

# The Trinity Lamplighter



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## Pastor's Corner

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### New Beginnings in Christ

Dear Friends,

January is a season of new beginnings. As we step into a fresh year, God offers us a chance to renew our faith and strengthen our commitment to Him. Every day is an opportunity to grow spiritually, serve others, and live with purpose.

Let us embrace this time to set spiritual intentions: deepen our prayer life, study God's Word, and allow His presence to guide our decisions. As we start this year together, may our hearts be filled with hope, determination, and joy in Christ.

Scripture for Reflection:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" —  
2 Corinthians 5:17

May this January mark the beginning of renewed faith and abundant blessings.

In Christ's Love,

-Pastor Jean-Marc

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Therefore if any man be in Christ,  
he is a new creature: old things are passed away;  
behold, all things are become new.

**2 Corinthians 5:17**



**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

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

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

## TRINITY LADIES

**The Trinity Ladies** will meet **Tuesday, Jan. 13th, 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

Here it is January already. Each day brings new happenings and things to do but we don't realize how quickly time has passed until we look back on it.

We had a very good Christmas season at the store. Got rid of almost all the stored merchandise. Seems like every week Kathleen had to make several trips to the back room to get more stuff to restock. There were about 70 boxes of hard stuff, 25 boxes of clothes, and many tubs of ornaments, garland and lights. We sold almost all of it before we closed for two weeks.

We have had some losses this fall, and we want to send our sincere sympathies and prayers to the family of Richard Newton and Judy Soukup. Sylvia and Kim have been steadfast volunteers for several years and we pray for them and their families. There were others who had family members pass away and to them we send prayers too.

Norma is also leaving us. She has been head of the clothing department for many years and is moving to the Austin, Texas area to be closer to one of her daughters. We will have her till March. We wish her well in her new home and area.

Like I mentioned earlier, the store is closed for two weeks during the holidays. Everyone needs a break, and it gives us time to do things like clean the carpet. This is a good time for this kind of maintenance.

In a couple of weeks, we will be getting the Valentine's merchandise out so come on in and buy once again. Your home needs decorations for all the holidays, don't you think?

We would like to thank all who worked, donated items, and purchased merchandise at the store during the past year. Your help with our mission is greatly appreciated.

- Lyndel Adams



# Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family,

It's hard to believe the new year is already upon us. I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends!

The children and youth did a Christmas program on December 14th and I hope you all enjoyed it! It's always such a treat to see the kids participate in a service and they did so good! It was also so nice to gather afterwards in Fellowship Hall as we sang Happy Birthday to Jesus and enjoyed a time of fellowship with each other.



The year is starting off a little slow but we are back to normal with  
IGNITE scheduling starting January 11th.

IGNITE kids meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month right after worship service from 10:45-11:30am (pre-school 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!

Happy New Year and God bless you!

Katie Scarborough  
Children and Youth Education Coordinator





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)

## FINANCE UPDATE Sunday Offerings:

<u><b>Date</b></u>	<u><b>9:30 am</b></u>	<u><b>Online</b></u>
Dec. 7	36	10 views
Dec. 14	38	6 views
Dec. 21	48	14 views
Dec. 28	22	6 views

Dec.	7	\$	1322
Dec.	14	\$	2570
Dec.	21	\$	14,870
Dec.	28	\$	3877

Christmas Eve Service = 98 in person & 7 online views

# January Worship Assistants

## Communion Stewards:

Cindy Ohlson & Jerrie Parsons

## Ushers

Jan. 4: Duane Adams

Jan. 11: Duane Adams

Jan. 18: Duane Adams

Jan. 25: Duane Adams

## Lector

Jan. 4: Lyndel Adams

Jan. 11: Raeleen Reinhardt

Jan. 18: Jerrie Parsons

Jan. 25: Ken Jeroue

## Greeters

Jan. 4:

Jan. 11: Raeleen & Steve Reinhardt

Jan. 18:

Jan. 25:

## Sound System

Jan. 4: David Munday

Jan. 11: David Munday

Jan. 18: David Munday

Jan. 25: David Munday

## Pianist

Curtis Sander

Pat David

Galen Schmidtberger

## Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

Jan. 4: Dee Ann Matheson

Jan. 11: Margie Gilpin

Jan. 18: Colleen Allen

Jan. 25: Dee Ann Matheson

## Children's Time

Jan. 4: Lyndel Adams

Jan. 11: Raeleen Reinhardt

Jan. 18: Katie Scarborough

Jan. 25: Katie Scarborough

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



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
<b>** If you notice any corrections or your name is omitted from our list, please contact the Church Office at (785)483-2440</b>	If you'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email.			1 Thrift Store Closed Church Office Closed—New Year's Day	2 Thrift Store Closed	3 Thrift Store Closed
4 Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on the radio	5	6	7 8pm AA Meeting	8 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	9 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm	10 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
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Birthdays and Anniversaries

2. Nancy Holland 🕯

3. Kathy Rickman 🕯

5. Conway Penka, Jaylynn Walton 🕯

6. Michael Raymer 🕯

7. Michelle Van Der Wege 🕯

8. Kyla Driscoll, Duane Adams 🕯

9. Megan Ashlaw, Karan Mutwale  
Scott Schwien, Marvin Ridgley 🕯

11. Nate Stoughton 🕯

14. Caleigh Befort 🕯

15. Regan Beagley 🕯

16. Peyton Collins, Martin Myers 🕯
18. Jerilyn Couch 🕯

19. Todd McKown, 🕯

20. Shirley Most, Heather Pulis,  
Shane Swords 🕯

21. Ashley Pulis 🕯

22. David Munday 🕯

26. Stacey Keller, Alex Ridgley 🕯

27. Glenna Paschal 🕯

29. Caleb Bachman 🕯

31. Becky Neil, Jennifer James,  
David Schoech 🕯



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Monday – Friday  
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*Curtis Sander*  
*Pat David*

*Music Minister:*  
*Galen Schmidtberger*

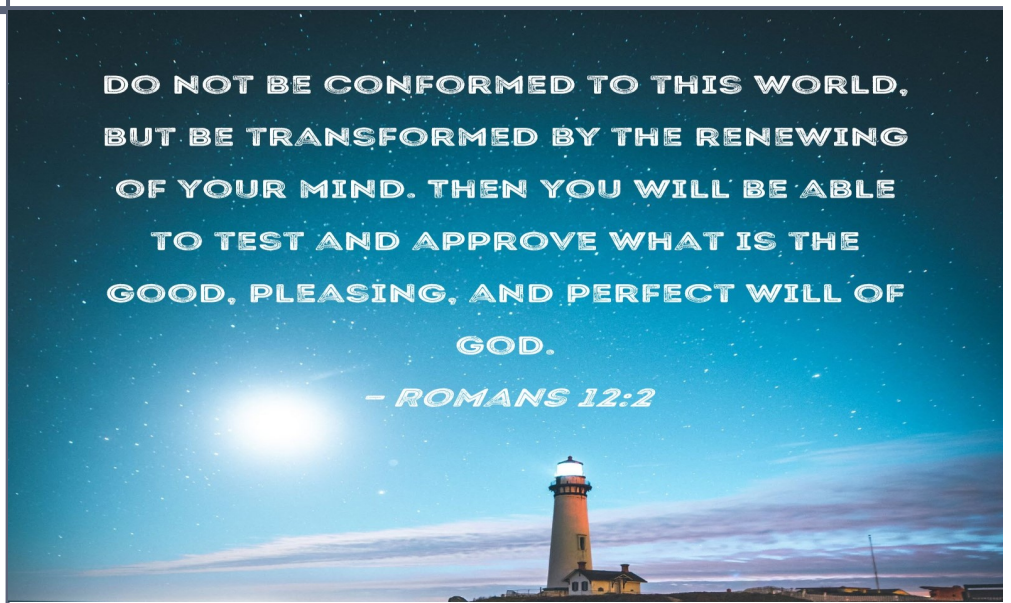
*Choir Accompanist:*  
*Curtis Sander*  
*Pat David*

**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](http://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—  
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