



# The Mustard Seed

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

## A Note From the Pastor

### Resolutions

*When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" John 21:15 CEB*

Sometimes I am amazed at the incredible way in which Jesus has of restoring us when we fail! Jesus never humiliates us, never criticizes us, he does not even ask us to make a resolution to try harder. Instead, He takes us aside and asks us to reaffirm our love for Him.

Peter miserably failed Jesus when he fled with the other disciples from the Garden of Gethsemane. A short time later he publicly denied that he even knew Jesus. I am sure that probably Peter wondered whether he had been capable of being a disciple, especially when he was unfaithful to Jesus in hour of greatest need.

As we begin a new year, and reflect on our lives, we may be painfully aware that we have failed the Lord in many ways. Perhaps we have not been as faithful as we could have been. Perhaps we have disobeyed God's Word to us. Perhaps we have denied Him by the way we have lived our lives. It is in the realization that Jesus will take us aside, as He did Peter. He will not berate us. He will not humiliate us. He will simply ask us to examine our love for Him. He asked Peter, "Do you love Me?" If our answer, like Peter's, is "Yes, Lord," Jesus will reaffirm His will for us. And if we truly love Him, we WILL obey Him. You know, I somehow feel that Jesus does not need New Year's Resolutions. He rather needs our love. If we truly love Jesus, our service for Him as we begin a new year will be of the quality He desires.

*John*

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# Trinity Happenings



## Epiphany Ring

**Sunday, January 5th, 2020**

**7:00 pm—St. Mark's UMC**

The Hallelujah Ringers invite you to the 28th Annual Epiphany Ring!

Internationally acclaimed conductor, composer, and performance arts educator, Tim Waugh will be the massed ringing director at the 28th Annual Epiphany Ring on January 5th, 2020 at 7:00 pm at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1267 N. Rutherford Blvd. in Murfreesboro. Well known in many performance mediums, including handbell, choral, church music and musical theatre, Waugh currently is the Artistic Director and Founding Conductor of Charlotte Bronze Handbell Ensemble, a professional community choir, based in uptown Charlotte, NC. His conducting, workshop, and performance travels have taken him to almost every US state and to Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Hong Kong, Canada, England and Ireland.

Free and open to the public, the Epiphany Ring is a high celebration event, in which area handbell choirs join together to ring beautiful music of the season. The massed handbell group, totaling about 100 ringers from seven churches, will present four selections together and there will be solo selections from several individual choirs. You don't want to miss this special event on Sunday, January 5th at 7:00 pm at St. Mark's United Methodist Church!



### ***Come & See Service***

Join us for our *Come & See Service*, January 4th, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Uplifting music will be provided by the Open Heart Praise Team. Come and join us as we explore Journeys.



### **Wonderful Wednesday Cooks Needed!**

Wonderful Wednesdays will resume on January 15th, 2020. Thank you to the Women's Bible Study Group for signing up to prepare the meal this evening. Cooks are still needed for many dates in the spring semester. Can you help? These meals are a great time to connect with your Trinity family, and we would like to continue to provide this opportunity. Please contact Steve Lewis or the church office at 615-896-0413, if you can provide a meal. Thank you!



# Trinity Happenings



Ladies Bible Study  
“One In A Million”  
by Priscilla Shirer  
Starting January 22nd  
6:15 pm



## Calendar

### January

- 1 Offices closed for New Year's Day
- 2 Sisters in Ministry Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 4 *Come & See Service @ 5:30pm*
- 5 Epiphany Ring @ 7:00pm, St. Mark's UMC
- 6 UMW Meeting @ 10:00am  
SPRC Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 7 Preschool Workday @ 8:00am
- 8 Handbell Rehearsal @ 6:30pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30pm
- 9 Preschool Resumes @ 8:00am
- 10 Golden Ager's Game Day @ 10:00am  
Way of Hope @ 5:00pm
- 12 UMM Sunday Breakfast @ 7:00am
- 14 Golden Ager's Planning Mtg. @ 10:00am  
Trustee Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 15 Wonderful Wednesday Resumes
- 20 Church offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 23 New Life Praise Team Rehearsal  
(7:00pm Vocals and 7:30pm Full Band)
- 24 Parents Night Out @ 5:00—9:30pm

### February

- 1 Scouting Event 7:00am-5:00pm  
*Come & See Service @ 5:30pm*
- 3 UMW Meeting @ 10:00am  
SPRC Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 6 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30pm
- 7 Golden Ager's Game Day @ 10:00am
- 8 Cherie Jobe Conference
- 9 UMM Sunday Breakfast @ 7:00am
- 11 Trustee Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 14 BYKOTA in Fellowship Hall @ 10:00am  
Way of Hope @ 5:00pm
- 20 New Life Praise Team Rehearsal  
(7:00pm Vocals and 7:30pm Full Band)
- 24 Laity Club at Trinity UMC @ 6:00pm
- 26 Wonderful Wednesday Meal @ 5:30pm  
Ash Wednesday service @ 6:30pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30pm
- 28 Parents Night Out @ 5:00—9:30pm

# Thank You Notes to Trinity

November 8, 2019

TO: Brad Campbell

RE: COOKIN' TO BUILD

Good afternoon, Brad. I hope you are having a wonderful day.

I wanted to send a little message to say THANK YOU for participating in Cookin' again this year. Over the years of working with you on this as well as volunteer lunches, I have come to value our friendship. I appreciate your honesty, humor, and servant's heart.

Sincerely,

Megan Hutchings

Volunteer Coordinator

Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity

November 18, 2019

Dear Trinity UMC,

This past Sunday, November 17, we placed a candle on the altar in your honor. We remember you in prayer and ask that God will bless and strengthen your work in the high calling of Christ!

Rev. Rickey Wade, Pastor

Tullahoma First United Methodist Church

To those attending Women's Retreat Nov. 15-17, 2019:

November 19, 2019

Dear Sisters in Christ,

What a joy to be with you at the Retreat! Thank you for your hospitality, your joy and your gifts—know that the honorarium is going towards Advent Missions.

Peace,

Melisa Derseweh, Pastor

Andrew Price United Methodist Church

Dear Trinity Friends,

We just want you all to know how much we appreciate the ministry of Trinity Church. Your outreach is so needed and special. My grandson, Malachi Brown, was so blessed to be a part of the Preschool. Your Parents Night Out is truly a blessing to children and families. Thank you so much.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

The Bennison Family

To the precious folks of Trinity United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for coming out to the Alive Hospice Teen Retreat last weekend! This is such a meaningful weekend for these teens who have lost so much and are taking steps to heal. Your support and love was felt through your service cooking lunch for us on Saturday. You are an incredibly generous group of people and continue to be such a blessing to us through your service at our camps. We are so grateful to you all!

With love,

Lauren Thurman and Pam Quiantance

Teen Retreat Co-Directors

From Murfreesboro Little Theatre:

Trinity United Methodist Church,

Thank you for providing a rehearsal space for "Junie B in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!" We couldn't have done the show without you! Thank you for supporting Murfreesboro Little Theatre and the arts!

Love,

Emma Hawkins (director)

The Cast

Stephen Burnette (accompanist)

# The Church Family



Circle  
of  
Concern

*Updates for Circle of  
Concern should be sent  
to the office by phone or  
email at  
trinityumc@comcast.net*

## Prayer Requests

Diane Bowden, Day Coil, Kathy Coil, Elaine Davis,  
Donald Douglas, Ollie Ruth Golson, Jo Jamison, Diane Kelton,  
Chris Kiddoo, Peggy Moses, Selma Pancake, Dustin Pate, Rebekah Pate,  
Kaylee Pendergast, Bill Saunders, Toni Saunders, Robb Stringfield

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.

## At Home/Assisted Living/Nursing Homes

Jack Arbuckle-NHC	Clarice Stewart-Park View Meadows
Shirley Lawter-The Rutherford	Joy Elkins Tribke-Adams Place
Doug & Charlotte Mason-Creekside	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.



All of us at Trinity wish to extend our appreciation and gratitude for the work **Jennifer Faauaa** has given over the past 17 years. Jennifer began working in the preschool as a teacher where her love for working with and educating children was evident from the start. She continued to play a large role in the lives of the preschool families and in that ministry of Trinity. Later when she took the role of Secretary for Trin-



ity, she quickly began to be a great support system for all areas and people of the church. She has spent countless numbers of hours in the office whether during her actual scheduled time, meetings in the evening, coming early or staying late to help others out, or even to run over and unlock the church for groups. Her encouragement, honesty, care and dedication has helped keep Trinity running as smoothly as possible for so many years and we are all grateful for the love and care she showed on a daily basis. We wish Jennifer nothing but the best as she moves forward to her next position and know that she will continue her ministry with all those she meets.





# The Church Family

## January & February Birthdays

### January

### February

1 Victoria Nichols  
5 Pat Houseman  
10 Debra Johnson  
11 Layla Fee  
12 Ann Woosley  
13 Gretchen Campbell  
14 Butch Golson  
16 Becca Davis  
17 Steve Bugg  
17 Dave Mabry  
17 Jenny White  
19 Selma Buckner  
19 Elaine Davis  
19 Lauren Van Etten  
20 Anna Campbell  
21 Charlie Fultz  
22 Tom Shepherd  
23 Nathan Johnson  
24 David Long  
24 Ron Sledge  
26 Ginny Purviance  
27 Philip Adcock  
29 Theresa Johnson  
30 Steve Schouten  
31 Landon Robinson

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



## January & February Anniversaries

### January

### February

21 Bob & Pauline Hackler  
27 Ron & Sherrie Sledge

18 Tim & Amy Glascoe

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us....*

*Hebrews 12:1 NRSV*

## Youth Ministry

### Thank You For A Great 2019! ~ Hello 2020!

The Youth had a great end of 2019 and is looking forward to 2020! We closed out the year by being elves to some of our neighboring church families in delivering cookies as part of our Christmas party. We have also enjoyed having guest speakers share once a month on Sunday nights from the congregation and look forward to hearing from more people on how and why the church is so important to them. If you would like to share, please contact Sheryl about setting up a time to do that!

One of the biggest retreats every year is Warmth in Winter. This year, the retreat is Jan 31 - Feb 2 and will be held at the Opryland Hotel in one of the outside conference centers. We have 20 youth and chaperones excited to get to experience this weekend with other youth groups all across the Tennessee Conference and even from other states.



Our youth continue to focus on mission work, Bible study, fellowship time, and leadership opportunities. We implement as many of these aspects in every meeting time and love getting to watch God work in the lives of these young people. Thank you for the continued support Trinity offers this ministry and we invite you to join in this adventure of faith through your prayers and any way that you would like to help.

## Trinity Family Ministry



### Annual Super Bowl Party!

Sunday, February 2 @ 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall!

Plan to bring your favorite snack item/dessert and join in on lots of fun as we watch the commercials and maybe a little bit of the game depending on your team preference!

## Learn, Grow, Serve, Outreach

The children's ministry has been blessed through 2019 with opportunities for service, connection, and growth. My word for 2019 was **"intentional."** With that in mind, we have been intentional about our spiritual growth continuing the Group curriculum on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. We have been intentional about service. We have been intentional about community.

My word for the children's ministry for 2020 is **"growth."** While I would love to see this ministry grow in numbers (and will be sharing invite a friend challenges), I am more excited to think about our growth spiritually and in community this year.

A new year is an exciting time to reflect on where we have been and where we are going. I hope you will bring the children in your life to go places with us.

## Advent Workshop—December 11th, 2019





## Community Outreach

### Kroger Community Rewards Program



Kroger Cares is a program we've been using at Trinity for several years as an ongoing fundraiser to contribute to our operating expenses. **All you need to do to help is register your Kroger Plus card and choose Trinity as the organization that will earn rewards.** You can do this online at [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and go to the community rewards tab at the bottom of the page. Select Community Rewards then choose customer looking to enroll and follow the remainder of the steps. You may also enroll by calling 1-888-904-0800. To enroll either way you will need the following information: the 12 digit

number on the back of your Kroger Plus card (be sure to provide all 12 digits) and your last name. Then you will select Trinity United Methodist Church (organization number is 89624). If you'd like assistance in registering your card, please come by the church office during office hours. Once you've registered your Kroger Plus card, a percentage of all your purchases (currently 4.5%) will be periodically sent to Trinity. On the bottom of your receipt it shows that you are supporting Trinity UMC. This is a great way for the church to supplement our giving and increase our opportunities for ministry with very little effort. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Thank You For Your Support!

## Finance

2019 Operating Budget: \$579,714.00

Attendance	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 29
8:15 Worship	29	45	NA	28	NA
10:45 Worship	83	102	178	104	102
Sunday School	104	91	98	100	74
Offering	\$12,060.00	\$11,832.22	\$9,366.36	\$11,969.49	\$19,393.05

Thank you for your  
faithful giving to  
Trinity UMC  
in 2019.

## 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 2020!

Trinity UMC: *Where Jesus is lifted for all people and God's Word is honored.*



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