

## From the Desk of the Pastor



“...The prayers of a righteous person are powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

As we continue through the season of Lent, we want to be dedicated to a life of prayer. Jesus was a man of prayer, and we take comfort knowing He continues to be our prayer advocate to God. Trinity has many opportunities to participate in a prayer ministry: in Sunday morning worship, at Wednesday evening ministries, our Facebook Prayer Group, the monthly newsletter, at small group meetings, etc. You are also cordially invited to participate in our Lenten Prayer Partner ministry as we prepare for Easter. You still have time to select the name of a church member to uphold in prayer, so please contact me soon for more details. As Holy Week approaches, our congregation will dedicate time for prayer in our Good Friday Prayer Vigil. Imagine what the Lord can do through a praying church!

I sincerely appreciate all of the efforts many of you are making to support the various ministries of our church. We are stronger because of your generosity of time, talents, and gifts! As we continue the Lenten Season into Holy Week, I'm looking for the potential of including more volunteers who might be interested in developing the Lenten disciple of service. Our church can thrive even more beautifully by strengthening current ministries and perhaps adding new ministries. I'm specifically praying for folks who might be willing to help with our children's ministry, our visitation ministry, worship preparations, and church outings (“field trips”).

As we approach Holy Week, I'd like to offer this prayer from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*: “Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it to be the way of life and peace. Grant us grace to honor our Lord by serving one another in his love; for whose sake we pray. Amen.”

I look forward to seeing you each Sunday!

Blessings,

Barbara

# Upcoming Events



## Meet & Greet

Trinity will not host a Meet & Greet luncheon during the month of March. Our next Meet & Greet will take place following worship on Easter Sunday, April 5.

## TMW Meeting

The Trinity Methodist Women will meet on Monday, March 2, at 10:30 am at Riverside Coffee Shop.

## Trustees Meeting

The Trinity Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, March 3, at 6:00 pm in the conference room.

## 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!

## Daylight Saving Time

Please remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 7.

# Upcoming Events



## Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Monday, March 16, at 6:00 pm in the conference room.

## Missions & Outreach Meeting

Missions & Outreach will meet on Wednesday, March 25, at noon in the conference room.

## TUMC Choir

The Trinity choir is a wonderful group that enjoys getting together to sing. We really like sharing music that we hope will be meaningful to our friends in the congregation. If you have an interest in joining us to rehearse on Wednesday evenings to see if you'd like to perform with us on Sundays, please call Warren at 865-705-8014. We love having new folks in the choir loft!

## Holy Week

Trinity's Maundy Thursday service will take place on April 2 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. On Good Friday the Sanctuary will be open on April 3 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm for prayer. Our Easter service will take place on Sunday, April 5, at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary with festive music for the occasion. The Meet & Greet luncheon will follow worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please invite your friends and family to join us in our Easter celebration!

# March Birthdays



## Happy Birthday!

Carla Wiggins	March 2
Terri Pearce	March 8
Catherine Marwin	March 14
Jeran Stinnett	March 18
Phil Reed	March 25
Harriet Williams	March 25
Perry Reed	March 26
Denise Brookshire	March 29



We would like to thank Cherlyn Quick and Diane Veres for building and installing Trinity's new blessing box! We plan to have a prayer of dedication on Sunday, March 8. Items that are appropriate for the box include canned food with pop-top lids, individually wrapped snacks, protein bars, travel sized hygiene items, etc. Thank you for helping with this new ministry for our neighborhood!

# Society of St. Andrew Crop Drop



On Saturday, February 21, Trinity and seven area churches participated in the Society of St. Andrew crop drop at Loudon United Methodist. We distributed 40,000 pounds of sweet potatoes to area food pantries, agencies, and individuals. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Society of St. Andrew sweet potato event. Your work and prayers made a difference!





# Trinity Methodist Women

## **TMW Meet on Monday, March 2nd**

Our Trinity Methodist Women will be meeting Monday, March 2, 10:30am at the Riverside Coffee Shop and wish to invite ALL women to join us. The Riverside Coffee Shop was founded by Angela Lee, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and mother, to provide vocational, social, and life skill training for individuals with special needs, including her son with Down Syndrome. It is a nonprofit cafe serving “coffee with a cause” offering a two-year program focusing on skills like money management, customer service, and food prep while training young adults to work in a community-facing environment. The shop provides a place for employees to gain confidence and interact directly with customers, aiming to boost independence.

In 2025 the Tennessee Department of Human Services pulled their funding putting the future of the program in jeopardy. Fortunately, they garnered local support, utilizing community, sponsorships, and continued coffee sales to keep their mission alive.

We are so fortunate to have Angela Lee as our speaker for the day as she is soon retiring to Florida, but will also have the opportunity to meet the gal that will follow Angela and keep their program and training continuing into the future.

Come join us and enjoy one of their coffees, specialty drinks, pastries, and light bites as we share in a time of fellowship together supporting our local enterprise. If you would like to carpool, please arrive at the church at 10:15 am and we can travel together. Sure hope you can join us!!

As stated on their Google page, it is a vocational training program disguised as a coffee shop, helping young adults with special needs develop job and life skills in a real-world setting. Angela Lee, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and mother who conceived of this idea, and created this wonderful spot to enjoy coffee, specialty drinks, and pastries will be our speaker for the day.

If you'd like to carpool, please meet us at the church at 10:15 am and we can travel together. Hope you can join us.



TRINITY METHODIST WOMEN **UPDATED**

Please mark your calendars for upcoming meetings and events planned for 2026:

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

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

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

**April 6** - Monthly meeting at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall

**May 29** - TMW hosts the Wesley House Grannies for lunch and Bingo at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall

**August 3**- Monthly meeting at 10:30 am in 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 in Fellowship Hall

**November 2** - Monthly meeting at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall

**December 7** - Monthly meeting at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall ‘Baby Shower for Jesus’

Wesley House Donations January 2026

Vienna Sausage - 118 cans

Tuna - 104 cans

Peanut butter - 61 jars

Soup – 15 cans

Mac and cheese - 20 individual servings

Oatmeal - 10 pk. Individual servings

Beans and rice - 4 lbs.

Baking goods - 4 items

Misc. pantry - 19 items

Cleaning products - 2 bottles

Thank you for your generosity, Trinity!

# Missions & Outreach

## UMCOR SUNDAY

### MAKE A BIGGER DIFFERENCE TOGETHER.

**“Our faith in Jesus allows us to look beyond ourselves and help others. We connect with those who are in the midst of a disaster, and our response is to support them in any way possible. It’s not just recovery. It’s also meeting emotional, spiritual and basic needs.**

**THE GOAL IS TO MAKE EVERYBODY WHOLE.”**

- Esmeralda “Missy” Gordillo, UMCOR Case Manager



## Missions & Outreach

**UMCOR Sunday:** Trinity will again celebrate UMCOR Sunday, always the 4th Sunday in Lent, on March 15.

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me” – Matthew 25:35, NRSV.*

Eighty-six years ago, World War II was raging. Millions of people, displaced from their homes, sought refuge and hope. The church responded by creating the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (MCO) and supporting MCO through an annual offering called “One Great Hour of Sharing.”

The 2016 United Methodist General Conference changed the name to UMCOR Sunday to reflect the important work accomplished by the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR Sunday calls the church to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. UMCOR Sunday reaches children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster. Through United Methodist sharing, vulnerable people affected by crisis or chronic need witness the love of Jesus Christ.

Through a strong network of worldwide partners, UMCOR quickly assesses needs in wake of disaster. UMCOR works collaboratively with local partners to connect survivors to the help they need to rebuild their lives. In the U.S., UMCOR works with disaster response ministries and coordinators in annual conferences. Internationally, UMCOR resources Disaster Management Offices in Africa and the Philippines and accompanies and equips other Methodist and faith-based partners. UMCOR’s primary channels of assistance are training, technical support, and both short and long-term grantmaking and programing.

When people face crisis UMCOR is there to help. But that kind of response doesn’t just happen. It requires trained staff, reliable systems, and the ability to act quickly and compassionately.

*That’s why UMCOR matters because it sustains that foundation.* By covering UMCOR’s administrative costs, this Special Sunday makes sure the Church is equipped to respond whenever and wherever help is needed without delay. When we support UMCOR Sunday, we’re making it possible for the Church to be a consistent, trusted presence in moments of urgent need. Thank You for Giving!

## Church & Society



By: Lilla Marigza

On Feb. 10, United Methodists from across the [Tennessee-Western Kentucky](#) and [Holston](#) Conferences traveled to Nashville for United Methodist Day on the Hill, hosted by the [Tennessee-Western Kentucky Board of Church and Society](#). “There will be no bullhorns. Day on the Hill is not a day of protest. Think of it as a field trip for faith in action,” said the Rev. Timothy Holton-Overcast, one of the organizers of United Methodist Day on the Hill, said in a pre-event briefing.

Participants spent the day meeting with lawmakers from their own districts. Attendees also delivered a copy of the United Methodist [Social Principles](#) to each member of the Tennessee General Assembly in those meetings. UM News reporter Lilla Marigza was there.

Following the day of advocacy, participants were encouraged to write thank-you notes to state legislators and learn more about how current and future legislation aligns with United Methodist Social Principles.

**“When in doubt about our civic engagement, trust The Immanuel who is within and amongst us. WE are the collective body of Christ, our civic engagement is our communion with the people as we envision and work for justice, peace and life with dignity.”**

**Deaconess Norma Dollage,  
Philippines Central Conference**



**John Wesley**  
1703 – 1791

### Wesley's Words

*“Do you not know that God entrusted you with that money (all above what buys necessities for your families) to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to help the stranger, the widow, the fatherless; and indeed, as far as it will go, to relieve the wants of all mankind? How can you, how dare you, defraud the Lord, by applying it to any other purpose?”*

### Notes of Gratitude

*Dear friends,*

*Your support has truly been overwhelming. I am so blessed to be a member of such a caring church. I love you all. We all appreciate your prayers. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our mom's service and visitation.*

*The on Monday was delicious. Thank you so much for feeding our family. And for making it veggie!*

*Love,*

*Cindy Hatcher*

### Memorials

*In Memory of Brenda Hatcher given by Deb Counce*

*In Memory of Brenda Hatcher given by Bonnie Ledbetter*

*In Memory of Earl Lauderdale given by Harvey Sproul*

# March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship & Holy Communion	<b>2</b> 10:30 am UMW Meeting at Riverside Coffee Shop 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Meeting	<b>3</b> 11:00 am Prayer Group & Lenten Bible Study 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting in conference room	<b>4</b> 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 9:00 am - 10:30 am Piano Lessons in Chapel 10:15 am Yoga for Seniors in Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Walking Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 am - 11:00 am Piano Lessons
<b>8</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Daylight Saving Time begins	<b>9</b> 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Meeting	<b>10</b> 11:00 am Prayer Group & Lenten Bible Study	<b>11</b> 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 9:00 am - 10:30 am Piano 10:15 am Yoga for Seniors 6:00 pm Walking Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00 am - 11:00 am Piano Lessons
<b>15</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship UMCOR Sunday	<b>16</b> 6:00 pm Church Council 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Meeting	<b>17</b> 11:00 am Prayer Group & Lenten Bible Study	<b>18</b> 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 9:00 am - 10:30 am Piano Lessons 10:15 am Yoga for Seniors 6:00 pm Walking Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:00 am - 11:00 am Piano Lessons
<b>22</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	<b>23</b> 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Meeting	<b>24</b> 11:00 am Prayer Group & Lenten Bible Study	<b>25</b> 12:00 pm Missions & Outreach Meeting 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 9:00 am - 10:30 am Piano Lessons 10:15 am Yoga for Seniors 6:00 pm Walking Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 am - 11:00 am Piano Lessons
<b>29</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Palm Sunday	<b>30</b> 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Meeting	<b>31</b> 11:00 am Prayer Group & Lenten Bible Study				