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Pastor's Corner

Hello Everyone!

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10).

Ad Astra is in full swing, in the past couple weeks I've seen dozens of young people moving about in our facility; talking with one another, smiling, laughing, sometimes scurrying down the hall to avoid a late entry into practice. In our fellowship hall and sanctuary they sing, play instruments, and hone their craft as actors, singers, and musicians all in preparation for their performances.

The musicians in the fellowship hall tuning their instruments sound so discordant. You hear woodwind, strings, and brass all blowing, humming into, strumming or drawing bows across their instruments as they tune-up and practice different stanzas on their varied instruments.

Then it becomes quiet, the conductor lifts his hands - a collective pause. As the conductor moves his hands the various instruments begin voicing their synchronized parts. Suddenly, wonderfully, the hall outside my office is filled with a delightful melody. All instruments together creating the beautiful music. The music played by the tuba, or bass, or clarinet at any particular moment on its own may not be pleasing to the listener. It is only as all instruments voice together that the music comes to life as the composer of the piece intended.

As I enjoyed and listened, Ephesians 2:10 came to mind. *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

This is not directed to the individual, it is written to a group of Christians – a 'Local Church': Together we are God's workmanship! As we draw together we're created into something new - to do good works. These works are what our composer and conductor, our heavenly Father prepared for us to do.

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Each of us has been given a ‘voice’ in God’s symphony. As God’s instruments we pay attention to the conductor, the Holy Spirit. We read the music that’s already written in His Word, The Bible. God has His own particular way of composing and conducting the music He’d like us to play. Though it’s tempting to bring our own hand – scribbled / or other-altered and rewritten sheet music to play. His original work is much better. In fact, the altered work actually undoes what He wants others to experience and hear from Him.

You, we, each of us = together, have music to play. A part in the Maestro’s musical score; something uniquely and wonderfully you that you and only you can bring to the orchestra. You are that wonderful instrument in God’s orchestra that brings what He’s written; and what He’s purposed the world to hear, to fullest life. He wants to hear you. Your part is written. He’s prepared it in advance for you to accomplish.

As we move into summer’s close, school beginning, vacation times drawing to a close, harvests ending and others approaching in a month or so remember: He loves you. He has plans for you. Music for you to play. Music that is beautiful to His ears!

God bless you!

Pastor Mike



PRAYER CONCERNS

Briana White
Terry McGuire
Becky Polcyn
Kim Bender
Ray Olson
Kelly Kerr
Jamie Shank

Steven Walters
Larry Bernard
Kristen Windscheffel
Pam Smith
Neal Schmidtberger
Richard Newton

Dustin Poche’
Jodi Radke
Richard Newton
Marie Hogan
Dave Johnson
Stephanie Brown
Kelly Jeroue

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Will meet **Sept 3, 2022, at 8 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall .. Hope to see you all there! We have folks who can't come to our meetings but are able to help in our missions in other ways..... for which we are truly grateful. Perhaps an evening or week-end circle would fit your schedule. Contact the church office for more information: 785-483-2440

TRINITY LADIES

The Trinity Ladies will meet **Sept 13, 2022, at 10 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Thank you to the Trinity Community Thrift Store for assisting in the cost of food for the Lenten Luncheon hosted at Trinity UMC.

TRINITY COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE

The year continues to pass and things at the Thrift Store continue to move along too. We have about a month before the changeover to winter clothes happens. That is hard to imagine doing when it is over 100 degrees outside. We do find out though that people get tired of buying summer items when September comes, regardless of the temperature.

We have continued to have many sales on things such as infant clothes, because we have so many. So, if you know of anyone who needs infant clothes, please send them our way. We have put together several boxes that have been taken to facilities in Salina, Wichita, and to the Russell County Health Department.

This time of year there are several volunteers who have taken time off to travel for fun or to help children with jobs. There are also a few of our volunteers who are moving to Hays. They will be greatly missed by all of us. Every job done by a volunteer is an important job so we will be looking for someone to clean the bathrooms and someone to vacuum the sell floor. The bathroom job takes about 20 minutes a week and involves cleaning two bathrooms and scrubbing the floors. The vacuuming job takes about an hour and a half per week and involves vacuuming the sell floor. So, if you are interested in helping with one or both of these jobs please let Lyndel know.

We thank you very much if you have done anything to help our cause during the past month. We appreciate your donations, the time and money you spent shopping and the prayers you have offered up on our behalf.

Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family,

The Summer is quickly approaching it's end, and the kiddos will be headed back to school before we know it! Time to purchase those school supplies, backpacks, and new clothes that each child needs to kick off the school year.

As you are in the stores and begin noticing the summer apparel that starts to go on clearance, please keep in mind that around October we will be filling up Operation Christmas Child boxes so now is a great time to get items while they are at a great price. Items could include sandals, socks, shirts, and even school supplies such as crayons!

VBS has officially kicked off and oh what an exciting time it has been so far! We cannot thank all our volunteers enough that have come together to make this such an exciting time for the kids to learn about Jesus! It's a lot of work but seeing the excitement on each child's face makes it worth every minute spent preparing!

We will be starting up IGNITE! again at Trinity UMC on September 7th and we are excited to see all the kids again!

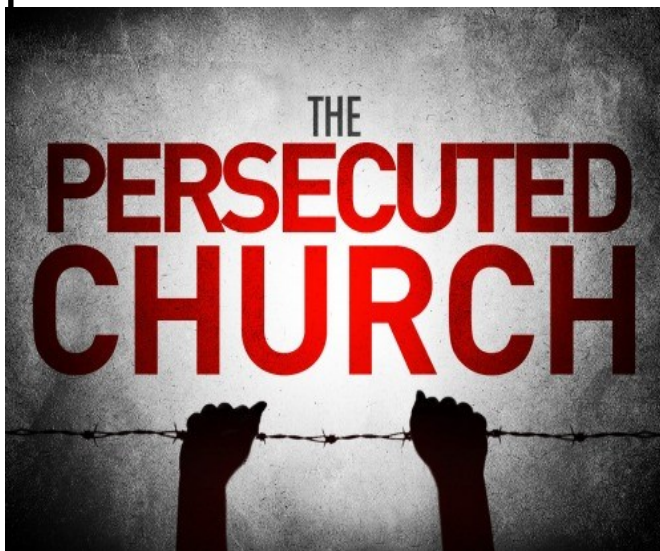
We will be implementing a new program this fall, Children's Worship, that will take place on Sunday mornings during the main service. As we strive to grow the church and bring in new families, we feel it's important to have an option for the parents with children who aren't used to sitting in the pews during service. The children will hear the children's message in the main sanctuary and then be dismissed to their own classroom to have an exciting time of worship along with their own lesson tailored just for them! This by no means, means that your child **MUST** attend Children's Worship and it's fantastic if you feel it is best for your family if you child remains in the sanctuary. Parents with children are often told by the congregation that the children are not a distraction when they begin to get a little loud while sitting in the pews, however, many parents with those restless children, **DO** feel it is a distraction and are constantly trying to ensure they are quiet. This means the parents aren't truly listening to the sermon and aren't fully getting the whole message. This program will allow those parents the option to sit in the sanctuary, children free, and really get something out of the service while the kids are learning about Jesus too! For this program to be successful and a way to grow our church family, it is going to take volunteers! If this is something you would like to be a part of, please let me know!

Please continue to pray for our children, youth, and volunteers as Summer comes to and end and as we prepare for our weekly programing to resume.

God Bless You!

Katie Scarborough

Children and Youth Education Coordinator



Around the world, many believers are persecuted -- imprisoned, even killed -- for their faith. These are our Christian brothers and sisters, and need our prayers.

Jul. 21, 2022 | Guinea - Christian Man Attacked by Muslim Wife

Soulayman is a Fulani painter who came to faith in Christ through the witness of a missionary who had hired Soulayman. When his family discovered his newfound faith, they forced him to marry a Muslim woman to try to reconvert him. When a son was born to Soulayman, the family tried to force him to perform an Islamic ceremony on the boy. After Soulayman refused, the family sent his wife to attack him; she stabbed him with a knife. When Soulayman returned

home from the hospital after receiving treatment for his wounds, his family wouldn't let him see his children and attacked him again. Soulayman eventually escaped with his children and reached out to a local missionary who helped him find refuge with a local pastor. Pray that Soulayman and his children will be safe, and pray his family comes to faith in Christ.

North Korea— Illegal to worship Jesus - In North Korea, it is illegal to worship Jesus or have a Bible. For the last three decades, believers have been known and treated as the “the hostile class.” Anything that gives people an alternative allegiance to the ruling Kim dynasty is deemed to be dangerous to the state. Christians must hide their faith, even from their own children. As a result, coming together to worship Jesus is a death warrant. And yet, secret Christians are risking their lives to be part of a church or own a Bible. They're facing death to worship Jesus, knowing that their only hope is in Him. The words of North Korean believer and ex-prisoner Hae-Woo encourage us to pray with these families recently imprisoned and for all secret believers in North Korea. She now lives in South Korea. “While in prison, I could not understand everything, but I felt the Christians in different countries praying for us who were imprisoned.” She says, “It provided comfort, and it provided a source of energy for us. Even if we cannot meet each other, let us communicate through the Spirit, in Jesus Christ.” (opendoorsusa.org)

Jul. 21, 2022 | Saudi Arabia - Deported Yemeni Evangelist Continues Ministry- Brother Ahmed was born and raised in Saudi Arabia and became a successful businessman. In 2014, he gave his life to Christ, traveling to Egypt to be baptized. Upon returning to Saudi Arabia, he organized small Bible study groups in his home and led several people to Christ. Eventually, Brother Ahmed was exposed, arrested, and all his possessions were confiscated. He was imprisoned for six months, then deported to Yemen, where he spent another six months before fleeing to a country where his wife and children could join him. Brother Ahmed's legal situation is complicated, and he lives in constant fear of being deported. Still, he continues working to advance God's kingdom and has led a number of Yemenis to faith, baptizing them all. Pray for his safety and ministry.

Online Giving is Available!

Set up an ACH Plan for your offering to Trinity UMC. It is a great way to continue to financially support the church and its ministries. Save a stamp and keep your personal check!!

Contact the church office rsltrin@ruraltel.net or 785-483-2440

CHURCH RECORDS WEDNESDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Recharge</u>
July 6	10
July 13	17
July 20	18
July 27	13

FINANCE UPDATE
Sunday Offerings to General Account:

CHURCH RECORDS WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

<u>Date</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>Recharge</u>	<u>FB</u>
July 3	35	Views 15	views 49	
July 10	48	views 3	views 62	
July 17	46	Views 14	Views 89	
July 24	43	Views 23	views 72	
July 31	36	views 21	views 78	

July 3	\$	1294
July 10	\$	2136
July 17	\$	1295
July 24	\$	900
July 31	\$	1089

(Thank you for your attendance and monetary support of Trinity United Methodist Church)

August Worship Assistants

Communion Stewards:

Barb Jeroue & Cindy Ohlson

Ushers

Aug. 7: Duane Adams
 Aug. 14: Jerry Rhor & Mary Ann Langhofer
 Aug. 21: Steve & Raeleen Reinhardt
 Aug. 28: Duane Adams

Lector

Aug. 7: Lyndel Adams
 Aug. 14: Jerrie Parsons
 Aug. 21: Kristen Windscheffel
 Aug. 28: Colleen Allen

Greeters:

Aug. 7: The Davis Family
 Aug. 14: Jerrie Parsons & Lea Reddig
 Aug. 21: The Windscheffel Family
 Aug. 28: Steve & Raeleen Reinhardt

Sound System

Aug. 7: David Munday; Darren Walters
 Aug. 14: David Munday; Darren Walters
 Aug. 21: David Munday; Darren Walters
 Aug. 28: David Munday; Darren Walters

Pianist & Organist

Galen Schmidtberger


Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

Aug. 7: Dee Ann Matheson
 Aug. 14: Margie Gilpin
 Aug. 21: Colleen Allen
 Aug. 28: Kathy Hickert

Children's Time

Aug. 7: Lyndel Adams
 Aug. 14: Raeleen Reinhardt
 Aug. 21: TBD
 Aug. 28: Joane Fabian

Thank you for the many ways you are serving the Lord.



**THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS
 LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE,
 KINDNESS, GOODNESS,
 FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS,
 SELF-CONTROL. AGAINST SUCH
 THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.**

- GALATIANS 5:22-23 -

If you can't join us in person, please join us online at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.. Services are streamed online each Sunday. There is an updated link posted on our **FB page** each week: <https://www.facebook.com/Russell-Trinity-UMC-200278325077>, or our webpage: <https://russelltrinityumc.org/>

Listen 1st and 3rd Sundays to the radio on 98.1 FM or 990 AM.

Weekly posts in Facebook ReCharge@trinity



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	2	3 Recharge 6:00 pm	4 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 8:00 am New Testament Bible Study	5 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 Facebook -- Re-charge@Trinity @Trinity	6 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
7 Holy Communion 8:30a.m. Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on the radio	8 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	9	10 Recharge 6:00 pm	11 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 8:00 am New Testament Bible Study	12 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 Facebook -- Re-charge@Trinity	13 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
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21 8:30a.m. Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Leadership Council Service on the radio	22 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	23	24 Recharge 6:00 pm	25 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 8:00 am NT Bible Study	26 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm Facebook -- Re-charge@Trinity	27 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
28 8:30a.m. Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	29 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	30	31 Recharge 6:00 pm		** If you notice any corrections or your name is omitted from our list, please contact the Church Office at (785)483-2440	

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1. Betty Hoosier ☺ | Stephen & Raeleen Reinhardt ☺ | 16. Chris & Andrea Neely | If you'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email. | |
| 2. Margie Gilpin ☺ | | 17. Morgan Reinhardt ☺ | | |
| 3. Gene Holland, Cathy Berry, Sam Radke, Theron Walters ☺ | | 18. Alexis Davis ☺ | | |
| 4. Elsie Holland, Jackson Cross ☺ | Bryan & Alisha Weimaster ☺ | 19. Steve Line, Koby Schremmer, ☺ | | |
| 6. John Cross ☺ | | 21. Lindsey Keck, Mary Ann Langhofer ☺ | | |
| 7. Chris Harbaugh ☺ | | 22. Gage Owens, Terry Fabian ☺ | | |
| 8. Roy Rein, Nathan Anschutz, August Ricker, Tony Hackerott ☺ | | 23. Renya Anschutz ☺ | | |
| 9. Barbara Jeroue ☺ | | 24. Kendra Trueblood ☺ | | |
| 10. Scott Reinhardt, Linda Applebee ☺ | | 25. Anna Ostmeyer, Brian Reddig ☺ | | |
| 11. Brett Hill ☺ | | Brian & Lea Reddig ☺ | | |
| 13. Ethan Morgenstern ☺ | Tim & Laura Hopper ☺ | 26. Monte Krug, Bonnie Fisher ☺ | | |
| 14. Duane & Lyndel Adams, Brent & Ani Uphoff ☺ | | 27. Stan Reinhardt ☺ | | |
| 5. Isabelle Walton ☺ | Mick & Colleen Allen, Terry & Cindy Ohlson ☺ | Mike & Connie Blanke ☺ | | |
| | | 28. Jim Ridgley ☺ | | John & Stephanie Cross ☺ |
| | | 29. Hannah Krug ☺ | | |
| | | 30. Darian Klee ☺ | | |

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Monday - Friday
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Organist & Pianist:
Galen Schmidtberger
Curtis Sander
Pat David

Music Minister:
Galen Schmidtberger

Choir Accompanist:
Curtis Sander
Pat David

Worship Hours

Sundays
8:30 Sunday School
9:30 Church Service

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sages and devotionals from the team along with other content to
keep you Recharged. **IN PERSON 6:00 PM**

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perience on your Sunday! Be sure to check out our web-
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KRSL 990 AM and 98.1 FM

