

CONNECTIONS

Community Connections Darlington Quarterly Newsletter



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YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

Report to the Community

Join us as we share
accomplishments
and plans for the future.

Refreshments will be provided by
the Board of Directors and
friends.

Trinity Methodist Church of Darlington
128 Pearl Street
Darlington, SC 29532

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

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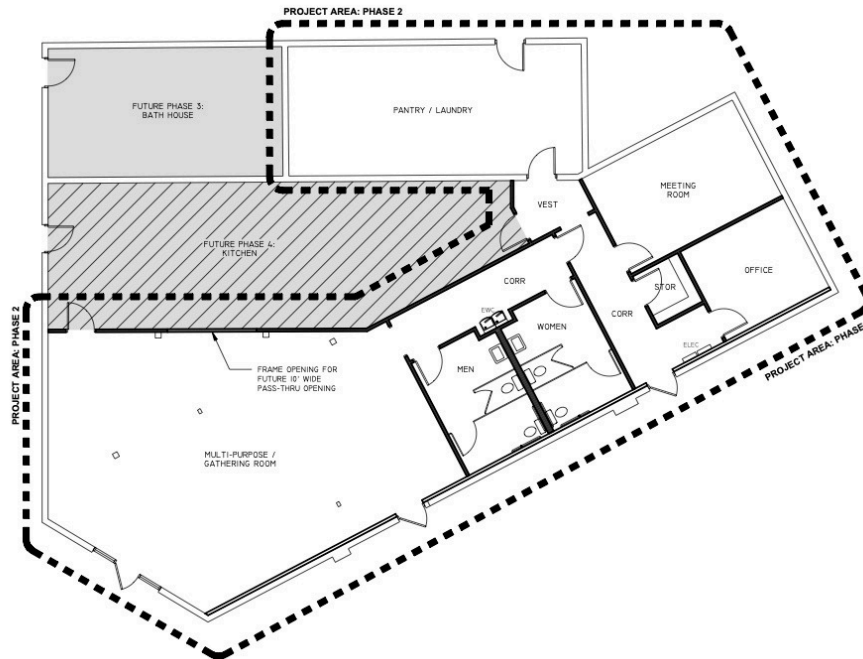
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Crazy Hope Community Center - Update

Over the past several months, much has been going on behind the scenes. Most recently, Community Connections Darlington has acquired the deed to the Crazy Hope Community Center and has thus taken complete ownership of the building.



Community Connections has also been working with both our architect and engineer to update our design and structural plans in order to prepare for future renovations. This is a necessary step so that we can provide these plans to contractors as we request quotes and hire contractors for the work to be done in each of the remaining phases. While a more detailed report will be available in the near future, listed below is our most recent updated plan with phase two emphasized.



**COLLINS
ALMERS**
ARCHITECTURE

Phase 1 : Remaining Roof & Structural Supports - **COMPLETED**

Phase 2 : Main Interior Space, Conference Room, Office, Bathrooms, & Storage - **IN PROGRESS**

Phase 3 : Bathhouse

Phase 4 : Kitchen

Monthly Board Meetings Come Join Us!

Community Connections Board of Directors meets regularly each month, and meetings are open to our liaisons, ministry teams, and community supporters.

1st Sunday of Each Month at 4:00 PM
Dedicated Community Bank
202 Cashua Street -- Darlington, SC 29532

If interested, please enter through the side door nearest First Palmetto.



Connect with Community Connections Darlington



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to Volunteer

Soup Kitchen Spotlight

Thanks to our faithful teams of volunteers, the Saturday Soup Kitchen is helping many in our community. Here is what we have done in 2024:

- served over 7,000 meals
- helped over 2,000 people
- had over 500 brothers and sisters in Christ volunteer
- provided Thanksgiving dinner plates at the soup kitchen in addition to the East McIver community, and the Washington Street, Indian Creek, Bowmen Manor, and Pine Village apartment complexes in Darlington
- provided clothing, canned goods, cough medicine, eye glass readers, vitamins, Narcan, contraceptives, resource cards, and devotionals

Many ask who helps with the soup kitchen. In addition to individual volunteers on any given Saturday, teams from the churches and organizations listed below have served these last three months.

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| • St John's Alumni Association | • Risen Assembly | • Flat Creek Baptist Church |
| • New Providence Baptist Church | • First Baptist Church | • Round O Missionary Baptist Church |
| • Mechanicsville Baptist Church | • Dominion | • Cherry Grove Baptist Church |
| • Central Baptist Church | • First Church of God | • Trinity Methodist Church of Darlington |
| • Alpha Phi, Inc. | • QVC | • League of Champions Volleyball Club |



Community
Connections Darlington

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT! WITH A \$50,000 MATCH!

Donations given as of June 1, 2024
will be matched up to a total of
\$50,000! Help us double your
donation!



DONATE NOW

P.O. Box 1344
Darlington, SC 29540



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\$50K Match Update

Since our \$50K match campaign began in June, we have raised over \$38,000 and collected \$30,000 of the \$50,000 offered by a generous donor in our community. We are hoping that it will not be long until we collect the remainder of these matching funds. We thank all who have helped these fundraising efforts, and we thank our donor for their generosity and support!

Connecting with the Community

- Created to Serve - Thanksgiving Meals to East McIver Community and the Bowen Manor, Indian Creek Apartments, Washington Street Apartments, and Pine Village Apartments
- Time To Connect with Various Community Organizations
 - House of Hope by Jon Weiss, Jr., CEO - November
 - Hope Center by Casea Love, Admissions Coordinator - December



Team Member Highlight - Trinity Methodist Church of Darlington



Trinity Methodist Church, now known as Trinity Methodist Church of Darlington (TMCD), just like many other denominations in our community and surrounding areas was founded in the mid-1820's with its first church building being constructed in 1828.

The church has a long history of ministry to our community and beyond, and this now includes the support of Community Connections Darlington. The church's support of and participation with Community Connections and the soup kitchen is one of the ministries the church uses to reach people spiritually while meeting their physical need for a hot meal. The TMCD Soup Kitchen ministry members along with help from other church members provide and serve a warm filling meal on their assigned Saturday morning.

Partnering with Community Connections of Darlington allows TMCD to share the love of God with those we see on Saturday. Trinity Methodist Church of Darlington is located at 126 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC. Sunday school begins each week at 10:00 AM with morning worship following at 11:00 AM. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit Trinity Methodist Church of Darlington; all are welcome.

Financial Report: October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Previous Balance: \$45,142.96

Income: \$52,725.44

- Donations: \$15,561.69
- Fundraiser: \$7,164.00
- Matching Funds: \$30,000

Investment CD: \$26,028.65

- Interest: \$273.87

Ending Balance: \$80,285.92

Expenditures: \$ 20,600.40

- Utilities: \$398.94
- Supplies: \$623.17
- Web & Computer: \$278.70
- Fundraising: \$3,500.00
- Building Expenses: \$15,799.59
 - Purchase: \$5,092.59
 - Insurance: \$7,057.00
 - Engineering: \$3,650.00



About Us

Vision: Transforming lives with Jesus at the center. Leaving a lasting and giving legacy that positively impacts the community of Darlington and provides by leading a model of caring and service that others can follow as they do God's work.

Mission: Meeting others where they are, providing a lasting and Godly sanctuary and save haven for the community that we serve. We also aim to continually strive to minister to the spiritual and physical needs while walking with people to where Jesus wants them to be.

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