



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,

As summer approaches many churches begin to wind down after the end of the school year. People go on vacation, spend time with family, and the church just isn't as active. Well, I'd like to challenge you to make church a central part of people's summer. Start inviting people now. Invite friends, neighbors, people you talk to in the store, and everyone else. We can come together as a community and really make a difference reaching out to those who need to hear the Good News.

There is a lot happening as we approach summer this year. We will have our Chicken Dinner to celebrate the last Wonderful Wednesday of the spring season and this year it will be free. The Youth are gearing up to do mission work and fun activities all summer long. Under Sheryl's leadership they are teaming up with other United Methodist Churches to accomplish great things for the Kingdom of God. The children are also planning fun activities and Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. The Chosen Bible study will also continue into the summer.

Please pardon our mess in the coming few weeks. We are getting the Sanctuary ceiling redone and the walls painted. It will take a week or so to do and then look brand new! The Trustees Committee has been very busy making this happen.

*Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Tom*

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Upcoming Calendar

May

June

1 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
2 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
2 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
5 Worship Committee @ 11:30 a.m.
6 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
8 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
9 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
10 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
12 UMM Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m.
14 Preschool Graduation @ 6:00 p.m.
15 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
15 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
22 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
23 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
27 Offices Closed for Memorial Day
27 Rutherford Laity Club @ 6:30 p.m.
29 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
30 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.

3 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
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 @ 7:00 a.m.
11 Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.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.
16-19 Annual Conference
20 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
24 Rutherford Laity Club @ 6:30 p.m.
24-27 Project Transformation
26 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
27 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.

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website!



Women's Bible Study

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Someone asked me do we still have a Prayer Shawl ministry. Yes, the prayer shawl ministry continues. We could use more knitters and crocheters. Currently there are two faithful women attending weekly with one or two more attending as they are able. The Prayer Shawl group would love to have others join in. The Prayer Shawl group meets on Thursdays at 10 a.m. until about noon. If your schedule doesn't permit joining and fellowshiping at that time, you can always do your work at home and bring the shawls in for additional prayers and blessings as we place the completed shawls on the altar for prayers.

The Prayer Shawl ministry was begun around 2010 by Brenda Whitehead. Until 2018 there were twelve women who participated regularly in making shawls. Brenda Whitehead, Kay McClellan, Kay Smotherman, Nancy Smith, Kathy Coil, Ethel Coil, Dot McKinney, Dot Wallace, Denette Yarber, Ginny Purviance, Jenny White and Teri Towe.

Records from 2010 through March of 2018 demonstrate over 620 prayer shawls were made by these disciples for church members, church family members and other individuals. Sadly, our recordings after March 2018 can't be found.

The purpose of a prayer shawl is to give someone a tangible example of God's love and care. Our shawls are made of soft yarn so the recipient can wrap up in it and feel God's arms around them. A prayer shawl is made with prayers for the receiver as the person is working on the shawl. Sometimes the Lord places the person's name on your heart. Other times they are made with no one special in mind.

Shawls can be used for comfort, peace, undergoing medical procedures, in times of stress, bereavement, or simply in prayer and meditation. Shawls are also used for joy and celebration of life events such as births, weddings, graduations, anniversary, or as a loving gift for that always cold person. The thing is, many recipients have told us they feel the love and presence of God when they wrap it around or lay it in their lap.

We have placed a notebook in the prayer shawl room on the left side of the countertop to record. Should you need a shawl, please contact Diana Pierce, Claudia Schooley or Teri Towe on a Sunday and they will help you choose and record the information. If during the office hours during the week is better for you to pick up a shawl, please contact Kristen and she will help you record the desired information.

Join us in the making of Prayer Shawls to continue to bless others.



Trinity Preschool

The Preschool has had a wonderful Spring Semester! We have served 40 children in our program each Tuesday and Thursday, with a full staff of 11 teachers plus the director!

We have enjoyed several events this spring like Donuts with Dads and a visit from the Murfreesboro Fire Department. We will be having Muffins with Moms right before Mother's Day and a Water Day celebration on the last day of school! We have been enrolling returning families for the past few weeks, and we already have more than half of our spots full and paid for the 2024-2025 school year! We are looking forward to finishing our year with a graduation celebration and class parties with our students. Our last day of the year will be Thursday May 16th! We will return the first week of August for teacher workdays and setup.



Congratulations

2024 Graduates

Adam Heinrich: Bachelor of Science in
Construction Management from the University
of Tennessee at Chattanooga, TN

Katherine Malpas: Bachelor of Science in
Health and Human Performance with a
concentration in Exercise Science and Wellness
from the University of Tennessee at Martin

Christopher Pierce from Blackman High School

Children's Ministry



Join Us for VBS!
July 22 - 26
6:00pm - 7:45pm

Scan QR code to register



VBS Kickoff at SportsCom
Sunday, July 21 @ 6:30pm

Trinity United Methodist Church
2303 Jones Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN 37129
www.trinityumcmurfreesboro.org

Youth Ministry

We are ready for summer and would love to have extra people (aka a second chaperone!) join in our weekly events! Let Sheryl Mabry know if you would like to help/attend any of the following events (times will vary):

June 5: Hike or Main Event (weather decides which one)

June 12: Hike or Main Event (weather decides which one)

June 19: Sam Davis Home

June 23-25: Mission Trip @ Shelbyville First UMC (overnight and day only options available!)

July 3: Fireworks with Families

July 17: Drive-In Movie

July 22-26: VBS

July 31: Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary

United Methodist Men

Trinity's United Methodist Men (UMM) received a Quadrennial Charter 2021-2024 Certificate acknowledging Trinity's men as having shared in the ministries of the United Methodist Men and are recognized as an organized unit. The charter is authorized by the General Commission on United Methodist Men, Nashville, TN in accordance with the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

Gary Johnson serves as President, UMM. Jeremy Trail serves as Treasurer, UMM. Trinity's UMM meet on the second Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall beginning with breakfast at 7:30am and adjourn at 8:30am. Trinity's UMM are blessed to have a loyal and dedicated team of cooks and servers who prepare each breakfast meal including Steve Lewis's home-made biscuits, Bill Young's specialty gravy, Mike Counts/helpers scrambled eggs and Kevin Reneau's delicious fruit salad prepared the morning each breakfast meal is served. (Note: In the month of May the UMM meeting is held on the third Sunday because of Mother's Day falling on the second Sunday of May).



All Trinity men are invited to attend our monthly breakfast/meetings. If you have not been attending please consider joining us. Active members of Trinity's UMM include the following: Steve Lewis; Kevin Reneau; David Anthony; Mike Counts; Bill Young, Pastor Tom; Rev De; Butch Golson; Andrew Golson; Denny Schooley; Gene Cain; Al Goss; Jeremy Trail; Floyd Strickland; Jim Whitehead; Ron Sledge; Stephen Bugg; Tom Wisdom; Jeff Bowden; Robb Stringfield; Kevin Towe; Richard Youree; Gary Johnson.

UMM meetings include shout-outs, announcements/reminders, praise to God for His provisions/joys and lifting up prayers for God's blessing of grace, healing, comfort, strength and courage for members of Trinity's church family and others who are dealing with personal issues and a devotional by one of the men. Business matters included at each meeting include Treasurer report, Trustees report, Old Business and New Business. The UMM especially appreciate Pastor Tom's attendance at UMM meetings.

UMM members are involved in many areas of service and ministries at Trinity including leading Adult Sunday School Class, Wonderful Wednesday meals cooks, greeters, ushers, communion servers, choir/bells members, AV techs, Trustee members, lawn maintenance crew and Golden Agers Coordinator.

Trinity's UMM is the chartering body for all scouting program units at Trinity which include the following:
Female Cub Scout Pack 2019 (UMM chartered in 2021)
Female Scouts BSA Troop 2019 (First female troop in the Trail of Tears District (UMM chartered in 2019)
Coed Sea Scout Ship 1919 (UMM chartered in 2021)
Male Scouts BSA Troop 416 (UMM chartered in 2022)
Co-Ed Venturing Crew (UMM chartered in 2023)

Finance Report

Date	Giving	Attendance
2/18/2024	\$ 4,280.00	65
2/25/2024	\$ 4,493.88	74
3/3/2024	\$ 12,946.00	75
3/10/2024	\$ 7,864.00	78
3/17/2024	\$ 3,816.00	79
3/24/2024	\$ 3,525.01	86
3/31/2024	\$ 7,745.00	129
4/7/2024	\$ 9,887.00	73
4/14/2024	\$ 2,973.69	87
4/21/2024	\$ 5,409.00	78



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!

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



Ronald McDonald House Charities®
Nashville



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



May

2 Shontae Youree
3 Denette Yarber
3 Leslie Trail
3 Danny DeLuca
5 Tara Strong
7 Clarice Stewart
8 EJ Snyder
8 Calder Harvey
9 Amy Adcock
10 Caroline Lewis
12 Don Richardson
12 Cindy Burkitt
13 Katherine Malpas
13 Sarah Malpas
13 Thomas Malpas
14 Pam Stringfield
16 Tristin Corson
17 Wanda Richardson
20 Brendan Johnson
21 Luke Hendrix
21 Karen Garner
25 Kellum Johnson
29 Sue Young
30 Karen Malpas
31 Daniel Young

June

1 Don McKinney
1 Nancy McGill
4 Floyd Stricklen
4 Chris Roy
7 Donald Davis
12 Nancy Smith
15 Jim Whitehead
16 Kathy Coil
16 Steve Agnew
17 Olivia Boylan
17 Evie Agnew
18 Dianna Adcock
18 Eric Smith
20 Joshua Brown
22 Briana Strong
22 Jessica McDonald
23 Barbara Wallis
27 Meredith Boylan
27 John Lewis
28 Bryan Hendrix

HAPPY
Anniversary
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

May

12 Kevin & Jamie Reneau
15 Ralph & Denise Scott
21 Jeff & Diane Bowden
22 Warren & Linda Anderson
28 Bud & Sue Fultz
29 Floyd & Wanda Stricklen
31 Al & Debbie Goss
31 Denny & Claudia Schooley

June

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

The Church Family



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

615-896-0413 or

trinityumcboro@gmail.com



Prayer Requests

Please keep the family of Sadie Agnew in your prayers as she has recently passed away.

Continue to Pray For

Alfred Arayza, Caitlyn Bomar, Coil Family, Shirley Kull, Jane Kurek, Miles Lane, Kaye & Powell McClellan, Stephanie McConkey, Steven Lowel, Selma Pancake, Becky Waldrop

At Home/Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

Jack Arbuckle-NHC

Don Richardson-Adams Place

Julia King-The Rutherford

Clarice Stewart

Marlene Massey-The Villages

Doug Mason-NHC Place, Franklin, TN

Reba Miller-Adams Place

Military Personnel

Chaplain Jen Bowden, Chance Cooke, Tristin Corson, Deserae Laczniak, Kelsey Lane, Thomas Lane, and the families of service men/women.

From Our Congregation

Pizza and Water

by Steve Lewis

Over the years I have heard many people speak of "giving up" something during the Lenten Season. Some people fast. Others forgo certain foods, such as desserts. Still others abstain from an activity, for example, watching TV. Until this year I hadn't given much thought to sacrificing anything for Lent.

What could I give up that I would really miss? Something I could do without for 47 days! (I got a real surprise when I realized Lent lasted for 47 days, not 40 as I first thought.) Fasting didn't strike me as something that would work. Desserts? Yes, I could refrain from eating desserts, but that still didn't appeal to me. Give up TV? I'm a "news freak" and get much of my news from TV, so losing touch with news at all levels didn't seem practical for me. (Plus, March Madness was coming up!) I ultimately decided to forgo carbonated drinks. Specifically, Diet Coke. Now I'm not a "Coke-a-holic," but I frequently keep a Diet Coke on the table beside my chair where I watch TV and read.

We would all agree, I think, that certain foods go well with particular drinks. Coffee and pecan pie. Milk and chocolate cake. Tea and scones. Any cola and peanut butter snack crackers. The list could go on. But is there any food that is complemented by water? On a recent Sunday after church, we decided to stop for pizza to take home for lunch. Not just any pizza. A Domino's Supreme! That lunch was when it hit me. Pizza and water? The two just don't go together. I realized what I had gotten myself into as I sat across the table from Linda with her Coca-Cola Classic while I sipped my water and ate my pizza. When, oh when, would the 47 days end?

Giving up carbonated drinks was more like an inconvenience than a sacrifice for me. And I was successful. But all the symbolic gestures we make, even with the sincerest of intentions, don't compare to the sacrifice Jesus made when he suffered on the cross to atone for our sins. For that sacrifice I am forever grateful.