



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 Beloved Siblings in Christ,

This May marks a sacred milestone in my journey with Christ and with you—I will be ordained as an Elder in Full Connection in the United Methodist Church on the 15th. As I prepare for this holy moment, I find myself reflecting deeply on what ordination means—not just for me personally, but for the church, and for the shared ministry we are all called to as disciples of Jesus Christ.

In the United Methodist tradition, ordination is not simply a personal achievement or a professional credential. It is a theological affirmation of God's calling, the church's recognition, and a lifelong covenant of service to Christ's body. Our theology of ordination is grounded in the conviction that all ministry begins with God's initiative. God calls. The church discerns. The Spirit empowers.

Elders in the United Methodist Church are ordained to a ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service. That means we are entrusted to preach and teach the Word of God faithfully, to administer the sacraments with reverence and joy, to order the life of the church for mission and ministry, and to serve alongside God's people in acts of mercy, justice, and compassion. None of this is done alone. In fact, ordination is not about setting someone above others but rather grounding them more deeply within the life of the church for the sake of equipping and empowering all the baptized to live out their callings.

The language the church uses—"Full Connection"—is profoundly meaningful. It reflects not just credential status, but a deep relational covenant. It means I am now fully accountable to the church's doctrine and discipline, and also fully supported by the connectional system of the United Methodist Church, worldwide. It's a reminder that we do not minister in isolation. We are part of something larger—something global, Spirit-led, and grace-filled.

As I kneel to receive the laying on of hands and the powerful words, "Take authority..." I will be thinking of each of you and all the congregations I have served. Ordination is not the end—it is a new beginning, a deeper "yes" to God's call, and a renewed commitment to serve with humility, courage, and joy.

*With love and gratitude,
Pastor Dane Soon-to-be Elder in Full Connection*

P.S. You can watch the Ordination service live on May 15th, at 3pm CST at www.bwcumc.org. Click on the link for Annual Conference that will be present on the webpage home/banner that day.

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Upcoming Calendar

May

June

5 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
 7 VBFEST Interest Mtg (VBS) 6:15pm
 8 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
 8 Ladies Game Day @ 11:00 a.m.
 6 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
 9 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
 11 Senior Graduation Sunday
 13 Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
 15 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
 18 UMM Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m.
 18 Praise Band Rehearsal @ 11:00 a.m.
 20 Trinity Preschool Graduation @ 6:00 p.m.
 22 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
 22 Ladies Game Day @ 11:00 a.m.
 26 OFFICES CLOSED: Memorial Day
 26 Rutherford Co. Laity Club 6:30 p.m.
 27 Finance Committee @ 6:30 p.m.
 29 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.

3 Preschool Playdate
 5 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
 5 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
 8 UMM Breakfast @ 7:00 a.m.
 9 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
 10 Preschool Playdate
 12 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
 12 Ladies Game Day @ 11:00 a.m.
 13 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
 17 Preschool Playdate
 19 OFFICES CLOSED: Juneteenth
 19 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
 23 Rutherford Laity Club @ 6:30 p.m.
 24 Preschool Playdate
 26 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 10:00 a.m.
 26 Ladies Game Day @ 11:00 a.m.
 29 VBFEST Event

Get the latest calendar updates on our
Church Website!

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



Celebrations



May

2 Shontae Youree
3 Denette Yarber
3 Leslie Trail
3 Danny DeLuca
5 Tara Strong
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
19 De & Judy Hennessy
21 Jeff & Diane Bowden
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

Looking Back...



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Maundy Thursday

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Good Friday



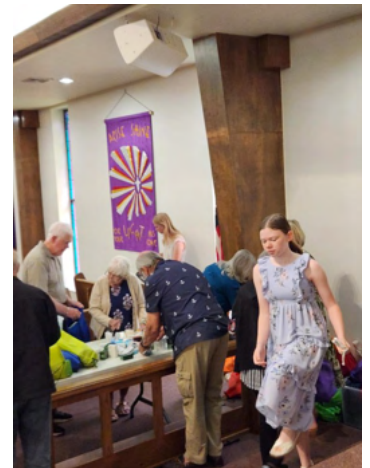
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Trinity Mission Day April 27



Thank You Co-Op
& Youth Group!



Looking Forward....



Wonderful Wednesday Planning Meeting
Wednesday, May 28 @ 5:30pm

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CHARITY
SALE
JUNE 6-8

Get exclusive designer deals.
Give back to your community.

Shop early!
MAY 27-JUNE 5
Reserve your items now & pick them up June 6-8



SAVE THE DATE!

Trinity's Week to read with the
children of Project Transformation will
be June 30-July 3



**PRE-SCHOOL
PLAY DATES**

Tuesdays: 8:30am - 10:30am

Don't wait all summer until your child sees their friends again! Trinity UMC will open its playground and facilities to registered preschool families (siblings welcome) during the summer to meet and play!

**Summer 2025
June - July**

Trinity UMC
2303 Jones Blvd.
Murfreesboro, TN 37129



V.B. FEST!

MAGNIFIED!

PSALM 34:3

DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD
IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS

Sunday, June 29

Starting at 9:00am (lunch provided)
Fun for the whole family!
Trinity UMC, 2303 Jones Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37129



**YOUTH
SUMMER**

- June 4: Painting Pottery
- June 11: Hiking @ Old Stone Fort
- June 18: Drive-In Movie
- June 30: Project Transformation
- July 2: Nashville Shores
- July 9: Ice Cream
- July 16: Escape Room
- July 23: Nashville Sounds
- July 30: James K. Polk Museum

**ALL ARE
WELCOME**

Help Needed:

Selma Pancake is in need of somebody to mow her yard. Please reach out to her at 615-494-5179.

She is also no longer able to collect the pull tabs, so Gene Cain will be heading that up. She is offering to pray for anyone who needs as well so if you have a prayer request, reach out to her or you may drop a card on her front porch or mail it to her.

*Thank
you!*

Finance Report

Date	Giving	Attendance
2/16/2025	\$ 6,343.88	86
2/23/2025	\$ 2,101.88	69
3/2/2025	\$ 12,363.85	76
3/9/2025	\$ 5,051.25	70
3/16/2025	\$ 8,756.00	79
3/23/2025	\$ 2,467.33	71
3/30/2025	\$ 4,539.50	77
4/6/2025	\$ 5,826.76	74



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

Kathy Coil

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, Powell McClellan, Stephanie McConkey, Steven Lowel, Selma Pancake

Julia King-The Rutherford
Marlene Massey-The Villages

Reba Miller-Adams Place
Don Richardson-Adams Place



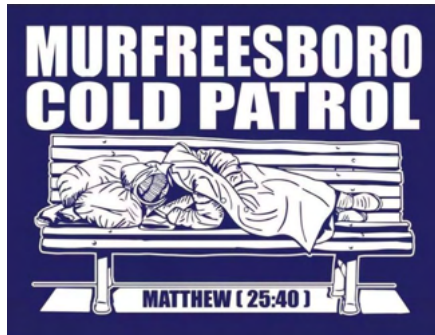
Military Personnel

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

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.

Invite a Friend

Do you know someone who is looking for an opportunity to learn about Jesus and develop a relationship with Him? Do you know someone who needs a church family, a place to connect and feel encouraged in their spiritual journey? Invite them to join us at Trinity UMC. Let us step out in faith and make disciples for Jesus Christ in 2025!

Trinity UMC: *Where Jesus is lifted for all people and God's Word is honored.*



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Please read, then recycle.



RETURN SERVICE
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