight
 9 – Dale Longshore
 14 – Hagen Waldrop
 18 – William Johnson
 29 – Alice Longshore
 30 – Beverly Pitts

1 – Linda Lominack
 1 – Tony Pitts
 4 – Harry Longshore
 7 – Johnnie Pitts
 11 – Kelly Morris
 16 – Mary Forrest
 20 – Sharon Senn
 24 – Shelbie Johnson

Christian Symbol for July



Jerusalem Cross

This complex cross, also called the Crusader's Cross or Fivefold Cross, has several interpretations. The main cross is composed of four tau (T) crosses representing the Old Testament law. The four small Greek crosses symbolize the fulfillment of the law in the gospel. The five crosses together represent the church's mission: to spread the gospel to the four corners of the earth. They are also said to symbolize Christ's five wounds (hands, feet, and side).

Christian Symbol for August



Willow

The billowing branches of the "weeping willow" symbolize mourning, especially of the Israelites as they endured captivity. The willow, which grows well in marshy areas, is associated in the Bible with fruitful, well-watered land (see Ezekiel 17:5). In descriptions of Old Testament festivals of praise, God's people were told "to take branches from luxuriant trees – from palms, willows and other leafy trees – and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days" (Leviticus 23:40, NIV).

ORGANIST NEEDED

Thanks to **Eddie Welborn** for substituting for Phyllis until we find a permanent organist. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested, please have them contact the pastor. Thank you.



*Thank you , Phyllis Sanders, for the last 12 years of beautiful organ and piano music. Thank you for all the Sunday services, the Christmas Cantatas, the Children's Choir performances, the special services, the weddings, the funerals.....the list goes on and on. We thank God for your talent. We can never THANK YOU enough and wish you an incredibly
HAPPY RETIREMENT!MENT!*



2020 South Carolina Annual Conference Rescheduled

The [2020 South Carolina Annual Conference](https://umcsc.org) session will take place on Saturday, August 1, at the [Florence Center](https://umcsc.org) and will be live-streamed at umcsc.org. The gathering of clergy and lay members representing 975 local United Methodist churches originally was scheduled for June 7-10. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic prompted both the postponement of the session and the truncated schedule.

The annual Service of Commissioning and Ordination, traditionally held during Annual Conference, is now scheduled for Saturday, August 8, at the Florence Center. The service is not open to the public – attendance will be limited to candidates for ordination and provisional membership and a limited number of guests – but it will be live-streamed online at umcsc.org. Because the health and safety of attendees is the top priority, Bishop L. Jonathan Holston and other conference leaders will continue to closely monitor advisories from state health officials and are prepared to act swiftly, should developments warrant any further change in plans.

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