



The Mustard Seed

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

A Note From the Pastor

Happy New Year Trinity UMC!

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose nature and light are revealed to the world at this time.

I pray everyone has had a safe and enjoyable holiday season and are excited to see what the new year brings to yourselves and to our community of faith, Trinity UMC. Coming up on Jan. 12th we are having an important meeting to help set the path for our community going forward. All persons are invited and it is especially important for church leaders to attend. We will be discussing the identity of Trinity and defining who exactly we are. We will then begin talking about our Vision for the future, our Mission to get there, and the goals we will set this year and forward. God is calling Trinity to great things and God is calling you to action as well within Trinity. Take some time to pray and listen, asking God what that calling is for yourself and for your community, then come and join in our leadership meeting and let's discern God's call together.

I also want to highlight an important event coming in February. After Sunday school on Sunday, February 2nd, there will be a town hall held in the sanctuary to inform, discuss, and answer questions about LGBTQ+ issues and the UMC denomination. I will go over what exactly changed in our Book of Discipline and what that means for our local church. I will also be happy to take questions and hear feedback and thoughts on the issue. This may be just the first of a few town halls and/or studies to help address this topic in our current community life. I hope you will join us for this conversation.

I look forward to this new year here in Murfreesboro and look forward to seeing God at work here at Trinity.

*Blessings.
Pastor Dane.*

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Upcoming Calendar

January

- 2 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 2 Choir Rehearsal @ 5:30 p.m.
- 2 Handbells Rehearsal @ 5:30 p.m.
- 2 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
- 6 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
- 7 Preschool Teacher Work Day
- 9 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 9 Ladies Game Day @ 11:00 a.m.
- 10 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 12 UMM Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m.
- 12 Youth Led Worship
- 12 Church-wide Leadership Training @ 1:00 p.m.
- 14 Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Wonderful Wednesday Resumes
- 16 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Praise Band Rehearsal @ 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Church Offices Closed
- 21 Finance Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 23 Ladies Game Day @ 11:00 a.m.
- 27 Rutherford Co. Laity Club 6:30 p.m. @ Wesley Foundation
- 30 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.

February

- 2 LGBTQ Townhall Meeting @ 11 a.m.
- 3 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
- 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.
- 13 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Ladies Game Day @ 11:00 a.m.
- 14 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 24 Rutherford Laity Club @ 6:30 p.m. @ Trinity
- 27 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
- 27 Ladies Game Day @ 11:00 a.m.

Get the latest calendar updates on our
Church Website!

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



Celebrations



January

- 1 Tori Nichols
- 1 Rylee DeLuca
- 5 Pat Houseman
- 10 Debra Johnson
- 12 Ann Woosley
- 14 Butch Golson
- 16 Becca Davis
- 16 Stephanie Gravely
- 17 Steve Bugg
- 19 Elaine Davis
- 19 Lauren VanEtten
- 20 Anna Campbell
- 21 Charlie Fultz
- 22 Tom Shepherd
- 22 John White
- 24 Ron Sledge
- 24 Dave Long
- 26 Ginny Purviance
- 27 Phillip Adcock
- 27 Cameron Robinson
- 29 Theresa Johnson
- 31 Landon Robinson

February

- 1 Claudia Schooley
- 12 Devin West
- 15 Paxton Cooke
- 15 Taylor West
- 15 Annelyn Trail
- 17 Carroll Jarvis
- 18 Keith Paul
- 19 Eric Snyder
- 20 Betty Lane
- 21 Mike Counts
- 21 Karter Johnson
- 22 Chandler Johnson
- 24 Aaron Mulroy
- 27 Aaron Lewis
- 28 Bill Young
- 29 Lee Wallis
- 29 Kiersten Johnson

HAPPY
Anniversary
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

January

- 21 Bob & Pauline Hackler
- 27 Ron & Sherrie Sledge

February

- 18 Tim & Amy Glascoe

Trinity Preschool



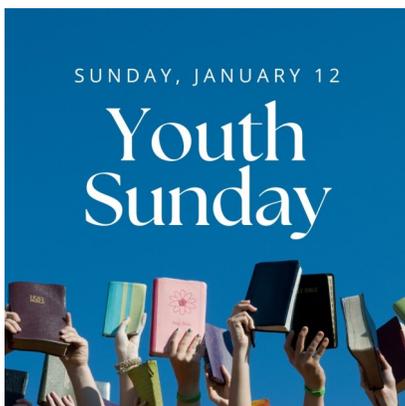
The preschool has enjoyed a wonderful fall semester! We have almost 40 students enrolled and we are full in all of our classes except the 4 and 5 year olds.

We had visits from the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office and the Linebaugh Library, we had our Halloween hallway trick-or-treating, Thanksgiving Lunch, and Christmas Program and dinner!

In January, we will return with a teacher workday to get ready for our Spring Semester! We will be adding a new assistant teacher to replace one who left and we will prepare for all of the fun activities that spring will bring-- Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Donuts with Dads, Muffins with Moms, and Graduation!

Thank you for your continued support!

Youth Ministry



Be sure to come support Trinity's Youth Group as we "take over" Worship on Sunday, January 12. You will be blessed as you hear from two of our Seniors, Annelyn & Brandon, sharing the sermon as well as musical selections by Evie, Adeline, Eli, & Kelsey and readings from Shontae, Aiden & Tristan!

They have worked hard over the break to prepare for this opportunity and even though I have no doubt, there will be humor provided as they take on these roles, we are so very proud of their desire to serve at this level!

Advent Season Success!

2024 Chili Lunch & Cook-Off

Thank You!

Trinity's United Methodist Men (UMM) group extend their heartfelt thanks to all who prepared and brought to church a batch of chili for the Chili Lunch & Cook-Off held on Sunday, December 1, 2024. Also, we appreciate all who attended the lunch gathering. It was a great time of fellowship as we kicked off the Advent Season. We love our church family!

Respectfully – Trinity's UMM



**Over 150 Winter Care Bags
were packed for
Murfreesboro Cold Patrol!**

Trinity UMC



You're Invited To

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Leadership Training Workshop

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- January 12, 2025
- Start at 1:00pm
- Fellowship Hall

Trinity UMC will be reimagining its vision and mission as we enter this new year. Come and join the Administrative council and leaders of the church as we look to the future and discuss how we can work in the present to bring it forward.



TRINITY

LGBTQ and the UMC Town Hall

Pastor Dane will be hosting a town hall discussion on the recent General Conference decisions and their effect on the denomination. These decisions revolve around the involvement, ordination, and marriage of LGBTQ persons in the church. There are lots of misconceptions about what did or did not change, and this is a great opportunity to raise your questions, share your thoughts, and learn more about this important church issue.



Sunday

February 2, 2025



Start at

11:00AM



Sanctuary

Finance Report

Date	Giving	Attendance
10/20/2024	\$ 4,927.00	77
10/27/2024	\$ 3,626.88	66
11/3/2024	\$ 8,827.38	84
11/10/2024	\$ 6,304.00	76
11/17/2024	\$ 3,580.52	72
11/24/2024	\$ 4,023.88	76
12/1/2024	\$ 8,249.38	85
12/8/2024	\$ 6,031.65	75



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!

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

Family and friends of Randy Strong.

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

At Home/Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

Jack Arbuckle-NHC

Doug Mason-NHC Place, Franklin, TN

Julia King-The Rutherford

Reba Miller-Adams Place

Marlene Massey-The Villages

Don Richardson-Adams Place



Military Personnel

Chaplain Jen Bowden, Chance Cooke, Tristin Corson, Deserae Laczniak, Kelsey Lane, Thomas Lane

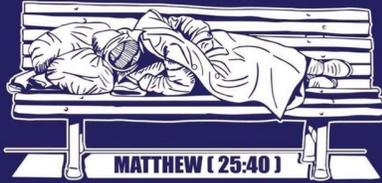
Regular Mission Opportunities



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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



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.



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If anyone is interested in collecting pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities, please contact Gene Cain: 615-738-0749