



# The Mustard Seed

*"If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed . . . nothing will be impossible for you."*

## A Note From the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to express my thanks to you for allowing me to be your pastor for the past three years. Let me assure you that as the years go by that I will look fondly at the times I have shared with you. I sincerely hope that this same sentiment will be true for each of you.

Together we have made some great strides forward during our time together. In many ways we became the family of Christ. We celebrated the lives of many in our family that went on to be with Christ. We celebrated new life in the form of children being born into our family. We watched as the church family thrived and also witnessed some in our family who moved on to other areas and became part of other communities of faith. We have witnessed tornado's, the COVID-19 pandemic, protests for racial equality. Yet, with all, the church has stood strong.

While I am leaving you, let me remind you that there is one who remains constant: Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ has been with you from the beginning and will be with you throughout the future. If through the power of the Holy Spirit you allow Christ to guide Trinity United Methodist Church you will always have a mission in Murfreesboro. It may or may not look like it has in the past. Difficult decisions may need to be made. Yet, let me assure you that if your passion for Christ remains strong, Christ will see you through. This is the same passion that guided the founders of Trinity and has guided it's leaders since its inception.

The Bible is filled with stories of folks who faced even harder trials than us. Several times the children of Israel were exiled from their land and every time they returned. When Elijah was on the run from King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, he prayed, "I've been very passionate for the LORD God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too!" (1 Kings 19:10 CEB)

God heard Elijah's prayer and encouraged him with these words, "I have preserved those who remain in Israel, totaling seven thousand—all those whose knees haven't bowed down to Baal and whose mouths haven't kissed him." (1 Kings 19:18 CEB) When Elijah saw all the things happening he thought all was over. God's view was different. God made a way where there was no way, and God will do it again for people who have faith.

I hope you have a wonderful future. I pray the under Tom Pierce's leadership you will find a way to connect with Murfreesboro and invite more people to join you on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. I close now with the blessing I close every worship service with. This is my prayer for you: "God, we ask that your love, peace, and understanding, go with us now and forever more!"

*John*

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## Sunday Morning and Evening Worship

### Evening Worship to begin on June 21

Morning Worship will continue online through the month of July. Lay speakers will be speaking throughout July. Music will be provided by Kim Davis and Nancy Smith.

Sunday Evening Worship will meet on the lawn. After much discussion The Worship Committee and Trustees have decided to plan for in-person worship. Beginning June 21st join us for worship service at 6:00 PM Sunday evenings. We will gather in the corner of the parking lot on the grassy area by the fence. Please park your vehicle in every other space to allow for social distancing. Bring a lawn chair to sit in for each family member. Be aware that the church building will remain closed during this time.

We will continue to adhere to guidelines as proposed by local agencies on when we will return to worship in the sanctuary. Thank you for your patience as we navigate uncharted territory together.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Attention Trinity Family:

The church office is looking for volunteers to help the administrative assistant during busy hours by answering the phone, greeting people at the door and performing some clerical functions. Hours volunteers are needed are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays: 9am until 1pm. We are hoping to have a rotating schedule in place starting this fall (August 17<sup>th</sup>) when groups start back up. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to [trinityumc@comcast.net](mailto:trinityumc@comcast.net) listing availability and any helpful skills you may possess.

## ***Saying Goodbye Is So Hard!***

***On June 14th we bid farewell to our good friends Charlene and Mike Parkinson. We presented Charlene with a beautiful stained glass window of an angel, created by Luke Hendrix along with several cards. Charlene was surprised and very touched. Several of you were able to come take part in the drive-by farewell parade. Charlene loved this! We wish them well as they embark on their next life adventure and are so grateful for the time we had with Charlene and Mike. May God bless you both and thank you for sharing your many talents with us. We sincerely hope to see you again in the future.***

***Trinity UMC***



# The Church Family



## Circle of Concern

If you have updates to the Circle of Concern please call the church office at 615-896-0413 or email Kristen at: trinityumc@comcast.net

### Prayer Requests

Dianne Bowden, Kathy Coil, Donald Douglas, Dot Ghee, Gary Colson, Mallory Golson, Ollie Ruth Golson, Jo Jamison, Steve Kavanaugh, Diane Kelton, Chris Kiddoo, Shirley Kull, Wanda Lodholz, Steven Lowel, Reba Miller, Peggy Moses, Selma Pancake, Dustin Pate, Rebekah Pate, Kaylee Pendergast, Don Richardson, Bill Saunders, Toni Saunders, Bobbie Stewart, Butch Vaughn, Shannon (daughter of Nancy Smith's friend), Anonymous Request from Anonymous Member

If you have someone that is in need of prayers you may call or email the church office and we will gladly add them to the prayer list. Please help us to keep the list current by notifying the office of any updates. Thank you for your help.

### At Home/Assisted Living/Nursing Homes

#### AT HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING / NURSING HOMES

Jack Arbuckle-NHC  
Doug & Charlotte Mason-NHC Place  
Franklin, TN  
Reba Miller-Adams Place

Clarice Stewart-Park View Meadows  
Joy Elkins Tribke-Adams Place  
Reva Wallis-Adams Place

### Military Personnel

Shane Aylesworth, Seth Bell, Chaplain Jen Bowden, Chance Cooke, Tristin Corson, David Foster, Deserae Lacznia, Kelsey Lane, Thomas Lane, Robert Tracey, and the families of service men/women.

## Finance

**2020 Operating Budget: \$536,748.88**

**\$10,322.10 needed weekly to meet 2020 budget.**

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Offering	\$4,705	\$11,150	\$7,750	\$4,420	\$3,125
	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28	
Offering	\$7,530	\$8,356	\$3,200		

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## July and August Birthdays

### July

July 1	Lane Corson
July 1	Wanda Lodholz
July 4	Hal Fisher
July 5	Helen Weissinger
July 6	Debbie Brown
July 6	James Corson
July 6	Ean Edgell
July 7	Jaimie Reneau
July 10	Miles Lane
July 10	Kevin Reneau
July 13	Natalie Adcock
July 18	Jaimie Johnson
July 20	David Kiddoo
July 21	Lorene Fourman
July 21	Ashley Simmons
July 22	Kara Smith
July 22	Joy Tribke
July 25	Michael Wells
July 26	Marie Nichols
July 29	Jerry Brown
July 31	Tara Bugg
July 31	Gene Cain



### August

August 6	Lauren Scott
August 9	Karen Fisher
August 10	Tyler Strong
August 10	Harlon Van Etten
August 11	Robbie Garrett
August 11	Ed Shadd
August 11	Fran Shepherd
August 14	J. D. Pollard
August 14	Emily Bogle
August 16	Nancy Lane
August 16	Rylee White
August 17	Bud Fultz
August 17	Nancy Long
August 17	Lorraine Maxson
August 17	Diana Hadley
August 18	Darlene Bennison
August 18	Hadley Johnson
August 20	Zachary Baughman
August 20	Jim Ed McKnight
August 22	Cameron Robinson
August 22	Melissa Snyder
August 24	Sarah Smotherman
August 25	Russ Frame
August 26	Jacob Meyer
August 27	Will Fultz
August 28	Bob Hackler
August 30	Isabella Fee
August 31	Tom Campbell
August 31	Zack Ferrell

## July and August Anniversaries

### July

July 2	Kristen and Mike Donahue
July 16	Robert and Kelly Boylan
July 20	Paul and Julie Meyer
July 22	Greg and Tammy Harvey
July 30	Miles and Betty Lane
July 30	Donna and Rick Pitts

### August

August 4	Lorraine Maxson
August 7	Kaye and Powell McClellan
August 7	Wanda and Don Richardson
August 9	Carleen and Jerry Brown
August 9	Charlotte and Douglas Mason
August 10	Ginny and John Purviance
August 14	Nancy and Luke Hendrix
August 28	William T Bell
August 30	Chuck Massey

## Children's Ministry

### Learn, Grow, Serve, Outreach

Summer typically brings camps and VBS to our children. This year has been different, but it is also a special time! Our children are participating in Compassion Camp in partnership with St. Mark's. We have had over 60 children participate from our church, St. Mark's church, our community, and other communities. This has been a beautiful way to teach lessons of God's goodness, love, and compassion. Through the camp, children have participated in a variety of compassion challenges. These challenges have included donating food to the food pantry, donating supplies to homeless ministries, doing something kind for a neighbor, and sharing books through our new Blessing box.

Speaking of the Blessing box, a special thanks to Dave Long and the Trustees for making this happen. Dave put his talents to our benefit when he built this box where we can share books with our community that show God's love! The Trustees were helpful in ensuring that the box had a great place to be shared. This is a ministry for our church and community. I hope you will check it out the next time you pull into our building.

We are looking forward to our return to church when we will return to Confirmation, give out third grade Bibles, and promote our children!



## A Note from the Malpas Family

Dear Trinity Church Family,

Thank you for all your kind words, prayers and cards you sent recently to our family after the passing of Jim's Dad. We appreciate you being there for us during this difficult time. It all meant so much!

Love,  
The Malpas Family

# Youth Ministry

As with every other ministry, the Youth group has looked very different this summer. We celebrated and recognized our 7 graduated Seniors, but will still plan to have an official Senior Sunday at some point once we return. We typically meet on Sunday nights during the summer and have continued to do so over Zoom. With the upcoming Sunday evening service option, we will be moving these meetings to Tuesday night. The Youth will be sponsoring the packing food bags to be passed out at McFadden Elementary on June 25. Thank you to the Harvey Family for organizing that this time!

We also appreciate Bekah Campbell for working with and joining the Zoom meetings each week as part of her internship! The group has had fellowship nights where we have done scavenger hunts, played charades and created super heroes using everyday objects laying around our houses. We have also talked about current issues surrounding Covid 19 and the protests as well as looking at more Biblical topics such as Heaven and several parables. Things may be a little different, but we have still laughed together, prayed together and been there for each other during this time.



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

PNO is currently suspended until the Murfreesboro City School and Rutherford County Schools determine the guidelines for returning to school this fall.

*Our Trinity Family wishes our beloved pastor, John Vaughn the very best as he enters his next life adventure as he retires! Praying our Heavenly Father keeps you safe and well!*

## Invite a Friend

Do you know someone who is looking for an opportunity to learn about Jesus and develop a relationship with Him? Do you know someone who needs a church family, a place to connect and feel encouraged in their spiritual journey? Invite them to join us at Trinity UMC. Let us step out in faith and make disciples for Jesus Christ in 2020!

Trinity UMC: *Where Jesus is lifted for all people and God's Word is honored.*



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