

From the Desk of the Pastor

“You crown the year with Your goodness...” Psalm 65:11a

I wish you a happy and healthy new year! May your faith be strengthened and renewed in marvelous ways in 2026! We are so blessed that our God is faithful, loving, and merciful— every day of the year. I hope you will pray this Scripture prayer (Ps. 65) with me for all members of our congregation and for all ministries of our church.

I am deeply grateful to this wonderful congregation for your generosity and support through the Advent and Christmas seasons. Thank you for sharing your gifts, time, talents, donations, acts of service, beautiful music, and prayers. The church staff joins me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude for the very generous Christmas gifts to us! We feel blessed to serve the Lord through Trinity, and we are committed to serving with you as partners in ministry. I’m also grateful for your generosity to support important outreach ministries throughout our community and Holston Conference. Thank you for shining the light of Christ!

The new year brings the season of Epiphany on January 6, and we will celebrate this holiday on Sunday, January 4. Let’s pray together for Jesus, the Light of the World, to bring forth peace wherever the world is troubled or in darkness. Another important occasion to mark on our calendars this month is the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday. Please join me in the annual Day of Service with other faith groups on Monday, January 19, to show our support for racial healing and justice.

I offer this prayer for our new year: “O God of new beginnings: Crown this year with your glory, the start of a new journey, with its freshness and potential for peace. Let us enter the new year cleansed and made whole. Let us go forth in the confidence that your Son who has called us will also go with us to create His way of peace, now and forever. Amen.”

Blessings,
Barbara

Trinity Echo, January 2026

Trinity UMC Officers and Leaders 2026

We will have a Prayer of Dedication for Officers and Leaders during worship on Sunday, January 11, 2026.

Church Council Chair - *Jo Lynn Blomquist

Pastor - Barbara Clark

Vice-Chair - TBD

Lay Leader - Jane Whitaker

Treasurer - Mike Pearce

Secretary - Sarah Jane Raymer

Financial Secretary - Sarah Jane Raymer

Lay Member of Annual Conference - *Jo Lynn Blomquist

Outreach & Missions - Jo Alison Cortez

TMW - Terri Pearce

Staff-Parish Relations Committee - Matt Brookshire

Finance & Stewardship Committee - *Amanda Smith

Lay Leadership (Nominations) - Pastor (Chair), Jane Whitaker (Vice Chair), 2026: Jo Lynn Blomquist, Terri Pearce; 2027: Denise Brookshire, Lori Moore; 2028: *Melanie Robinson

Staff-Parish Relations - 2026: Matt Brookshire (Chair), Kathy Brock; 2027: Bonnie Ledbetter, Jo Lynn Blomquist (Lay Member of AC); 2028: *Jim Campbell, Jane Whitaker (Lay Leader)

Finance - *Amanda Smith (Chair), Mike Pearce (Treasurer), Jo Lynn Blomquist (Lay Member of AC), Matt Brookshire SPR), Deb Counce (Trustees), Jane Whitaker (Lay Leader), Sarah Jane Raymer (Fin.Sec.); 2026: *Catherine Marvin, 2027: *Diane Veres, 2028: *Amanda Smith

Trustees - [Chair: TBD]; 2026: Deb Counce, Wilma Bickers, *David Lee;, 2027: Ab Brookshire; Loretta Jacobsen, Flo Valentino; 2028: *Lee Aikens, Rick Chester, Drew Griffith

Worship Committee: Barbara Clark (Facilitator), Warren Clark, Melanie Robinson, Cindy Hatcher Lovelace, Walter Hines, Ed Tinnel, Jane Whitaker

Outreach & Missions: Jo Alison Cortez (Chair), Wilma Bickers, Denise Brookshire, Deb Counce, Walter Hines, Ann Maroney, Dennis Van Wormer

Children's Ministry Coordinator - Pam Kirkpatrick and Volunteers

Historian - Sandra Guinn

Communications - Jo Lynn Blomquist

Librarians: Joe Spence, Sarah Young

Scholarship Committee: Bonnie Ledbetter (Chair), Tashia Brookshire, Lisa Reed, Joe Spence, Harvey Sproul

*Indicates new member or position

Welcome, New Members!



We are delighted to welcome our newest members, Bob & Connie Gunsch, who joined on December 21!

January Lectionary

January 4 - Epiphany Sunday - Matthew 2:1-12

January 11 - Baptism of the Lord Sunday - Matthew 3:13-17

January 18 - Human Relations Sunday - John 1:35-42

January 25 - Matthew 4:12-23

Upcoming Events

Meet & Greet

Our monthly Meet & Greet luncheon will take place on Sunday, January 4, in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. The meal will be New Year themed: meatloaf, black eyed peas, collard greens, hot rolls, red velvet cake, and pecan pie will be provided. Please bring a salad or side dish to share. Everyone is welcome to attend!

TMW Meeting

What a great way to start the year 2026, by joining our Trinity Methodist Women. At 10:30 am on Monday, January 5, in our Fellowship Hall, hear Mike Smith share the story of the Society of St. Andrews. If you haven't heard of the Society, it was started 30 years ago by three Methodist pastors out of the Virginia Conference looking to find new ways to feed the hungry and avoid the practice of throwing away far too much edible food.

Mike Smith is a member of Concord UMC and has worked with the Society for years. He's excited to share their story with us. And for some of you who have previously been involved in a "gleaning" day at Concord, Trinity has been invited to participate in February with the dropping of sweet potatoes. More info to come.

Please join us for fellowship as we embark on an exciting opportunity to be in a new relationship that will serve our community.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Trinity Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, January 6, at 6:00 pm in the conference room.

Upcoming Events

Bible Study

Bible study with Pastor Barbara will resume on Wednesday, January 7, at 6:00 pm in the New Visions classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Choir Rehearsal

Choir rehearsal will resume on Wednesday, January 7, at 6:00 pm. We'd love for more singers to join us!

Yoga for Seniors

Trinity's Yoga for Seniors class will resume on Thursday, January 8, at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. There is no charge to participate, and everyone is welcome! If you have a medical condition, please consult your physician before taking the class.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday. We hope you will join us in the annual Day of Service!

Missions & Outreach Meeting

Missions & Outreach will meet on Wednesday, January 28, at noon in the conference room.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

The SPRC will meet on a date to be determined.

January Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

Maddie Brookshire	January 2
Jane Whitaker	January 6
Matt Brookshire	January 15
Cindy Hatcher	January 25
Sophie Calvin	January 31

A Note of Gratitude

Thank you, Trinity!

The staff of Trinity would like to thank the congregation for their generous gifts over the holiday season. Thank you for making us feel supported and appreciated throughout the year! It is truly a blessing to be a part of the Trinity UMC family!



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Dear Friend,

Thank you for being a partner as we serve our Loudon County community facing difficult life situations and choices. Your gift allows us to be there in these critical times of need with assistance of food, utility payments, rent/pharmacy needs and much needed dental care. You make all the difference in the lives of our clients and their families. Food for their cabinets, A/C for their homes and many other items that we often take for granted. Working together, we make a difference in the lives of so many.

Our Sincere Thanks,


Misty P. Parker
Executive Director

Thank you for your
continued support!

Donation: \$2,125.00

Memorials

In Memory of Jim Anderson given by Jo Alison Cortez

In Memory of Earl Lauderdale given by Betty Edwards

& Larry Hawk

A Fresh Start: Building Faith and Community in 2026

Thank you for your generosity—let's make this year a blessing together.

Treasurer's Corner – January Update

Happy New Year! Thank you for your generous support throughout 2025. Your gifts enabled us to serve our community and grow in faith together. As we begin 2026, we encourage you to review your giving plans for the year and consider setting up recurring contributions to help sustain our ministries.

Year-End Giving Statements: Statements for 2025 contributions will be available soon for your records and tax purposes. Please watch for them in the coming weeks. Together, we can make this year a blessing for all. Thank you for being a vital part of our mission!

In His Name,
Mike Pearce, Treasurer

December Wesley House Donations

Peanut butter – 17 jars

Tuna – 16 cans

Vienna Sausage – 71 cans

Misc. cans – 16

Misc. items – 10

3 lbs. dried beans

Thank you for your generosity, Trinity!



Trinity Methodist Women

Happy New Year!

Please mark your calendars for upcoming meetings and events (so far) planned for 2026:



January 5 – Monthly meeting at 10:30 am Fellowship Hall

February 2 – Monthly meeting at 10:30 am Fellowship Hall

March 2 – Monthly meeting at 10:30 am Riverside Café 16239 US-70, Lenoir City, TN 37772

April 6 – Monthly meeting at 10:30 am Fellowship Hall

May 8 – TMW hosts the Wesley House Grannies for lunch and Bingo at 10:30 am Fellowship Hall

August 3 – Monthly meeting at 10:30 am Fellowship Hall to discuss rummage sale

August 4 thru September 9 – set up for rummage sale, work dates TBD

September 11 & 12 – Grandma's Attic Rummage Sale

October 5 – Monthly meeting at 10:30 am Fellowship Hall

November 2 – Monthly meeting at 10:30 am Fellowship Hall

December 7 – Monthly meeting at 10:30 am Fellowship Hall 'Baby Shower for Jesus'

We are looking forward to another year of community service, personal enrichment, and fun fellowship. Stay tuned for additional information as the year progresses.

TMW Baby Shower for Jesus

To benefit the mothers and babies at Susannah's House



January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Church office closed	2 Church office closed	3
4 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship & Holy Communion 12:00 pm Meet & Greet	5 10:30 am UMW Meeting in Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Meeting	6 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting in conference room	7 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Bible Study	8 9:00 am - 10:30 am Piano Lessons in Chapel 10:15 am Yoga for Seniors in Fellowship Hall	9	10 9:00 am - 11:00 am Piano Lessons in Chapel
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