

Trinity Echo, August 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. –Matthew 11:29

As the summer season transitions almost into fall, we are aware that the new school year is upon us. We wish the very best to all of our friends in the Lenoir City, Loudon, and Greenback Schools, as well as all of our college students! Our prayers are with all of the students, educators, staff, and families.

As people of faith, we want to be life-long learners—even if we’ve already graduated from school. The verse mentioned above is one to take to heart as we consider “learning from Jesus.” Christians—and United Methodists in particular—value the gift God has given us to think with our minds and our hearts. We have enjoyed learning more about Jesus this summer with our Children’s Ministry. I’m grateful for Jane Whitaker, Bob Maroney, Sarah Young, Pam Kirkpatrick, and all of the nursery volunteers for being engaged in the ministry of teaching throughout the year. I’m looking forward to getting back into the habit of offering Bible Study for adults on Wednesday evenings. Learning on our own is one method of developing our faith, but learning in community expands our understanding more deeply of God, our neighbors, and our world.

Did you have a summer reading list when you were a child? I enjoy reading, and I’m pleased to serve a congregation that values sound education. I’ve recently been keeping up with continuing education requirements that are part of each pastor’s life. Some of the books and articles I’ve been reading touch on the subjects of trauma response, artificial intelligence, pet ministry, Bible commentary, rights of persons in migrant status, and Creation care. What books have you been reading this summer? One resource I recently purchased is by one of Holston Conference’s retired ministers, Martha Graybeal Rowlett: *Weaving Prayer into the Tapestry of Life*. In the midst of the daily awareness of violence, chaos, and natural disasters in our world, I find that I’m needing to spend more time “learning from Jesus” and leaning upon him in prayer. If you are interested in a book study on that topic, please let me know.

I’d like to offer heartfelt gratitude to all who helped us with the Children’s Summer Ministry. We had fun! The congregation and I are so appreciative of the enthusiastic and faithful helpers who set up, cleaned up, prepared meals, played games, assisted with teaching, and donated food and other resources! We planted some seeds in children’s lives this summer, and I encourage you to watch for signs of fruit from our efforts in nurturing the children for Jesus.

I look forward to seeing you each Sunday. Invite a friend to church!
Blessings,
Barbara



Upcoming Events

August Lectionary

August 2 - *Matthew 14:13-21*

August 9 - *Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28*

August 16 - *Genesis 45:1-15*

August 23 - *Matthew 15:21-28*

August 30 - *Romans 12:9-21*

Meet & Greet

Our monthly Meet & Greet luncheon will take place on Sunday, August 2, following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Pulled pork barbeque, buns, chips, and vanilla cake with butter cream frosting will be provided. Please bring a side dish or salad to share. Everyone is welcome to attend. Invite a friend! As always, your love offerings are appreciated in support of this ministry.

Back to School

As the children return to our local schools, we pray that they have a safe and happy school year! See Pastor Barbara to get your backpack blessed.

Bible Study

Bible study with Pastor Barbara will resume this month on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the New Vision classroom.



Upcoming Events

Choir Rehearsal

Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, August 5, at 6:00 pm.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to be on the list to receive announcements about opportunities to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, Loudon County, please contact Jane Whitaker. There are many different kinds jobs that need volunteers, much more than just construction.

We expect to begin providing lunches on Tuesday some time in August. The ReStore needs volunteers and occasionally volunteers are called for special events. If you are not on my list and would like to be added or if you just want more information, contact me at 865-603-8741 or jane Whitaker45@gmail.com.

A Note from the Board of Trustees

The roof on Trinity's sanctuary is aging and nearing its end of life. To avoid having to replace the roof entirely, the trustees propose to have the roof resealed, which would be a fraction of the cost of reroofing and should give us a few years' respite before we have to finance a new roof. If you're looking for a project for above-and-beyond giving, the Finance Committee asks that you consider this one, which we expect to be between \$12,000 and \$14,000. Please make a note on your check that it is for the Capital Expenses account—roof sealing. We hope to be able to carry out the reroofing by the fall.



Upcoming Events

Historical Society of Loudon County

The Historical Society of Loudon County will meet on Sunday, August 16, at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Nolen Rollins, local author, will give a presentation on writing family history books.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Monday, August 17, at 5:30 pm in the conference classroom.

Movie in the Park

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship at Lenoir City Park on Friday, August 21. The movie begins at dusk. Please stay tuned for more details!

Missions & Outreach Meeting

The Missions and Outreach Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 26, at noon in the conference room.

Reconciling Ministries Group

Trinity Reconciling Group will meet on Sunday, August 30, at 9:45 am in the New Vision classroom. We welcome any and all who are part of this group or who just want to learn more about Reconciling Ministry.



Grandma's Attic Annual Church Rummage Sale!

Come shop for gently used items
300 W. Second Ave. at C Street
Lenoir City, TN

Friday, September 11th
Saturday, September 12th
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

All proceeds are donated to local community charities and organizations

- Clothes, Clothes, Clothes
- Jewelry / Scarves / Make-up
- Shoes / Handbags
- Linens / Household Décor
- Craft Supplies
- Kitchen Items
- Glassware
- Cookware
- Toys, Games, Puzzles
- Bake Sale
- Small Appliances
- Tools / Sports Equipment

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GRANDMA'S ATTIC is now accepting your gently used items for the upcoming sale.



- Clean clothing
- Kitchen items and glassware
- Home décor
- Linens
- Toys / Games
- Shoes / Purses
- Jewelry
- Small appliances (working)
- Holiday décor
- Tools
- Sports equipment
- Craft supplies
- Furniture



- Electronics
- Books
- Broken or incomplete items
- Torn or stained clothing

If you need to have your large items picked up, please call Terri at 281.794.2871 to arrange a time and date. Please deliver only during office hours.



Smoky Mountain District News

We welcome our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Sam Dzobo! His installation service will be held on Sunday, August 9, at 3:00 pm, location TBD.

Our District Conference will be held on Sunday, August 23, at 3:00 pm at Seymour UMC. All church council members are encouraged to attend!



August Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

08/01	Charlotte Brown
08/06	Judy Smith
08/13	Rick Chester
08/16	Bob Bruer
08/20	Joe Spence
08/22	Becca Reed Shreeves

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Church Members: Kathy & Wayne Brock, Bob & Charlotte Brown, Ann Chumley, Olivia Clark, Bob & Connie Gunsch, Sue Jane Hartsook, Marilyn Hastings, Caroline Lauderdale, Ann Maroney, Caroline Perkey, John Peterson, Judy Smith, Peg Tinnel, Carolyn Tokarz, Anne Williams

Treasurer's Corner – August 2026

As summer draws to a close, I want to thank our church family for your faithful generosity and support. Your tithes and offerings enable us to continue our ministries, maintain our facilities, and serve those in need throughout our community.

This month, I would like to bring to your attention an important need facing our church. The roof over our sanctuary is in need of repair and maintenance to protect our worship space and preserve this beloved part of our church home. Addressing these issues promptly will help prevent more costly damage in the future and ensure that our sanctuary remains a safe and welcoming place for worship.

I invite you to prayerfully consider making a special donation toward the sanctuary roof fund, with “Capital Funds” on the notation line. Every gift, whether large or small, will help us move closer to completing this necessary project. By working together, we can protect and preserve our sanctuary for current and future generations who gather here to worship, celebrate, and grow in faith.

Thank you for your continued stewardship, prayers, and commitment to our church's mission. Your generosity makes a lasting difference.

Blessings,
Mike Pearce, Treasurer

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

Missions & Outreach

Lenoir City Schools Battle of the Bridge Canned Food Drive:

August means the start of school and that means the annual Battle of the Bridge Football Game (Friday, August 28, at Lenoir City HS) with our community participating in the Battle of the Bridge Canned Food Drive and competition. Trinity always joins in this competition each year while supporting Lenoir City High School.

This event raises the greatest amount of food and money donations for Good Samaritan's distribution throughout the year.

For two Sundays, August 16, and August 23, Trinity will join with others in our community by donating canned goods to benefit families in our Loudon County who are food insecure. Good Samaritan collects the food and ultimately distributes it too.

While shopping, please consider picking up an extra canned good or two for a needy family. You may place the items in the designated basket in the Education hallway.

If it would be more convenient, you may make a donation by writing, "Battle of the Bridge" on the memo line of your check or offering envelope. One dollar equals 5 lbs. of food. However you may wish to participate, we say, Thank You!!!



Missions & Outreach



Lenoir City Schools 10 Hygiene Kits

Trinity dedicated our 10 Hygiene Kits (5 boys and 5 girls) on Sunday, July 26. Thank You Trinity for supporting such an impactful outreach for our children. We also thank Walter Hines and Ann Maroney for being our continued dedicated shoppers, while always focusing on giving us the best economic selections for our Kits.

Church & Society



*The fear of the Lord is wise instruction,
and humility comes before respect. (Proverbs 15:33)*

Reflection

I learned to put my trust in God and to see Him as my strength. Long ago I set my mind to be a free person and not to give in to fear. I always felt that it was my right to defend myself if I could. I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.

-- Rosa Parks

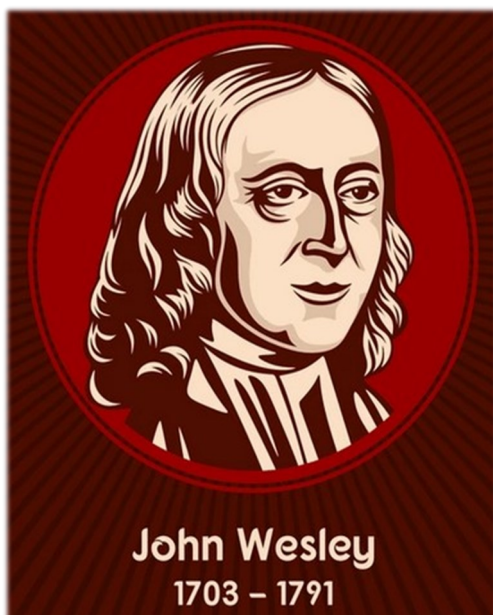
Evening Prayer of Gratitude –

Great God, your good news always includes a call to fear not. I pray that I would operate less from a place of timidness and more from a place of assurance. You surround me with signs of your presence and providence over me. I recognize today:

- * the ways you provide for me,
- * opportunities that have been given to me,
- * moments that turned out better than I thought,
- * hard situations that you brought me through.

The Methodist Book of Daily Prayer, pgs. 210, 214, 215

Wesley's Words



"Unless God has raised you up for this very thing, you will be worn out by the opposition of men and devils. But if God be for you, who can be against you? Are all of them together stronger than God? O be not weary of well doing!"

Memorials

In Memory of Rev. Kim Isley given by Rev. Barbara Clark

In Memory of Rev. Kim Isley given by Bonnie Ledbetter

In Memory of Brenda Logan by Jo Alison Cortez

In Memory of Hazel Maples given by Wilma Bickers

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In Memory of Hazel Maples given by Barbara Montgomery

In Memory of Hazel Maples given by Mike & Terri Pearce

In Memory of Hazel Maples given by Flo Valentino

In Memory of Sol Thomas given by Jenny Wilson Redington

Notes of Gratitude

Your GENEROSITY means more
than it's possible to say
and is truly APPRECIATED.

Thanks you so much for choosing
me for the Scholarship! And thank
you for helping me and many other
kids go through College!!

-Brett Cortez

TUMC Members and Scholarship
Committee,

Thank you so much for
the scholarship, it will help
fund my education greatly!

-John Brookshire



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2 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship & Holy Communion 12:00 pm Meet & Greet Luncheon	3 10:30 am TMW meeting in Fellowship Hall	4 11:00 am Prayer Group 1:00 pm Piano Lessons in Chapel	5 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 9:00 am - 10:30 am Piano Lessons in Chapel 10:15 am Yoga for Seniors in Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm Walking Group	7	8 9:00 am - 11:00 am Piano Lessons
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