



# The Mustard Seed

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

## A Note From the Pastor

### Truly Caring for Others

On April 9, 2020, Maundy Thursday, we will participate in a special worship experience where we will observe four actions Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. They are (1) confession and pardon, (2) proclamation of the Word, (3) foot washing, (4) the Lord's Supper. Most all of us are familiar with three of these four. Perhaps the one we are not so familiar with is that of foot washing. Rarely do we engage in this service. During this Maundy Thursday celebration my goal will be to help you understand how foot washing symbolizes and shows the care we need to have for each other.

John's Gospel chapter 13:1-17, 31b-35 is John's vision of communion, only this time acted out among human vulnerability. Jesus interrupts a shared meal with the disciples to wash the feet of his friends. When he pours water on the disciples' feet, Jesus displays a form of love that reorders social roles. Jesus, in this passage, takes the role of servant. He offers each disciple an act of hospitality.

Of course Peter is the disciple that constantly has to learn. He is the example for us as disciples today. It is easy for us to understand Peter's uneasiness with the loss of security that comes when Jesus kneels before him. Jesus' invitation into foot washing is not a momentary act of hospitality. For Jesus foot washing was a form of life rooted in the upheaval of society's expectations around leadership and status. I feel Jesus really wanted Peter to die to the myths of honor and power. For me, the real lesson from foot washing is that we need to be aware of all whom we can serve and do it. Only Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross can make sense of foot washing.

On April 9<sup>th</sup> we will have a foot washing in order to help us understand what it means. It is a powerful sacrament of renewed commitment to give and receive the parts of us that we want to hide from one another. Foot washing, like communion, is to receive an invitation into new life, new community, the firm foundation that extends from the cross into the eternity of God's great love.

Our congregation will be invited to participate. You may come to one of the stations as a family or if you are without family present may come to a station designated as such. Also please know that it is not required that you participate. This part of the service, as all parts, is based on your being led to participate.

*John*

#### Trinity Staff

##### **Pastor**

Rev. John Vaughan, Extension 103  
Email: john.vaughan@trnumc.com

##### **Administrative Assistant/Treasurer**

Kristen Donahue, Extension 101  
Email: trinityumc@comcast.net

##### **Director of Youth Ministries**

Sheryl Mabry, Extension 106  
Email: trinityyouth@comcast.net

##### **Director of Children's Ministries**

Leslie Trail, Extension 105  
Email: trinitychild@comcast.net

##### **Director of Music**, Extension 104

Charlene Parkinson  
Email: trinityparkinson@comcast.net

##### **Director of Contemporary Service**

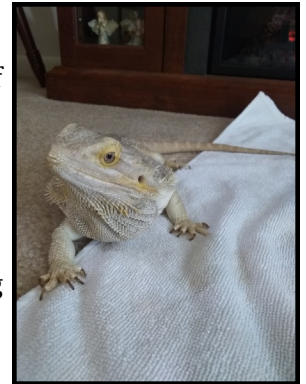
John Salaway  
Email: johnsalaway@gmail.com

# Meet Our New Staff



## **KRISTEN DONAHUE** **Administrative Assistant/Treasurer**

I was born and raised in Tennessee, but I am also half Canadian. I have a Bachelor's in Mathematics with a concentration in Statistics and an Associate's in Accounting. My husband's name is Mike, and we have been married for almost 9 years. We have a bearded dragon named Murdoch who loves carrots and watching I Love Lucy with me while I sip my morning coffee. I have an older sister, Amanda, and a younger sister, Danielle. I am the proud aunt of four nieces: Megan, Olivia, Julia, and Avery.



**Murdoch**



## **CHRISTA ROTH** **Preschool Director**

My name is Christa Roth and I am the new Preschool Director. I feel very fortunate that I will be sharing responsibilities for this position with the fabulous Sara Roy as I continue to teach the 3 year old Frog Class for the rest of this school year.

I am a wife and mother of two teenagers. A daughter who is currently in her second semester of college and a son in his sophomore year of high school.

My family and I moved to Murfreesboro from Louisville, KY a few years ago. In Louisville, I completed graduate school and taught many years in elementary classrooms. I also served as the school resource coordinator my last two years there. Working with the children at Trinity has been a joy. The staff of teachers here is the best!

## **Daylight Saving Time** **Begins March 8!**



**Before going to bed on Saturday evening, be sure to set your clock ahead one hour as we begin Daylight Saving Time.**



Trinity UMC will host a meet and greet with a reception for Kristen Donahue and Christa Roth after 10:45 a.m. worship on *Sunday, March 8*. Everyone is invited to meet our newest staff members!

# Trinity Happenings



## Ladies Bible Study

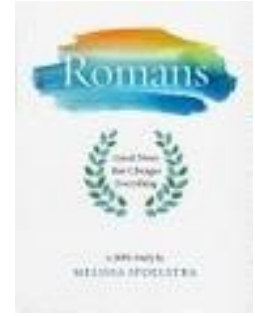
*Romans*

*Good News That Changes Everything*

by Melissa Spoelstra

Starting March 18

6:15 p.m.



## Calendar

### March

- 1 Month of Sundays Service @ 4:30 p.m.
- 2 UMW Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.  
SPRC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
- 8 UMM Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m.  
Reception for new staff @ 12:00 p.m.  
Month of Sundays Service @ 4:30 p.m.
- 9 Worship Committee @ 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Trustee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Golden Ager's Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.  
Way of Hope @ 5:00 p.m.
- 15 VBS Workday at 12:00 p.m.  
*Come & See Service* @ 4:30 p.m.
- 16 Outreach Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 19 New Life Praise Team Rehearsal  
(7:00 p.m. Vocals and 7:30 p.m. Full Band)
- 20 Parents Night Out @ 5:00 p.m.
- 22 Prayer Partner Breakfast @ 8:45 a.m.
- 23 Laity Club, 6:30 p.m. @ Smyrna FUMC
- 24 Project Transformation @ 6:00 p.m.
- 29 Fifth Sunday—one service @ 10:45 a.m.  
Followed by church wide potluck.  
Golden Ager's to Cannon County
- 30 Spring Break for area schools

### April

- 1 No Wonderful Wednesday—Spring Break
- 4 Palm Sunday Cantata Dress Rehearsal  
(9:15 a.m. Instrumental; 10:45 a.m. All)
- 5 Palm Sunday—one service @ 10:45 a.m.
- 6 SPRC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Wonderful Wednesday Resumes
- 9 Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Offices closed for Good Friday  
Way of Hope @ 5:00 p.m.  
Good Friday Service @ 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 14 Trustee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Golden Ager's Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 19 UMM Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m.  
VBS Workday after worship  
*Come & See Service* @ 4:30 p.m.
- 21 Shepherd's Heart Program @ 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Golden Ager's to Chaffins Barn  
New Life Praise Team Rehearsal  
(7:00 p.m. Vocals and 7:30 p.m. Full Band)
- 24 Lifeline Screening
- Parents Night Out @ 5:00 p.m.
- 30 Golden Ager's UMCOR Meeting @  
St. Mark's UMC

# Trinity Worship

## Holy Week at Trinity UMC



### SUNDAY, APRIL 5—PALM SUNDAY

One service @ 10:45 a.m.

Chancel Choir and orchestra will present

*"You Are the Christ"*

*Peter's reflection on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.*

by Lloyd Larson

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

6:30 p.m. service

Holy Communion and Foot Washing



### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

6:30 p.m. service

Stations of the Cross



### EASTER, APRIL 12

6:30 a.m. - Sunrise service

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. worship

Chancel Choir, Brass Quartet, and Hallelujah Ringers

Holy Communion



*Dear Servants Heart,*

*Thank you so much for your generosity! Your donations have been such a blessing to me, my son, and the other families here at Blue Monarch. May this year be full of a bountiful harvest for you and yours!*

*Love, Sarah and Chevy*



# Trinity Worship



## ***Come & See Services***

Our *Come & See* Services are now on the third Sunday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Join us on March 15 when we will feature guest speakers from Trinity UMC, and Open Heart Praise Team will provide the music. In April, we will meet on the 19th at 4:30 p.m. Be sure to save the dates and join us for uplifting worship!

## **Celebrate Sundays at Trinity with A MONTH OF SUNDAYS**

March 1

March 8

March 15

Services begin at 4:30 p.m.

A light fellowship meal will follow.

Guest speakers include:

Karen Barrineau, Cindy Morgan, and special guests from 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, Donald Douglas, Dot Ghee, Ollie Ruth Golson, Jo Jamison, Steve Kavanaugh, Diane Kelton, Chris Kiddoo, Dr. Lisa Lowe, Reba Miller, Peggy Moses, Selma Pancake, Dustin Pate, Rebekah Pate, Kaylee Pendergast, Bill Saunders, Toni Saunders, Bobbie Stewart, Robb Stringfield, Butch Vaughn

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**

Jack Arbuckle-NHC

Shirley Lawter-The Rutherford

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 Laczniak, Kelsey Lane, Thomas Lane, Robert Tracey, and the families of service men/women.

# The Church Family

## March & April Birthdays

March	April
4 Diane Lewis	1 Kyle Goss
4 Suzie Trussell	1 Rebecca Lane
5 Ken Goss	2 Elaine Taylor
6 David Johnson	3 Lewis Snyder
7 Justin Johnson	4 Lauren Goss
7 Doug Mason	5 Robert Boylan
10 Reba Schmidt	8 Kirk Bugg
14 Powell McClellan	11 Ellie Baker
15 Les Schmidt	11 MaryLee McDonald
16 Nancy Hendrix	12 Aiden Golson
17 Stella Agnew	14 Bill West
17 Shirley Lawter	15 Adam Heinrich
18 Carleen Brown	17 Jonathan Fee
18 Kelsey Mabry	19 Patti Agnew
20 Carter Garner	25 Dwight Brown
21 Sadie Agnew	26 Linda Lewis
21 Debbie Goss	27 Brandon Mabry
22 Richard Youree	27 Sarah Young
23 Ethan Roy	29 Peggy Cherry
23 Brenda Sanders	30 Shelby Snyder
24 Velta Snyder	
27 Beth Garner	
28 Jerry McDonald	
29 Adam Long	
29 Ben Long	
29 Frances Moore	



## March & April Anniversaries

March	April
8 Bill & Wanda Lodholz	4 David & Beverly Anthony
12 Jim & Karen Malpas	5 James & Christine O'Day
15 Gene & Sue Cain	7 Dwight & Debbie Brown
15 Richard & Tonya Youree	13 Phillip & Diana Adcock
25 Steve & Linda Lewis	13 Tom & Fran Shepherd
29 Jerry & MaryLee McDonald	15 Carter & Karen Garner
	15 Kevin & Teri Towe
	25 Harlon & Pam Van Etten
	25 Steve & Patti Agnew

### Greeters Needed!

If you're not sure where God is calling you to ministry, we encourage you to start here! Please consider being a greeter during the Sunday morning hours. You may sign up on the Sign up Genius website. If you call the church office, Kristen or Charlene will send you the link. You can sign up for any Sunday from now through the end of 2020. Time slots are before early service (8:00-8:15), before Sunday School (9:10-9:30), and before late service (10:30-10:45) at each of the three entrances. Pick a Sunday, a time, and an entrance!

## Youth Ministry

Warmth in Winter was a huge success yet again! A HUGE thank you to Ashley Fee, David Roche, Rocky Davis, and Greg Harvey for chaperoning and giving so much of their time and care to our youth this weekend! For our graduating Seniors, it was a bittersweet weekend as they have enjoyed going every year since they started youth! For the 7th graders, this was their first experience of a retreat of this nature and it was a joy to watch them light up, pay attention during the sessions and engage with each other and different youth groups. The speaker was incredible and shared the importance of remembering how blessed we are to be children of God and how important that makes each and every one of us! Thank you Trinity for your thoughts and prayers during this time...God was moving in our youth!



### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**March 20:** PNO is moving for the month of March ONLY! Due to Spring Break landing on the 4th Friday, we will be moving up a week and still meeting 5:00-9:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and Children's Wing.

**March 22:** Rend Collective Concert @ World Outreach, 7:00-9:30 p.m. See Sheryl Mabry to see if tickets are still available.

**April 5:** Easter Egg Hunt!! We will offer a small hot dog meal for all of our children and their families in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:45 service. This will service as a gathering spot for us to meet before hunting eggs together!

**April 26:** Senior Sunday! Celebrate our class of 2020 during the 10:45 service. Meal following!

## Adult & Family Ministry



A great time was had by everyone once again for the Superbowl Party and we were excited to have several visitors attend including younger children! Thank you to everyone who brought food...we stayed until the end of the third quarter when we really thought it was pretty much over (and most wanted to get kids on to bed!) Much to all of our surprise, the scores changed so much in the 4th quarter, but it was a great time of fellowship for Trinity!

Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner was another successful night with a special thank you to Ashley Fee & Stephanie Gravely for preparing pancakes for almost 75 people! We loved having so many of the scouts from our different programs join as well as a couple of visitors! Lent is a beautiful and humbling time in our walk of faith as we prepare for Easter. It was a wonderful opportunity to add a night of celebration as a church as we begin this holy time.



# Children's Ministry

## Learn, Grow, Serve, Outreach

January and February have been a great start to 2020 for the children's ministry. In January, we offered a curriculum for our 5th-6th graders in partnership with St. Mark's UMC called "Wonderfully Made." We also kicked off our 2020 Confirmation Class. Our confirmands are meeting monthly and working with their mentors to learn about the Methodist Church and to grow in their faith. We ask for your prayers for Landon Robinson and Ellie Baker. The confirmands will be participating in a "day camp" at Trinity on April 4!

Our children also continue to grow in service. They helped pack 20 bags for a missionary to hand out on her trip to Peru. The bags included toothpaste, toothbrushes, pads of paper, pens, band aids, and deodorant. The children worked hard to get these packed and ready to send! We are thankful for their service.



### Vacation Bible School July 12—16, 2020

Vacation Bible School preparations are underway. We have already opened our registration and are beginning to see children register for our VBS experience. Our theme this year is Rocky Railroad. The week's activities will begin on Sunday, July 12, and will end on Friday, July 17 with a church wide pool party, 7-9 p.m. at Sports Com. We need volunteers to serve as "Conductors" to shepherd the children between activities. We are also working on the third Sunday of each month on decoration preparation! We would love to have you join us!





# Coming Soon to Trinity UMC



**Trinity United Methodist Church** is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable health screenings on **Friday, April 24, 2020**. You may choose to have five screenings for the price of \$139.

- Carotid Artery/Plaque Screening
- Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening
- Osteoporosis Risk Assessment

Get your special Community Circle Pricing

**Three ways to register:**

**Call toll-free:** 1-866-229-0469

**Online:** [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-circle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-circle)

**Text:** the word [circle](#) to 797979



Look for the Life Line Screening flyer for more information, or to learn more about Life Line Screening and the services they provide, visit their website at [lifelinescreening.com](http://lifelinescreening.com).

## Finance

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

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

Attendance	Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23
<b>8:15 Worship</b>	26	53	27	25
<b>10:45 Worship</b>	82	102	103	85
<b>Sunday School</b>	111	112	117	108
<b>Offering</b>	\$11,439.50	\$ 9,832.00	\$ 6,674.00	\$ 4,975.00

### Trinity UMC Scholarships

Trinity United Methodist Church will give at least one \$1000 scholarship for the 2020-2021 school 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, 2020. Deadline for submission of the application packet to the church office is April 14, 2020.

## 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.*



[www.trinityumcmurmreesboro.org](http://www.trinityumcmurmreesboro.org)

Find us on  
Facebook

TrinityUMC Murreesboro, TN

Please read, then recycle.



RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED

Trinity UMC  
2303 Jones Blvd.  
Murreesboro, TN 37129