



The Mustard Seed

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

A Note From the Pastor

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

As we enter the Lenten season, we traditionally give things up. I suggested adding something rather than giving something up for Lent, on Ash Wednesday. We can add activities that draw us closer to God. These types of activities are called spiritual disciplines. They deepen our relationship with God and with each other. There are a lot of spiritual disciplines including prayer, meditation, good deeds, and more. I highly recommend adopting a spiritual discipline if you are giving something up. Matthew 12:43-45, "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation." When we cut something out of our lives it leaves a void that will be filled by something. Make sure it is something good.

Lent is the time of year we prepare for the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. This year we will prepare by services from Mathew's Gospel Account. The Pastor's Bible Study will discuss the Lenten scriptures starting in third week of March. We will come together on Holy Thursday and Good Friday at 7pm each day. On Easter Sunday the Resurrection will be celebrated at a Sunrise Service (@6:00am) and our service at 9am.

Keep an eye on the bulletin and screens because we have a lot going on in the next few months and you do not want to miss anything.

*Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Tom*

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Upcoming Calendar

March

- 1 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 2 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 2 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Cantata Rehearsal @ 11:30 a.m.
- 6 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
- 7 Epiphany Ring @ 4pm @ First UMC
- 8 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 9 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 9 Administrative Council @ 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 12 UMM Men's Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m.
- 12 Cantata Rehearsal @ 11:30 a.m.
- 14 Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 16 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Cantata Rehearsal @ 11:30 a.m.
- 22 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 26 Cantata Rehearsal @ 11:30 a.m.
- 27 Rutherford Laity Club @ 6:00 p.m.
- 29 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 30 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.

April

- 1 Trustees Work Day
- 1 Cantata Rehearsal 12pm-3pm
- 2 Easter Cantata
- 3 United Women of Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 6 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Maundy Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Good Friday Service @ 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Easter Egg Hunt @ 2:00 p.m.
- 9 UMM Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m.
- 9 Easter Sunday
- 11 Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 13 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 20 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 24 Rutherford Laity Club @ 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 27 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.

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Worship

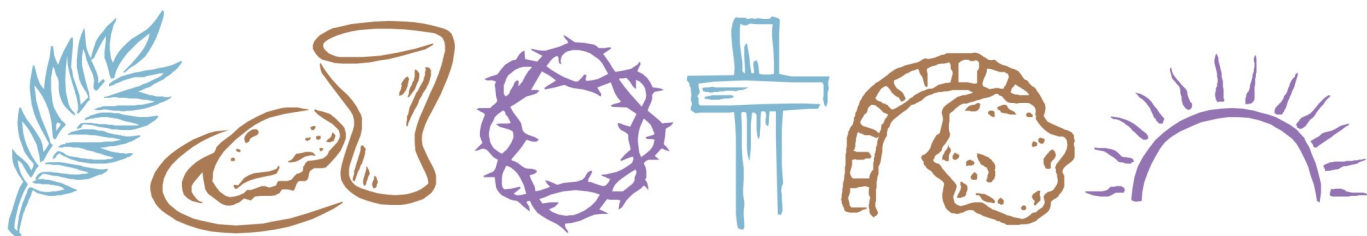
Want to be more involved in Worship? We are looking for people who would be interested in doing the following on Sunday mornings: (Please contact Nancy Smith or Stephen Burnette if interested)

-Readers (just Call to Worship & Affirmation of Faith)

-Sound Room (we can teach anyone!)

Want to sing in the Easter Cantata but Wednesdays don't work for you? There will be an additional practice following Sunday School on Sunday mornings now (around 11:30am). All are welcome!

The Worship Committee is trying a new approach this year for the Easter Lilies due to the fact that many people have allergic reactions to the large amounts of them present in the Sanctuary, the reality that most are left behind each year, and the rising cost of purchasing them in general. We do still want everyone to be able to honor and remember loved ones during this Easter season, but this year, the suggested \$10 donation will go towards the Scholarship Fund. A list will still be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.



Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday & Cantata @ 9:00am

Thursday, April 6 - Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00pm

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday Service @ 7:00pm

Saturday, April 8 - Easter Egg Hunt @ 2:00pm

Sunday, April 9 - Sunrise Service @ 6:00am

Easter Worship Service @ 9:00am

Children's Ministry

This year, we have had 5 - 5th and 6th graders participate in our 2022-2023 Confirmation program. In May, they will have the opportunity to profess membership with our church and profess their faith. Through the year, they have been mentored by members of the church, led in weekly lessons by the pastor and me, and have met every other month on Sunday evenings to dig deeper into their study. They have visited other denominations and now they are ready to begin finalizing their journey through Confirmation. In March, they will be visiting a Jewish Synagogue to get an understanding of how our faith has built, and they will be making their faith stoles. All of this will come together on May 14. We ask that you join us in prayer for these individuals as they journey together towards the end of their Confirmation year.

Vacation Bible School is coming soon. Please mark your calendars for a different date this year! This year, our VBS will take place on June 25-29. Our theme is Stellar which is space themed! We will need lots of help, so if you are willing to volunteer, please see Leslie Trail at trinitychild@comcast.net. Registration will be opening on March 15 for this summer's VBS program. A link to registration will be posted on our Facebook page and our website.

We will also return to our Summer Fun this year on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm. We will kick off Summer Fun on June 7 with Go USA. This summer will include Go USA, Ice Cream, Bowling, Climb, and more. Each evening will start or end with a short Bible Study at our meeting location. Be on the lookout for more information to come regarding our Summer Fun!

For the rest of this school year, we continue to study the foundations of our faith and have regular Bible game nights on Wednesday nights. We are preparing for a Lenten study to begin with Ash Wednesday and carry us through the Lenten season on Wednesday nights up to Easter. We have returned to regular Children's Church on Sunday mornings and Sunday School as well.



Youth Ministry

The Youth Group has really enjoyed our new Wednesday Night Series about Life Lessons! Thank you so much to Jacob & Caitlin Kuecher for leading every week! The Youth kicked off learning about personalities and how each person learns differently as well as sees things differently. They then learned how to use knives properly in the kitchen to prepare foods by making pineapple salsa. The following week, it was decided a night of basic first aid might be a good idea before moving onto using basic tools.

Be on the lookout for information about a summer mission trip as well as other fun activities once the weather warms up!



Trinity Preschool

Trinity Nursery Preschool has enjoyed a wonderful start to our spring semester!

We have added a few new children to our program and now have 32 enrolled. We are full in our younger classes, though we do have a few spots left in 3 year olds and 4/5 year olds.

We currently have open enrollment for any students who are interested in joining us in August 2023.

Returning families will have priority for registration, however, we are currently holding tours and giving information to anyone who may be interested. Please share with anyone you know who is looking for a preschool!

We are looking forward to having some fun spring celebrations in our classrooms for Easter as well as an Easter Egg Hunt for our students!

We are all hoping for some warmer weather so we can enjoy all of the outdoor play time once it's finally spring!



Looking Ahead for Children/Youth



If you are interested in Camp Cedar Crest Summer Camp for your elementary-aged child, Cedar Crest is having an Open House on April 23 from 1-5 pm! This is a great opportunity to tour the area, meet the staff, and see what camp is about. For more information on camp, see this website and see Leslie Trail for registration: <https://www.cedarcrestcamp.org/summer-camp>

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8 @ 2:00 PM

Candy Donations are needed and can be placed in basket in Narthex!

**All Candy Accepted
(no chocolate restriction this year!)**



Celebrations



March

4 Diane Lewis
5 Ken Goss
6 David Johnson
7 Doug Mason
7 Justin Johnson
10 Reba Schmidt
14 Powell McClellan
15 Les Schmidt
16 Nancy Hendrix
17 Stella Agnew
18 Carleen Brown
18 Kelsey Mabry
20 Carter Garner
21 Sadie Agnew
22 Richard Youree
23 Brenda Sanders
23 Ethan Roy
27 Beth Garner
29 Adam Long
29 Ben Long

April

1 Kyle Goss
1 Rebecca Lane
1 Jan Zijlstra
1 Emma Zijlstra
2 Elaine Taylor
3 Mary Alsup
3 Lewis Snyder
4 Amy McBride
4 Lauren Goss
5 Bobby Boylan
7 Lance Cowell
11 Ellie Baker
11 MaryLee Brown
12 Aiden Golson
14 Bill West
19 Patti Agnew
25 Dwight Brown
26 Linda Lewis
27 Brandon Mabry
27 Sarah Young
30 Shelby Snyder

HAPPY
Anniversary
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

March

12 Jim & Karen Malpas
15 Richard & Tonya Youree
25 Steve & Linda Lewis

April

4 David & Beverly Anthony
5 James & Christine O'Day
7 Dwight & Debbie Brown
13 Phillip & Diana Adcock
13 Tom & Fran Shepherd
15 Kevin & Teri Towe
25 Harlon & Pam Van Etten
25 Steve & Patti Agnew

The Church Family



If you have updates for the Circle of Concern, please call or e-mail the church office.

615-896-0413 or
trinityumcboro@gmail.com



Prayer Requests

Alfred Arayza, Taylor Coil, Kathy Coil, Betty Markham, Selma Pancake

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.

Continue to Pray For

Coil Family, Andrew Golson, Lisa & Larry Evans, Steve Kavanaugh, Shirley Kull, Powell McClellan, Stephanie McConkey, Steven Lowel, Becky Waldrop, EJ Williams

At Home/Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

Sadie Agnew—Adams Place

Jack Arbuckle-NHC

Julia King-The Rutherford

Marlene Massey-The Villages

Doug Mason-NHC Place, Franklin, TN

Reba Miller-Adams Place

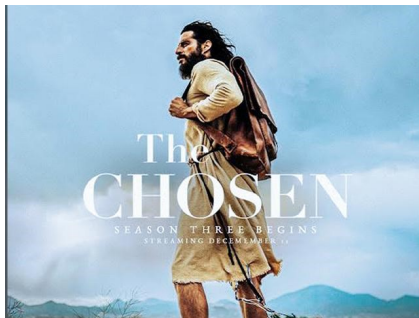
Clarice Stewart

Joy Elkins Tribke-Adams Place

Military Personnel

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

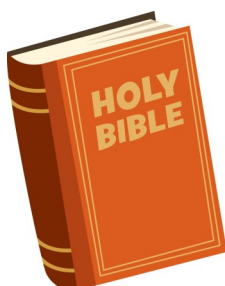
Wednesday Night Studies



Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study will be finishing up the study on Psalm 23 and look to begin watching/discussing Season 3 of The Chosen in April. All ladies are welcome to join anytime!

Wednesdays @ 6:30PM



Pastor's Study

After finishing The Chosen Season 3, Pastor Tom will be doing a series on reading the Bible Chronologically. This will coincide with the daily readings posted on-line.

United Methodist Men

Call Out to the Men in the Church

Trinity's United Methodist Men meet monthly. Our next meeting is Sunday March 12, 2023 starting with breakfast at 7:30am in Fellowship Hall and adjourning by 8:30am. If you have not been attending, I would like to invite men in the church from all generations (Greatest Generation, Silent Generation, Baby Boomers, X, millennials, and Z) to join us. In case you are asking yourself "Why should I attend?".....Let me take this opportunity to share with you what I consider to be some (randomly listed) perceived benefits of attending. We would love to have you join us. Men's fellowship is vital to a man's spiritual health.

Announcements and next meeting dates will be emailed to existing Trinity's UMM. If you are not already on the email listing and want to be included..... please send your email address to johnson.gary0012@gmail.com. Please pray for Trinity's men as we seek to do God's will in our lives and in service to church and community.

All glory to God!

– Gary Johnson, UMM President

*Being the best you can be
Never underestimated by God
Stronger and better men
Loyal and dedicated cooking crew
Men are sharpened
Be the change
Socialization
Delicious nutritious breakfast
Surrounded by Godly men
Friendship
Men strengthened in faith
Faith, hope and love
Isolation buffer
Relaxation
Mental stimulation
Creativity
Depression buffer
Lifted spirit
Sharing personal testimony
Workers of His kingdom
Comradery
Support
Help with problems
Community resources
Stepping out in faith
Living with faith, confidence and vigor
Develop trust
Confess, believe receive
Email updates and announcements
Heightened self awareness
Veterans' support
Positive environment
Remembering UMM who have gone before
Men lifting up praise, gratitude and thanksgiving
Affirmation
Being well in my soul
Patriotism
Christian brotherhood and peer relationships
Understanding Jesus as our Lordship for all men
To win men to Christ
Diversity
Encouragement and empowerment
Freedom of expression
Communal prayer
Devotional*

*Optimistic attitude
Spill your guts out and still be loved
Meet other brothers in Christ
Service opportunities
Uniquely united
The Word – Foundation for every day life
Share joy and harmony
Discipleship
Refreshed spirit
Develop world vision
Spur one another on in love and good deeds
Acceptance by other brothers
To become Christ like men
Pour into each other what one has and the other lacks
Being steadfast and firm in following Christ
Becoming more obedient followers of Christ
Pray for others
Serve church and community
Christ the center
Men finding strength, power and hope in the name of the Lord
Putting Christ first
Separate from the world
God's help in temptation
Humility
Heaven – Knowing I am going there
Integrity
Watchful for Christ's return
Purity
Chaos to order
Witnessing
Grow in the Word
Man-to-man ministry
Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Pastoral support
DIY tips
Christ followers
Men who talk the talk and walk the walk
Men who love God and his son, Jesus Christ
Anointed
Work in progress
Walking in the light
Justified and sanctified
Living in the moment
Standing on God's promises*

*Fishers of men
Humble servants
Men navigating life's storms
Anchored in the solid Rock
Heirs of salvation
Hearers and doers of the Word
Past sins forgiven and forgotten
Armored against Satan
Created and valued by God
Victory in Jesus
All glory to God
Profess belief, faith and trust in God
Beacon of Christ's light and love
Hearts and hands joined together in Christ
Building up treasures in heaven
No longer dead men walking but alive in Christ
Assurance of salvation
Telling the old old story when it was new
Praising God from whom all blessings flow
Men serving a risen Savior
Men lifting high the cross
Redeemed by the blood of Christ
Drawn to Christ
Exalting God for his salvation
Saved by God's grace
Knowing that you can never get too far way from God's love
Following God's ways (WWJD)
Following the narrow path
Forsaking all I trust Him (FAITH)
Focus on Christ and His desires and goals for men
Fellowship within the body of Christ
Unity in common beliefs, purposes and goals
Experience oneness with Christ and with the Father
Enabled by God's grace
Knowing you can reach out
Accountability
Develop safety net
Gathering for a common purpose
Labor and minister
Doing and being in God's will
The stone has been rolled away and Christ is risen!
The empty tomb says it all*

Committee Spotlight

In effort to recognize all of the people who are a part of the many committees that keep things running here at Trinity, we will be spotlighting a few committees in each newsletter. Please make an effort to thank these people for serving and if you would like to help in any of these areas, feel free to reach out to any one of them!

Nominations (This is the group who helps recruit people into all of the committees; it's a great one to start with if you're interested in being more involved because you learn all about what each committee does).

Diana Adcock
David Anthony
Carlene Brown
Gene Cain
Bob Hackler
Aaron Mulroy
Tom Pierce (Pastor/Chair)
Jeremy Trail (Lay Leader)

Trustees (This is the group who helps keep our building and grounds in tip top shape.)

David Anthony
Dwight Brown
Mike Counts
Butch Golson
Nancy Hendrix
Sara Roy (Chair)
Ron Sledge
Jeremy Trail
Jim Whitehead

Date	Giving	Attendance
12/18/2022	\$ 5,678.00	88
12/25/2022	\$ 31,853.50	44
1/1/2023	\$ 9,170.00	57
1/8/2023	\$ 6,018.00	87
1/15/2023	\$ 5,441.00	83
1/22/2023	\$ 3,495.46	77
1/29/2023	\$ 4,403.00	80



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