



The Mustard Seed

“If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed . . . nothing will be impossible for you.”

A Note From the Pastor



Pastor Dane began his ministry career in 2012 when he started seminary in Atlanta and began as a volunteer and then was hired as an assistant at Lawrenceville Road UMC. He was licensed as a Local Pastor in the South Carolina Conference in 2014 and finished seminary while also serving full time. Pastor Dane has been appointed for 10 years and counting. He served as Pastor to Sharon and Smyrna UMCs (2014-2016, 2-point charge) in Abbeville, SC; Shiloh UMC in

Somerville, TN (2016-2017); as Associate Pastor of Missions and Preaching at Collierville UMC in Collierville, TN (2017-2018); as Associate Pastor at Grace UMC in Baltimore, MD (2018-2021); and as Pastor of Lansdowne UMC in Lansdowne, MD (2021-2024). He was approved for Commissioning as a Provisional Elder in the Baltimore-Washington Conference in 2021 and is expected to be Ordained as a Full Elder at the 2025 Annual Conference of the BWC, after which he will transfer to the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference permanently.

Pastor Dane is a proud 4th generation alumnus of Clemson University (2009, BA History), and alumnus of Emory University, Candler School of Theology (2015, M. Div.). He has been happily married to Dr. Lara (Megan) Beers Wood (Ph.D. Immunology, 2016 Emory University) for 12 years. She is currently Research Faculty at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine where she researches hearing damage. Megan has accepted a position as an Assistant Professor and Principal Investigator at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Hearing and Speech Sciences department. She begins in January and her accepting this position was the impetus for their move to the Nashville area. They have two sons, Samuel T. (2 yrs) and Charles I. (3 months).

Pastor Dane is passionate about missions, history, and learning how the awesome power of God is practical and life changing every day! He is very excited to be making his way back to Tennessee and is looking forward to joining us soon and introducing his family to us all when they join him in TN later this year.

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Upcoming Calendar

September

- 2 Church Office Closed (Labor Day)
- 3 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
- 8 UMM Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m.
- 10 Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Ladies Game Day @ 11:00 a.m.
- 12 Budget Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 23 Rutherford Laity Club @ 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 26 Ladies Game Day @ 11:00 a.m.

October

- 3 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 3 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
- 7 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
- 9 No Wonderful Wednesday (Fall Break)
- 10 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 10 Ladies Game Day @ 11:00 a.m.
- 11 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 13 UMM Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m.
- 17 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Praise Band Rehearsal @ 11:00 a.m.
- 24 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 24 Ladies Game Day @ 11:00 a.m.
- 28 Rutherford Laity Club @ 6:30 p.m.
- 30 Trunk or Treat @ 5:30 p.m.

Get the latest calendar updates on our
Church Website!

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



Word of Thanks

I am so glad I flunked...retirement! I had the opportunity to get to know the excellent staff and wonderful members of Trinity UMC! Even though my time with you has been brief, I have come to appreciate the heart and ministry of this unique congregation. Thank you so much for the many ways you have welcomed and supported me...I am so blessed. And that makes me look to the future...

I am sure as I have been welcomed and supported, so shall you welcome and support incoming pastor, Dane Wood and his family. I will be so excited to see what God will do in and through you over the coming months. I will be praying for the Holy Spirit to lead you to great things through great love!

Thank you, Trinity!

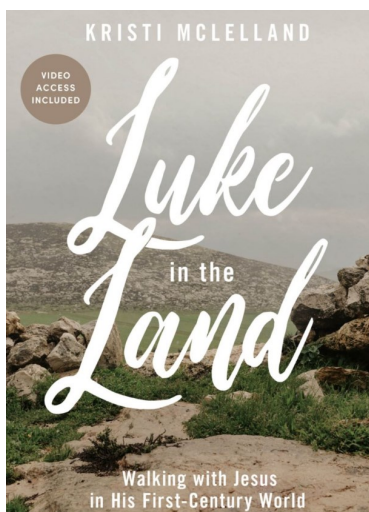
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Northfield Elementary Partnership

As a new school year begins, we are excited to once again support Northfield Elementary School. During our Rally Day School Supplies drive, we collected 246 school supplies for the teachers at Northfield Elementary School including 9 backpacks for children at the school. This partnership is one way we can connect to our neighborhood school. A basket will be set up in the Narthex beginning Sunday, August 18 for school supplies.

Additionally, we are working to establish more ways to support the school. Leslie Trail will be sharing more information in the coming weeks. Until then, we ask that you support Northfield through your prayers and school supplies.

Ladies Bible Study



**New Study on *Luke in the Land*
by Kristi McLelland will begin on
Wednesday, Sept 4 at 6:30PM**

All women are welcome to join!

Children's Ministry

We have wrapped up our summer of fun. Some of our highlights included Miniature golf, ice cream (two times), murals downtown, VBS, and bowling. Summer always melts away quickly, but we are excited to kick off a new school year. We invite children to join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30. We will be using Dig In curriculum to read a year in the Bible. On Sundays, we continue to work together to study Bible stories through Group's curriculum. More information will be coming about Confirmation this fall. Together, we love, serve, and grow in our faith.



Trinity Preschool



Trinity Nursery Preschool is excited to be back for our 2024-2025 School Year!

We have a staff of 11 teachers, plus our director, and are currently serving almost 40 children from 30 different families!

Our staff was all certified/recertified in CPR and First Aid on one of our teacher workdays, and we are ready to roll!

We have spaces in our 4/5 year old class, but all other classes are full, and we are excited to get into our routines and activities!

We have several exciting things planned for the fall, including a story time visit from the Linebaugh Library and hopefully a visit from the Murfreesboro Police Department.

We are thankful for your support and hope to continue to serve our preschool families well this school year!

Youth Ministry

The Youth finished out the Summer watching fireworks, visiting the Owl Sanctuary, playing at the Main Event, volunteering at VBS and then having an End of Summer Lock-In. These times are very special as they help create a safe environment for our youth as well as give them a church family feeling with their peers. They check in with each other on a regular basis on their own and encourage each other to be present.

This Fall, we are back to doing announcement videos on Wednesday nights. We really do need volunteers to help just watch over the group as they put these together so please consider spending one hour with them one week! Sunday mornings continue to be working through our Book of Fidgets as we look at the Bible and our Faith while writing/drawing. Sunday evenings will include mission, fun and community opportunities each time. We are also starting to go support each other's activities such as concerts, sports games, and plays so we look forward to celebrating the gifts God has given each youth as well as better understand the amount of work a lot of these activities really do take!



**HOW DO PEOPLE
START ATTENDING
CHURCH?**

A FRIEND INVITED ME - 86%
ORGANIZED VISITATION - 6%
PASTOR INVITE - 6%
ADVERTISING - 2%

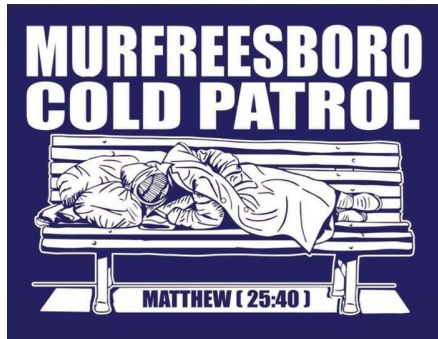
PEOPLE BRING PEOPLE!



Regular Mission Opportunities



Trinity UMC's Food Pantry supports people in the community in need of food. We always welcome donations to our food bag ministry: canned goods, crackers, cereal, peanut butter, etc.



Murfreesboro Cold Patrol (MCP) work hard year-round to make sure the most vulnerable individuals in the community have the resources they need to survive living outdoors and are introduced to opportunities available to them to obtain substance use treatment, mental and physical health services, and work to eliminate barriers to accessing permanent, affordable housing.



Isaiah 117 House provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children who have been removed from their current living situation by DCS and are awaiting placement. Trinity UMC has graciously agreed to sponsor three tubs.

- 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.



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.



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
6/23/2024	\$ 2,142.88	93
6/30/2024	\$ 4,867.00	65
7/7/2024	\$ 13,221.00	76
7/14/2024	\$ 4,192.50	77
7/21/2024	\$ 4,291.00	75
7/28/2024	\$ 2,072.88	72
8/4/2024	\$ 13,981.00	71
8/11/2024	\$ 5,090.00	79



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

We want to thank the congregation for the generous gifts. We are beyond grateful to have been a part of such a wonderful church for the past 31 years. It takes a village to raise a family and we certainly couldn't have done it without the friendships and support of the people of this church.

It has been my honor to lead the congregation in song and share my love of music. Thank you for your love, support and generosity.

Prayers for Trinity's strong future.

Robb and Pam Stringfield

Celebrations



September

1 Don Roy
3 Langstone Harvey
6 Marlene Massey
8 Rocky Davis
11 Greg Harvey
13 Kevin Towe
14 Kyler Johnson
17 Peggy Trail
17 Wesley Johnson
19 Reba Miller
20 Kim Davis
21 Carol Wisdom
22 JohnDavid Anthony
25 George Trail
27 Wanda Stricklen
27 Cornelia Brown
29 Sara Roy

October

3 Dot Ghee
4 Bobbie Jo Stewart
4 Emma Boylan
5 Tammie Harvey
6 John Purviance
7 Tim Glascoe
8 Mark Johnson
8 Denny Schooley
9 Warren Anderson
9 Jeremy Trail
10 Patty Willard
11 Andrew Golson
12 Bradley Brown
12 Alix Campbell
13 Steve Lewis
14 Margaret Barb
14 Stephen Lewis
15 Selma Pancake
17 Lewis Paul Snyder
18 Jim Hart
21 Sandra Dupuy Shadd
26 Emma Corson
26 Dylan DeLuca
27 Amy Glascoe
29 Collin Johnson
30 Cathy Johnson
31 Robb Stringfield
31 Kristin Beaty

HAPPY
Anniversary
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

September

4 Brad & Gretchen Campbell
16 James & Diana Corson

October

5 Bill & Sue Young
11 Don & Sara Roy
16 David & Theresa Johnson
23 David & Nancy Long

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

Jerry Brown, John Purdue (contact church office for address to mail get well cards), Tom Shepherd

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, Shirley Kull, Jane Kurek, Miles Lane, Kaye & Powell McClellan, Stephanie McConkey, Steven Lowel, Selma Pancake

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

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

Trunk or Treat



Wednesday, October 30—5:30-7:00PM