

The Trinity Lamplighter



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Pastor's Corner

Living in God's Love

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Beloved Church Family, February reminds us of the power of love, God's love for us and our love for one another. This month also brings Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2026), marking the beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent is a sacred time when we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ's suffering, death, and triumphant resurrection. It is also a period for reflection, repentance, and renewal, as we acknowledge that, as human beings, we are sinners in need of a Savior. On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads or hands as a tangible reminder of our mortality and our need for God's mercy. This season invites us to draw closer to God, seek His forgiveness, and grow in faith.

Friends in Christ, let this month be a time to reflect on how we can show kindness, compassion, and service to our families, friends, and community. Let us also walk through God's grace, recognizing our humanity, and rejoice in the assurance that through the blood of Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are offered eternal life.

As we celebrate Valentine's Day, let us remember that the greatest expression of love comes from God, who gave His only Son for our salvation. May our words, actions, and prayers reflect His love each day.

Scripture for Reflection:

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13).

May this February be a month of reflection, repentance, and renewal, as we walk through the Lenten season. Let us embrace God's grace, live with hearts of compassion, and share His love with others in word, deed, and prayer.

In Christ's love,
-Pastor Jean-Marc

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Ron Davis
Jennie Vacura
Tranda Strnad
Dennis Baxter
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Linda Applebee

Bonnie Fisher
Carla Hill
Aimee Gfeller
Bryan Crowell
Cathy Berry

Jodi Radke
Dave Johnson
Marie Hogan
Steven Walters
David Munday
Colleen Allen

TRINITY LADIES

The Trinity Ladies will meet **Tuesday, Feb. 10th, 2026, 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

Things are busy as usual at the Thrift Store. We had a great Christmas season and now we are on to Valentine's Day. The decorations are out and selling briskly. What seems funny is that there are more St Patrick's Day decorations that will be for sale than Valentine's Day décor. I never realized that St. Pats Day was so popular. So, the green clothes are in the back and ready to take the place of the red and pink clothes.

We, like many others, are trying to avoid the sick bug. There have been lots of sickness in the volunteers but there are willing substitutes, so all has been good. I haven't had to find substitutes for the substitutes yet, so I feel blessed.

The drop-off room has been very busy. We had to close off and on for several days because the room would fill up and there were not enough of us to keep up. I am sure there were some angry people, but the problem could not be avoided. It was great when they would call before they came any distance to find out if the room was open. Things have slowed down a little bit which has allowed us to keep up better. We are very appreciative of the people who have stuck with us.

Thank you to all who have donated even though sometimes they have had to wait a while before they could bless us with their stuff.

- Lyndel Adams

Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family!

I hope your year is off to a wonderful start! It's been pretty quiet in January for the kid's programs. IGNITE kids 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!

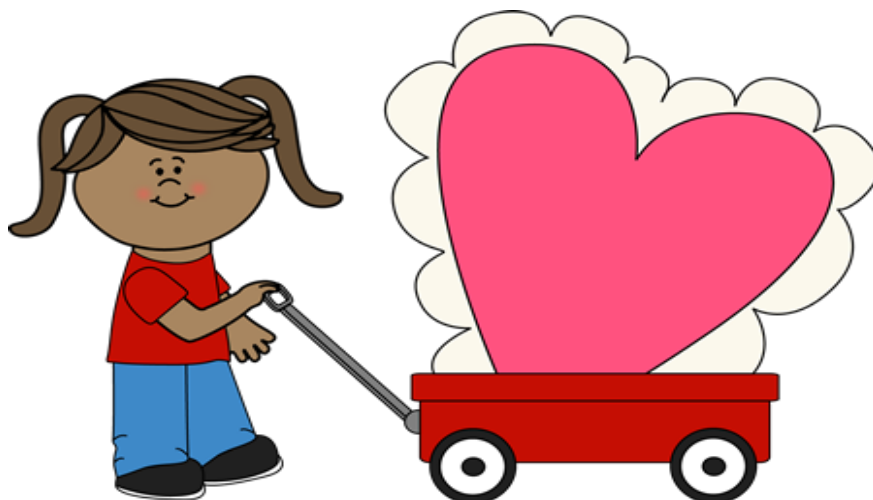


We would like to continue taking donations throughout the year for Operation Christmas Child boxes that we will get ready for shipment in November. Here are some suggestions for January and February items:

January: Hats, Gloves, & Scarves – Focus on cold-weather gear to keep children warm.

February: Fashion Accessories – Hair ties, bracelets, sunglasses, and jewelry.

Thank you for your continued support. 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 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> |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Jan. 4 | 36 | 9 views |
| Jan. 11 | 44 | 5 views |
| Jan. 18 | 29 | 11 views |
| Jan. 25 | canceled due to snow | |

FINANCE UPDATE Sunday Offerings:

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| Jan. | 4 | \$ | 2835 |
| Jan. | 11 | \$ | 1560 |
| Jan. | 18 | \$ | 740 |

February Worship Assistants

Communion Stewards:

Joan Weimaster & Mallory Davis

Ushers

Feb. 1: Duane Adams

Feb. 8: Duane Adams

Feb. 15: Duane Adams

Feb. 18: Duane Adams (Ash Wed)

Feb. 22: Duane Adams

Lector

Feb. 1: Lyndel Adams

Feb. 8: Raeleen Reinhardt

Feb. 15: Jerrie Parsons

Feb. 18: Raeleen Reinhardt (Ash Wed)

Feb. 22: Raeleen Reinhardt

Greeters

Feb. 1:

Feb. 8: Raeleen & Steve Reinhardt

Feb. 15:

Feb. 22: Raeleen & Steve Reinhardt

Sound System

Feb. 1: David Munday

Feb. 8: David Munday

Feb. 15: David Munday

Feb. 18: David Munday (Ash Wed)

Feb. 22: David Munday

Pianist

Curtis Sander

Pat David

Galen Schmidtberger

Children's Time

Feb. 1: Lyndel Adams

Feb. 8: Raeleen Reinhardt

Feb. 15: Katie Scarborough

Feb. 22: Katie Scarborough

Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

Feb. 1: Dee Ann Matheson

Feb. 8: Margie Gilpin

Feb. 15: Dee Ann Matheson

Feb. 22: Dee Ann Matheson

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

Love must be sincere.
Hate what is evil;
cling to what
is good.

Romans 12:9



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 |
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| ** 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 Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on the radio 5pm Ignite Youth | 2 | 3 | 4 6pm Bible Study Begins 8pm AA Meeting | 5 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | 6 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm | 7 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm |
| 8 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45am Ignite Kids | 9 | 10 10am Trinity Ladies | 11 6pm Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting | 12 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | 13 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm | 14 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm |
| 15 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on the radio 10:45am Leadership Council 2 p.m. Care Center 5pm Ignite Youth | 16 | 17 | 18 7pm Ash Wednesday Service NO Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting | 19 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | 20 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm | 21 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm |
| 22 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45am Ignite Kids | 23 | 24 | 25 6pm Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting 12pm Lenten Lunch @ Otterbein | 26 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | 27 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm | 28 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm |

Birthdays and Anniversaries

3. Danielle Bachman 🕯️

7. Ken Jeroue, Sarah Fuoss 🕯️

8. Clarence Funk, Brooks Berens 🕯️

10. Colin Applebee, Mike Ledford 🕯️

11. Jennifer Logston, Caryn Carson 🕯️

12. Mitch Munday, Vickie Hill🕯️

13. Audrey Parsons, Heather Leavitt, Cole Anschutz 🕯️
14. Tanner Norris, Eli Scarborough 🕯️

16. Danny Hoffman 🕯️

18. LuAnn Walters, Anna Plante, 🕯️

22. Clint Raymer, Riley Applebee 🕯️

24. Charles Swords 🕯️

25. Thom & Caryn Carson 🔔

26. Ketsia Mutwale 🕯️

28. Bruce & Becky Tomlinson 🔔

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Curtis Sander
Pat David

Music Minister:
Galen Schmidtberger

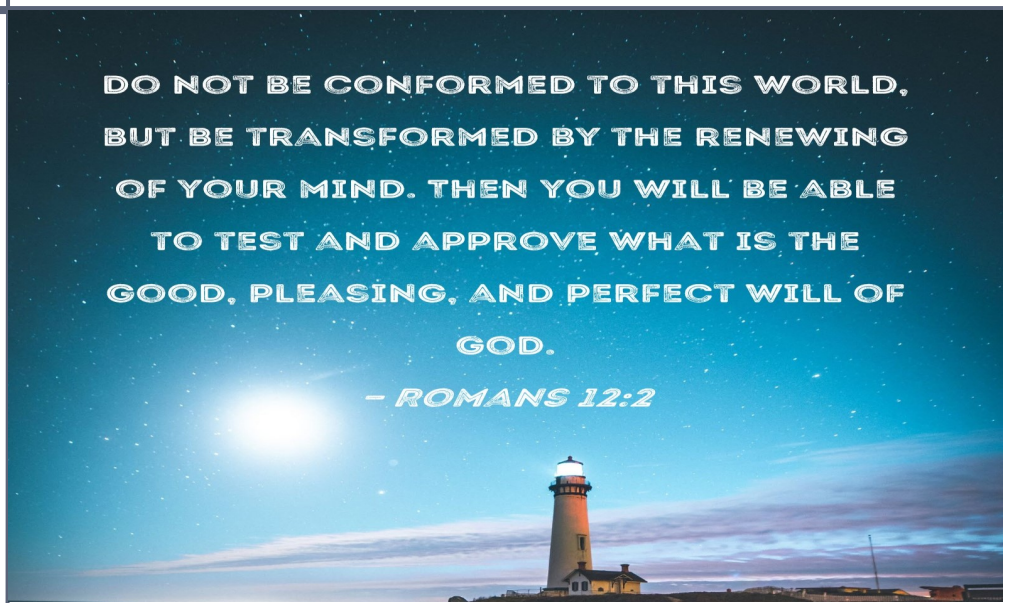
Choir Accompanist:
Curtis Sander
Pat David

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

