

# The Trinity Lamplighter



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## Pastor's Corner

Greetings Church Family,

Can you believe it's already August? Time truly flies! It feels like just yesterday my family, and I moved into this beautiful town, and yet, here we are, a full month later, already feeling the warmth and welcome of Russell.

As I continue learning more about this town, I've discovered that Russell is full of hidden gems and scenic places to visit. Many of you have probably explored them all over the years, but one that caught my attention is Wilson Lake. I read that August is the perfect month for outdoor recreation at the lake. It's a great time for fishing, boating, swimming, or simply enjoying the beauty of nature. My family and I are planning to give it a try and hope you'll consider doing the same. Just don't forget to stay cool and hydrated. These August temperatures can really climb!

But August isn't only a time for summer fun, it's also a season of new beginnings, especially for our beloved students as they head back to school. At Trinity UMC, we're excited to hold this year a Backpack Sunday on August 10, 2025. We invite you to send your children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren with their backpacks to church that morning. During our 9:30–10:30 AM service, we will pray over each student and their backpack, asking for God's blessing, guidance, and protection as they begin a new school year.

As we all embrace change, whether it's a new town, a new grade level, or a new season of life, let us be reminded of the powerful words from Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

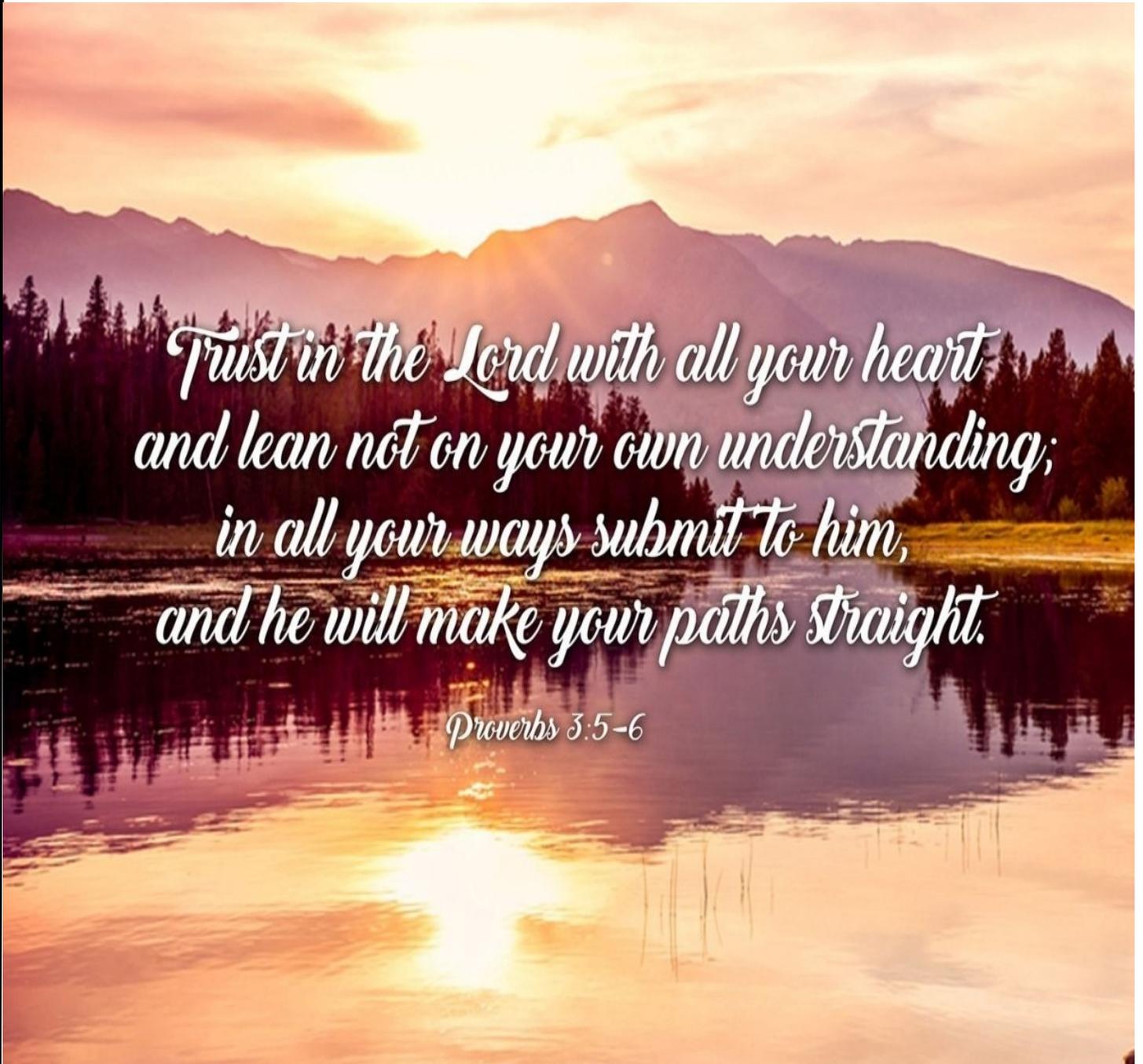
Whether you're navigating unfamiliar roads like my family is, stepping into a new school year, or simply enjoying the blessings of Russell in the sunshine of August, may this verse guide your heart. Trust that God is leading the way.

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Wishing you all a joyful, safe, and Spirit-filled August!

-Pastor Jean-Marc (JM)



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and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Bonnie Fisher  
Carla Hill  
Aimee Gfeller  
Bryan Crowell**

**Jodi Radke  
Dave Johnson  
Marie Hogan  
Steven Walters**

**Mark Davis  
Jennie Vacura  
Tranda Strnad  
Dennis Baxter**

***TRINITY LADIES***

**The Trinity Ladies** will meet **Tuesday, Sept. 9th, 2025, at 10 a.m.** at Fellowship Hall. There will be no meeting in August. If there is need for our committee to assist with a funeral or to provide a prayer blanket, please contact us at (785) 483-2440.

**Feeding the Community**

**@ 2nd Baptist Church**  
**420 East 9th St.**  
**4-7pm**

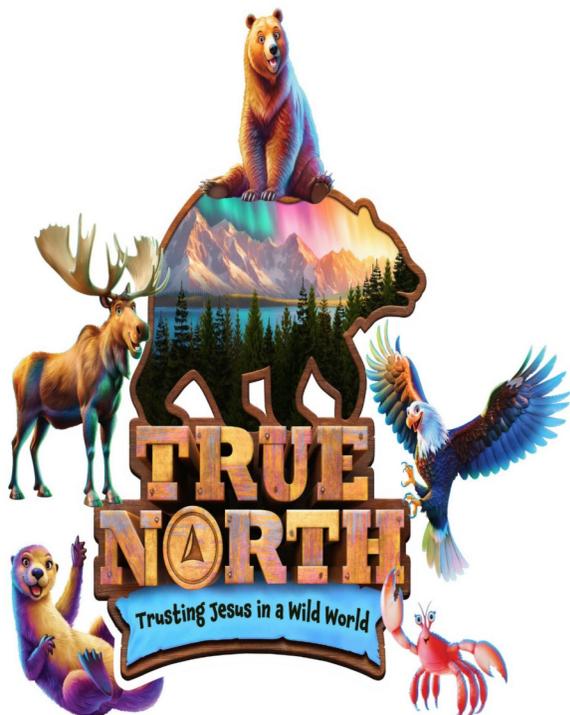
Thursday, August 7th - Ham Sandwiches  
Thursday, August 28th - Spaghetti



# Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family,

Happy August!



Summer is almost over and school starts on the 13<sup>th</sup>! Where did the Summer go? VBS was a blast! We had roughly 50 kids in attendance each evening and we had about 40 volunteers each evening! Did you know it takes that many volunteers to run a successful VBS? This includes kitchen staff, van drivers, registration, technology, station leaders, and crew leaders. A HUGE THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU WHO HELPED US HAVE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF VBS AND TO THOSE WHO PRAYED MANY PRAYERS OVER OUR VBS! It could NOT have ran so smoothly without all of your help!

Every year for VBS we have a couple of missions that we take donations for. This year, we were able to collect 2 baskets of toiletry items to provide to the food pantry. Our monetary mission was to raise money for USD 407 for meal tickets, to provide the children in need with a free lunch. We raised a little under \$200!

Ignite will start up in September but modifications are underway, so stay tuned for more information!

With summer ending, please keep in mind as you begin seeing summer/school items go on clearance, that we can always use donated items for Operation Christmas Child. Now is a great time to get items while they are at a great price. Items could include sandals, socks, shirts, hats, sunglasses, and even school supplies such as crayons, markers, pencils, notebooks. Other great items to donate are hygiene items like toothbrushes/combs/hairclips (no liquids), winter wear such as hats/gloves/scarves, jewelry, small stuffed animals, deflated balls with air pumps, and other small toys. Please bring your items to the church office. In November, we will have a night where all the IGNITE kids will box all the goodies up and prepare them for shipment, but we need items for the kids to pack up. We love getting the kids involved to teach them about helping others!

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

God Bless You!

Katie Scarborough

Children and Youth Education Coordinator



**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](mailto:rsltrin@ruraltel.net) or 785-483-2440

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

**CHURCH RECORDS WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Online</u>
July 6	34	19 views
July 13	52	15 views
July 20	32	10 views
July 27	41	6 views

**FINANCE UPDATE Sunday Offerings:**

July 6	\$ 1087
July 13	\$ 2276
July 20	\$ 3650
July 27	\$ 916

## August Worship Assistants

### Ushers

Aug. 3: Duane Adams  
 Aug. 10: Duane Adams  
 Aug. 17: Duane Adams  
 Aug. 24: Duane Adams  
 Aug. 31: Duane Adams

### Greeters

Aug. 3:  
 Aug. 10: Raeleen & Steve Reinhardt  
 Aug. 17:  
 Aug. 24: Mick Allen  
 Aug. 31: Raeleen & Steve Reinhardt

### Lector

Aug. 3: Lyndel Adams  
 Aug. 10: Raeleen Reinhardt  
 Aug. 17: Jerrie Parsons  
 Aug. 24: Colleen Allen  
 Aug. 31: Raeleen Reinhardt

### Sound System

Aug. 3: David Munday  
 Aug. 10: David Munday  
 Aug. 17: David Munday  
 Aug. 24: David Munday  
 Aug. 31: David Munday

### Pianist

Curtis Sander  
 Pat David  
 Galen Schmidtberger

### Children's Time

Aug. 3: Lyndel Adams  
 Aug. 10: Raeleen Reinhardt  
 Aug. 17: Katie Scarborough  
 Aug. 24: Katie Scarborough  
 Aug. 31: Colleen Allen

### Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

Aug. 3: Dee Ann Matheson  
 Aug. 10: Margie Gilpin  
 Aug. 17: Colleen Allen  
 Aug. 24: Dee Ann Matheson  
 Aug. 31: Dee Ann Matheson

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

“OH SING TO THE  
 LORD A NEW  
 SONG; SING TO  
 THE LORD,  
 ALL THE EARTH!”  
 PSALM 96:1

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: <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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
** If you notice any corrections or your name is omitted from our list, please contact the Church Office at (785)483-2440		If you'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email.			1 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	2 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
3 Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 a.m. Worship - Scholarship Presentation</b> <b>Service on the radio</b>	4 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	5	6 8pm AA Meeting	7 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	8 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	9 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
10 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School <b>9:30 a.m. Worship - Backpack Sunday</b>	11 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	12	13 8pm AA Meeting	14 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	15 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	16 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
17 8:30a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship <b>10:45 a.m. Leadership Council</b> <b>Service on the radio</b> <b>2pm Care Center</b>	18 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	19	20 8pm AA Meeting	21 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	22 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	23 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
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31 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship						

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Betty Hoosier ☺ Steve &amp; Raeleen Reinhardt ☺</li> <li>2. Margie Gilpin ☺</li> <li>3. Gene Holland, Theron Walters ☺</li> <li>4. Elsie Holland, Jackson Cross ☺<br/>Bryan &amp; Alisha Weimaster ☺</li> <li>6. John Cross ☺</li> <li>7. Chris Harbaugh ☺</li> <li>8. Roy Rein, Nathan Anschutz, August Ricker,<br/>Tony Hackerott ☺</li> <li>9. Barbara Jeroue, Kathy Hickert ☺</li> <li>10. Scott Reinhardt, Linda Applebee ☺</li> <li>11. Brett Hill ☺</li> <li>12. Tom &amp; Vickie Hill ☺</li> <li>13. Ethan Morgenstern ☺ Tim &amp; Laura Hopper ☺</li> <li>14. Duane &amp; Lyndel Adams, Brent &amp; Ani Uphoff ☺</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. Isabelle Walton ☺ Mick &amp; Colleen Allen,<br/>Terry &amp; Cindy Ohlson ☺</li> <li>16. Chris &amp; Andrea Neely ☺</li> <li>17. Morgan Reinhardt ☺</li> <li>18. Lizbeth Bohnert, Alexis Davis,<br/>Bobby Porter ☺</li> <li>19. Steve Line, Koby Schremmer, ☺</li> <li>21. Lindsey Keck, Mary Ann Langhofer ☺</li> <li>22. Gage Owens, Terry Fabian ☺</li> <li>23. Renya Anschutz ☺</li> <li>24. Kendra Trueblood ☺</li> <li>25. Anna Ostmeyer</li> <li>26. Monte Krug, Bonnie Fisher ☺</li> <li>27. Stan Reinhardt ☺</li> <li>28. Jim Ridgley ☺ John &amp; Stephanie Cross ☺</li> <li>29. Hannah Krug ☺</li> <li>30. Darian Klee ☺</li> </ol> |
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**Church Office Hours**

Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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*Christian Education  
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*Custodian:*  
*Jamie Sander*

*Organist & Pianist:*  
*Galen Schmidtberger*  
*Curtis Sander*  
*Pat David*

*Music Minister:*  
*Galen Schmidtberger*

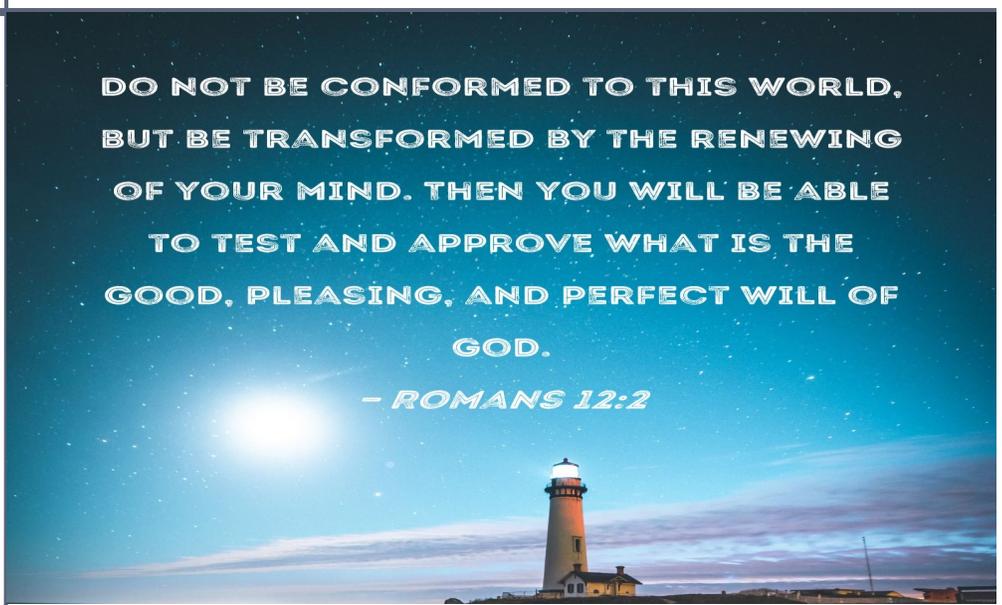
*Choir Accompanist:*  
*Curtis Sander*  
*Pat David*

**Worship Hours**

**Sundays**  
**8:30 Sunday School**  
**9:30 Church Service**

DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD,  
BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING  
OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE  
TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT IS THE  
GOOD, PLEASING, AND PERFECT WILL OF  
GOD.

- ROMANS 12:2



Visitors are WELCOME at Trinity anytime.

We appreciate you being a part of the Trinity experience on your Sunday! Be sure to check out our website at [www.russelltrinityumc.org](http://www.russelltrinityumc.org) for Live Stream on Sundays, and **Facebook** : [Russell Trinity UMC](https://www.facebook.com/RussellTrinityUMC)

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