



“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans...to give you a future with hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

Hello, Trinity friends!

I'm very happy to begin serving as your pastor and partner in ministry. I've been exploring our beautiful area, and I'm eager to learn more about the church and our community. I am a native of Chattanooga and grew up as an active member of Brainerd UMC, where my parents and four siblings were very involved in all facets of the congregation's ministries. I'm very proud to be Warren's (younger) sister!

Prior to my seminary days, I served as a lay member of local, District, Conference, Jurisdictional, and General agencies of the United Methodist Church. I earned the Master of Divinity degree from Emory University in 1995. I was ordained in 1996 in Holston Conference and have served congregations in Chattanooga, Copperhill, Bristol, Gatlinburg, and Knoxville. I took a sabbatical, 2012-2014, to study and work as a chaplain at Emory University Hospital, and I also served as director of the food pantry for a homeless ministry in mid-town Atlanta.

I have one son, Christopher Acuff, who is an associate professor of public administration at UT-Chattanooga. Christopher and his wife, Kirsten Ert Acuff, are new parents of my adorable grandson,



Ellis! My passions and hobbies include reading, hiking, music, volunteer service, spending time with family, exploring nature, and supporting outreach and benevolence agencies.

Your gifts and interests are important to me, so I trust the Lord will allow us to use our collective gifts for the good of the Kingdom.

Enough about me! I'm looking forward to getting to know you! If you are going to be out of town for the holiday weekend, please consider attending one of the introductory gatherings for a time of fellowship so I can get to know you. May the Lord's grace be with us as we seek to offer Christ's abundant love to a hurting world. I am honored to be your pastor.

Blessings,
Barbara



Upcoming Events

Choir Rehearsal

There will be no Wednesday night choir rehearsal during the month of July.

Yoga for Seniors

Trinity is offering a Yoga for Seniors class on Thursdays 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.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. We hope that you and your loved ones have a happy and safe holiday!

Meet & Greet

Our monthly Meet and Greet luncheon will take place on Sunday, July 6th, following worship in the Fellowship Hall. We will welcome our new pastor, Rev. Barbara Clark to Trinity! Pork barbecue, buns, potato chips, white cake with buttercream icing, and pecan pie will be provided. Please bring a festive summer side dish or salad to share. Everyone is welcome!



Upcoming Events

Burgers & Bingo

Please mark your calendars for Energizers Midsummer Bingo on Friday, July 11th, at 11:00 am. We will have lunch followed by Bingo and prizes. Hamburgers will be provided; coordinate with Terri Pearce on the pot-luck fixing's needed. Everyone is welcome to join the fellowship and fun!

Admin. Council & Finance Committee Meeting

The Administrative Council and Finance Committee will meet on Monday, July 14th, at 5:30 pm in the New Visions classroom.

Board of Trustees

The Trinity UMC Board of Trustees will meet in mid-July. Please stay tuned for more details!

Memorials



In Memory of Bob McClellan given by Jack Hammontree



Happy Birthday!

July 3rd	Deb Counce
July 3rd	Amy Garnjost
July 7th	Carolyn Tokarz
July 8th	Olivia Clark
July 8th	Sarah Jane Raymer
July 16th	Rev. Barbara Clark
July 16th	Bob Maroney
July 18th	Kathy Brock
July 22nd	Linda Garner
July 28th	Jean Griffith
July 31st	Warren Clark



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FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

THANK YOU for your generosity of your donations to the honorariums and memorials for this year's Father's Day recognition. Because of you Trinity United Methodist Women are sending \$381 to Wesley House Community Center for the purchase of one special Papa John's Pizza lunch for the students who are attending their summer program.

It is especially important because this Administration has cancelled the 21 truckloads of food designated for our local Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee who supply and support not only Wesley House, but our own Lenoir City Schools Friday Panther Packs and many, many other organizations in our communities. The cost of that food was estimated to be \$722,000.

Thank you, Trinity for caring!



Missions & Outreach

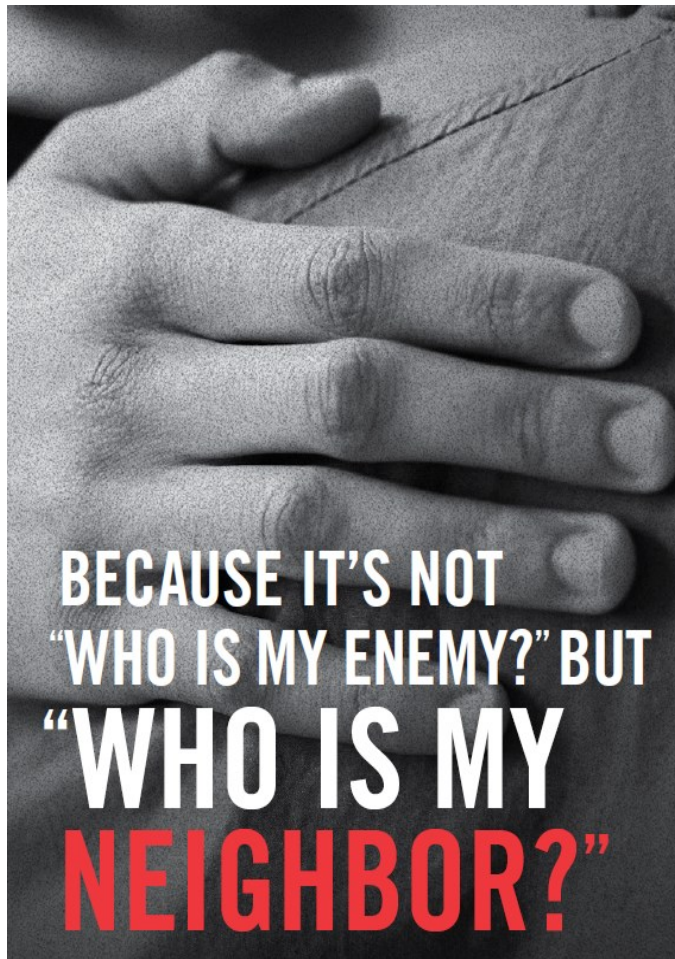
Good Samaritan School Backpacks

We thought we had just started summer, but the beginning of August is right around the corner and that's when school begins again for the kids in our community and for Trinity that means once again helping to purchase school backpacks to assist parents who struggle to provide these necessary items for their children. Each backpack is filled with the grade specific items the child will need. Last year over 500 backpacks were prepared.

Our offering for this outreach will be taken on both Sunday, July 13th and Sunday, July 20th. If you would like to be part of this outreach, the cost of a backpack is \$25. You can write Backpacks on the memo line of your check or offering envelope. The children and their parents will say, Thank You!

“Peace demands the most heroic labor and the most difficult sacrifice. It demands greater heroism than war. It demands greater fidelity to the truth and a much more perfect purity of conscience.”
-Thomas Merton

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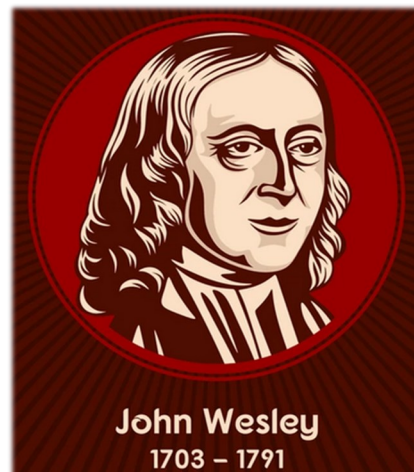
As Christians, we face an urgent moral imperative to respond in love and compassion to the times in which we live—times marked by the greatest forced migration crisis since World War II. Times beleaguered by unchecked racism, sexism, and other systemic injustices; climate change; and increasing global inequity.

The United Methodist Church unwaveringly supports the inherent dignity of every human being. Called to action in “a time such as this,” we take courage in a God who bids us to not grow weary.

Wesley's Words

“Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.”

–John Wesley, Sermon XXXIX, *Catholic Spirit*



Church & Society



The General Board of Church and Society is dedicated to the work of living faith, seeking justice, and pursuing peace.

On Sunday, June 22nd, Trinity celebrated our first Peace with Justice Sunday, one of the six special Sundays offered in our yearly church calendar. We'd like to extend that awareness by sharing how we can continue to understand and implement the action of Peace in our daily lives.

We begin by sharing Our Social Creed which draws from the Church's Christian beliefs and Wesleyan practices to express its solidarity with the working class and commitment to fair and just labor practices. It is a historic and sacred testament to our social witness as a denomination. The UMC encourages congregations to incorporate it into their worship occasionally to remind congregants of the denomination's commitment to justice and equality for all people.



OUR SOCIAL CREED

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 10:15 am Yoga for Seniors in Fellowship Hall	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5
6 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship & Holy Communion 12:00 pm Meet & Greet Luncheon	7	8	9	10 10:15 am Yoga for Seniors in Fellowship Hall	11 11:00 am Energizers Burgers & Bingo	12
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