



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,

Have you ever been so tired of something you could scream? Just as we thought Covid-19 was going away it has returned: AAARRRG! Now that I have that out, we need to consider the people that are most likely to develop serious illness from the virus. We need to be aware that some people cannot get the vaccine and are at high risk. A loving response is for us to wear masks and consulting with our medical doctor we consider being vaccinated, for that is a loving and caring response. With that being said, we are continuing our move toward normal.

I am pleased to say that Wonderful Wednesdays are returning to Trinity United Methodist Church. We will gather for dinner and fellowship, have Bible studies, groups, and both handbells and choir practices. Wonderful Wednesdays will begin on September 8th and continue through the fall following the school calendar as it has in the past. We will be updating you on details as the time approaches as well as how Covid-19 may impact this ongoing celebration.

Our Charge Conference is going to be held in person on October 26th here at Trinity UMC. We will be hosting several other churches as well so we might call on volunteers to help with some light refreshments for the evening. Our committees are meeting between now and then to fill out reports and prepare for the coming year. If you are interested in participating feel free to attend any of the meetings except the Staff Parish which is our only closed meeting. (Due to personnel issues being discussed.)

If you are new to the church, I welcome you and encourage you to check out all we do. We have wonderful Sunday schools, great fellowship, and fun activities (like serving on committees!).

The sharing/holding crosses are in! Take some and give them to people as a way of starting a conversation about God. We are all called to witness to God's Gospel Message of peace and love. Go forth and show people God's love by doing good works. Speaking of good works, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and participation in our Community Day! We had a great time, met new people, and shared laughter and love.

After reading this through, I realized that it seems more like a series of announcements, but I am proud of all of you. You have held everything together during an incredibly difficult time and we are emerging stronger than ever! We are beginning to slowly return to normal in all areas of our church life. We are worshipping together, and the choir is going to start singing. We are having Sunday school, small groups, and starting to have events and gathering again. Praise the Lord!

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

In other news...

Many people are concerned about the state of our denomination. Will the church split, how will it split, and what will happen to us? These are important questions but are tricky to answer. Let us start out with the process. The only body that can speak for the United Methodist Church (UMC) is General Conference. General conference is a meeting of the global UMC. It is similar to a Charge or Annual Conference but only meets once a quadrennium or four years.

Lately we have been hearing about what the church will do, the protocol, and how the issue of LGBTQIA+ treatment will be handled. All of this is talk and speculation. Again no one speaks for the church outside of the decisions made at General Conference. There is legislation that is before General Conference that some are treating as a done deal when it is not. We do not know what will happen at General Conference. In the past many people have been incorrect when predicting the actions of General Conference and the status quo has been maintained. I do not know if that will happen this time or not. I do know that regardless of what happens God is with us, guiding us, loving us, and forgiving us. I also know that Trinity UMC will continue to meet regardless of decisions made next spring.

It is true that some churches are choosing to leave the Denomination (disaffiliate). It is sad to me as I have friends and colleagues on all sides and was hoping we could work out a livable solution to this and any other issue that we were confronted with by trusting in God's grace and love.

You may have noticed that I have not discussed the legislation that is coming before General Conference. It has not passed and cannot take effect until it does. More information can be found at <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/general-conference-2020-advance-daily-christian-advocate>. Each section has proposed legislation that you can read.

I am available along with Rev. Chip Hunter our District Superintendent if you have any questions. Again, at this time there is nothing to vote on unless we intend to leave the connection with the UMC which I hold to be an unwise decision.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

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The Church Family

Circle of Concern



If you have someone that is in need of prayers, you may call (615-896-0413) or email (trinityumc@comcast.net) the church office. We will gladly add them to the prayer list. Names will roll off the prayer list after 2 weeks unless the church is notified. Please specify if a name should be continuously prayed for or a temporary request.

Prayer Requests

Lee Larrison
Malpas Family
Family of Ryan Slaughter
Sledge Family
Family of Suzie Trussell

Continue To Pray For

Jackie & Jo Jamison, Shirley Kull,
Steven Lowel, Marlene and Chuck
Massey

At Home/Assisted Living/Nursing Homes

Jack Arbuckle-NHC
Lorene Collins-Park View Meadows
Bill Elmore-The Villages
Lorene Fourman-The Villages
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.

Birth Announcement

Please welcome Everett James Fultz into the world. Born 8/12/2021 at 2:20 am 8 lb 13 oz 21 1/2" long.

Proud parents: Will and Julie Fultz of Port Neches, Tx.

Church Family Birthdays and Anniversaries

September and October Birthdays

September

1	Don Roy
1	Bill Elmore
3	Langstone Harvey
6	Marlene Massey
8	Rocky Davis
11	Greg Harvey
13	Kevin Towe
14	Kyler Johnson
17	Peggy Trail
17	Wesley Johnson
19	Reba Miller
20	Kim Davis
22	John David Anthony
25	George Trail
27	Wanda Stricklen
27	Cornelia Brown
29	Sara Roy

October

3	Dot Ghee
4	Bobbie Jo Stewart
4	Emma Boylan
5	Tammie Harvey
6	John Purviance
7	Tim Glascoe
8	Mark Johnson
9	Warren Anderson
9	Jeremy Trail
10	Christy Anderson
10	Patty Willard
11	Andrew Golson
12	Bradley Brown
12	Rebekah Campbell
13	Steve Lewis
14	Margaret Barb
14	Stephen Lewis
15	Selma Pancake
17	Lewis Paul Snyder
18	Jim Hart
21	Sandra Dupuy Shadd
25	Chuck Massey
26	Emma Corson
26	Dylan DeLuca
27	Amy Glascoe
29	James O'Day
29	Charlotte Mason
29	Collin Johnson
30	Cathy Johnson
31	Robb Stringfield
31	Kristin Beaty

Happy
Birthday!

September and October Anniversaries



September

3	Joan and Butch Vaughn
4	Gretchen and Brad Campbell
16	Diana and James Corson

October

5	Sue and Bill Young
11	Sara and Don Roy
16	Theresa and David Johnson
19	Karen and Hal Fisher
23	Nancy and David Long

TRINITY BULLETIN BOARD

2021 Giving and Attendance

Date	Giving	Attendance
6/27/2021	\$3,080.00	113
7/4/2021	\$14,260.00	95
7/11/2021	\$7,950.00	87
7/18/2021	\$4,245.00	86
7/25/2021	\$4,770.00	82
8/1/2021	\$7,510.00	68
8/8/2021	\$8,340.00	106
8/15/2021	\$4,585.00	92
8/22/2021	\$4,415.00	86



All interested in joining the New Life Praise Team, email Stephen: trinitymusicdirector@comcast.net

Volunteers are needed in several areas of our church in the near future. Please consider offering your gifts and your time to spread the love and message of our Lord to others. Below are the areas in need.

Parent's Night Out-Contact Sheryl Mabry

Wednesday Night Together Meals

Charge Conference Refreshments

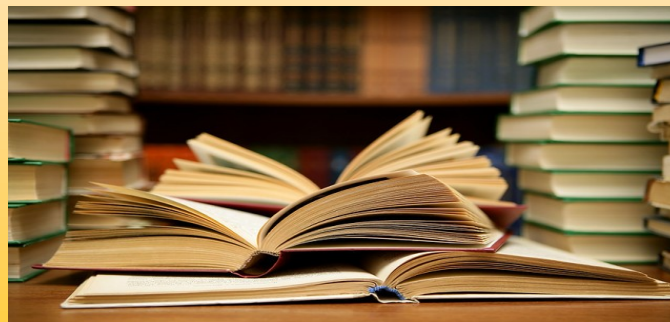


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Book Donations

Sue and Gene Cain are accepting book donations. Please leave the books in the library and they will sort the books and take them to places that would find them useful. One donation location is Journey Home.



Hello Trinity Family,

My sister, Danielle Campbell, is expecting a baby boy on December 10, 2021. I am ecstatic to be an aunt and am constantly seeking ways to help my sister. I am reaching out to Trinity UMC to see if anyone has or knows someone who has baby items in fairly decent condition, they are willing to donate or sell for a low price. If you or someone you know has items available, please contact me at trinityumc@comcast.net or 615-896-0413.

Best,
Kristen Donahue
Administrative Assistant



Trinity United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN is seeking a Part Time Song Leader.

POSITION SUMMARY: The Song Leader position exists to lead TUMC's congregational singing and aid in choral performance.

Skills and Abilities Needed:

- Bachelor of Music or demonstrated ability to meet the job responsibilities through comparable work experience
- Knowledge of Methodist traditions and beliefs desired
- Desire to share faith and ministry with others through spiritual and musical gifts
- Ability to stand in when Director of Music is unavailable
- Skilled in providing vocal instruction to ensemble members
- Vocal skills to lead congregational singing
- Knowledge of a variety of styles of worship music
- Ability to motivate and inspire individuals
- Works well with a team

Primary responsibilities: Support the congregation in worship, through music, for all regular and special worship services. Enhance worship through congregational and choral singing and special music.

Hours of Work: The workload for this position is approximately 10 hours per week. This includes four hours (8:00 a.m.-Noon) on Sundays, three hours each Wednesday (6:00-9:00 p.m.) with remaining hours for preparation time and church related activities as determined by the Director of Music.
Compensation based on qualifications and experience

Please submit your resume to trinityumc@comcast.net

Peace, joy and blessings
Teri Towe

Trinity's Children Ministry

The summer ended on a busy note for the children's ministry. We had our final Wednesday night outing at Go USA and played mini golf. We also had a great time at Rocky Railroad this summer for VBS.

We are continuing to meet each Sunday morning at 9:30, but we are returning to our covid safety spacing. We will either meet outside or in the fellowship hall to allow more spacing.

We are excited to return to Wednesday nights on September 8. We will do a rotation of creative crafts, mission work, Bible study, and fun events each month. More information to come!



Trinity's Youth Ministry

YOUTH:

MAD COW (Making A Difference, Changing Our World) Summer Weekly Mission Project was a HUGE success. The group had so many amazing opportunities to serve in the Murfreesboro community and learn about different ministries who work daily to help others. They definitely spent way more time weeding and mulching than any of them ever want to do again, but they also bonded as a group in the process and learned the importance of working together. We worked at several church members' homes and enjoyed getting to visit with them outside very much (and greatly appreciated the snacks as well!) We also worked in a Community Garden that is located just behind Key UMC and then served at the Nourish Food Bank off of Memorial. At every location, the common observation made by the host was how much faster and more work our youth did than they expected when I said the age group that would be coming. Trinity should be very proud of how hard these young adults work and their willingness to serve even if still pushed a lot by their parents. Parents can get them there, but their attitude is on them! Special thank you to Sara Roy and Mike & Pat Counts for chaperoning!

We look forward to getting into a solid schedule as everyone adjusts to being back in school. We have lots of youth who are active in band, sports, and other school & community groups so they are representing Trinity in lots of ways in their lives. Please continue to be in prayer over these youth as they travel their walk of faith in school and during years of their lives that we all know are not the easies

PNO:

Parent's Night Out will resume beginning Friday, Aug. 27 from 5:00pm-9:30pm. Activities will mainly be outside and we will be monitoring current school and other Covid protocols to ensure we provide a safe environment for our children while giving our parents a much-needed night off.



Trinity
Youth
Mission
Work



Community Day Celebration



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 2021!

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



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