



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,

We serve an awesome God, who loves us beyond measure and showers us with gifts and blessings. God is truly great all the time...

We are finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel of the worldwide pandemic! It is a glorious time where we can begin to breath sighs of relief. We need to be vigilant in this process as we return to more normal lives. The virus and its mutations are still around so we must practice safe living. This includes wearing masks and social distancing. This is also an excellent time to evaluate what we are doing as a church that loves its community.

Now, as we begin to resume face to face meeting, is the time to investigate what was working and what needed work. All of our ministries should be able to answer how they help us to live into God's mission for us and our church. Do our ministries have a heart for the community? What adaptations can we make to ensure that we are most effectively reaching people, creating disciples, and witnessing to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ? We are looking into ministries, new and old, with these questions and others in mind.

One of the things that is becoming very clear is a need of the church. As we begin the process of resuming our in-person ministries and services we have a need for volunteers. This past Sunday we heard from both our Youth Pastor, Sheryl Maybry, and Children's Pastor, Leslie Trail, about the need for volunteers in those programs. There are many other ways to be active in our church and our community as well. Remember we are the hands and feet of God sent forth to make the world a better place.

I believe that we are uniquely situated to make the world better one person, one household, or one area at a time starting right here in our community. Come join me in watching the smiles develop on peoples' faces as they experience the love of God in their lives.

Send us an email at Trintyumc@comcast.net, call us at 615-896-0413, or drop us a note in the offering plate telling us the areas you can help with. Thanks in advance!

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Tom

Worship Time Update and Links

WORSHIP UPDATE:

Sunday Worship Services are currently as follows:

- 8:30 AM in the sanctuary
- 10:45 AM in the sanctuary with drive-in option available. Just park your car in the church parking lot and tune your car radio to 90.7FM
- Come and See service @ 6:00 PM on the 3rd Sunday of the month

Have a Facebook account? Join Trinity UMC's group for daily devotionals, announcements, etc...

[Trinity FB Page](#)

Missed a Sunday? You can watch recorded sermons online!

[Trinity's YouTube Page](#)



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The Church Family



Circle
of
Concern

If you have updates to the
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for Jack Gilbert & family as his brother passed away.

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
Lorene Collins-Park View Meadows
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
Lorene Fourman-The Villages

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 Birthdays and Anniversaries

May and June Birthdays

May		June	
Denette Yarber	May 3	Don McKinney	June 1
Leslie Trail	May 3	Nancy McGill	June 1
Danny Deluca	May 3	Floyd Stricklen	June 4
Tara Strong	May 5	Chris Roy	June 4
Clarice Stewart	May 7	Donald Davis	June 7
EJ Snyder	May 8	Travis Bugg	June 8
Calder Harvey	May 8	Nancy Smith	June 12
Amy Adcock	May 9	Jim Whitehead	June 15
Christine O'Day	May 10	Kathy Coil	June 16
Caroline Lewis	May 10	Steve Agnew	June 16
Don Richardson	May 12	Olivia Boylan	June 17
Cindy Burkitt	May 12	Evie Agnew	June 17
Katherine Malpas	May 13	Dianna Adcock	June 18
Sarah Malpas	May 13	Eric Smith	June 18
Thomas Malpas	May 13	Joshua Brown	June 20
Pam Stringfield	May 14	Briana Strong	June 22
Tristine Corson	May 16	Jessica McDonald	June 22
Wanda Richardson	May 17	Barbara Wallis	June 23
Brad Campbell	May 18	Meredith Boylan	June 27
Don Cherry	May 20	John Lewis	June 27
Brendan Johnson	May 20	Bryan Hendrix	June 28
Luke Hendrix	May 21		
Karen Garner	May 21		
Kellum Johnson	May 25		
Reva Wallis	May 27		
Sue Young	May 29		
Karen Malpas	May 30		
Daniel Young	May 31		



May and June Anniversaries

May

May 4	Milbrey and Tom Campbell
May 12	Jamie and Kevin Reneau
May 15	Denise and Ralph Scott
May 21	Diane and Jeff Bowden
May 22	Linda and Warren Anderson
May 28	Cindy and Mike Burkett
May 28	Sue and Bud Fultz
May 29	Wanda and Floyd Stricklen
May 31	Debbie and Al Goss

June

June 3	Brenda and Jim Whitehead
June 10	Pam and Robb Stringfield
June 16	Cathy and Mark Johnson
June 17	Deanna and Russ Frame
June 17	Melissa Snyder
June 26	Barb and Lee Wallis
June 29	Diane and Stephen Lewis
June 29	Tara and Randy Strong



Trinity Finance

YTD 2021 Giving and Attendance

Date	Giving	Attendance
2/28/2021	\$8,865.00	64
3/7/2021	\$9,325.00	67
3/14/2021	\$8,265.00	85
3/21/2021	\$5,610.00	70
3/28/2021	\$5,613.00	84
4/4/2021	\$9,165.00	126
4/11/2021	\$4,980.00	89
4/18/2021	\$5,100.00	77
4/25/2021	\$7,150.00	92

Trinity Online Bible Study

Another bible study led by Pastor Tom is in the works. Watch for more information in your bulletins and email.

Trinity Women's Bible Study

The Trinity Women's Bible Study Group led by Betty Lane is continuing to meet at a more relaxed pace. The online meeting is on Tuesday evenings at 7:00. Please contact Betty for the weekly schedule if you are interested in joining in.

Title: Elijah, Faith and Fire by Priscilla Shirer

This is a wonderful study of the life and times of the prophet, Elijah.

Tammy Harvey at (270) 393-1190 will help in setting up your **Go To Meeting** account and how to join in each week. Come join us and bring a friend! We have a wonderful group of ladies that are welcoming and supportive of each other through prayer and friendship.

Trinity News!

Have you heard talk about a trip to Israel in 2022 being organized? Well it is true! Pastor Tom is in the process of working on this and will provide details as soon as possible. Hoping to have many from our own Trinity UMC family make this trip together!

Preschool News

The title 'Preschool News' is written in a large, black, sans-serif font. The word 'Preschool' is on the top line, and 'News' is on the bottom line. A red hand-drawn smiley face is positioned over the 'o' in 'Preschool'. To the left of 'News', there is a green hand-drawn star and a yellow hand-drawn spiral.

Trinity Nursery and Preschool has had a terrific school year during a very unusual time. The COVID practices implemented by the teachers and staff have greatly contributed to our program being able to stay open and operating.

We are currently enrolling for the 2021-22 school year. Church members are offered first preference as well as a discounted registration/supply fee. Our program operates Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15- 2:00. Contact Christa Roth (615)896-0413 for more information.

Mission Opportunity



Project Transformation is returning this summer. We have several opportunities to serve as this organization seeks to provide literacy opportunities for children during the summer months. Trinity has the opportunity to read to children during the week of June 28-July 1. We need 8 volunteers each day during this week to participate in reading. We will have a one hour time slot each day for our volunteers. All reading will take place over ZOOM.

Project Transformation also is in need of supply bags for this summer. They need Gallon Sized Ziploc bags of the following items (all are in quantity of 1 unless otherwise noted):

Pack pre-sharpened pencils

Small pencil sharpener

Child Scissors

Markers

Crayons

Colored pencils

Glue Sticks (2)

Glue bottle

Composition Notebook

Index cards

Sticky notes (2)

Mini stapler and staples

Mini hand sanitizer (2)

Small dry erase board

Dry erase markers (3-4)

Small Dry erase eraser

Small can of Play-dough

Stress ball

Small Coloring Book

If you are interested in helping read or putting together a package for Project Transformation, please let Leslie Trail know.



Volunteers are needed in several areas of our church in the near future. Please consider offering your gifts and your time to spread the love and message of our Lord to others. Below are the areas in need.

Project Transformation-Contact Leslie Trail

Vacation Bible School-Contact Leslie Trail

Youth Sunday School Leader-Contact Sheryl Mabry

College Sunday School Leader-Contact Sheryl Mabry

Parent's Night Out-Contact Sheryl Mabry

Trinity's Children Ministry

The children have returned to in-person Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday morning at 9:30. It has been a blessing to spend time in worship together. We are also meeting in person at the pavilion on Wednesday nights at 6 pm.

This summer, we will be offering Vacation Bible School during the week of July 11-14. Our theme will be **Rocky Railroad** since we were not able to use that theme last year. We do need volunteers to work with our children's groups! Please see Leslie Trail if you are interested in helping this summer. We will have a VBS planning meeting on May 16 immediately following second service. At this point, we are planning to offer our full Vacation Bible School and we will need extra hands to help with some of the precautions that I plan to take to ensure that we are COVID responsible as we gather. I hope you can attend this meeting.

Parents, I am also working on some fellowship opportunities for children through the summer in partnership with St. Marks. My hope is that we will be able to have activities every other week to continue to grow together in friendship and in Christ. More information about these opportunities will be coming.

Trinity Photos





Trinity's Youth Ministry

Youth is back in person! We kicked off with a really awesome Easter Egg hunt where the youth enjoyed running around the yard looking for eggs filled with candy and even some with gift cards! We shared a meal together with a great turnout including some new friends brought by the students. We are currently meeting every Sunday evening from 5pm-7pm. We plan on supporting the Sunday Night Service once it goes outside and looking forward to having a role in this service in the future.

Sunday School is also back meeting as of Easter and we had a great first morning together talking about how important it is to include church in our routine even in looking ahead to when we are on our own and do not have our parents driving us. It led to a great discussion on just how many decisions will be up to them at some point and we learned that they all really liked green beans. Balance in life and having our faith as a priority is so vital to begin instilling as early and as much as possible!

Parent Meeting: Meeting for all Youth parents will be on Sunday, April 25 @ 5pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! We are need of people willing to lead Sunday School. The original thought is to have members from the congregation only sign up to lead for 1 Sunday, but if God has put on your heart to be a bigger part of this amazing group's spiritual journey, please consider Sunday School as an option to reach out to our young people. Contact Sheryl Mabry at trinityyouth@comcast.net if you are interested.

Trinity's College News

Trinity's College Ministry is currently still meeting every Wednesday night via Zoom, but is looking to start meeting in person soon. At this point, lunch after the second service is the best time. We recently talked about John Wesley's 3 Rules for Life and will be moving through I Corinthians next.

We will be recognizing our graduates from last year as well as those who are graduating high school or college this year soon. A date is still being looked at, but please contact Trinity if you have a student who is graduating from any higher education this year so that we can include them in the bulletin. We will still focus on the high school graduates during the service with a slide show.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! As with Sunday School leaders, this group will need somebody to lead the weekly gathering time. If you are interested in leading for any length of time whether just 1 week or on a regular basis, please contact Sheryl Mabry at trinityyouth@comcast.net



Trinity's Easter Egg Hunt

THANK YOU SO MUCH! We greatly appreciate everyone who donated candy to make this year's return of our annual Easter Egg hunt such a great success! It was on a Saturday afternoon this year and on the actual Easter weekend instead of Palm Sunday, but it proved that not everything has to be done exactly as it had been in the past to keep the tradition very much alive. We had a great group of kids coming from our own member's families, families from the preschool, families from our PNO program and several visitors from the community who had seen member's posts on Facebook. The kids cheered each other on as each group took turns hunting for eggs. Parents took advantage of the beautiful weather fellowshiping with each other while their kids played on the playground for a long time after the hunt was over. Special thanks to our Trustees for working on the yard and playground area to ensure it looked great

Parent's Night Out

August 2021 is currently the goal for PNO to return. We will be looking for extra **volunteers** for this incredible ministry to our young families with tired parents and children who greatly miss being with their friends. Before we had to put this ministry on hold, we were having around 45-50 children attend and anticipate more to come once we begin again in August. Reach out to Sheryl Mabry if you feel called to help with this unique ministry!

Scholarship Committee News

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to inform you that Ethan Roy, son of Sara and Don, has been awarded the \$1000 scholarship grant for academic year 201-2022.

Ethan took three years off after graduating from Oakland High School in 2018. He has been on an incredible adventure playing hockey all over the globe and from coast to coast. From his essay Ethan stated “I learned over my years at Trinity, through activities like mission trips and helping families through Way of Hope, that sometimes just providing a temporary distraction from what is going on in the rest of the world is the best service you can provide for your community. Ethan will be attending Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in the fall. He will be part of the school’s varsity hockey program.



***Senior Sunday** will be May 23rd at the 10:45 service. Please contact Sheryl Mabry if you have a high school, college or advanced degree graduate that Trinity UMC can recognize and honor in our Senior Sunday service.*



*Thank you to all of those
soldiers who have fought
and fallen in service to
our country!*

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 2021!

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