

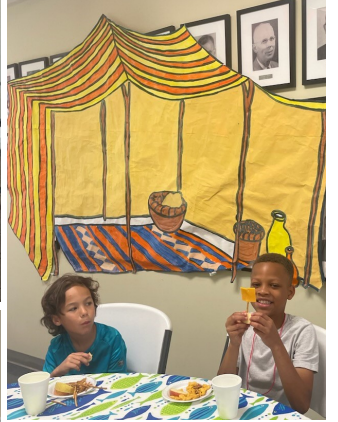


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From the Pastor

I did not know that preaching a Trinity Sunday sermon was perilous until I learned of the numerous heresies that the Church has dealt with in the past. I think of some of these every time I prepare for that Sunday; heresies such as partialism, modalism, Arianism, etc. You can learn about some of these in a funny YouTube found at:

<https://youtu.be/KQLfgaUoQCw>

When I posted the audio of my sermon for Trinity Sunday on Facebook, I introduced the post this way: "Trinity Sunday, also occasionally known as 'please Lord, don't let me say something heretical' Sunday." At the start of that sermon, I told you of a concept that I had encountered in a book entitled *The Triune God of Christian Faith* by Mary Ann Fatula. It is not an easy read but it has stuck with me since I read it for a theology course in seminary. I especially appreciate Fatula's conception of how we are unconditionally loved. She writes:

A unipersonal God needs us in order to love. But the God who is triune communion of love does not need us in order to have someone to love. And for that reason, we are, each of us, really, unconditionally and freely loved. This statement may surprise us, for we easily identify need with love; to need someone is to love him or her, and to be needed is to be loved. Yet love is ultimately a matter not of need but of free gift, or it is not fully love at all.

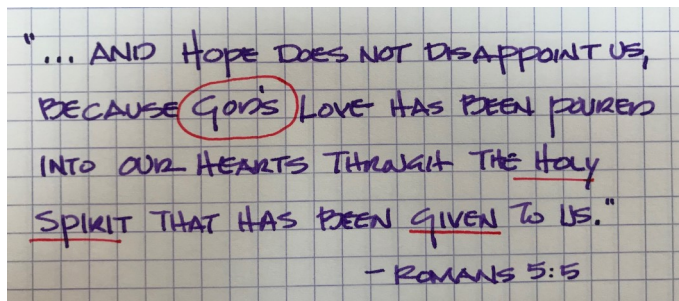
A unipersonal God is what many people have in mind when they speak of any god. But historic, orthodox Christianity has made a different claim based on various texts of its scriptures; namely, that the God of Israel is three persons in one being. And so, we use the word "triune" in referring to God as the "Triune God." What Fatula means by "the God who is triune communion of love" is that the God of Israel is three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) in one being existing in a union of love; or as I said in the sermon, a dance of mutual love. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father. The Father loves the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit loves the Father... and so on. For this reason, God does not **need** us in order to love or be loved. So, as Fatula so beautifully states, since God does not need us in order to be able to love, "we are, each of us, really, unconditionally and freely loved."

This love is the same love of God that is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has come to dwell in each of us, and in us together as the Church. We are given this love as a free gift so that we do not need someone in order to love. As 1 John 4 puts it "We love because he first loved us." We love in response. And so, we can really, unconditionally and freely love God and love others. In fact, we are equipped to love others, not because we need them, but as a gift, because God has first loved us, and them.

In contrast, the worst kind of love we can give someone is the love that seeks to meet our own need. God is at work in us through divine grace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in us conforming us to the image of Christ, so that we might give ourselves for others in acts of love rather than take others for ourselves. I agree with Fatula, love based on our own need is "not fully love at all."

Later, Fatula writes these deeply inciteful words: "loving with this kind of gift-love is not possible to our efforts alone; it requires a life-time of cooperation with God's grace healing and transforming our hearts. Yet this kind of loving is the goal toward which we are meant to grow until our hearts expand enough to take all the world's oppressed into their embrace."

Dear ones, may the Holy Spirit work within us all that, having been born through water and the Spirit, we may both live, and love, as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.



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2023 Flower Calendar

July	2	9	16	23	30
August	6	13	20	27	
September	3	10	17	24	
October	1	8	15	22	29
November	5	12	19	26	
December	3	10	17	24	31

**All the yellow highlighted days
are open for arrangements.
If you wish to have flowers on any
of these Sunday's please call or
email the church office.**

Our Prayer List Please remember the people below in your prayers. This list is in continuous rotation, if you do not see your loved one on this list please call the church office and update us on their health.

Carrie Blanchard	Bill Flynt	Judy Masters
Blane Brown	Lindsay Furse	Walter Peacock
Isabelle Brown	Hattie Furse	Ann Plowden
Chuck Buddin	Kathy Gatlin	Jean Prothro
Paul Butler	Harriet Holladay	George Ridenour
Cooper Canady	Mike Horan	Tim Russ
Lynn Collins	Joe Huffman	Janet Sexton
Ann Cutter	Paulette Jackson	J.B. Sinclair
Matthew David	Spencer Jordan	Jan Toner
June Davis	Lamar Kennedy	Kathy Tittle
Phyllis Dickason	Family of Kay Kirkpatrick	Wayne Vincent
Alice Dupont	Jackie Lamb	Leighton Weiskopf
Claire Eadon	John Lesemann	Alice Whitehead
Helene Ellis	Linda Liscio	Rebecca Whitehead
Hazel Erickson	Ken Lovorn	Karen Wood

Please remember to Pray for our members who are living away from home, in the **military**, or who have limited mobility:

Nancy Andrews	Woody Haynes
Joyce Bowers	Bettye Johnson
Deedee Clark	Margaret Lee
Rosella Daniels	Wilson Lepp
Liz Denny	Neal Mahoney
Jared Dube`	Joan Odom
William Gamble	Jean Schmelzle
Anne Haley	Cliff Toner

Attendance	Worship Attendance	FB Live
May 28	9:30 am Sunday School—65 Worship 10:30 am — 130	Views 639
June 4	9:30 am Sunday School—51 Worship 10:30 am — 95	Views 157
June 11	9:30 am Sunday School— 62 Worship 10:30 am — 81	Views 178
June 18	9:30 am Sunday School— 52 Worship 10:30 am — 107	Views 179

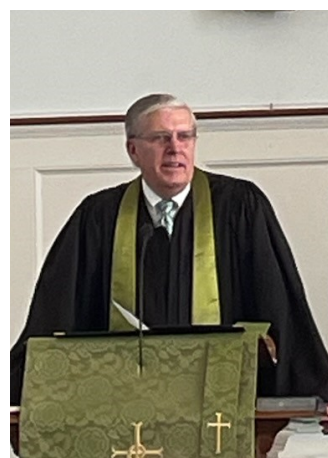


2023 Tithes & Offering		
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,773.56	
	Received Weekly	
May 28	\$ 5,293.00	
June 4	\$ 10,373.93	
June 11	\$ 7,329.79	
June 18	\$ 6,338.00	
Total Received	\$ 29,334.72	
Needed Year to Date		\$ 244,339.00
Total Received YTD		\$ 186,725.26
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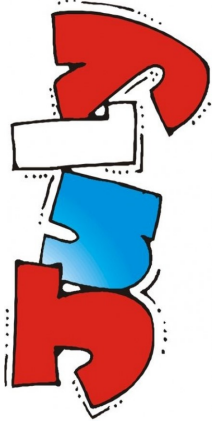


Welcome New Member:

Greta & Jim Parker
221 Ridge Lake Drive
Manning, SC 29102



Thanks so much to Rev. Tim Rogers for coming and preaching while Pastor David was away.



Happy Birthday

7/2 Walker Coffey
7/3 Bill Vanscoy
7/6 Frankie Lowder, Jake Jordan
7/8 Cindy Brunson
7/10 Bill Bowers, Michelle Brewer

7/11 O'Neil Ward
7/14 Lauri Furse, Shirley Miller
7/19 Jane Benton, Michael Ouzts
7/20 Nell Sprott, Merrix Coffey
7/24 Sarah Sprott Stephens

7/25 Tammy Martin
7/27 Ron Jordan, Breiland Land, Hudson Bozard
7/28 Louise Holladay, Don Ellis, Mason Lee
7/29 Kathy Bryce

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	3	4 Church office Closed 4th of July	5 Church office Closed	6	7	8
9 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	10 6:30 United Methodist Men's Supper	11	12 6:00 pm Trustees	13	14 Salkehatchie Meal	15
16 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	17	18 Senior Trip to McLeod Farms! Peaches! 9:30 am-3:00pm	19 6:00 pm Finance	20	21	22
23 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	24 Occ Activity Day 11am—1pm All Invited!	25	26	27 Youth Carowinds	28	29
30 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	31					

7/1-Tony & Marian Norris
7/5-Artie & Beverly Feider
7/14-Howard & Monika King

7/27-Gary & Kate Martin
7/30-Richard & Frankie Anderson



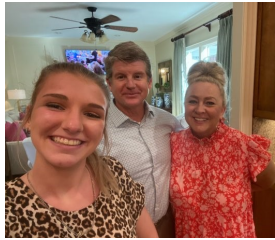
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Confirmation 2023



Progressive Dinner



Vacation Bible

