



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,

Being appointed as Pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church has been such a blessing. You all have welcomed my family and me, and we feel like we have found a home here. I look forward to knowing you all better as the pandemic eases.

As we go forth, in these uncertain times, we need to keep our eyes on God and what it is that God wants us to be doing. We need to remember that we are God's and represent God. To serve as a true and good witness we share the love of God with our neighbors, and friends, and strangers. We share this love by doing what Jon Wesley referred to as "Good Works." Some people refer to good works as random acts of kindness however we must not be random but intentional! We show God's love through our intentional acts of kindness not missing an opportunity to reach out and brighten someone's day. I was having a great day Sunday when a group of people ****cough cough y'all cough cough**** made my day even brighter. The cards and gifts are truly appreciated and add to the warm reception that my family and I feel. Thank you for being awesome!

In the next while we will be celebrating All Saints' Day, Christ the King Sunday, Hanging of the Greens, Advent, and Christmas. These days may look different than in the past, for the way we gather has been altered, but we continue to serve an awesome God who will see us through this time of pandemic. It is always our goal to worship and honor God and to have services that hold true to our tradition and history as United Methodists. We have been able to come together and adapt to the changes Covid 19 has thrown our way and we will continue this through the holiday season.

God will continue to be with us, for God was, is, and always will be. As we follow God into the wilderness of an unknown of the future, we can count on the fulfillment of God's promises just as Abraham, Moses, and many others have in the past. We are truly blessed, and God wants us to share these blessings with others. I ask you to talk with your neighbors, friends, coworkers, and even the people running the local store. Tell them about your faith, invite them to church (even online), and show them the love God has for all of humanity.

Blessings in Christ's Name,

Pastor Tom

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Trinity Calendar

Important Dates:

Sunday, November 1st – All Saints Sunday (all 3 services)

Wednesday, November 4th – United Methodist Women @ 10:00am

Thursday, November 5th – Sisters In Ministry @ 6:30pm

Sunday, November 8th – United Methodist Men breakfast @ 7:00am

Sunday, November 29th – Hanging of the Greens @ 6:00pm

Sunday, December 20th – 2020 Christmas Ensemble @ 10:00am

We apologize if any events were not listed. Please contact the church office for any updates that need to be added.

Trinity Worship

There are now three times for worship each Sunday.

8:30 am: We will conduct worship from under the pavilion. As the temperatures begin to drop the worship committee suggests that you bring blankets, a chair and maybe a warm beverage. Worship outdoors is special with the fresh air and natural social distancing. We will go indoors when it is 32 degrees or raining. Typically this service is a tad shorter, with live music.

10:00 am. We conduct this service indoors in the sanctuary. Again, social distancing is practiced as we sit in every other row and sit at least 6 feet away from other families.

6:00 pm: This service is outdoors until it gets cold. Be sure to bring a chair and social distance. This is a very relaxed service and includes special guests and unique opportunities. Every 3rd Sunday evening is the Come & See service.

We will celebrate the season of Advent with our traditional Hanging of the Greens November 29th. Be watching for more details!



The Church Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy Coil, Danny Killoran, Briana Strong

If you have someone that is in need of prayer, you may call (615-896-0413) or email (trinityumc@comcast.net) the church office, and 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 a temporary request.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Bill Saunders, Toni Saunders, Chuck and Marlene Massey, Selma Pancake, Shirley Kull, Steven Lowel

AT HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING / NURSING HOMES

Jack Arbuckle-NHC

Reba Miller-Adams Place

Doug & Charlotte Mason-NHC Place,
Franklin, TN

Clarice Stewart-Park View Meadows

Joy Elkins Tribke-Adams Place

Bill Elmore-The Villages

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	Offering	Attendance
8/16/2020	\$5,395.00	36
8/23/2020	\$4,360.00	63
8/30/2020	\$9,240.00	57
9/6/2020	\$7,605.00	58
9/13/2020	\$4,680.00	40
9/20/2020	\$5,365.00	96
9/27/2020	\$8,453.07	85
10/4/2020	\$8,040.00	64
10/11/2020	\$6,965.00	61
10/18/2020	\$2,120.00	103
10/25/2020	\$6,165.00	101

The Church Family

November and December Birthdays

November

November 1	Ashley Fee
November 2	Tiffany Golson
November 2	Will West
November 3	Kelley McKnight
November 5	Brenda Whitehead
November 6	Nick Warren
November 9	Jim Malpas
November 10	David Anthony
November 11	Kathryn Johnson
November 12	Sherry Roberts
November 13	Lorene Collins
November 14	Jackie Jamison
November 16	Bethann Charlene Anthony
November 16	Zachary Whitehead
November 18	Marjorie Cowell
November 19	Tom Szejbka
November 22	Sidney Roy
November 23	Sandy Bugg
November 25	Brittany Leimer
November 27	Pat Counts
November 28	Mike Burkitt
November 28	Sheryl Mabry
November 28	George Ann Smith
November 29	Katie Helms
November 29	Joan Vaughn

December

December 2	Linda Anderson
December 2	Ashtin Dallavia
December 2	Connie Golson
December 2	Jo Jamison
December 3	Al Goss
December 4	Laurie James
December 4	Weston Lane Taliaferro
December 4	Butch Vaughn
December 8	Pauline Hackler
December 8	Ralph Scott
December 9	Chris Kiddoo
December 9	Bekah Purviance
December 11	Jenny Clark
December 11	Sue Fultz
December 12	Sue Cain
December 12	Gary Johnson
December 12	Sid Smith
December 14	Dianna Corson
December 15	Frances Anthony
December 16	Deanna Frame
December 17	Lynn West
December 20	Pam Van Etten
December 22	Beverly Anthony
December 23	Betty Parsley
December 24	Sherrie Sledge
December 24	Teri Towe
December 26	Caitlyn Brown
December 28	Bill Lodholz
December 29	Alan Young



November and December Anniversaries

November

November 2 Peggy and Don Cherry
November 5 Kim and Rocky Davis
November 11 Sandy and Kirk Bugg
November 22 Connie and Butch Goson

December

December 2 Pat and Mike Counts
December 9 Reba and Les Schmidt
December 17 Sherry and Doug Roberts
December 20 Carroll Jarvis
December 20 Joy Tribke
December 28 Lynn and Bill West
December 29 Leslie and Jeremy Trail



Mission Opportunity

Pull tabs are being collected for the Ronald McDonald House. Your pull tabs can be dropped off at the church or drop them off at Selma Pancake's house in the chair on her front porch. Selma is also collecting labels for education and she will periodically take them to our local schools. If you have questions regarding these missions please contact Selma Pancake.

Thank you and God bless you.

Trinity Children Ministry

The children have been glad to return to meeting on a regular basis. Children are having regular Wednesday night lessons at the Pavilion and have had fun playing Bible games and studying more about stories in the Old Testament.

Children also continue to have regular Sunday school on Sunday mornings at 11:30 via ZOOM. While things look different, we are still able to study and learn together as we focus on growing in our faith.

We were excited to see two of our children join the church and Confirm their faith on Sunday, October 25. These children have participated in regular meetings with their mentors, study lessons as a group, and a Confirmation Day together. We thank our mentors: Sara Roy and Rocky Davis. We appreciate them for giving of their time and gifts to these Confirmands. We are excited to continue to watch them grow in their Christian Faith!



Trinity's 2020 Confirmands







Saturday, Oct. 31

1pm-3pm

Trinity UMC

2303 Jones Blvd.

YOU are invited to drive on in as a safe way to trick or treat this year
OR as a stop on your way to or from another event.

There will be a photobooth at the end for you to take pictures of your
kids in their costumes or as a family if you choose.

Learn, Grow, Serve, Outreach

Summer typically brings camps and VBS to our children. This year has been different, but it is also a special time! Our children are participating in Compassion Camp in partnership with St. Mark's. We have had over 60 children participate from our church, St. Mark's church, our community, and other communities. This has been a beautiful way to teach lessons of God's goodness, love, and compassion. Through the camp, children have participated in a variety of compassion challenges. These challenges have included donating food to the food pantry, donating supplies to homeless ministries, doing something kind for a neighbor, and sharing books through our new Blessing box.

Speaking of the Blessing box, a special thanks to Dave Long and the Trustees for making this happen. Dave put his talents to our benefit when he built this box where we can share books with our community that show God's love! The Trustees were helpful in ensuring that the box had a great place to be shared. This is a ministry for our church and community. I hope you will check it out the next time you pull into our building.

We are looking forward to our return to church when we will return to Confirmation, give out third grade Bibles, and promote our children!



Youth Ministry

Youth is starting to build up steam as we continue to meet on Thursday nights! We are having a solid core group with our middle school/early high school and I'm super excited to see where God is going to take them as we continue to move forward. Covid may limit us a little as to what activities we can do at this time, but it sure is not limiting the bonding of friendships happening right now. They are also beginning to take on leadership roles during the activities each week and so I'm also looking forward to seeing those continue to develop.

Our College Age Ministry is also doing well with our on-line weekly check-in on Tuesdays. We continue to have students from 5-6 schools represented each week who wouldn't all get to be a part of this if we met at church. We are currently doing a study on the book of Daniel and have struggled through some deeper aspects of faith shown in this book past the basic Lion's Den story we all remember from our childhood. It has paired beautifully with some of the things they are bringing to the discussion that they experience during college with times of transition and uncertainty. This group has had several bringing things to share for awhile now and that is continuing which is a great source of confidence for those leading.

With the addition of a Sunday evening service every week, our two groups (Youth & College Age) will be meeting at 5pm to eat together in what we call our Brown Bag Special. This allows for everyone to bring what they want to eat and spend time in fellowship as we all prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Both groups will be participating in Trinity's Trunk or Treat and we are continuing to find creative ways to stay connected with each other, our church family and those who we can be in ministry to where ever they may be.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

PNO is currently suspended until the Murfreesboro City School and Rutherford County Schools determine the guidelines for returning to school this fall.