

The Trinity Lamplighter



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Pastor's Corner

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Celebrating the Birth of Christ & the New Year

Beloved in Christ,

December is a month of joy and anticipation. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we are reminded that God's love entered the world in the most humble of ways. His arrival brings hope, light, and peace into our lives, and we are invited to prepare our hearts to receive Him fully.

This month, let us embrace the spirit of giving, reflection, and celebration. Our church family will come together in worship, music, and fellowship to honor the miracle of Christmas. And as the New Year approaches, may we take time to reflect on the blessings of the past year and look forward to a future filled with God's guidance and grace.

Here is the Scripture to reflect upon: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace," Isaiah 9:6.

May this December be filled with the joy of Christ's birth and hope for a blessed New Year.

In Christ's love,

-Pastor Jean-Marc

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PRAYER CONCERNS

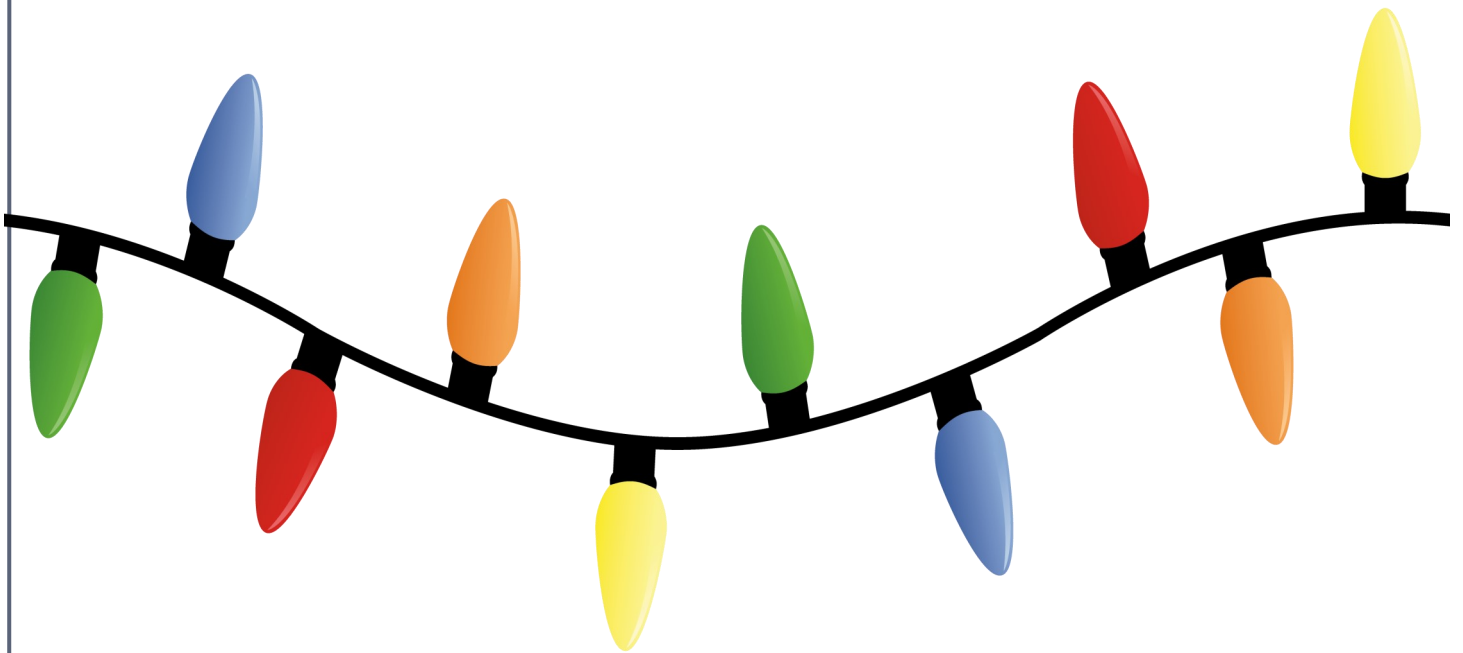
**Bonnie Fisher
Carla Hill
Aimee Gfeller
Bryan Crowell**

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

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

TRINITY LADIES

The Trinity Ladies will meet **Tuesday, Dec. 9th, 2025, at 10 a.m.** at Fellowship Hall. 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.



TRINITY COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE

Here it is the Christmas season already and things at the Thrift Store are very busy. We put out the beginnings of the Christmas decorations as soon as Halloween was over, and things have been selling like hotcakes as the old saying goes. We started out with 80 or so boxes of decorations and are down to 36. We are down to 12 boxes of Christmas clothes. So, if you need decorations for your house or clothes you know where to come. On top of that, you will get a good deal.

Our holiday hours have been posted. We will close the store and the drop off room on December 24 and re-open on January 5. We are having the carpets cleaned and doing several other maintenance things. Also, the volunteers have worked hard this year and deserve a break.

If anyone makes a New Years Resolution to do more volunteer work in 2026, we would be glad to have you.

- Lyndel Adams

Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family,

I hope that each and every one of you had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving!

Thank you to everyone who joined us in packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We had the youth finish up that evening and in total we delivered 25 boxes.



A big shout out to the youth group who raked up the leaves on the south side of the building. We had over 15 bags! Thank you, youth group!

We are excited to have a Children's Christmas service on Sunday,

December 14th during the normal worship service, 9:30 a.m.. We will have a message geared towards kids and the youth will also be involved. Afterwards we encourage everyone to meet in fellowship hall as we celebrate Jesus' birthday. We will sing happy birthday and enjoy cupcakes. We hope you can join us!

IGNITE kids continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month right after worship service from 10:45-11:30am (preschool through 4th grade). IGNITE youth meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 5:00-6:00pm (5th grade and up). We would love to have your kids join us!

As always, you help our program thrive and you are appreciated! Please continue to keep our program in your prayers! I truly wish you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God Bless You!

Katie Scarborough

Children and Youth Education Coordinator



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December Worship Assistants

Communion Stewards:

Jerrie Parsons & Lea Reddig

Ushers

Dec. 7: Duane Adams

Dec. 14: Duane Adams

Dec. 21: Duane Adams

Dec. 24: Duane Adams

Dec. 28: Duane Adams

Lector

Dec. 7: Lyndel Adams

Dec. 14: Raeleen Reinhardt

Dec. 21: Jerrie Parsons

Dec. 24: Raeleem Reinhardt

Dec. 28: Colleen Allen

Greeters

Dec. 7:

Dec. 14: Raeleen & Steve Reinhardt

Dec. 21:

Dec. 24: Davis Family

Dec. 28:

Sound System

Dec. 7: David Munday

Dec. 14: David Munday

Dec. 21: David Munday

Dec. 24: David Munday

Dec. 28: David Munday

Pianist

Curtis Sander

Pat David

Galen Schmidtberger

Children's Time

Dec. 7: Lyndel Adams

Dec. 14: NO Children's Time

Dec. 21: Katie Scarborough

Dec. 28: Katie Scarborough

Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

Dec. 7: Dee Ann Matheson

Dec. 14: Margie Gilpin

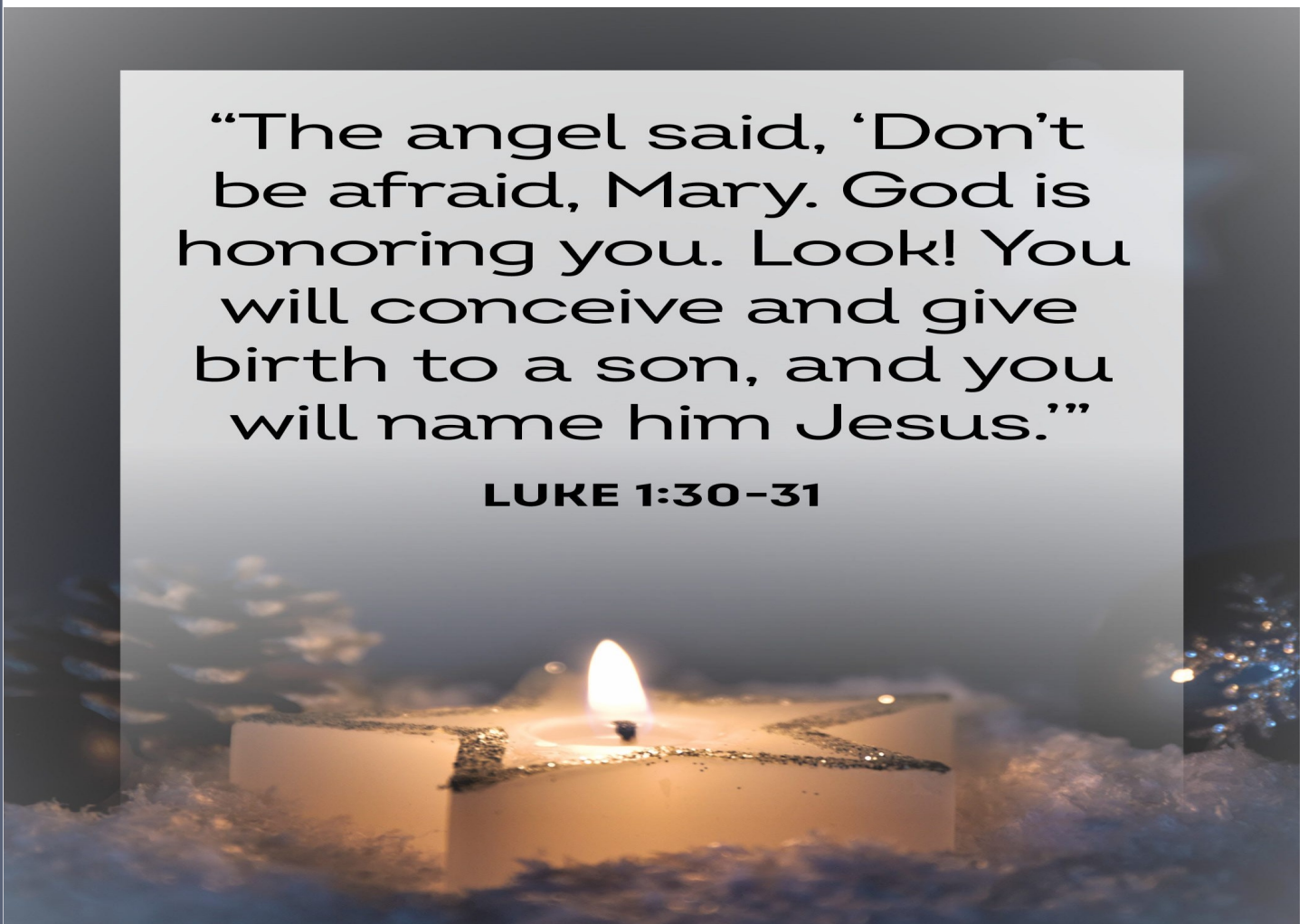
Dec. 21: Colleen Allen

Dec. 28: Dee Ann Matheson

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

“The angel said, ‘Don’t be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.’”

LUKE 1:30-31



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	1 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	2	3 8pm AA Meeting	4 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	5 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm	6 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
	7 Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on the radio 5pm Ignite Youth	8 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	9 10am Trinity Ladies	10 8pm AA Meeting	11 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	12 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm
	14 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship - Children's Christmas Service 10:45am Ignite Kids	15 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	16	17 8pm AA Meeting	18 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	19 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm
	21 NO Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship - Christmas Cantata Service on the radio 10:45am Leadership Council 5pm Ignite Youth	22 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	23	24 8pm AA Meeting 5:30pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service	25 Thrift Store Closed Church Office Closed—Christmas	26 Thrift Store Closed Church Office Closed—Christmas
	28 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45am Ignite Kids	29 NO Thrift Store Work Night	30	31 8pm AA Meeting	If you'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email.	

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2. Chaysie Bachman, Larry Plante 🕯

3. Alayna Van Der Wege, Dustin Hoffman, Franc E. Wagner 🕯

4. Martin Parsons 🕯

5. Derreck & Afton Brown 🔔

6. Rush Brown 🕯

7. Kayla Arbogast, David Hogan 🕯Steven & Chelsey Swords 🔔

8. Michael Parsons 🕯

9. Ryan Neil 🕯

11. Nathan Stoughton 🕯

12. Justin Gilpin, Sean Heaton, 🕯

13. Mick Allen, Sean Swords, Matthew King 🕯

16. Penny & Stan Reinhardt 🔔

Afton Brown, Heather Windsor 🕯
17. Conner Line, Daxton Scarborough, Mary Jo Schoech 🕯

18. Thomas Standley 🕯

19. Darin Homewood, Corey (Brian) Harrell Jr., Chelsee Hoffman 🕯 Dave & Jerilyn Couch 🔔

21. Larry Plante 🕯 David & June Homewood 🔔

23. Jim & Jolene Ridgley 🔔 Cheryl Ledford, Matt Davis 🕯

25. Rick Mason 🕯

26. Noel Gates, Kim Ryan 🕯

27. Seth Schwien, Mercadies Congrove, Brenton Ryan 🕯 Monte & Connie Krug 🔔

28. Bonnie & Clair Fisher 🔔Terry Beagley 🕯

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Curtis Sander
Pat David

Music Minister:
Galen Schmidtberger

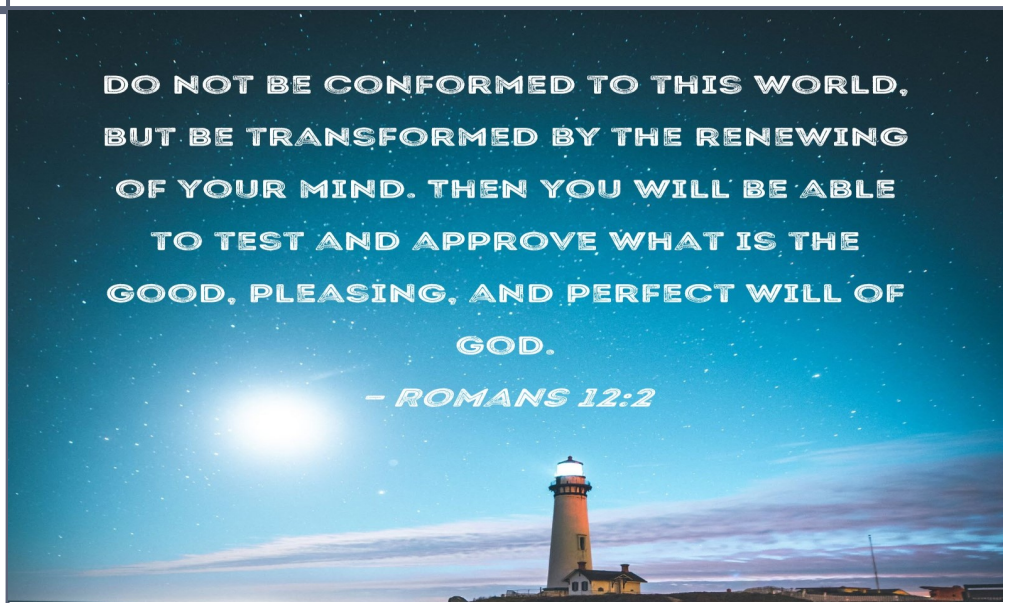
Choir Accompanist:
Curtis Sander
Pat David

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 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

