



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 have an incredibly busy two months ahead of us. We have our Charge Conference on November 27th here at the Church. I encourage everyone to come and see how we manage the church. From the Charge Conference and all the meetings leading to it we move to the fun stuff.

*We will be having a special Sunday school class, during Advent, for people 10 to 120 years old. We will read and discuss Adam Hamilton's book *The Journey*. This Advent special will be led by me (Pastor Tom) and may develop into the new Sunday school class. We will gather in room 35 during the Sunday school hour.*

Sunday worship will include a celebration of All Saints Day November 5, Veterans' Day November 12, Christ the King Sunday November 25, and Advent and Christmas in December. As we pick up more and more tasks during this busy time of year let us remember the reason for these celebrations. Jesus came to us, born in lowly estate, not to be served but to serve. We are to be imitators of Christ, serving others by showing them God's love. With all the hate that is currently in our world and our country we need to be different. We need to show people God's love now more than ever before. The world is hurting, and we have been called to go forth as Jesus went forth. Go forth helping and loving all whom we encounter.

One way to help is by participating in the Reverse Advent Calendar. We may have two to choose from... Remember too to keep praying. We have been invited to a wonderful way of life by God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Let us go forth making sure everyone gets an invitation.

May God Continue to Bless Us All,

Pastor Tom

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Upcoming Calendar

November

- 1 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 2 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 2 Nominations Committee @ 6:30 p.m.
- 2 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Cooking to Build 11am-1pm
- 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 a.m.
- 14 Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 16 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 23-24 Offices Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- 27 Charge Conference @ 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am

December

- 3 Chili Cook-off @ 11:30 a.m.
- 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.
- 12 Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 14 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 17 Cantata
- 20 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 21 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 21 Longest Night Christmas Service @ 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve Service @ 5pm & 11pm
- 25-26 Offices Closed (Christmas)
- 27 Coffee with Pastor @ Just Love @ 8am
- 28 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.

Get the latest calendar updates on our
Church Website!

Use this QR Code to go straight to Trinity's
website!



Sunday School Highlight:

New Beginnings Sunday School Class Aims For 100% Attendance

After several weeks of planning, the New Beginnings Sunday School Class met on Sunday, October 15, 2023, with a target of 100% attendance. Although we fell slightly short of our goal, we had 25 in attendance, including Chris Kiddoo, a charter member, and Jeannie Stevens, a charter member who traveled from Crossville, Tennessee, to be with us.

New Beginnings was started in the early 1990s with Dana Brooks, the music and education director, as the first teacher. The class has continued through the years with the same goal—that is, to be an interactive class where all members have an opportunity to participate as suggested by the late Frank Moore, who conceived the idea for the class.

The class uses the Wesley Bible Curriculum for adults. If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, speak with one of the class members to learn more about our studies. You're welcome to check us out!



Seated left to right

Pat Counts, Brenda Sanders, Teri Towe, Claudia Schooley, Connie Golson, Bobbie Stewart, Diana Pierce, Kay Blasingame-Boike, Chris Kiddoo, Jeannie Stevens, Linda Lewis, and Judy Hennessey

Standing left to right

Steve Lewis, Lee Wallis, Bob Boylan, Kevin Towe, Floyd Stricklen, Denny Schooley, David Anthony, Andrew Golson, Jeremy Trail, Brady Whitehead, Butch Golson, De Hennessey, and Richard Youree

Advent Devotion Book & Readers

We are putting together a devotion book to be shared during the Advent Season. Everyone is invited to help by writing a devotion to be included. Please reach out to Leslie Trail for any idea suggestions or to turn it in at trail99@icloud.com

We are also looking for individuals, families, groups, or whoever would like to help light the Advent Calendar one Sunday in December. Please reach out to Tom Pierce to sign up!



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SEE EAT BUILD

COOKIN' BUILD SAT NOV 4 2023

on Public Square Murfreesboro, TN 11:00am-1:00pm

Tickets available at
[eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



\$30 per person

Includes all you can eat

Soups & Stews from 30+ Teams

Plus Drink, Bread, Desserts!



LIVE MUSIC!!



Rutherford County Area
Habitat
for Humanity®

All proceeds from the event will go towards supporting the Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity Mission



2023

WORSHIP *with us*

Hanging of the Greens

During Sunday worship service on December 3rd
@ 9:00am

Chili Cook off

Sunday, December 3rd @ 11:30am

Christmas Cantata

During Sunday worship service on December 17
@ 9:00am

Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 21 @ 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24 @ 5:00pm & 11:00pm

FAMILY & FRIENDS ALL WELCOME

Trinity United Methodist Church

2303 Jones Blvd

Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Children's Ministry

The children are having a fantastic fall. On Sundays, we continue to work our way through the Old Testament and on Wednesday, we are learning about how God is with us in a variety of situations. For example, we have learned that He is with us when we are afraid, and when we are sad, and when we are experiencing change. Our lessons include a game, a short current video, a discussion, and a Bible story.

The children are also working on art for our Advent booklet. If you are interested in contributing, we have several dates available. Please email Leslie at trail99@icloud.com.

Youth Ministry

Fall has brought a time for the Youth to reflect about things in our lives that we often hold onto that maybe we need to let go of, just like the changing seasons do, so that new growth can happen. We were able to get together for a fun evening around the fire pit and look forward to volunteering in the Trunk or Treat coming up. Sunday mornings is a time to dig deeper as we answer questions about how we see the world and then discuss Scripture. Wednesdays continue to be a time of creativity and learning about what is going on here at Trinity as they make the announcement videos.

Mission Opportunities



**Ronald McDonald
House Charities®**
Nashville

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

Finance Report

Date	Giving	Attendance
8/13/2023	\$ 2,764.00	80
8/20/2023	\$ 3,903.00	83
8/27/2023	\$ 1,272.00	73
9/3/2023	\$ 11,771.00	71
9/10/2023	\$ 4,035.00	68
9/17/2023	\$ 3,376.41	76
9/24/2023	\$ 2,759.00	75
10/1/2023	\$ 9,253.00	69



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Trunk or Treat Fun



Celebrations



November

2 Will West
3 Kelley McKnight
5 Brenda Whitehead
9 Jim Malpas
10 David Anthony
11 Kathryn Johnson
14 Eli Robinson
14 Jackie Jamison
16 Zachary Whitehead
16 Bethann Anthony
18 Marjorie Cowell
19 Tom Szwejbka
22 Richard Willard
22 Sidney Roy
25 Brittany Leimer
27 Pat Counts
28 Mike Burkitt
28 Sheryl Mabry
29 Joan Vaughn
29 Katie Helms

December

2 Linda Anderson
2 Connie Golson
3 Al Goss
4 Butch Vaughn
4 Weston Taliaferro
8 Pauline Hackler
8 Ralph Scott
9 Bekah Pate
9 Chris Kiddoo
11 Sue Fultz
12 Gary Johnson
14 Diana Corson
15 Frances Anthony
16 Deanna Frame
17 Lynn West
17 Tonya Youree
19 Julia King
19 Tom Pierce
20 Pam Van Etten
22 Beverly Anthony
23 Betty Parsley
24 Teri Towe
24 Sherrie Sledge
26 Caitlyn Brown
28 Bill Lodholz
29 Alan Young

HAPPY
Anniversary
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

November

15 Rocky & Kim Davis
22 Butch & Connie Golson
25 Richard & Patty Willard

December

2 Mike & Pat Counts
9 Les & Reba Schmidt
28 Bill & Lynn West
29 Jeremy & Leslie Trail

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

Taylor & Tom Coil, Karen Garner, Jane Kurek, Family of Debra McKnight, Rebekah & Dustin Pate

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 Lowell, 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 Lacznia, Kelsey Lane, Thomas Lane, Robert Tracey, and the families of service men/women.

Thank You

Thank you so much for all your support during my recent surgery and recovery. All of the cards, calls, gifts, thoughts, and prayers were much appreciated.

It's nice to know we have a caring, loving and supporting family like Trinity who has always been there for me through all of these years.

In Christ,
Sarah Malpas