



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 are in the season of Lent; a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. We prepare ourselves, our community, and our church for the coming Kingdom of our Lord and Savior. During this season I encourage you to keep your fast. That is, continue in giving up whatever it is you decided to give up. Or continue to practice that new spiritual discipline or practice that brings you closer to God. When you mess up or give into temptation, and if you are like me, you will, do not lose hope but start again from that point. These habits are strong influences in our lives and take time and practice to change.

The same is true for matters of the church. We can add practices into our church lives. We can add attending Bible studies, special services, and Sunday school. We can do things for the church even when not at the church. For example, we can witness to the glory, power, and love of God. We can spread the Gospel message out to all the people with whom we interact. This simple act of sharing is the beginning of a new relationship or a transformation of an established relationship. Out of these new or renewed relationships we can invite people to church. This is a fantastic way to add to the family of God.

There are numerous ways to be involved. We will have Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at 7pm and Easter Sunrise service at 6:30am. We have a new Sunday School following 24 Hours that Changed the World by Adam Hamilton. There are countless places to share the Good News starting with wherever you are.

The time to regrow our church and fully recover from Covid is now. I look forward to working together and seeing what God has in store for us as we reach out to our neighbors with how God has touched our lives!

*Blessings,
Pastor Tom*

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Upcoming Calendar

March

- 4 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Finance Committee @ 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 7 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 7 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 10 UMM Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m.
- 13 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 14 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 16 Trustees Work Day
- 20 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 21 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 23 Easter Egg Hunt @ 2:00 p.m.
- 24 Palm Sunday Cantata @ 9:00 a.m.
- 25 Rutherford Laity Club @ 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 28 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Good Friday Service @ 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Easter Services @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

April

- 1 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
- 3 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 4 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 4 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Finance Committee @ 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 11 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 13 District Board Meeting 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- 14 UMM Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m.
- 17 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 18 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 22 Rutherford Laity Club @ 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 25 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.

Get the latest calendar updates on our
Church Website!

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website!



LENTEN

Schedule

Wednesday, February 14th • 6:30pm

Ash Wednesday Service

Saturday, March 23 • 2:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 24th • 9:00am

Palm Sunday and Easter Cantata

Thursday, March 28th • 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29th • 7:00pm

Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31st • Easter Sunday

6:30am - Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden

9:00am - Easter Worship Service

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Trinity Preschool

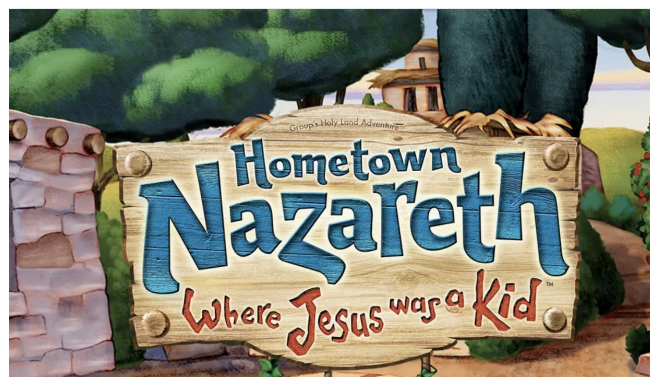
Trinity Nursery Preschool is enjoying our Spring Semester! We have added several new students this spring, and we are at-capacity in all of our classes except Bumblebees/4 and 5yr olds, which has 3 spots open at this time. We have welcomed two new teachers this spring and we are looking forward to celebrating all kinds of Holidays and fun! We have crafts and activities for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter to look forward to! We also have Donuts with Dad's/Caregivers planned for March and Muffin's with Moms planned for May, as well as Teacher Appreciation Week from May 6th through 10th.



Children's Ministry

Trinity's children are continuing to grow together in faith this spring! We joined together with St. Mark's in February to participate in Wonderfully Made and had three of our own children participate in this learning opportunity. Because Holy Week is the week of Spring Break, the children will be offering some special Lenten opportunities leading up to Holy Week to encounter Jesus as we prepare for Easter. We will have a Lenten Workshop on Wednesday, February 21 as a follow-up to Ash Wednesday. Then, we will participate in a foot washing service on Wednesday, March 20 (the last Wednesday before Holy Week). We would love to invite adults and other children to join us!

Save the Date for our 2024 Hometown Nazareth VBS. We will be doing things a little different this year by kicking off our VBS with our Whole Church and participant VBS Sports Com Celebration as a Kick off and then running VBS on Monday-Friday. The Sports Com Kick off is July 21 and VBS will be July 22-26. If you are interested in volunteering this year, please see Leslie Trail or email trail99@icloud.com. Registration will be opening on March 1!



Youth Ministry

The Youth ended 2023 with our annual trip to Opryland Hotel to see the lights. We started the night off by enjoying a meal together at a nearby restaurant where the youth took over one table leaving the parents to “suffer” through a quiet meal of adult conversation....we might have been a little lost at first on how that works. This year, due to capacity policies, we got to have a bonus slide down the snow tubing which was a blast for everyone even our parents & grandparents!

We also hosted the return of the hopefully back to annual Superbowl Party. This game was enjoyed by all whether people were watching the game, the commercials, the half-time show, or watching for a glimpse of Taylor Swift. Thanks to all the parents for bringing such yummy food!

The youth continue to work on announcement videos on Wednesdays after a short devotional time. Sunday mornings continue to be for focus on Scripture where we have talked about our growth in faith as we compared playing Checkers verses Chess. We have also discussed labels and how important it is to know they are a Child of God, but how dangerous labels can be if abused. We will continue to walk through the Bible together as we learn more about God, ourselves, and each other.



From the Finance Committee

We would like to provide an update on the finances of the church as we are aware that this is always an area of concern.

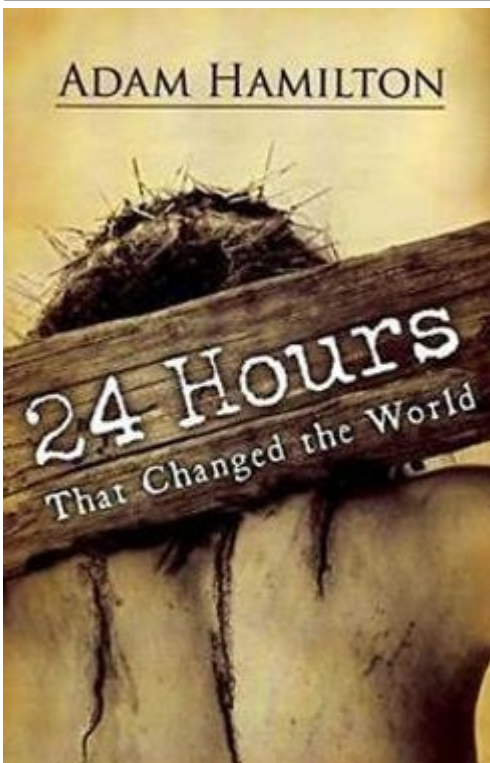
All bills were paid on time and 100% of apportionments were paid. We were able to save several thousand dollars by having the annual financial audit performed internally. It was performed in accordance with the stringent guidelines recommended and vetted by the United Methodist church. The audit did not reveal any discrepancies in the financial reports or transactions. We owe a big thanks to the audit team and to Kristen, Trinity's Administrative Assistant & Treasurer.

The Committee updated the Financial Policies and Procedures of Trinity as suggested by the audit team. The Committee is indebted to Nancy Lane for her decades of devotion and service as the Financial Secretary for Trinity. We welcomed Pat Counts as Financial Secretary and thank her and her team of "money counters" for the services they have provided.

Our spending in 2023 was very much in line with monies spent in prior years in spite of the rising cost of services and supplies. To the 2023 committee chairs and church staff, we thank you for being good stewards of our limited resources.

Our giving in 2023 was not as robust as in past years and the Finance Committee is carefully monitoring this. We ask that you remain faithful in your giving as monthly bills must be paid as well as staff salaries. We are blessed to have a vibrant and committed congregation, who is very responsive to any financial needs that arise. Thank you all!

New Sunday School Class



*Join us in Room 34 for a
brand new Sunday School*

*Led by Leslie Trail
Color Commentary by Pastor Tom*

Finance Report

Date	Giving	Attendance
12/24/2023	\$ 8,374.88	75
12/31/2023	\$ 5,204.75	74
1/7/2024	\$ 13,736.00	82
1/14/2024	\$ 4,564.00	75
1/21/2024	\$ 325.00	SNOW DAY
1/28/2024	\$ 5,724.88	77
2/4/2024	\$ 12,649.25	137
2/11/2024	\$ 3,446.00	80



Don't have cash or check, but still want to give financially to Trinity? Use this QR code to donate on-line or set up an automatic payment. Create one less thing you have to remember to take care of each week, month, or quarter!

Thank You

A special Thank you to our amazing Scouts for donating so many canned goods for Trinity's Food Pantry! Your hard work and generosity will help so many in the community!

If anyone is interested in collecting pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities, please contact Selma Pancake selmaathome@aol.com



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Founded in 2006, The Journey Home is a Christian ministry that serves the homeless and disadvantaged of Rutherford County by helping to rehouse and provide resources and relationships that encourage faith, economic stability, wholeness, and reintegration into community life. We are collecting reading materials for the Journey Home. There is a basket in the church library where donations can be dropped off.

Celebrations



March

4 Diane Lewis
5 Ken Goss
6 David Johnson
7 Doug Mason
7 Justin Johnson
10 Reba Schmidt
14 Powell McClellan
15 Les Schmidt
16 Nancy Hendrix
17 Stella Agnew
18 Carleen Brown
18 Kelsey Mabry
20 Carter Garner
21 Sadie Agnew
22 Richard Youree
23 Brenda Sanders
23 Ethan Roy
27 Beth Garner
28 Jerry McDonald
29 Adam Long
29 Ben Long

April

1 Kyle Goss
1 Rebecca Lane
2 Elaine Taylor
3 Mary Alsup
3 Lewis Snyder
4 Amy McBride
4 Lauren Goss
5 Bobby Boylan
7 Lance Cowell
11 Ellie Baker
11 MaryLee Brown
12 Aiden Golson
14 Bill West
19 Patti Agnew
25 Dwight Brown
26 Linda Lewis
27 Brandon Mabry
27 Sarah Young
30 Shelby Snyder

HAPPY
Anniversary
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

March

12 Jim & Karen Malpas
15 Richard & Tonya Youree
25 Steve & Linda Lewis

April

4 David & Beverly Anthony
7 Dwight & Debbie Brown
13 Phillip & Diana Adcock
13 Tom & Fran Shepherd
15 Kevin & Teri Towe
25 Harlon & Pam Van Etten
25 Steve & Patti Agnew

The Church Family



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

615-896-0413 or

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Prayer Requests

Mary Beck and family, Kathy Coil, Karen Garner, Dot Ghee, Jane Kurek
Prayers for Stephanie Gill & Cole Gravely with the passing of Jason Gill

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

Alfred Arayza, Caitlyn Bomar, Coil Family, Andrew Golson, Shirley Kull, Miles Lane, Kaye & Powell McClellan, Stephanie McConkey, Steven Lowel, Selma Pancake, Becky Waldrop, EJ Williams

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

Don Richardson-Adams Place

Clarice Stewart

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.

Congratulations

Cross and Flame Award

Scout Sunday was celebrated on February 4, 2024. During Scout Sunday worship activities, following Holy Communion, a special scouting award, The Cross and Flame Award was presented on behalf of Trinity's United Methodist Men and Trinity United Methodist Church. The Cross and Flame Award recognizes adult leaders who have given exceptional service to scouting programs and has served children and youth through the United Methodist Church.

Gary Johnson, President, Trinity United Methodist Men presented the Cross and Flame Award and shared the following comments before the recipient of the award was announced.

"The recipient was exposed to scouting at a very early age. His father had been a Scoutmaster at Trinity United Methodist Church. As a young boy, the recipient sometimes tagged along with his father to various scouting activities. Over the years as he grew up he had become involved with Trinity's scouting program and had served as a Scout Leader and as an Assistant Scoutmaster. In order for a scouting unit to be successful it requires the involvement of parents. And so it was with the recipient.....he and his wife were actively involved in scouting activities surrounding their son's journey to become a Life Scout. The recipient has previously served as President, Trinity's United Methodist Men. He has advised and helped Eagle scout candidates on their Eagle projects. The Cross and Flame award also recognizes community service. Over the past year the recipient has served with Samaritan's Purse helping and witnessing to tornado disaster victims in Florida, Arkansas and most recently in Clarksville, TN.

The recipient of the Cross and Flame Award is David Anthony!

