



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,

Happy New Year! Hopefully, we have begun to turn the corner on a very hard year. A vaccine is becoming a reality and we can put this pandemic behind us soon. The staff and leadership have been meeting and discussing meeting in person and when we see a two week decrease in the positivity rate, we will most likely be able to regather in-person. I thank-you for bearing with us as we have been struggling to have meaningful worship experiences for you. I do not like that the virtual worship does not bring us together in the same way and I find it incredibly hard to preach to a computer monitor. I really enjoy meeting where we can truly be one body.

This New Year is full of promises and hope of returning to a new sense of normal. While 2020 was a challenge we have been able to rely on God who is always with us. We will continue to offer an on-line version of our service. One thing we have learned as a church is that we have begun to reach new people that may have never found our church without virtual worship options. They are now a vital part of our church family and I thank God for them the same as I thank God for each of you.

This New Year brings us an opportunity to evaluate how we have always done things. We can shed the things that no longer work, renew those that need it, and create new discipleship opportunities. This year we will have some church without walls experiences, outdoor worship activities, and many fellowship gatherings. I truly love being the pastor here and look forward to the time we can gather and fellowship as we did pre-pandemic. Until that time, I urge you to continue to practice safety. Social distance and wearing masks can help us to beat this virus back.

I am excited about what God has in store for us as we break free from Covid-19! This is a wonderful church that God is leading and guiding. During the pandemic we have been reaching out to our community in new and innovative ways; spreading the love of Christ Jesus to our neighbors. We will continue to reach out and show the world God's love.

Blessings,

Pastor Tom

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Trinity Women's Bible Study

The Trinity Women's Bible Study Group will resume meeting on Zoom on Wednesday, January 13th. The next bible study will be an 8 week study—Matchless by Angie Smith. It is a wonderful study of the life and love of Jesus. The Lifeway video session number 1 will begin on January 7th and on January 13th we will meet on Zoom to discuss the video and study book topics and questions. Signup for the weekly videos can be found on Lifeway.com. Study books can be purchased from Lifeway as well. Please contact Betty Lane for additional information and to join the weekly Zoom meetings. We have a wonderful group of ladies that you will find 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 Worship

Worship:

"I was talking with somebody who was upset about wearing a mask. I said that I didn't like wearing one either but would wear one to keep others safer. The same thing applies to in-person worship services." Pastor Tom

For the time being we are going to continue to meet virtually. We will continue to evaluate the pandemic numbers and make the appropriate changes as circumstances allow. Currently we have two online worship services, one at 10:00am and a second at 6:00pm each Sunday.

We may be adding special services and events as well. The Zoom number for the worship is:

941 6818 9055

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

Ed Dearing and family, Jim Ed McKnight, Tom Shepherd

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.

Finance

2020 Operating Budget: \$536,748.88

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

| Date | Giving | Attendance |
|------------|-------------|------------|
| 11/1/2020 | \$13,370.00 | 75 |
| 11/8/2020 | \$5,501.00 | 98 |
| 11/15/2020 | \$325.00 | Online |
| 11/22/2020 | \$7,965.00 | 56 |
| 11/29/2020 | \$1,025.00 | Online |
| 12/6/2020 | \$6,875.00 | Online |
| 12/13/2020 | \$4,400.00 | Online |
| 12/20/2020 | \$7,925 | Online |

The Church Family

January and February Birthdays

January

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| January 1 | Tori Nichols |
| January 1 | Rylee DeLuca |
| January 5 | Pat Houseman |
| January 10 | Debra Johnson |
| January 11 | Layla Fee |
| January 12 | Ann Woosley |
| January 13 | Gretchen Campbell |
| January 14 | Butch Golson |
| January 16 | Becca Davis |
| January 16 | Stephanie Gravely |
| January 17 | Jenny White |
| January 17 | Steve Bugg |
| January 17 | Dave Mabry |
| January 19 | Elaine Davis |
| January 19 | Lauren Van Etten |
| January 20 | Anna Campbell |
| January 21 | Charlie Fultz |
| January 22 | Tom Shepherd |
| January 22 | John White |
| January 24 | Ron Sledge |
| January 24 | Dave Long |
| January 26 | Ginny Purviance |
| January 26 | Millie Goodrich |
| January 27 | Phillip Adcock |
| January 29 | Theresa Johnson |
| January 31 | London Robinson |

February

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| February 8 | Randy Strong |
| February 12 | Devin West |
| February 15 | Paxton Cooke |
| February 15 | Taylor West |
| February 15 | Annelyn Trail |
| February 17 | Carroll Jarvis |
| February 19 | Eric Snyder |
| February 20 | Betty Lane |
| February 21 | Mike Counts |
| February 21 | Karter Johnson |
| February 22 | Chandler Johnson |
| February 24 | Aaron Mulroy |
| February 27 | Aaron Lewis |
| February 28 | Bill Young |
| February 29 | Lee Wallis |
| February 29 | Kiersten Johnson |



January and February Anniversaries

January

January 21 Pauline and Bob Hackler
January 27 Sherrie and Ron Sledge

February

February 18 Amy and Tim Glascoe



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To save on postage, Trinity UMC would like to know which congregants would prefer their 2020 contribution statements sent via e-mail. Send Kristen Donahue an e-mail stating you wish to receive your statement via e-mail @ trinityumc@comcast.net.

Thank you!

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. 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.

Memorial Gifts Made In Memory of W.K. Lane

Sherrie Dickson (on behalf of
Mallissia and Dennis Johnson)
Steve and Linda Lewis
J. David and Kathy Hoover
Donna K. Miles and family
Jeff and Kim White
Jerry and Jane Campbell
Mike and Becky Waldrop
John and Pamela Collins
Holly Williams (for Pinnacle Financial
Partners)
Bugg Family (leaf)
Phillip and Diana Adcock
Dee Dee Stockard(leaf)
David and Jan Collette
Powell and Kaye McClellan
Betty Jones
Donald E. McKinney
Sadie Agnew
Jim Davis and family
Edwin A Jernigan

Lori Williams
Jennifer Faauaa
Jack and Judy Gritton
Huddy and Virginia Huddleston
Naomi Lee
Catherin Hardaway
Linda Guinn
Susan Hutchens
Kerry Sloan
Bill and Sue Young
Thomas and George-Ann Smith
Francis Anthony
Randall and Lisa Pierce
Margaret Waller
Randy, Linda, David and Theresa
Johnson
Marsha and Kevin Thompson
Reba Miller
Bradford Miller
Teresa and Bob McBroom and
Friends
Betty B Lane

Trinity Church Family,

Your concern, love and care for us has been so overwhelming these past weeks and days. We are so very appreciative of all the love shown through your visits, calls, cards, prayers, food and flowers and the many generous memorials given to Trinity in memory of and to honor W. K. He loved Trinity UMC from its very beginning! Please keep us in your prayers.

The W.K. Lane Family

Trinity Children Ministry

While Christmas season looked different this year, our children still found many ways to celebrate the coming of Jesus's birth together. They worked as a team to put together a Christmas Play called "A Christmas to Believe In." They also Caroled together via ZOOM and participated in a Christmas Escape room. We were not able to gather for our annual Advent Workshop, but children still had the story of Jesus's birth reinforced through a picture book and coloring pages that were delivered at the beginning of Advent Season. During this season of COVID, the main goal for our children's ministry has been to continue to grow our children in Christ and to provide a strong foundation of Christian Education for them. I thank all of the parents who have helped make this possible by participating in ZOOMs, videotaping lines, and joining us outside for lessons.

As we move towards spring, we will continue to offer regular ZOOM meetings on Sunday and Wednesday until it is either safer to gather inside or the seasons are warm and we are able to gather outside again. If there are opportunities for worship that you would like to suggest for children, please share your ideas with Leslie Trail at trinitychild@comcast.net!

On a different note, Camp Cedar Crest has already published information about summer camp! If your child or grandchild is interested in attending, please contact Leslie Trail at trinitychild@comcast.net by January 20 to get more information!



Youth Ministry

What a year! I am very proud of our youth group in making it through a majority of 2020 still being able to meet in person. We are very thankful for our awesome Trustees who have maintained such wonderful outside space that we were able to utilize!!

Looking ahead for 2021, we will be starting off focusing on small group Bible studies. Large group Zoom calls are challenging to ensure that each student is able to be heard, so this will allow deeper levels of discussion for those who desire it and a more relaxed discussion for those who need that. We will still work towards getting as many together in person who want to as long as we can provide a safe manner for this to happen and of course, we will be getting the entire group together on a regular basis whether on Zoom or

We look forward to planning our summer mission trip, weekend trips, and other fellowship activities soon! We will continue to support the Sunday evening worship service once it is back in person! We also look forward to seeing this group start to take on leadership roles within the Youth group as well as in the entire church. This group is going to do so many great things and we cannot wait to see where God leads them!



Parent's Night Out is cancelled until further notice.