From the Desk of the Pastor



"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I Thessalonians 5:18

The crisp autumn air, the splendor of golden leaves, and the gatherings of family and friends are a few of the reasons we love November. We are entering the season of gratitude as this month unfolds for Trinity. We have many opportunities this month for gathering to give thanks to God through worship, fellowship, study, and service. One key component to worship is the act of giving: we give our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

The month of gratitude begins with All Saints' Sunday on November 1. This sacred service will allow us to remember Trinity's members who have entered the Church Triumphant this past year. "Well done, good and faithful servants." We are grateful for these saints:

Earl Lauderdale, Steven Rimmer, Sol Thomas, Larry Rollins, Donald Perkey, Perry Reed, Linda Garner, Hazel Maples.

I am grateful for the generous responses you have made in recent weeks to Holston's Famine Relief Fund for South Sudan ($1,679.00!), for all who supported our Halloween party for the neighborhood, for providing food for Wesley House food pantry and our Blessing Box, for supplying 62 winter coats for the families of Bridge Refugee Services, and for the essential offerings and prayers that make our weekly ministries possible. May the Lord richly bless you for being a blessing to others!

As the month continues, we also mark the importance of observing Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving, Christ the King Sunday, and the First Sunday of Advent. I hope you will commit to being with us for worship as often as possible for these meaningful occasions. Your presence makes a difference in the life of this congregation! "I thank God upon every remembrance of you."

Have a blessed and happy holiday and a beautiful season of giving thanks!

Gratefully yours,

Barbara

Upcoming Events



November Lectionary

November 1 - All Saints Sunday - Matthew 5:1-12 (The Beatitudes)
November 8 - Matthew 25:1-13
November 15 - Matthew 25:14-30
November 22 – Christ the King Sunday - Matthew 25:31-46
November 29 - First Sunday of Advent –Mark 13:24-37

Time to "Fall Back!"

Please remember that Standard Time begins early on Sunday, November 1, so set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

All Saints Sunday

Please join us for worship on Sunday, November 1, when we remember the saints of Trinity. This will be a sacred moment to honor our church members who have entered the Church Triumphant.

Trinity Methodist Women

Please join us Monday, November 2, at 10:30 am to hear Kelly Henry from Second Harvest as our speaker for the day. Many of us know of Second Harvest as the main supplier of food for East Tennessee, but do we really know how broad is their reach and the various groups and institutions they support to help combat and alleviate the overwhelming food insecurity for so many in our communities here in East Tennessee. We invite ALL who might want to hear Kelly. Come join us for a morning of fellowship and learning.

Upcoming Events



Board of Trustees

The Trinity Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, November 5, at 6:00 pm in the conference room.

One Heart Community Closet

The One Heart Community Closet will be open on Saturday, November 7, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jane Whitaker.

Meet & Greet

Our monthly Meet and Greet luncheon will take place on Sunday, November 15, following worship. The meal will be Thanksgiving themed. Turkey, dressing, sliced ham, hot rolls, cake, and pecan pie will be provided. Please bring a holiday side dish or salad to share. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Charge Conference

Trinity's Charge Conference will take place on Saturday, November 15, at Loudon UMC, 509 Mulberry Street, Loudon at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Tree Decorating at Trinity

We will decorate the Fellowship Hall Christmas tree following Meet & Greet. On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November, at 4:00 pm we will decorate the Chrismon tree in the sanctuary. The first Sunday after Thanksgiving will be the First Sunday of Advent. Please join us as we prepare for the festive season!

Upcoming Events



Admin. Council & Finance Committee Meeting

The Administrative Council and Finance Committee will meet on Monday, November 16, at 5:30 pm in the New Vision classroom.

District Day With the Bishop

The District Day with the Bishop is on Thursday, November 22, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Seymour UMC, 107 Simmons Rd, Seymour, TN 37865. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Holiday Schedule

The choir will not rehearse on Wednesday, November 25, owing to the Thanksgiving holiday. Choir rehearsal will resume on Wednesday, December 2, at 6:00 pm. The church office will be closed Wednesday, November 25, through Friday, November 27, in observance of Thanksgiving. We hope you enjoy this time with your loved ones!

Advent Bible Study

Meet & Greet Schedule

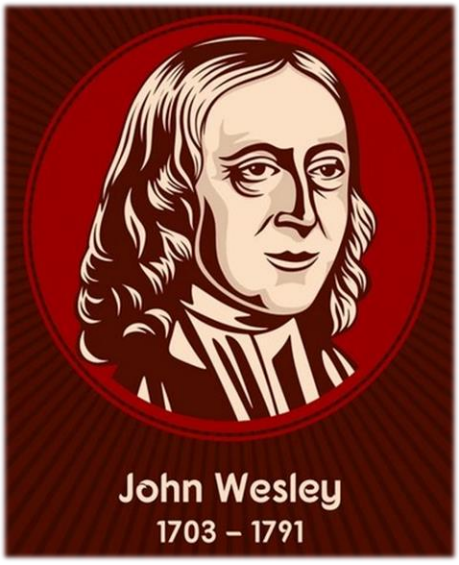
December - Meet and Greet will be on December 13
January - NO MEET AND GREET
February - Back to the first Sunday schedule - Meet and Greet on February 7

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

Lee Aikens	November 1
Bob Gunsch	November 3
Loraine Herrin	November 6
Bob Brown	November 7
Jo Alison Cortez	November 9
Patti Stutts	November 17
Dennis VanWormer	November 21
Matilda Lainhart	November 23
Barbara Montgomery	November 26
Ann Maroney	November 27

Wesley's Words



Since we belong to the day, let's stay sober, wearing faithfulness and love as a piece of armor that protects our body and the hope of salvation as a helmet. (1 Thessalonians 5:8)

Be serious and frequent in the examination of your heart and life...Every evening review your carriage through the day; what you have done or thought that was unbecoming your character; whether your heart has been instant upon religion and indifferent to the world? Have a special care of two portions of time, namely, morning and evening; the morning to forethink what you have to do, and the evening to examine whether you have done what you ought.

Let every action have reference to your whole life, and not to a part only. Let all your subordinate ends be suitable to the great end of your living. Exercise yourself unto godliness.

John Wesley, *John and Charles Wesley, The Methodist Book of Daily Prayer*, pg 262

Trinity Methodist Women

On Monday, October 5, our women distributed the monies from our Grannie's Attic Sale to the following organizations:

Second Harvest	$300
Wesley House	$750 (doubled by Second Harvest)
Jubilee	$300
Red Bird Mission	$250
UMCOR National & International	$500
Good Samaritan, as needed	$300
Boys and Girls Club	$600
Kids Frist Child Advocacy	$300
Foster Village of E TN	$300
Susannah's House	$300
Trinity Trustees donation	$500
Bridge Refugee Services	$500
South Sudan Famine Relief	$300
Society of St. Andrew	$300
Thank yous to:	
Walter with Alter Flowers	$45
Marc Tuttle Gas gift card	$100
Total Mission Giving	$5,645

Thank you again to ALL who helped to make these donations possible! Know you are continuing to make a difference in the lives of so many.

Missions and Outreach

Good Samaritan Thanksgiving Baskets: Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away and there are families in our community who will need assistance in providing that special meal for their family. We're lucky to have Good Samaritan to be that assistance, and we here at Trinity can join in too. Last year over 400 families were provided baskets full of supplies for a "thankful" meal. Trinity will be taking an offering on both Sunday, November 8, and Sunday, November 15. If you would like to be part of this outreach a basket costs $25.00. Please write "Thanksgiving Basket" on the memo line of your check or offering envelope. And We Thank You!!

Lenoir City Schools Santa Helper's Gifts: Again, this year Trinity will partner with our LC Schools Family Resource Center to sponsor five children as part of their Santa's Helper outreach. We receive from each child a list of three toys or gifts they would like. Then we are given their sizes for shoes, socks, pants, underwear, shirt or blouse and then if they'd like a coat or a hoodie along with their favorite color. With all this very important info our Outreach committee goes to work to fulfil all their wishes and their needs. It's a very fun time of shopping and then wrapping those gifts to go under our Trinity Christmas tree for dedication.

If you would like to participate as a Santa's Helper, please write "Santa's Helper" on the memo line of your check or offering envelope. We will share an offering on both Sunday, November 22, and Sunday, November 29. We anticipate spending between $250 to $300 this year per child. We promise great delight with very big smiles when the children open their gifts on Christmas morning. Thank you for sharing the Spirit of the Season by continuing to make a difference in the lives of these children.

Holston Stands Together: South Sudan Relief: Thank you Trinity for your incredible generosity by giving $1,679 for our conference wide offering to respond to the immediate needs in South Sudan for famine relief and health care and other urgent support for pastors and their families. Holston Conference currently supports 18 churches in South Sudan. Over 20 years, this partnership has become more than a mission project. They are family. Thank You, Trinity!!

Bridge Refugee Services: Well, Trinity when we asked for some *Gently Used Coats and Hoodies* for refugee families both here in Knoxville and Chattanooga you responded by collecting **62!!!** What can we say but, Amazing in your response, and of course these families say Thank You Very Much and we do too!!



November 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship & Holy Communion All Saints Sunday	2 10:30 am TMW Meeting in Fellowship Hall	3 11:00 am Prayer Group 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Piano Lessons in Chapel	4 5:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 9:00 am - 10:30 am Piano Lessons in Chapel 10:15 am Yoga for Seniors in Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm Walking Group	6	7 9:00 am - 11:00 am Piano Lessons 10:00 am One Heart Community Closet
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29 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 1st Sunday of Advent	30 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Meeting					