



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,

I realize that I have been saying this a lot but I am excited, eager, enthused, enthusiastic, and thrilled to be your new pastor! As you can also tell I found my thesaurus. Since I came on board we have worked hard to safely restart indoor worship services. We held our first in-person indoor service today (Sunday 8/23/20). We are following the guidelines put forth by the Tennessee Annual Conference and I really enjoyed getting back in a pulpit and seeing so many of you today. We also had an outdoor worship prior to the indoor service.

I do have a concern regarding worship. I do not want people to feel pressured to come back to in-person worship before they are ready. If you don't feel comfortable gathering in groups that is perfectly okay and more than that respected. To that point we will continue to offer online services and resources as a way to continue to worship collectively across space. I do look forward to the time when we can all gather and really get to know each other.

As many of you know I am not from here. I was born in Michigan and raised in Colorado. As a child I spent a great deal of time in the mountains hiking, camping, skiing and many other activities. After doing a variety of jobs I settled into a teaching career and was quite comfortable when I felt the call to pulpit ministry. I am in my fifteenth year of full time ministry and thank you all for the incredibly warm welcome my family and I have received.

As we begin to seek out a new normal we will continue the ministries of the church; reaching out to our community telling the stories of Jesus and sharing God's love and care with everyone we can. I very much look forward to the times ahead of us even during this time strained by the pandemic.

Blessings in Christ's Name,
Pastor Tom

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Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday morning services resumed starting in August, and we have created worship opportunities for everyone! Start your Sunday morning with our outside service at 8:30 am. This service will include children's time, singing and a sermon by Pastor Tom. Please bring your lawn chairs for this service. The second service will be at 10 am inside, with special music, videos, and sermon preached by Pastor Tom. As we open the church for worship, please be aware that the Trustees have put some protocols in place to keep us all safe.

Speaking of staying safe, we want to make sure that everyone feel safe. If you are not comfortable attending church yet, please, by all means, stay at home and join us for worship online. The link will be posted on Facebook, the church website, and sent out by e-mail each week.

As we move forward, we will continue to have the Come & See worship service on the 3rd Sunday, September 20th at 5:30. We will no longer be having an outdoor service at 6:00.



Announcing 2020-2021 Scholarship Awards:

It is with great pleasure the Scholarship Committee announces the awarding of three \$1000 scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year. The recipients this year are, Katherine Malpas, Sarah Malpas and Thomas Malpas.

Church family your contributions on the fifth Sundays is what make is possible for Trinity to offer scholarships! Thank you for your support!

Each applicant must write an essay to accompany their application telling why they are requesting the scholarship, how they plan on using the funds and how activities and their involvement in Trinity UMC has helped them grow in their Christian faith walk.

As I read through the essays I am always touched by how much each of us have an effect on the applicants' lives. Church family I wanted you to be aware of how you have impacted and influenced the lives of the younger individuals within our congregation. Following are excerpts from all three of the applicant essays.

The activities of the church have helped me develop relationships that impact my faith to this day. They have led me to share my Christian faith with others. Because of my strong Trinity family, I have recently felt the calling to become involved in youth ministry.

Growing up, going to church helped me to understand my faith and reminded me to learn more about God every day. Trinity has always felt like family to me. I always enjoy being greeted by some of the members at Trinity UMC every Sunday morning. I always treasure receiving my third grade Bible.

My activities and involvement in Trinity UMC have helped me grow in my faith spiritually, mentally and physically. One part of Trinity that I enjoy is the family atmosphere. Whether it's someone welcoming me or it's someone saying they have missed me I feel as if everyone at Trinity is part of my family; Trinity UMC is incredibly supportive. There have been several times I was able to go on mission trips because of someone's generosity.

All three mentioned Warmth in Winter, as an gratifying experience... As a result, I have a closer connection with God; an awesome experience because the music always drew me closer to God, my relationship with God has grown every year; Warmth in Winter most of all has been the key to helping me grow my Christian faith. There have been several times I was able to go on mission trips because of someone's generosity. Church family, Warmth in Winter is a youth event many of the Church family help sponsor so the youth may attend. Your sponsorship is appreciated.

I thank each of you for your continuing prayers and financial support to our church, our scholarship fund, our children and youth programs and our other missions. You are blessing others significantly just as God blesses us.

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, Briana Strong (Marjorie Cowell's granddaughter), Donald Douglas, Dot Ghee, Jo Jamison, Steve Kavanaugh, Diane Kelton, Chris Kiddoo, Shirley Kull, Wanda Lodholz, Steven Lowel, Chuck and Marlene Massey, Reba Miller, Peggy Moses, Selma Pancake, Dustin Pate, Rebekah Pate, Kaylee Pendergast, Don Richardson, Bill Saunders, Toni Saunders, Butch Vaughn, Shannon (daughter of Nancy Smith's friend)

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.

AT HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING / NURSING HOMES

Jack Arbuckle-NHC	Clarice Stewart-Park View Meadows
Doug & Charlotte Mason-NHC Place	Joy Elkins Tribke-Adams Place
Franklin, TN	Reva Wallis-Adams Place
Reba Miller-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.

Finance

2020 Operating Budget: \$536,748.88

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

	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5	July 12
Offering	\$8,356	\$3,200	\$2,412	\$4,930	\$13,375
	July 19	July 26	August 2	August 9	August 16
Offering	\$9,137	\$3,080	\$6,125	\$9,620	\$5,245

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.

Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am until 1pm. We are hoping to have a rotating schedule. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to trinityumc@comcast.net listing availability and any helpful skills you may possess.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

Our church is hiring part-time nursery workers. We would like to fill this position as soon as possible. The nursery is closed at this time but we hope to open it in the future.

The Hours of Work—Usual work hours are 8am to 12:00pm on Sunday mornings, 6:15-7:30pm on Wednesdays and on the Fourth Friday of each month for Parents Night Out from 5pm-10pm.

Please submit your resume to trinityumc@comcast.net and call the church office (615) 896-0413 for more information regarding this position.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study group will be watching a free online video series offered by Lifeway titled **Jesus and Women** by Kristi McLelland. If you are interested in joining this study group register through Lifeway. This will enable you to view the free videos. Then join us online every Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm via Go To Meeting for discussion and to “fellowship”. If you would like a study book these are available at Target.

If you would like to participate in this study group please send a text Tammy Harvey at (270) 393-1190 providing your email address. Tammy will then send you instructions on how to join the group online.

Big Thank You to Tammy Harvey for setting this up for our group!

Outreach Mission

The Trinity Homeless Outreach Mission is in need of socks. Regular white tube and ankle socks are needed. Bulk Deals are available through Amazon. Your donations can be placed in the church office.

The Church Family

September and October Birthdays

September

September 1 William H Elmore
September 1 Don Roy
September 3 Langstone Harvey
September 6 Marlene Massey
September 6 Wesley Wysong
September 7 Heather Sherfield
September 8 Rocky Davis
September 9 Ilayna Bratton
September 9 Penelope White
September 11 Greg Harvey
September 13 Kevin Towe
September 14 Kyler Johnson
September 14 Sara Pollard
September 15 Rick Pitts
September 17 Milbrey Campbell
September 17 Wesley Johnson
September 17 Peggy Trail
September 19 Reba Miller
September 20 Kim Davis
September 21 Ruthie Anderson
September 22 John David Wayne Anthony
September 22 Denise Scott
September 25 George Trail
September 27 Cornelia Brown
September 27 Mark Robinson
September 27 Wanda Stricklen
September 29 Sara Roy
September 30 Kory Wells

October

October 3 Dot Ghee
October 4 Emma Boylan
October 4 Bobbie Jo Stewart
October 5 Tammy Harvey
October 5 Faye Smith
October 6 John Purviance
October 7 Tim Glascoe
October 8 Mark Johnson
October 9 Warren Anderson
October 9 Jeremy Trail
October 10 Christy Anderson
October 10 Patty Willard
October 11 Andrew Golson
October 11 Ina Dale Marshall
October 12 Bradley Brown
October 12 Rebekah Anne Campbell
October 13 China Hartman
October 13 Steve Lewis
October 14 Margaret Barb
October 15 Selma Pancake
October 17 Lewis Paul Snyder
October 18 Sandy Amacher
October 18 Jim Hart
October 19 Debbie Robinson
October 21 Sandra Dupuy Shadd
October 23 Matt Sledge
October 25 Chuck Massey
October 26 Emma Corson
October 27 Amy Glascoe
October 29 Collin Johnson
October 29 Charlotte Mason
October 29 James O'Day
October 30 Cathy Johnson
October 30 Lisa Perez
October 31 Kristin Beaty
October 31 Robb Stringfield



September and October Anniversaries

September

September 3 Joan and Butch Vaughn
September 4 Gretchen and Brad Campbell
September 10 Nancy and W. K. Lane
September 16 Dianna and James Corson

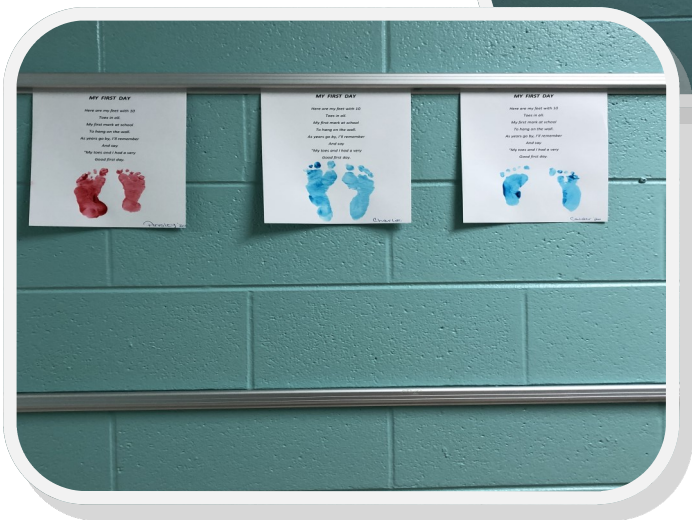
October

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

Trinity Nursery and Preschool

Preschool started back to school Tuesday, August 18! It was a very successful first week! The halls were once again full of giggles and singing (only a few tears). Art was created, new friendships were started and learning was everywhere! Our new COVID protocol was followed by parents, teachers and students successfully as well. We are still enrolling, so if you know someone interested in excellent care and instruction, please send them our way.





Learn, Grow, Serve, Outreach

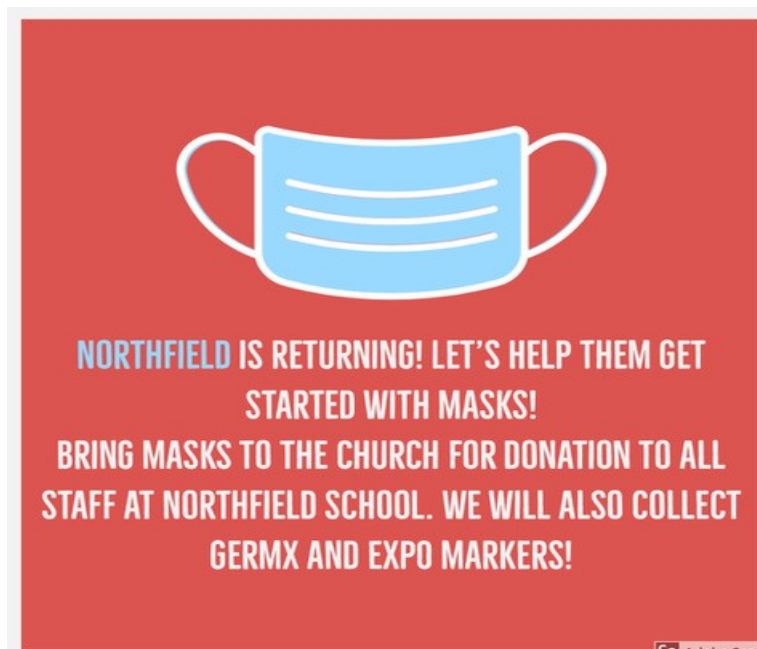
As summer comes to a close, we were sad to see the ending of Compassion Camp. We held our Compassion Camp closing in conjunction with St. Mark's at the pavilion and had a wonderful time celebrating Compassion together. This is a challenge, however, that does not end with summer. We can always be compassionate people! The children will continue to look for ways to serve and grow their mission in our community.

The children continue to meet via ZOOM for Sunday School. As the church moves to opening for services, our Sunday school schedule may shift a bit. However, Sunday school will continue. We are also going to begin to offer a ZOOM/face to face Wednesday night program. Parents who are not ready to join in this event will be able to participate via ZOOM. Those who are ready will be invited to attend Wednesday night lessons with their children. We plan to meet at the pavilion as long as the weather permits. For now, if the weather is bad, our lesson will move to ZOOM. However, this will be reevaluated each month based on the church's need and COVID numbers.

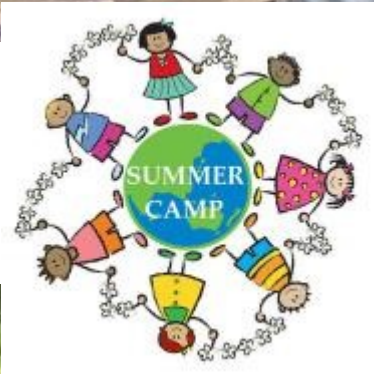
Outreach:

School has begun and Northfield Elementary teachers need our love. We are collecting masks, GermX, and Expo markers for the Northfield Teachers and staff. Donations can be brought to the church office and left in the Children's Director's office or in the collection bin in the Narthex.

The Outreach ministry worked from April-July to pack lunch bags each week for distribution at McFadden Elementary this summer. Through these bags, we helped provide weekend meals through over 350 packed bags! Each bag included a milk, a juice, a couple of snacks, 2 prepackaged breakfasts, and 2 prepackaged lunches. We know that many families were blessed through this ministry.



2020 Compassion Camp



Youth Ministry

We are praying for all of our students as they return to school whether that is back in the classroom or doing distance learning from the home! Trinity is here for you and we are hoping to start meeting back in person at the church, but remaining outside to help maintain social distancing and safety protocols. We also want to recognize that our recent graduates will be moving on and we are forming a College Age Group for them and any other students in this age group to have a group to worship and study together. We know this is not the first time Trinity has had a College Age group and we recognize that this age group is difficult due to scheduling under normal circumstances, but our hope is that we can take advantage of Covid 19 to have one be present in a unique way. For our students still in Middle & High School, we will be moving our weekly night to Thursdays due to several having scheduling conflicts the other nights of the week. This will be a learning process to see how it works so thank you in advance for patience and understanding! Our two groups will join together on Sunday nights for a fellowship Sack Dinner time before our Outdoor Evening Service each week.

Fall Tentative Schedule:

Sunday Nights @ 5pm: Youth & College Age Dinner before Worship

Tuesday Nights @ 7pm: College Age Zoom Check-In

Thursday Nights @ 6pm: Youth meet @ Trinity outside



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

PNO is currently suspended through September. We will be making month by month decisions based on current Covid 19 numbers. Due to the scope of this ministry, we need stronger policies in place to protect our children, staff and volunteers.