



# The Mustard Seed

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

## A Note From the Pastor

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Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

I pray for each of you daily and want the very best for Trinity UMC. Our world, community and church have suffered greatly under COVID-19 and the pandemic that has taken place. However, not all has been negative. COVID 19 forced us to think outside of our comfort zones, to adapt and change, and to do worship in a completely new way. We learned how we can reach more people using technology, social media, and new outreach ministries. Even though we had to close our sanctuary, we never closed the church!

As a church we continued to reach out to our community with food, financial assistance, and care. We supported our church family and made new friends along the way. As bad as COVID 19 was there were some positive outcomes. One of my favorites is that we learned to do some district and conference meetings virtually.

During my time here, I have had to make decisions that I did not like. One was stopping in sanctuary worship. I prefer to meet in the sanctuary and be able to see each other and visit. However, the situation in the church, the community, and our state indicated that in person worship was not advisable or safe. I have been keeping a close watch on the numbers and I am excited to announce that Trinity will return to in sanctuary worship on **Sunday February 28, 2021**. We will continue to offer our drive-in service and the Sunday Evening service as well.

**Our service times will be as follows:**

<b>In Sanctuary Worship</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Parking Lot Drive-in</b>	<b>10:45am</b>
<b>Sunday Evening Devotional via Zoom</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>

**The Sunday Evening service will begin transitioning to indoor soon.**

**Sunday School will also begin meeting again soon.**

Blessings,

Pastor Tom



**Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday**

8:30am in sanctuary

10:45am drive-in service (90.7FM)

6:00pm via Zoom

**Thursday, April 1st: Maundy Thursday**

Service at 7:00pm

**Friday, April 2nd: Good Friday**

Service at 7:00pm

**Saturday, April 3rd: Easter Egg Hunt at 2:00pm**

**Sunday, April 4th: Easter**

6:20am Sunrise Service in garden area

8:30 Service in Sanctuary

10:45am Drive-In Service (90.7FM)

No evening service

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## Trinity Women's Bible Study

**The Trinity Women's Bible Study Group** led by Betty Lane will be meeting online Tuesday evenings at 7:00 starting **March 16th**. The next bible study will be an 7 week study by **Priscilla Shirer**.

### **Faith and Fire**

### **Elijah**

This is a wonderful study of the life and times of the prophet, Elijah. The video sessions and books can be purchased at **Lifeway Online Bible Studies**. We will meet online via **Go To Meeting.com** to discuss the video and study book questions each week. Please contact **Tammy Harvey at (615) 393-1190** for assistance in setting up your Go To Meeting account and how to join in each week information. Come join us and bring a friend! We have a wonderful group of ladies that are welcoming and supportive of each other through prayer and friendship.

*We apologize if any events were not listed. Please contact the church office for any updates that need to be added.*

# Trinity Online Bible Study

Join Tom each Thursday at 7:00 pm through Lent via zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

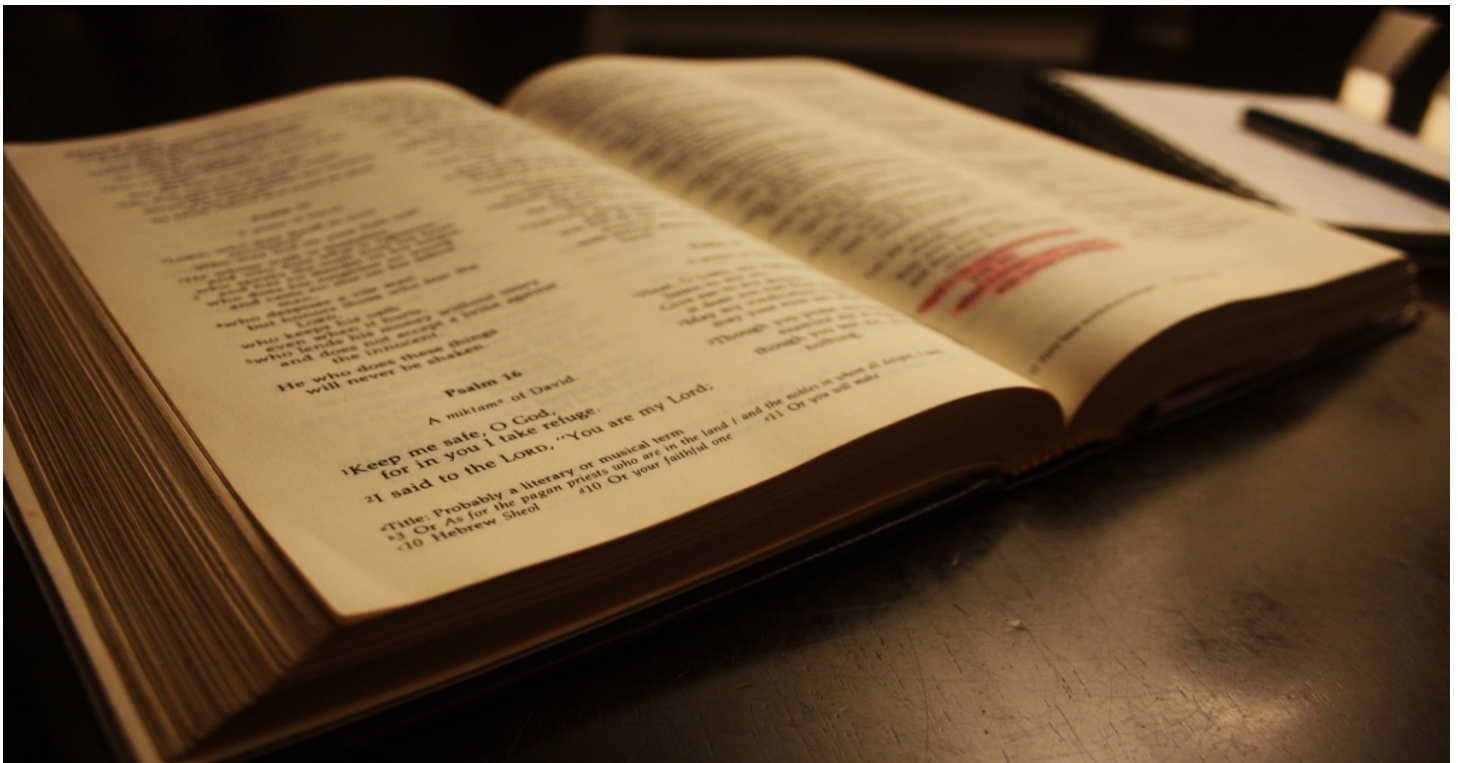
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We will begin this study with a quick look at the Book of James and then use Adam Hamilton's "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus."

We will look at the earthly ministry of Jesus leading up to the Passion and then resurrection. This study is a fun and interesting look at the foundation of our faith and I hope you will join me.

Blessings,

Pastor Tom





# 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

Dwight Brown and family

## Continue to pray for:

Shirley Kull, Steven Lowel, Marlene and Chuck Massey, Selma Pancake

If you have someone that is in need of prayers, you may call or email the church office. We will gladly add them to the prayer list. Names will roll off the prayer list after 4 weeks unless the church is notified. Please specify if a name should be continuously prayed for or if the request is a temporary request.

Thank you for your help.

## AT HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING / NURSING HOMES

Jack Arbuckle-NHC

Clarice Stewart-Park View Meadows

Bill Elmore-The Villages

Joy Elkins Tribke-Adams Place

Doug & Charlotte Mason-NHC Place

Reva Wallis-Adams Place

Franklin, TN

Reba Miller-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.

# Trinity Finance

## YTD 2021 Giving and Attendance

Date	Giving	Attendance
12/27/2020	\$28,800.00	Parking Lot & Online
12/31/2020	\$12,531.00	Parking Lot & Online
1/3/2021	\$800.00	Parking Lot-82
1/10/2021	\$9,400.00	Parking Lot & Online
1/17/2021	\$3,320.00	Parking Lot & Online
1/24/2021	\$3,230.00	Parking Lot & Online
1/31/2021	\$5,355.00	Parking Lot-66
2/7/2021	\$22,220	Parking Lot-38
2/14/2021	1,025.00	Snow Day
2/21/2021	\$4,430.00	Parking Lot 42 & Online

# The Church Family Birthdays and Anniversaries

## March and April Birthdays

### March

Diane Lewis	March 04
Suzie Trussell	March 04
David Johnson	March 06
Doug Mason	March 07
Reba Schmidt	March 10
Powell McClellan	March 14
Les Schmidt	March 15
Nancy Hendrix	March 16
Stella Agnew	March 17
Carleen Brown	March 18
Jim French	March 18
Kelsey Mabry	March 18
Carter Garner	March 20
Sadie Agnew	March 21
Deb Goss	March 21
Richard Youree	March 22
Brenda Sanders	March 23
Velta Snyder	March 24
Beth Garner	March 27
Jerry McDonald	March 28
Zach Rockwood	March 29

### April

Nan Zoller	April 01
Lewis Snyder	April 03
Lauren Goss	April 04
Bobby Boylan	April 05
Kirk Bugg	April 08
Ellie Baker	April 11
Mary McDonald	April 11
Aiden Golson	April 12
Bill West	April 14
Jonathan Fee	April 17
Patti Agnew	April 19
Dwight Brown	April 25
Linda Lewis	April 26
Brandon Mabry	April 27
Sarah Young	April 27
John Salaway	April 30



## March and April Anniversaries

### March

March 8 Wanda and Bill Lodholz  
March 12 Karen and Jim Malpas  
March 12 Stacy and Zach Rockwood  
March 15 Sue and Gene Cain  
March 15 Tonya and Richard Youree  
March 25 Linda and Steve Lewis  
March 29 Mary and Jerry McDonald

### April

April 4 Beverly and David Anthony  
April 5 Christine and James O'Day  
April 7 Debbie and Dwight Brown  
April 13 Dianna & Phillip Adcock  
April 13 Fran and Tom Shepherd  
April 15 Karen and Carter Garner  
April 15 Teri and Kevin Towe  
April 25 Patti and Steve Agnew  
April 25 Sandra and Ed Shadd  
April 25 Pam and Harlon Van Etten



## Mission Opportunity

Northfield Elementary:

If you are interested in reading to children via Zoom this spring, please let Leslie Trail know at [trinitychild@comcast.net](mailto:trinitychild@comcast.net). We are working to partner with Northfield Elementary School to provide this special way of sharing with the Children. More information will be coming as it is developed.



## Project Transformation Hiring Interns for Summer 2021

PT interns work hard- really hard- as they love God and neighbor. They lead a summer program for children with a team of other interns, explore their faith in action, and learn from Christ-inspired leaders through a paid summer internship. Placements include Nashville, Murfreesboro, Clarksville, and Memphis. Young adults should apply by February 15th to receive priority consideration. Learn more details and apply today

### A few details:

- We hope to return to in-person day camp programs this summer! If we are unable to host our normal programs due to COVID-19, we will modify our program to comply with current local, state, federal, and CDC guidelines for COVID-19 to ensure the health and safety of our participants and their families, interns, staff, and volunteers.
- Applicants must have completed one year of college or be at least 19 years old before the internship begins, and must have the legal right to work in the U.S.





# Scholarship Committee News

Trinity United Methodist Church will give at least one \$1000 scholarship this year. It is a one year scholarship. Applicants may reapply each year. An application packet may be picked up from the church office beginning March 1.

Deadline for submission of the application packet to church office is April 14, 2021.

> Applicants must:

- be a member of Trinity UMC or child of a church member OR a nonmember attending regularly and involved in church activities if the parent or legal guardian does not attend Trinity UMC
- be a graduate of an accredited high school (includes those earning GED)
- be enrolled and accepted as a full time student in a post-secondary school
  - Post secondary school includes universities, colleges, academies, seminaries, institutes of technology, vocational schools, trade schools and other career colleges that award academic degrees or professional certifications.
- submit written reference letters from one teacher/professor, one school/college counselor, one church member, and from either the pastor, college chaplain, or youth director
- submit most recent official transcript
- submit a copy of the acceptance letter
- submit the completed application packet no later than April 14
  - including a typed one page essay covering
    1. Why you are requesting this scholarship.
    2. How you are planning on using the funds.
    3. How activities and your involvement in Trinity UMC has helped you grow in your Christian faith walk.

The recipient will be notified no later than July 1. Scholarship will be paid in two installments, \$500 prior to first semester and \$500 prior to second semester.

Peace, joy and blessings

Teri Towe, Chairperson

# Trinity's Children Ministry

The children have kicked off our Lenten Study and we are excited to share it with you. Additionally, the children participated in a remembrance of Ash Wednesday as we drew the cross on our hand. We talked about how just like Jesus died for our sins, we can remember this when we wash our hands and the cross washes away.

We are excited for this Lenten season to be a time of growth for all of us.



# Jelly Bean Jar Challenge

**We hope that some of you will join us in our fill the Jelly Bean Jar Challenge.**

Each children's family received a bag of Jelly Bean. As you complete an activity, they will place one Jelly Bean in a jar (can be a Mason Jar or any jar you have in your house-even an empty Pickle Jar will work). Each week we will participate in the children's discussion of the Pastor's Bible Study for Lent during our Wednesday night lesson. You will place 1 Jelly Bean for joining in that discussion also.

20 Ideas of Things To Do (No particular order and you may repeat some of them)

- \* Read a chapter of John and light a candle as you read-let the candle remind you that Jesus is the "light of the world".
- \* Write a card to someone you love
- \* Give up sweets for a day
- \* Surprise someone with a special note of message
- \* Learn a new prayer
- \* Do something nice for your teacher
- \* Pray for someone who has been unkind to you
- \* Give up television for a day
- \* Give up electronics for a day
- \* Dye Easter Eggs (I would do this one during Holy Week)
- \* Do something to help around the house
- \* Fill a bag or box with toys to donate to kids in need (Greenhouse Ministries is a great donation location)
- \* Take blankets to the Coldest Nights organization in Murfreesboro
- \* Do a chore without being asked
- \* Write or draw something you love about someone in your family
- \* Send a card to someone on our church prayer list
- \* Get a book from our book box library and read as a family
- \* Bring food to the food pantry to donate at church
- \* Visit the Blessing Box of Murfreesboro on Vine Street (across from the fire station) and donate some food blessings
- \* Do something nice for someone you barely know (maybe someone from church)





## Trinity's Youth Ministry

The Youth Group has kicked off 2021 with a focus on small groups for deeper connections and conversations to be had whether meeting on-line or in person. Our Guys Group meets every Thursday utilizing different gaming platforms to discuss and talk through real-life situations where things don't always go our way, how some people get a little too competitive sometimes and how to interact with others in general on-line and how different that is than when you are standing right in front of them. This group is aiming to start meeting in person outside as soon as the weather warms up just a little more. We have one Girls Group who is already meeting in person (safely) where lots of hands on activities are utilized to talk about image, bullying, and what it means to be a Christian these days. They have broken plates, shaken up coke bottles and lots of other fun experiments to compare real life to Scripture in a way that often times has a relatively loud group stopping to go "wait a second". Another Girls Group meets on-line to do a more in-depth Bible Study where LOTS of tough questions are asked and LOTS of sharing about each other happens too. Our goal is to continue to work with small groups until the weather warms up and then we can safely meet altogether outside.

The College Ministry is also meeting via on-line once a week. They have just finished up a time where each person in the group led a week. It was a great experience for each student to get to put together a lesson on what God was putting on their hearts to share. We had topics ranging from mental health to favorite music selections that speak to them during the crazy time of life college brings.

Just like we know that Jesus' ministry had lots of obstacles, I am so proud of this group of young people who have continued to make Church a priority in their lives and to the families who help push and/or give rides. While we look forward to adding activities into the schedule that would be considered "normal" for youth groups, we are also thankful for all of the things that have come from this past year. There have been opportunities, conversations, and new ideas that will have a last effect on these students and their time in the youth group. I look forward to having them share all of these and themselves with the congregation at Trinity and while in ministry the greater communities.



**Parent's Night Out is cancelled until further notice.**