

The Trinity Lamplighter



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Pastor's Corner

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Dear Friends,

August is often known as a month of transition. The long days of summer begin to give way to the routines of fall. Families prepare for a new school year, teachers ready their classrooms, and students anticipate new opportunities, challenges, and friendships.

As many of you know, I will begin a period of parental leave this month as our family welcomed a new child. I am deeply grateful to our church family, church leadership, guest speakers, and volunteers who will continue the ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church during my absence. While I will be away from the pulpit and many church activities, I know that God's work continues through the faithful service of His people.

Parental leave is a reminder that family is one of God's precious gifts. Just as God calls us to serve the church, God also calls us to nurture and care for our families. My family and I appreciate your prayers and support during this special season of our lives.

As students return to school this month, let us remember them, their parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff in our prayers. May God grant them wisdom, patience, safety, and success throughout the school year.

The church's ministry does not depend on one person; it depends upon the entire Body of Christ. Thank you for continuing to worship, serve, pray, and encourage one another.

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Proverbs 22:6 says: *"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray."*

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jean-Marc



PRAYER CONCERNS

Jodi Radke
Steven Walters
David Munday
Linda Applebee
Bonnie Fisher

Aimee Gfeller
Cathy Berry
Colleen Allen
Kaylee Karst
Ken Jeroue

Jennie Vacura
Tranda Strnad
Dennis Baxter
John Hill
Tom Keys



TRINITY LADIES

The Trinity Ladies will meet **Tuesday, Sept. 8th, 2026, 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.



Children's Education Ministry

Happy August!

Summer is almost over and school starts on the 12th! Where did the summer go?

VBS was a blast! Around 75 kids signed up this year with roughly 50 kids in attendance each evening and about 40 volunteers! 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 run so smoothly without all your help! We hope you enjoyed our recap during the main service in July. We always like to keep the congregation in the loop and help them see what the kids are experiencing. Ignite will resume in the fall.



Donations throughout the year for Operation Christmas Child boxes, which we will prepare for shipment in November, are greatly appreciated. The following are some donation suggestions:

(Toys) - Harmonica, cars, Rubik's cubes, flashlights, whistles, balls, etc.

(Tools and handy items) - Fishing kits, screwdrivers, hammers, flashlights, etc.

(Accessories) - Hair ties, hair clips, Sewing Kits, First Aid Kits, bracelets, girls' accessories (nail clips, files), string backpacks, flip-flops, summer clothes, socks, T-shirts, shorts, dresses, shoes

(School Supplies) - Pencils, pens, notebooks, crayons, markers, pencil sharpeners

If anyone is interested in giving the short 3-5-minute children's message on Sundays, please let me know! We would love to have a couple of additional volunteers, even if you want to just do it once a quarter.

Please continue to pray for our children, youth, and all our volunteers over the summer. Thank you for continuing to support our children and youth programs.

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 or 785-483-2440

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

CHURCH RECORDS WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Date	9:30 am	Online
July 5	19	0 views
July 12	26	0 views
July 19	28	0 views
July 26	17	0 views

FINANCE UPDATE Sunday Offerings:

July	5	\$	1741
July	12	\$	790
July	19	\$	1816
July	26	\$	2089

August Worship Assistants

Communion Stewards

Joan Weimaster & Cindy Ohlson

Ushers

Aug. 2: Duane Adams

Aug. 9: Duane Adams

Aug. 16: Lea Reddig

Aug. 23: Duane Adams

Aug. 30: Duane Adams

Lector

Aug. 2: Lyndel Adams

Aug. 9: Raeleen Reinhardt

Aug. 16: Jerrie Parsons

Aug. 23: Raeleen Reinhardt

Aug. 30: Raeleen Reinhardt

Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

Aug. 2: Dee Ann Matheson

Aug. 9: Margie Gilpin

Aug. 16: Dee Ann Matheson

Aug. 23: Dee Ann Matheson

Aug. 30: Dee Ann Matheson

Sound System

David Munday

Greeters

Aug. 2: Kyla & Talbot Driscoll

Aug. 9: Steve & Raeleen Reinhardt

Aug. 16: Dale & Joan Weimaster

Aug. 23: Lea Reddig

Aug. 30: Cindy & Terry Ohlson

Acolytes

TBD

Pianist

Galen Schmidtberger

Snacks

Aug. 30: Penny Reinhardt

Children's Time

Aug. 2: Lyndel Adams

Aug. 9: Raeleen Reinhardt

Aug. 16: Katie Scarborough

Aug. 23: Katie Scarborough

Aug. 30: Katie Scarborough

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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow
with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13



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 99.0 AM.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
If you'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email.		** If you notice any corrections or your name is omitted from our list, please contact the Church Office at (785)483-2440				1 Thrift Store 10:00 am-2:00 pm
2 Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on the radio	3	4	5 8pm AA Meeting	6 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	7 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	8 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
9 9:30 a.m. Worship	10	11	12 8pm AA Meeting	13 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	14 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	15 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
16 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on the radio 2 p.m. Care Center	17	18	19 8pm AA Meeting	20 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	21 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	22 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
23 9:30 a.m. Worship	24	25	26 8pm AA Meeting	27 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	28 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	29 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
30 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Town Hall Fellowship	31					

Birthdays and Anniversaries

1. Betty Hoosier 🕯️ Steve & Raeleen Reinhardt 🕯️
2. Margie Gilpin 🕯️
3. Theron Walters 🕯️
4. Jackson Cross 🕯️ Bryan & Alisha Weimaster 🕯️
6. John Cross 🕯️
7. Chris Harbaugh 🕯️
8. Roy Rein, Nathan Anschutz, August Ricker, Tony Hackerott 🕯️
9. Barbara Jeroue, Kathy Hickert 🕯️
10. Scott Reinhardt, Linda Applebee 🕯️
11. Brett Hill 🕯️
12. Tom & Vickie Hill 🕯️
13. Ethan Morgenstern 🕯️ Tim & Laura Hopper 🕯️
14. Duane & Lyndel Adams, Brent & Ani Uphoff 🕯️
15. Isabelle Walton 🕯️ Mick & Colleen Allen, Terry & Cindy Ohlson 🕯️
16. Chris & Andrea Neely 🕯️
17. Morgan Reinhardt 🕯️
18. Lizbeth Bohnert, Alexis Davis, Bobby Porter 🕯️
19. Steve Line, Koby Schremmer, Godwill Mutwale 🕯️
21. Lindsey Keck, Mary Langhofer 🕯️
22. Gage Owens 🕯️
23. Renya Anschutz 🕯️
24. Kendra Trueblood 🕯️
26. Monte Krug, Bonnie Fisher 🕯️
27. Stan Reinhardt 🕯️
28. Jim Ridgley, Ivy Karst 🕯️ John & Stephanie Cross 🕯️
29. Hannah Krug, Jamilee Shank, Jean-Marc Mutwale 🕯️
30. Darian Klee 🕯️

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

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Beth Foster

Custodian:
Jamie Sander

Organist & Pianist:
Galen Schmidtberger
Curtis Sander
Pat David

Music Minister:
Galen Schmidtberger

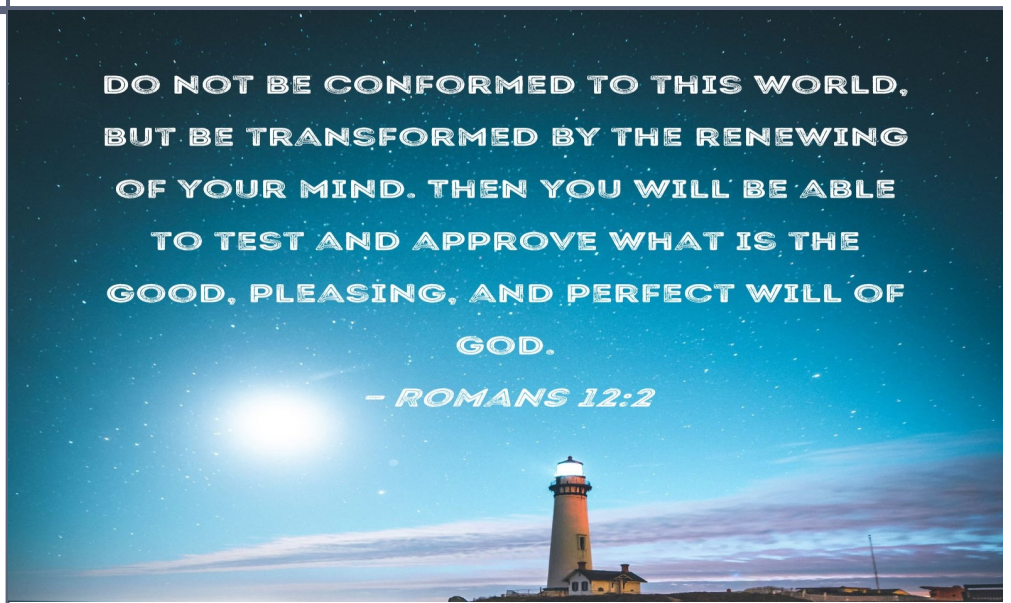
Choir Accompanist:
Curtis Sander
Pat David

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 ex-
perience on your Sunday! Be sure to check out our web-
site at www.russelltrinityumc.org for Live Stream on
Sundays, and **Facebook** : [Russell Trinity UMC](https://www.facebook.com/RussellTrinityUMC)
Join us the 1st and 3rd Sundays radio—
KRSL 990 AM and 98.1 FM

