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# 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,

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

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. Flease 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

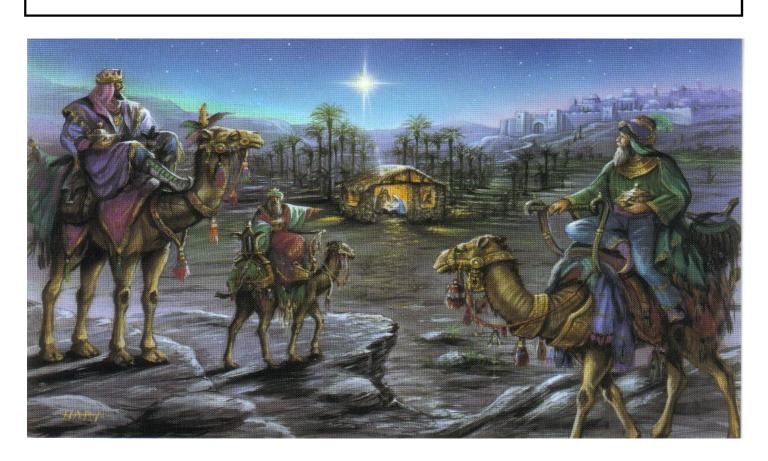
For the time being we are going to continue to meet virtually. We will continue to evaluate the pandemic numbers and make the appropriate changes as circumstances allow. Currently we have two online worship services, one at 10:00am and a second at 6:00pm each Sunday.

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

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Blessings,

Pastor 7om



# 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
Bill Elmore-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 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.

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

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**

February 8 February 12 February 15 February 15 February 15 February 17 February 19	Randy Strong Devin West Paxton Cooke Taylor West Annelyn Trail Carroll Jarvis 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 February

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

# Misson Opportunity

# Northfield Elementary:

If you are interested in reading to children via Zoom this spring, please let Leslie Trail know at <a href="mailto:trinitychild@comcast.net">trinitychild@comcast.net</a>. 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

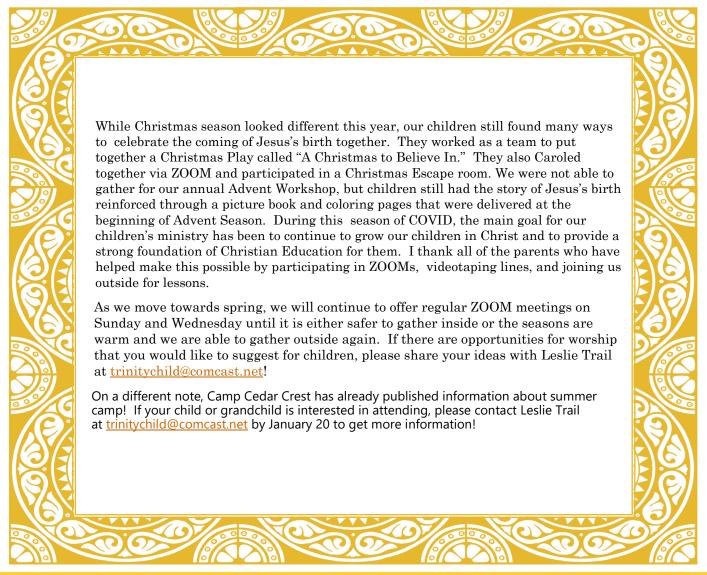
Betty B Lane

# 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





# 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.