



# 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! What a great time of year. We have celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior, the New Year, and start to look forward to the Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus. Each year people throughout the land make commitments or New Year's resolutions and each year people tend to break those resolutions. This year is different! I want you to resolve to connect with the church in new ways or double the effort in what you already do.*

*We have an awesome church. I hear people in the community talking about our church citing all the great things we do. In this new year we will have new opportunities and new challenges. I will be asking for people to help serve communion both here at church and to the home bound/ retirement community members. We need people to run the sound system and slides. The opportunities to get involved are so numerous that no matter your interest we can find a place where you can offer your gift.*

*The opportunity to begin (or continue) reading the Bible is also present and the website has details on a great reading plan. When Confirmation wraps up, I will start a new Sunday School class where we talk about the scriptures, we have been reading that week. Betty Lane is continuing a women's Bible study and I am continuing the Chosen.*

*Let us join together and recommit ourselves to service of the Lord. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities.*

*Blessings,  
Pastor Tom*

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# Upcoming Calendar

## January

- 2 Church Office Closed
- 2 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Epiphany Ring @ 4pm @ First UMC
- 8 UMM Men's Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m.
- 9 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 10 Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 11 Wonderful Wednesday Resumes
- 12 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 19 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 25 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 26 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.

## February

- 1 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 2 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
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Get the latest calendar updates on  
our Church Website!

Use this QR Code to go straight to  
Trinity's website!



## Children's Ministry

Thank you to all  
who came to  
support the  
Children's  
Christmas Play!



## Youth Ministry

The Youth will be starting a new series on Wednesday nights where we hope to teach them life skills. This can be anything from how to change a tire to cooking. We are looking for volunteers to come teach anything that you think teenagers need to know before they move out! Please reach out to Sheryl Mabry at [sheryl1981@hotmail.com](mailto:sheryl1981@hotmail.com) if you are interested or have any special skills that you would like to share!

## Trinity Preschool

We have had a wonderful winter semester at Trinity Nursery Preschool! We are thankful for all of our teachers, families, and the congregation at Trinity for the consistent support of our program!

We were able to have a wonderful Thanksgiving lunch and program where we welcomed almost 60 parents and family members for lunch together with their children. We also learned songs for our Christmas program and celebrated together! We had a story time visit from the Children's librarians of Linebaugh Library, and have had so much fun together these past few months.

We are excited to begin our spring semester together! We have some fun things planned coming up-- we celebrate Valentine's Day with some class parties and do an Easter Egg hunt and celebration in April! We love watching the kids learn and grow as the year progresses and we are so excited to see what we learn in these next few months!



# Celebrations



## January

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

## February

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

HAPPY  
Anniversary  
FROM YOUR  
CHURCH FAMILY

## January

21 Bob & Pauline Hackler  
27 Ron & Sherrie Sledge

## February

18 Tim & Amy Glascoe



# The Church Family



If you have updates for the Circle of Concern, please call or e-mail the church office.

615-896-0413 or  
trinityumcboro@gmail.com



## **Prayer Requests**

Diana Adcock, Taylor Coil, Selma Pancake

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.

## **Continue to Pray For**

Coil Family, Andrew Golson, Larry Evans—Kaye McClellan's nephew, Steve Kavanaugh – Kaye McClellan's brother-in-law, Shirley Kull, Powell McClellan, Steven Lowel, Becky Waldrop, EJ Williams-Sara Roy's father, Annie Woosley

## **At Home/Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**

Sadie Agnew—Adams Place  
Jack Arbuckle-NHC  
Julia King-The Rutherford  
Marlene Massey-The Villages

Doug Mason-NHC Place, Franklin, TN  
Reba Miller-Adams Place  
Clarice Stewart  
Joy Elkins Tribke-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.

# Looking Ahead



## **Epiphany Ring!**

Saturday, January 7

4:00 P.M.

First UMC

265 W. Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro



## **Wonderful Wednesday Resumes January 11!**

**Please contact the Church Office if you or your group would like to prepare a meal for the Spring Semester!**

# From SPRC

Beginning January 1, 2023, members of the Staff Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) are:

Connie Golson	<a href="mailto:aegolson@bellsouth.net">aegolson@bellsouth.net</a>	615.482.0089	12/31/2024
Bill Lodholz	<a href="mailto:Bplod@att.net">Bplod@att.net</a>	615.483.4491	12/31/2023
Gene Cain		615.738.0749	12/31/2023
Miles Lane	<a href="mailto:mileslanedvm@gmail.com">mileslanedvm@gmail.com</a>	615.653.6503	12/31/2024
Judy Hennessy	<a href="mailto:Judyann.hennessy@gmail.com">Judyann.hennessy@gmail.com</a>	615.293.0247	12/31/2025
Claudia Schooley	<a href="mailto:schoolrain@atta.net">schoolrain@atta.net</a>	615.218.2146	12/31/2025
Nancy Hendrix	<a href="mailto:lukehendrix@bellsouth.net">lukehendrix@bellsouth.net</a>	615.427.1333	Lay member annual conference
To be determined			Lay Leader

The *Book of Discipline* and United Methodist congregations give the SPRC the responsibility for administering the relationship between staff, congregation, and the district superintendent so that the mission of the church moves forward. The SPRC also interviews and recommends any ministerial candidates to the charge conference.

Listening and responding to the church community (Pastor, staff and congregation) is a vital function of the SPRC. When conflict arises (different ideas in the same place and same time), good communication is important to strengthen the church. Anyone may approach committee members with concerns or deeply felt convictions to be brought to the attention of the committee. To assure the specifics are not misunderstood we ask that you also submit your concern by email or in writing.

Some of the SPRC responsibilities are:

Recommend staff positions to church council and accomplish needed hiring/termination.  
Develop job descriptions for staff and evaluate staff at least annually. Establish and review staff salaries in coordination with finance committee.

Be attentive and open to congregation opinions concerning staff, both positive and negative, and take appropriate action. (We don't know about differing opinions, conflicts or concerns if we aren't told)

Confer with the district superintendent about clergy leadership for the congregation

The committee meets as needed, at least quarterly, in closed session with all information shared in the committee (and in committee related emails) being confidential.

## Open Position

With regret SPRC announces that Jessica Wells, our song leader has resigned effective December 31.

We are recruiting for the song leader position. Please submit your resume to [trinityumcboro@gmail.com](mailto:trinityumcboro@gmail.com) by January 31, 2023.

The Song Leader position exists to lead congregational singing and to direct, support, and aid in choir and other choral performance. ***Skills and Abilities Needed:*** Ability to sight read music, Vocal skills to lead congregational singing, Knowledge of a variety of styles of worship music, Ability to motivate and inspire individuals, and Works well with a team.

***Primary responsibilities:*** Support the congregation in worship, through music, for all regular and special worship services. Enhance worship through leading congregational singing, and directing choir, choral singing and special music.

***Hours of Work:*** The workload for this position is approximately 7 to 10 hours per week, as established by the Music Director, primarily on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

## General Help Needed

Sunday School classes and other groups, United Women of Faith, United Methodist Men, Sisters in Ministry, etc. are good about letting others in the group know when someone is ill or needs help. Often, Pastor Tom is not notified of such concerns. To improve communication, the SPRC is asking each class/ group to add Pastor Tom's email to your email group so he will be informed of needs for prayer, care, or visitation. Tom's email is [tom.pierce@twkumc.org](mailto:tom.pierce@twkumc.org)

To further help improve notification and communication, we ask that when you are at church, in addition to telling Tom about something, that you place a note in his mail box in the office. As Tom says, his head is full with the sermon, the bible study lesson, the funeral eulogy, etc. When someone or 3 people tell him something, it may be forgotten in the activities of the moment. A note in his mail box assures he is reminded.



## Scouting at Trinity UMC BBQ Fundraiser

All funds go to support Troop 416, Troop 2019, Crew 197, & Ship 1919

Order our delicious pulled pork BBQ now through **1/31/2023**

All orders will be vacuum sealed and ready for pickup on Feb 12, Super Bowl  
Sunday

**2.5 lbs. - Smoked Pulled Pork BBQ for \$30**

**5 lbs. of Smoked Pulled Pork BBQ for \$60**

**4 oz of Sweet BBQ Sauce for \$2**

**4 oz of Sweet & Spicy BBQ Sauce for \$2**

BBQ pickup will be at Trinity United Methodist Church

2303 Jones Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Sunday February 12th from 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM

Email all questions to: [trinityumcscouting@gmail.com](mailto:trinityumcscouting@gmail.com)



HELP SUPPORT  
SCOUTING!!!!

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DELICIOUS BBQ FOR  
YOUR SUPERBOWL  
PARTY

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ENJOY THE GAME  
WITHOUT HAVING TO  
COOK!!

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YOUR PURCHASE  
MAKES SCOUTING  
MORE  
AFFORDABLE!!!

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THANK YOU FOR  
SUPPORTING OUR  
SCOUTING  
ADVENTURES!



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# Finance

## Financial Audit

Recently the Committee on Audit and Review of General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church published the booklet “Local Church Audit Guide”. The 20 page booklet provides detailed instructions on the type of audit performed, who can perform the audit and recommended procedures to accomplish the audit.

For churches of our size with less than \$500 thousand in receipts, an independent qualified member of the church or other volunteer can perform audit procedures and evaluate internal controls and report the results directly to the church’s finance committee.

As a result of these new guidelines the finance committee has switched from using an external auditor to doing an internal audit using the UMC guidelines. Debbie Goss, Cindy Burkitt, and Teri Towe are the members of the audit committee. Deb is a CPA, Cindy is an accountant and Teri has accounting experience.

As of December 2, 2022, of all items reviewed and reconciled, there is no evidence of misuse of funds.

Date	Giving	Attendance
10/23/2022	\$ 3,559.00	74
10/30/2022	\$ 6,678.00	69
11/6/2022	\$ 15,383.00	79
11/13/2022	\$ 2,425.81	84
11/20/2022	\$ 4,822.00	79
11/27/2022	\$ 6,704.00	82
12/4/2022	\$ 9,771.00	79
12/11/2022	\$ 11,430.69	88



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