



“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’” -Matthew 19:14

I’m very excited to share the news of our summer ministry with children! Several members and I have been concerned about the need for food distribution to children while school is out of session this month. We’ve also noticed energetic and adorable children playing in our field. A few of those children expressed an interest in joining together to share Bible stories, and that made my heart glad. Children + Bible Stories + Food + Fun = Ministry! I’m grateful for all of the volunteers who are stepping up to provide leadership for these lunchtime events each Wednesday in July! Feel free to join us for some fun in the sun (and shade). The spirit of our Lord will be with us as we experience God’s love together.

My heart and mind are also contemplating the atrocious situation in our communities where parents and children are being separated from one another, due to migration status. The Bible tells us over and over to welcome the foreigners. May the Lord open our ears to hear Jesus’ message (Matthew 19:14) with renewed minds and hearts! We are doing the Lord’s will when we welcome children—all children: all skin colors, all backgrounds, all abilities. Please pray with me that Trinity can continue to be the safe place where children feel welcomed. The Lord adds blessings to us as we come to know him better by spending time with his children. That thought causes me to share a special word of appreciation to our nursery team and to all who share kindness with “the little children.”

As I begin my second year of ministry at Trinity, I’m eager to continue serving in faithfulness with such a generous and visionary church family! I also want you to be aware that we have a new District Superintendent serving our Smoky Mountain District, The Rev. Dr. Sam Dzobo. I have invited him to preach for us one Sunday soon, so I heartily encourage you to be here to give him a warm Trinity greeting. May we prayerfully continue to show hospitality to one another and to all who are seeking a loving church home. With God’s help, we can do this!

I look forward to seeing you each Sunday.

Blessings,
Barbara



Upcoming Events

July Lectionary

July 5 - Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12 - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19 - Genesis 28:10-19a

July 26 - Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Children's Summer Ministry

We are beginning to collect donations for lunches for our summer ministry with children. Suggested items include lunchbox sized bags of chips, individually wrapped snack cakes, and juice boxes. The stories, snacks, and songs will be offered to children at noon on the Wednesdays in July. Volunteers are needed! Please see Pastor Barbara for details.

Choir Rehearsal

There will be no Wednesday night choir rehearsal during the month of July. Choir rehearsals will resume on August 5, at 6:00 pm.

Yoga for Seniors

Meetings are every Thursday. The Level 1 class takes place from 10:30 am to 11:00 am. The Level 3 class takes place from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. Please consult your physician if you have a problem. There is no charge, and everyone is welcome!



Upcoming Events

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday!

Meet & Greet

Sunday, July 5, is our next Meet and Greet. The menu includes chicken parmesan with spaghetti and bread sticks. Dessert is Independence Day cake with butter cream icing. Bring salads and any sides for all to enjoy. As always, your Love Offerings are appreciated in support of this ministry.

One Heart Community Closet

The One Heart Community Closet will open on Saturday, July , from 10:00 am to noon. Please contact Jane Whitaker if you would like to volunteer. (865) 986-8741 or janewhitaker45@gmail.com.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Monday, July 13, at 6:00 pm in the New Vision classroom.

Free Mini Legal Clinic

Trinity will host a free mini legal clinic for our immigrant neighbors on Saturday, July 25, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.



July Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

July 3rd	Deb Counce
July 3rd	Amy Garnjost
July 4th	Libby Long
July 7th	Carolyn Tokarz
July 8th	Olivia Clark
July 8th	Sarah Jane Raymer
July 16th	Rev. Barbara Clark
July 16th	Connie Gunsch
July 16th	Bob Maroney
July 18th	Kathy Brock
July 28th	Jean Griffith
July 31st	Warren Clark

Treasurer's Corner

July 2026

As we enter the heart of summer, I'd like to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued generosity and faithful stewardship. Your giving sustains the ministries of our church and allows us to serve both our congregation and the wider community.

Through the first half of the year, we have remained steady in meeting our regular expenses, including ministry programming, building maintenance, and outreach efforts. This consistency is a testament to your commitment and faith. Summer months can sometimes bring a dip in attendance and giving, so we encourage everyone to continue supporting the church as you are able during this season.

We invite you to prayerfully consider your ongoing financial support this month. Whether through your regular tithes and offerings or a special summer gift, every contribution makes a meaningful difference in helping us continue God's work in our community. If you are traveling, many of our giving options remain available so you can stay connected and faithful in your stewardship wherever you are.

We are also taking time this month to review our budget and ensure that we are using our resources wisely and in alignment with our mission. If you have any questions about the church's finances or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out—I am always happy to talk with you.

Thank you again for your ongoing support, your prayers, and your faithfulness.

Grace and peace,

Mike Pearce

Treasurer



Missions and Outreach

Lenoir City Schools Family Resource Center HYGIENE KITS: When Trinity asked our LC Family Resource Center how we could help our school-aged children, Susan Fox, Director said, please provide 10 full-sized Hygiene Kits for five boys and five girls. These kits will be given to homeless children, children from displaced families and as Susan said, “those who have no opportunities for a toothbrush.” Their parents will also be able to share in the use of these items.

In doing a little background checking Trinity began this outreach in 2018. Wow! Trinity you are so Faithful! Over this time you have helped countless children to feel fresh and clean as they go to school and play with their friends and family. So very important in a child’s life.

We have found that in order to maintain consistency in the size of the items and products included, we are asking Trinity to please make a donation toward these kits. Our Missions/Outreach committee will shop for these items. We will lift up this ministry on both Sunday, July 12, and Sunday, July 19, and the kits will be dedicated on Sunday, July 26. If this outreach is of interest, please write “Hygiene Kits” on the memo line of your check or offering envelope. And Thank You again!!

Good Samaritan School Backpacks: Just when we thought we were in the midst of summer, August rolls around with the beginning of school and for Trinity that means we are supporting the purchase of *School Backpacks* once again. With a purchase of a school backpack we are assisting parents who struggle to provide the necessary items for their children. Each backpack is filled with the grade specific items the child will need. Last year more than 400 backpacks were prepared.

Our offering for this outreach will be taken on both Sunday, July 26, and August 2. If you would like to be a 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 knowing the Children and their Parents are saying, “Thank You!” and Trinity is too.

Church & Society

God Will Not Be Mocked

We who are followers of Jesus Christ and all people of good will should heed the invitation to *“Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.”* (Galatians 6:2)

To all of the millions of people who are praying for peace and not war, food for the hungry and not more missiles for the military, I say to you. Do not grow weary in doing what is right.

Pope Leo XIV quoting the prophet Isaiah says God does not hear the prayers of those who wage war. He reminds government leaders including the President of the United States that *“Every person in authority will have to answer to God for the way they exercise their power.”*

As quoted in Isaiah 1:15 *“When you stretch your hands I will hide from you, even though you make many prayers, I will not listen.”* Isaiah 1:17 says *“Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.”*

To all of the people who embrace a vision of peacemaking and problem-solving over people blaming and name calling, I say be encouraged.

There was a time when Kings thought they were endowed with divine authority and God like powers. This vision of leadership does not compute in my head or comport to my understanding of the first of the Ten Commandments, which says *“You shall have no other Gods before me.”* (Exodus 20:3)

John Wesley wrote that all persons who wish to be saved should show their desire by; **Doing no harm, by doing good, and by attending to the ordinances of God, which include the central role of prayer.**

I believe pastors and Christians have a right and obligation to share the truth about the failure of leadership in high places.

Are These Choices Making America Great?

I am sorry Mr. U.S. President, but the world is made up of people who want to care for their families and making choices to contribute to the well being of planet and people. I wake up and step out into a world not full of low IQ

Trinity Echo, July 2026

The choice of warfare over childcare and healthcare is contrary to the goal of making America great.

Criticizing and verbally attacking Pope Leo because he stands for peace and demonizing millions of immigrants is a choice.

We need a country that makes immigration choices that stops ICE's unlawful human rights enforcement violations and doesn't cage thousands of children under the guise of protecting the U.S. Southern border.

We want a country and world made better not by choosing to drop "F" word-bombs on Easter or thousands of destructive, killing bombs on Iran causing a war of choice.

Making a choice to disparage former U.S. Presidents and posting pictures generated by AI that have no redeeming value is a poor example of servant leadership.

Making light of Jesus or portraying yourself as Jesus may be seen as a spoof by some but is still a choice that has offended hundreds of millions of people around the world.

Galatians 6:7 says *"Do Not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you will reap what you sow."*

Yes, we have a loving God who forgives our sins. Yes, I believe we should pray for the welfare and wisdom of our elected leaders.

However, God will not be mocked.

Be encouraged,

Bishop Julius C. Trimble
General Secretary
The General Board of Church & Society

Wesley's Words



John Wesley
1703 – 1791

"I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfill God's creational intentions."

-John Wesley, *How To Pray: The Best of John Wesley on Prayer*



Our Trinity Family



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			1 12:00 pm Children's Summer Ministry	2 9:00 am - 10:30 am Piano Lessons in Chapel 10:15 am Yoga for Seniors in Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm Walking Group	3 Church Office Closed	4 Independence Day
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