



# 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,*

*What strange times we live in! I am writing this a day after our church was broken into. The damage was minor, and the mess is cleaned up, but my thoughts keep thinking about the could have been. It could have been worse; more damage, theft, injuries. Thankfully, no one was hurt, and we continue to do what God desires for us. We love. We continue to go forth and witness to the greatness, love, grace, and mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and we use words if we need to. It is times like these that test our faith and obedience. Do we continue to love everyone, or do we sort people out? God has called us to love everyone, especially the unlovable or those we deem as unworthy.*

*So, we continue to move forward, pursuing our mission to spread God's love out to the world, starting right in our own community. We spread God's message of peace and love, the Good News to the poor, out to everyone around. We invite people to church and church activities. We function as the body of Christ truly becoming the church sent to a broken world.*

*This Fall as we gather after a wonderful summer, we will have a full preschool program! Scouts will be meeting as well as two home-school coops. Groups will be using our facilities.*

*We are having our Rally Day on August 13th and a Community Day on September 17th. These are great times to invite friends and neighbors to check us out and help us to restart Sunday schools and other groups.*

*I have included information on the disaffiliating churches elsewhere in this newsletter. There is no need for churches staying in UMC to vote and there has not been a large group of people seeking disaffiliation within Trinity UMC to need a vote.*

*May God Continue to Bless Us All,  
Pastor Tom*

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# Upcoming Calendar

## July

- 4 Offices Closed Holiday
- 5 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 6 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
- 9 UMM Breakfast @ 7 a.m.
- 12 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 13 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 20 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 23 Worship Committee @ 11:30 a.m.
- 24 Rutherford Laity Club @ 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Finance Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 27 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.

## August

- 2 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 3 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 3 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
- 3 Chuckwagon Committee @ 6:30 p.m.
- 7 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 10 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 13 UMM Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m.
- 13 Rally Day 11:15 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- 15 Preschool First Day
- 16 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 17 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 23 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 24 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 28 Rutherford Laity Club @ 6:30 p.m.
- 30 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 31 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.

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website!



# Ways to Serve

## Northfield Items

### 1st Grade School Supply List (6 classes)

- Elmer's Glue sticks-1200
- Fiskar scissors child size blunt tip (150)
- Fiskar scissors left handed child size blunt tip (12)
- Crayola Crayons 24 pack-300 boxes
- Yellow wooden #2 pencils-3000
- Expo Markers-fat black-1200
- Expo Markers-thin black-1200
- Primary composition books-150
- Headphones-150
- Large pink erasers-300
- Plastic school boxes-350
- Pencil pouches-350

### Optional Supplies

- Chlorox Wipes
- Kleenex
- Paper towels
- Baby wipes
- Clipboards-150
- Yellow highlighters
- Hand sanitizer

## Isaiah 117 Items

### 1. Girls/Women's Deodorant

Just collecting a variety of brands and scents would be great, as we have found that all the girls like different things, so it's nice to give them a variety to choose from.

### 2. Fun Kids Bath Time Tub

This is geared towards our younger guests that may be a little timid or scared about bathing or just being away from home. So, body washes with well-known cartoon characters, bubble baths, fun sudsy bath foam or bath bombs, or even soapy colorful body paint would be great.

### 3. Craft Supplies

This can be anything that you think might be good for a do it yourself type craft project. Some suggestions would be popsicle sticks, pipe cleaners, pom poms, googly eyes, sequins.

# Thank You!

On behalf of Trinity UMM I pleased to make you aware that Hannah Neal, Eagle Scout Candidate has completed her Eagle project. For her Eagle project Hannah chose to construct a new fire pit along with new bench seating. The site of the new fire pit is located on a slightly more elevated area of ground a little further away from the site of the old fire pit. It is anticipated that the site of the new fire pit and new benches will offer many opportunities for fellowship gatherings.

The new fire pit is now available for use. It is recommended that, when children and youth are present in the area, fires set in the new fire pit always be supervised by adult(s). It is further recommended that all fires set in the fire pit be extinguished (doused with water) before leaving the area.

Trinity United Methodist Men suggested that there be a special dedication of the new fire pit. Hannah expressed her desire to have dedication of the new fire pit done as part of her Eagle Project Court of Honor sometime in August or September. She will notify Trinity UMM and church when the date of her Eagle Project Court of Honor is finalized.



Respectfully – Gary Johnson

# Children's Ministry

Summer is kicking off with a lot of fun for the children's ministry. We had so much fun together at Go USA, and we are looking forward to more Wednesday evening activities with the children and their families. Here is our schedule for the rest of summer:

Week of June 25 - VBS

July 5 - No activity due to 4th of July

July 12 - TBD

July 19 - Dinner and Ice Cream at Dairy Queen on Cason Lane

July 26 - Strike N Spare

As part of each of these activities, we take just a few minutes at the end to share in a devotional and to share our prayer concerns and praises. We invite any members to join us for these fun activities. Each one begins at 6:30 PM.

In addition to our children's summer activities, our Project Transformation work has gone so well. I appreciate all of the members of our congregation who took time to read, who donated money or food for the two meals that we delivered, and who prayed for this summer ministry.



# Trinity Preschool

TNP is excited to return this Fall! Our families will have a Meet the Teacher on Monday, August 14 and kids will begin on Tuesday, August 15.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry as we continue to welcome and serve children and families in our community!

# Youth Ministry

Wednesdays have continued to be our main meeting time during the summer where we have filled our days with lots of great activities! We have climbed and done zip lines at Nashville Adventure Park, swam at Nashville Shores, worked around Trinity to help clean up our church, played at Dave & Busters, and helped with Vacation Bible School. All of these events are intentionally picked to not only provide an opportunity for our youth to hang out together, but to push comfort zones, help them discover their purpose, and ensure that they know they are cared for by peers and their church family. They have worked hard some weeks and played hard on others, but all the while, focusing on growing closer to each other and closer to God in ways they don't always correlate as being religious.

We hope to continue these type of events on Sunday evenings once school resumes. We will also be going back to our normal Wednesday evenings (instead of all day long during the summer!) We are in need of volunteers for Wednesday night. This can be a continual thing or part of a rotation. Please reach out to Sheryl Mabry if you are interested in being a part of these youth's lives in this way. They are an amazing bunch of students who have great conversations and a ton of energy!



# Adult/Family

Thank you to everyone who came out to the annual Pool Party at SportsCom and for bringing food to share! Your presence made a huge difference to all of the families who visited from VBS! Weather may have cut the evening a little short, but the time was well spent and we had several repeatedly show their appreciation for such a loving church family.



# Celebrations



## **July**

1 Lane Corson  
6 James Corson  
6 Ean Edgell  
7 Jamie Reneau  
10 Miles Lane  
10 Kevin Reneau  
13 Natalie Adcock  
18 Jaimie Johnson  
20 Dave Kiddoo  
21 Ashley Simmons  
22 Tristan Youree  
22 Joy Tribke  
25 Kaye McClellan  
26 Marie Nichols  
29 Jerry Brown  
31 Gene Cain

## **August**

6 Lauren Scott  
10 Harlon VanEtten  
11 Fran Shepherd  
14 Emily Bogle  
16 Nancy Lane  
17 Nancy Long  
17 Bud Fultz  
17 Diana Hadley  
18 Hadley Johnson  
22 Cameron Robinson  
22 Melissa Snyder  
25 Russ Frame  
26 Jacob Meyer  
27 Steve Fultz  
28 Bob Hackler  
28 Diana Pierce

**HAPPY**  
*Anniversary*  
FROM YOUR  
CHURCH FAMILY

## **July**

16 Bobby & Kelley Boylan  
22 Greg & Tammy Harvey  
30 Miles & Betty Lane

## **August**

7 Don & Wanda Richardson  
7 Powell & Kaye McClellan  
9 Jerry & Carleen Brown  
10 John & Ginny Purviance  
14 Luke & Nancy Hendrix

# 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

Frances Anthony, Taylor & Tom Coil, Helene Colvin, Teresa Fly, Karen Garner, Pauline Hackler, Jeanne Markham, Don Richardson, Randy Strong, Don West

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, Coil Family, Andrew Golson, Steve Kavanaugh, Shirley Kull, Miles Lane, Kaye & Powell McClellan, Steven Lowel, Stephanie McConkey, 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

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.

# Upcoming Sundays

**Sunday, July 30: 5th Sunday Joint Sunday School & Potluck following Service**

**Sunday, Aug. 13: Rally Day! Enjoy music, games, another potluck and home-made ice cream following Service!**

**Sunday, Sept. 10: New Sunday School Classes Begin!**

**Sunday, Sept. 17: Community Day! Lots of fun activities for all ages!**

# Hope Amid Disaffiliations

By Tyler Sprouse, TWK Communications Specialist

More than 80 percent of the 840 local churches in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference have chosen to remain faithful to the United Methodist Church.

There are several important data points that highlight our conference's vitality and overall health.

Local churches are communities of individuals bound together by the Spirit to collectively worship and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Within these 840 congregations throughout our conference, 157,508 professing members comprise our connectional family of faith. Nearly 87 percent of our professing members are choosing to remain faithful to the UMC. Also, approximately 83 percent of weekly church attendees in our conference plan to remain as well.

The TWK Conference continues its vital work of reaching people with the message of hope, transformation, and love found in the gospel of Christ. Last year churches in our connection received a total of 757 professions of faith (outside of confirmation). Of those who came to know the love of God in Christ through our churches, over 72 percent of these people are remaining United Methodist.

Like many other UMC Conferences, our conference has lost some of our local churches through disaffiliation. In our conference, there are 162 churches disaffiliating from the UMC this May. Here are some statistics to consider:

- Of the 162 disaffiliating churches, 146 had 50 or fewer votes; the majority of these churches had less than 25 votes. The 146 churches with 50 or fewer votes represent 90 percent of the disaffiliating churches.
- Twelve churches had between 55-99 votes. This number represents seven and a half percent of the total number of disaffiliating churches.
- Four disaffiliating churches had 100 or more votes, which is two and a half percent of the total number. Of the conference's 24 churches with 1,000 or more professing members, three are disaffiliating from the denomination.

Financially, those churches disaffiliating from the denomination in May 2023 represent about 10 percent of expected giving (based on 2022 connectional commitments).

Our conference is committed to its driving mission, "To discover, equip, connect, and send lay and clergy leaders who shape congregations that offer Christ to a hurting world, one neighborhood at a time."



# Audit Report

*On behalf of the Stewardship/Finance Committee, I am very pleased to announce that Trinity's annual financial audit did not reveal "any evidence to indicate that funds were misused during the past year. " Kristen has proven to be an invaluable staff member paying great attention to the financial transactions of Trinity. Apportionment/connectional giving is up to date and all bills are being paid on time.*

*In these somewhat challenging financial times , thank you for your faithful giving,  
Cornelia Brown  
Chair, Stewardship/Finance Committee*

# Finance Report

Date	Giving	Attendance
4/30/2023	\$ 4,045.00	74
5/7/2023	\$ 7,807.11	78
5/14/2023	\$ 6,938.00	103
5/21/2023	\$ 6,410.00	78
5/28/2023	\$ 5,170.60	72
6/4/2023	\$ 13,464.00	71
6/11/2023	\$ 3,801.00	66
6/18/2023	\$ 2,897.00	78
6/25/2023	\$ 4,349.71	74



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