



The Mustard Seed

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

A Note From the Pastor

Greetings and Peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Friends,

I write to wish you Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. This newsletter goes out as we finish up Halloween and head into Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, New Years and Epiphany. I pray that all of you will find joy and peace in this time and take a chance to reconnect with family and friends. Your church family will be active this time of year and I encourage you to read through this newsletter and see where you can join us for events. I really look forward to seeing how Trinity and the 'Boro celebrate the year end holidays. I hope you'll join us for many of these events and bring your family and friends with you. The greatest gift we can share with loved ones is the gift which is the source of our love. Jesus Christ's birth is not about presents or snow or any of the trappings we associate with this time of year. It's about love, sharing love, giving love, and being loved. I challenge you to love those around you more this year. Say a kind word to a coworker or spend some extra time with someone you haven't seen in a long time. Bring a friend to church or to a special movie or party. Make the holiday dinner less about you and more about others. Remember that all people are hurting, even in the times of joy, and we all need a little tender, love, and care. I pray Christ will encourage you and strengthen you, pushing you to show the grace of God in new ways to new people. Let us worry not about 'culture wars' or 'election seasons' or anything that draws us into the world, most especially our pride, instead, let us be humble, be Christlike, and love.

God Loves You. I Love you. Go and Love others.

Pastor Dane

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Upcoming Calendar

November

- 3 Worship Committee Meeting @ 11:30am
- 4 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
- 4 SPRC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 10 UMM Breakfast @ 7:30 a.m.
- 12 Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Ladies Game Day @ 11:00 a.m.
- 17 Praise Band Rehearsal @ 11:00 a.m.
- 17 Charge Conference @ 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Offices Closed (Thanksgiving)
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December

- 1 Hanging of the Greens Worship @ 10 a.m.
- 1 Chili Cook-off @ 11:00 a.m.
- 1 TWK Mission Team Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- 2 United Women in Faith @ 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Sisters in Ministry @ 6:30 p.m.
- 8 UMM Breakfast @ 7:30 a.m.
- 10 Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Ladies Game Day @ 11:00 a.m.
- 12 Trinity Preschool Christmas Program @ 5:00pm
- 13 Golden Agers Game Day @ 10:00 a.m.
- 15 Cantata Service @ 9:00 a.m.
- 22 Lessons & Carols Service @ 9:00 a.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve Service @ 5:00 p.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve Vigil @ 11:00 p.m.
- 25 Offices Closed (Christmas)
- 26 Offices Closed (Christmas)

Get the latest calendar updates on our
Church Website!

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



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 Szejbka
22 Richard Willard
22 Sidney Roy
25 Brittany Leimer
27 Pat Counts
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
20 Pam Van Etten
22 Beverly Anthony
23 Betty Parsley
24 Teri Towe
24 Sherrie Sledge
26 Caitlyn Brown
27 Maryah Roche
28 Bill Lodholz
29 Alan Young

HAPPY
Anniversary
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

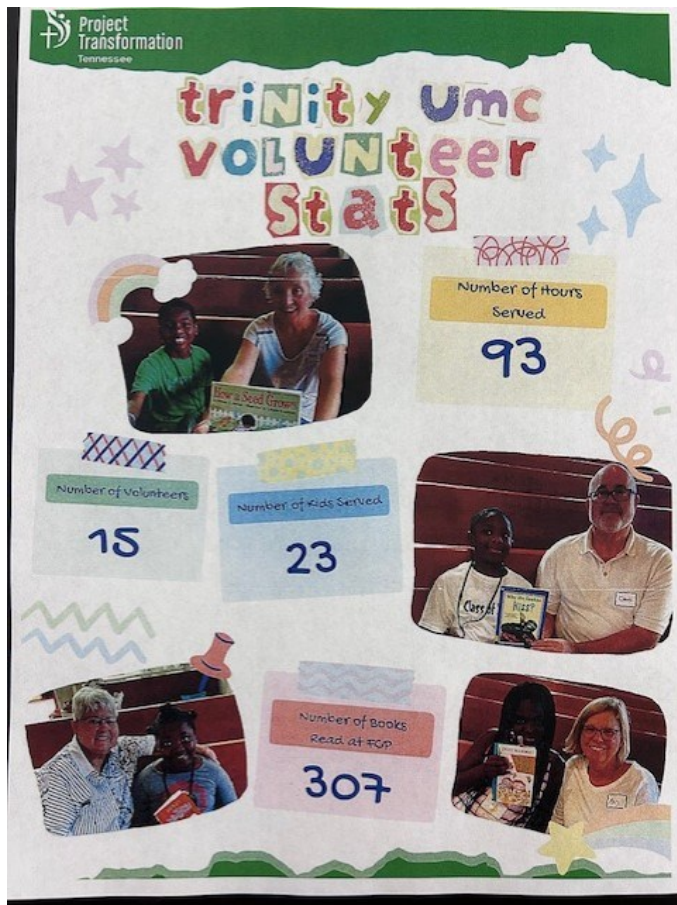
November

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

Children's Ministry



Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make Project Transformation a success this past summer! Trinity's stats are in and we are so thankful to be a part of the lives of children in this way. Thank you to everyone who attended the Project Transformation lunch this past week as well.

We are already working towards next year and how we can continue to help connect our churches, children, and college students to assist in ensuring the importance of providing opportunities for children to read over the summer months.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

We need volunteers to help serve in the nursery on Sunday mornings from 8:45am-11am and then also on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-7:30pm. This does not have to be an every week thing and can easily be a one-time offer.

Please see Pastor Dane if you are interested and to see which dates are available.



Trinity Preschool



Trinity Nursery Preschool has been having a wonderful fall semester! We have been serving almost 40 students every Tuesday and Thursday.

We had a fun visit from the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department- the students enjoyed hearing from the officers and getting to see their police truck!

We will be celebrating many things in these last 3 months of 2024-- we will have hallway trick or

treating on Halloween, a Thanksgiving lunch for families before our break in November, and a Christmas program for families to attend before we head on to our holiday break.

It's going to be very exciting! Thank you all for your continued support of our program. You are welcome to reach out any time if you are interested in providing any support to our program or our teachers!

Youth Ministry

The Youth have had a great time this Fall so far. We have visited every Adult Sunday School class to see how groups study different topics/books/lessons in different ways. It's so important for our Youth to know that once they graduate, there is still a place for them here at Trinity or anywhere they move to (and then we are always here when they come home!).

When half a tree fell in the front yard, we helped carry the limbs across the street. When the rest of the tree fell, we came back out and helped carry the rest of it across the street. These simple service projects around the church help create a sense of ownership for these young adults as well as helping them recognize their strengths and how easy it can be to be a big help.



In celebrating our gifts and strengths, we are in the process of coming to an outside activity that the youth participate in to cheer them on. So far, we have watched Eli run cross country, Shontae perform in a theatre production, and Brandon play soccer. We also loved getting to see Adeline, Kelsey + Shontae sing during Worship one Sunday morning. The Youth continue to be leaders here at Trinity and we are excited to see a few of their names start showing up on committee lists for 2025!

Christmas SCHEDULE

1

DECEMBER

HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE

9:00AM

CHILI COOK-OFF

11:00AM

15

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS CANTATA SERVICE

9:00AM

22

DECEMBER

LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

9:00AM

24

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

5:00PM

VIGIL SERVICE

11:00PM



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Finance Report

Date	Giving	Attendance
8/25/2024	\$ 5,911.88	71
9/1/2024	\$ 9,601.00	69
9/8/2024	\$ 3,633.00	101
9/15/2024	\$ 4,331.00	93
9/22/2024	\$ 1,520.00	74
9/29/2024	\$ 1,737.88	83
10/6/2024	\$ 12,383.38	78
10/13/2024	\$ 6,391.00	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!

The Church Family



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

615-896-0413 or

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Prayer Requests

Gene Doyle, 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,

At Home/Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

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



Military Personnel

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



You Can Help with Hurricane Disaster Response! *Update 10/08/24*

MAKE UMCOR RELIEF KITS

Churches can support our sisters and brothers by assembling UMCOR kits (<https://umcmission.org/relief-supplies>). **Beginning Monday, October 14**, you may drop off these kits and buckets at any of the following locations:

Hohenwald First UMC

200 South Court Street
Hohenwald, TN 38462
Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lebanon First UMC

415 West Main Street
Lebanon, TN 38087
Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mayfield Long-Term Recovery Building

1365 Luisa Lane
Mayfield KY 42066
Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ripley First UMC

145 South Main Street
Ripley, TN 38063
Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Martin First UMC

225 Main Street
Martin, TN 38237
Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

TRAIN TO JOIN AN EARLY RESPONSE TEAM

Early Response Teams need members with a variety of gifts and graces. Key activities for conference ERT and other response teams are supplying survivors with food, water, shelter and help with mucking out and cleaning up.

If you would like to participate in this vital ministry, please check your schedule and register for one of the three upcoming training events in the TWKUMC. Registration links at <https://twkumc.org/news/hurricane-helene-how-you-can-help/>

*** October 19 | Purchase District Office**, 2285 Jack Treas Road, Kirksey, KY 42054.
Registration Deadline: October 14, 2024.

*** November 16 | MTSU Wesley Foundation**, 216 College Heights, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.
Registration Deadline: November 4, 2024.

***December 14 | Ripley First UMC**, 145 S. Main Street, Ripley, TN 38063.
Registration Deadline: December 2, 2024.

We will begin sending ERTs to the Holston Conference sometime next week to provide urgent aid to the people of East Tennessee. However, thousands of homes were affected, and response efforts requiring trained teams will continue for many months. If you want to join in these efforts, **you must first complete the ERT training.**

GIVE FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Financial giving is critical. With financial donations, the local responders can purchase the most needed items or offer immediate assistance to survivors. You can support the TWK Response to the Hurricane Disaster by giving to our conference disaster recovery fund (<https://twkumc.org/donate>).

Checks can be made out and mailed to the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference at PO Box 440132, Nashville, TN 37244 (please note Disaster Response in the memo line).



TWK Disaster Recovery

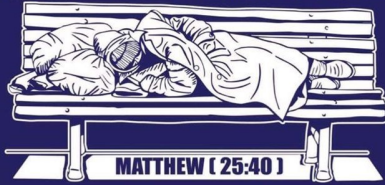
Regular Mission Opportunities



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.



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