

The Trinity Lamplighter



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Pastor's Corner

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Dear Friends,

July is one of the most cherished months of the year. Summer is in full swing, school is out, and many families take time to relax, travel, and enjoy time together. Whether through vacations, camping, hiking, visiting loved ones, or simply enjoying a slower pace of life, summer offers opportunities to rest, renew, and appreciate God's blessings. In the midst of busy lives, God reminds us of the importance of rest and the joy of spending time with family and friends.

July is also a special month for our nation as we celebrate Independence Day. This year marks the 250th anniversary of the United States. As we reflect on our nation's history, we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and remember those who sacrificed to preserve them. As Christians, we are reminded that true freedom is found in Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God and serve our neighbors with compassion and grace.

This July is also personally significant for me, as July 1 marks my first anniversary serving Trinity United Methodist Church. Looking back over this past year, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve alongside such faithful and caring people. Together, we have celebrated joys, faced challenges, grown in faith, and strengthened our ministry in the community.

While we continue to work through challenges, particularly regarding our finances and our desire to see growth in membership, children, and youth ministries, we remain hopeful and committed to God's work among us. Through prayer, faithful stewardship, and a shared vision for the future, we trust that God will continue to guide and bless our congregation. As we begin this second year together, my prayer is that we will see God's hand in all that we do, that new people will find a church home among us, and that Trinity United Methodist Church will continue to be a place where lives are transformed by the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

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As the month progresses, many families will begin preparing for another school year. Let us keep students, teachers, school staff, and families in our prayers as they prepare for a safe and successful year beginning in August.

May this month be a season of renewal, gratitude, and hope. May God bless your travels, strengthen your families, and guide us as we continue serving Christ together.

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ” Philippians 1:6 (NRSV).

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jean-Marc



PRAYER CONCERNS

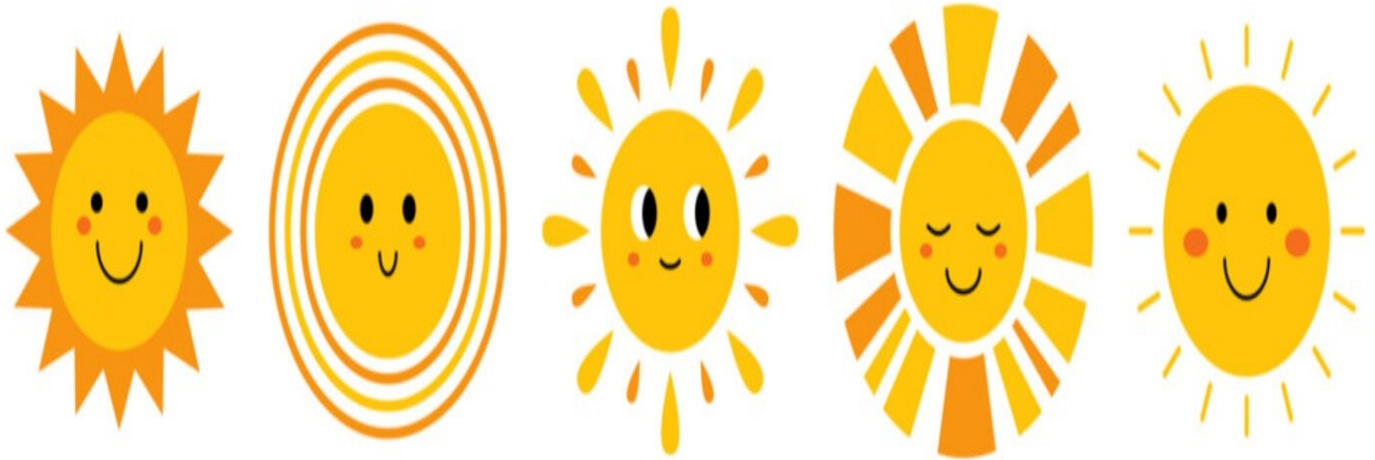
Jodi Radke
Steven Walters
David Munday
Linda Applebee

Aimee Gfeller
Cathy Berry
Colleen Allen
Kaylee Karst
Bonnie Fisher

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Tranda Strnad
Dennis Baxter
John Hill

TRINITY LADIES

The Trinity Ladies will meet **Tuesday, Sept. 8th, 2026, at 10 a.m.** at Fellowship Hall. There will be no meetings in July and 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.



TRINITY COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE

It has been an exciting couple of weeks at the thrift store. The rain in a couple of instances is a good thing but from a thrift store perspective it has been a disaster. Literally a disaster.

The creek beside the store flooded, sending water streaming into the store through the three doors to the outside. The water disappeared, leaving wet carpet in several of the rooms and lots of spaces on the sell floor. The mud was not a pleasant surprise either. A call was made to Rohr Carpet Cleaning requesting help from them or a suggestion as to who to get to help us. Nathan Rohr was a great help as he said they could come over in a few hours and help us out.

He came, worked into the night and set up his dry-out and dehumidifier equipment and began the process of drying us out. The smell was bad but as time went on it got better. Now it is a week later, and we are in decent shape again. If we can get the shelves and merchandise put back out we will be open for business at the end of this week. Hopefully, we will be able to open the drop-off room on Monday.

- Lyndel Adams

Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family!



VBS has been a blast! It will wrap up on Wednesday, July 1st. Trinity joined forces with Otterbein Methodist Church, Chapel of Hope, and New Life Ministries for our Rainforest Falls VBS this year. Special thanks to all the volunteers and to those who have been praying over VBS or given a monetary donation to help with the food for the event! We will have a recap for you all to enjoy on Sunday, July 12th.

Ignite has ended for the Summer and 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

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.

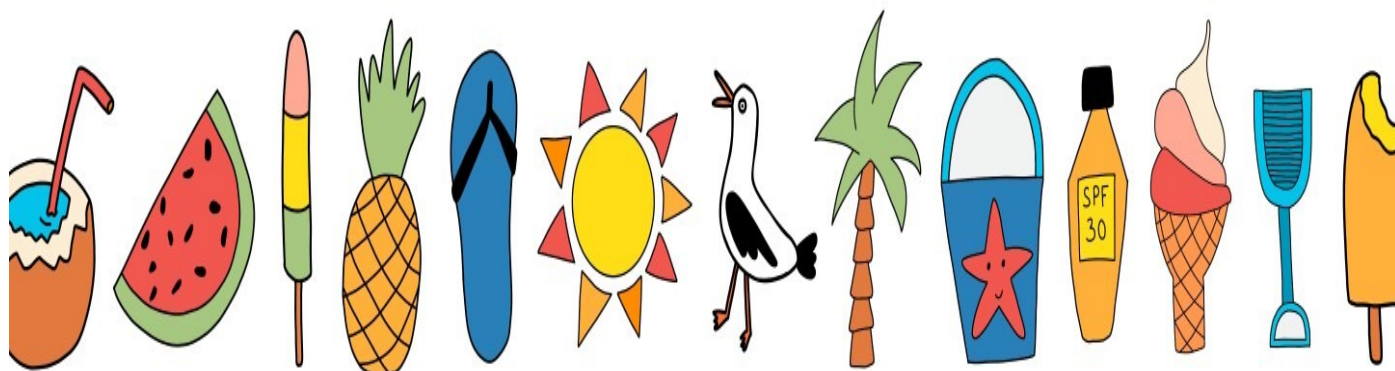
Please continue to pray for our children, youth, and all our volunteers over the summer. Thank you for continuing to support our children and youth programs.

Katie Scarborough
Children and Youth Education Coordinator



May was the month that Trinity was blessed with the opportunity to serve the community by doing Meals on Wheels. What a blessing not only to the people who received the meals, but also to those who delivered the meals. If smiles and 'thank you' were money, we would be rich! Thank you to Lea

Reddig, Mary Ann Langhofer, Kyla Driscoll, Katie Scarborough, Duane Adams, Curtis Sander, Raeleen Reinhardt, Becky Polcyn, and Kathy Hickert for taking time to be a blessing to others. Glory be to God! Thanks again!
-Beth Foster



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>
June 7	37	0 views
June 14	30	0 views
June 21	17	0 views
June 28	23	0 views

FINANCE UPDATE Sunday Offerings:

June 7	\$ 1153
June 14	\$ 799
June 21	\$ 1941
June 28	\$ 1240

July Worship Assistants

Communion Stewards

Cindy Ohlson & Lea Reddig

Greeters

TBD

Ushers

July 5: Duane Adams

July 12: Duane Adams

July 19: Lea Reddig

July 26: Duane Adams

Acolytes

TBD

Lector

July 5: Lyndel Adams

July 12: Raeleen Reinhardt

July 19: Jerrie Parsons

July 26: Ken Jeroue

Pianist

Galen Schmidtberger

Snacks

TBD

Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

July 5: Dee Ann Matheson

July 12: Margie Gilpin

July 19: Dee Ann Matheson

July 26: Dee Ann Matheson

Children's Time

July 5: Lyndel Adams

July 12: Raeleen Reinhardt

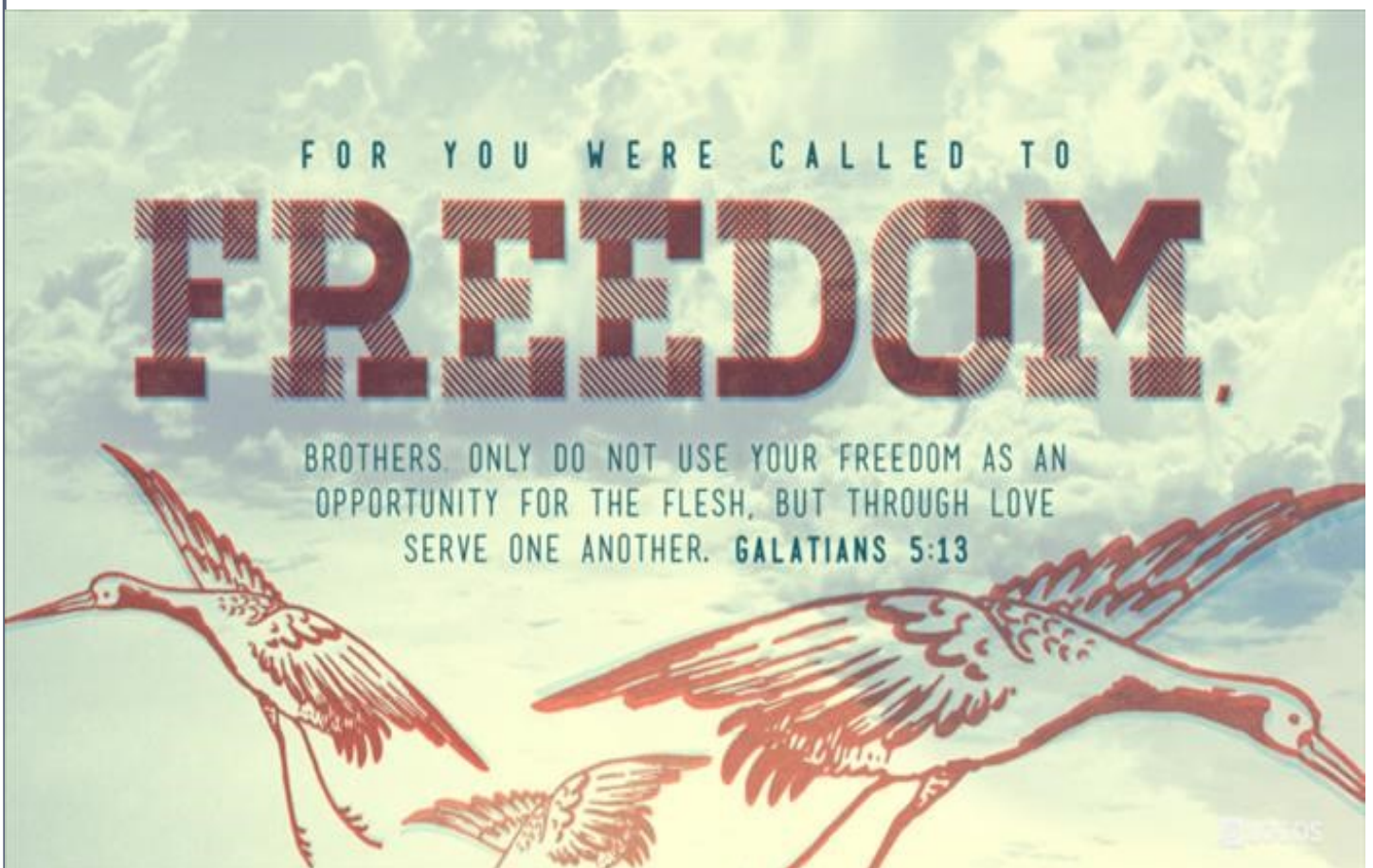
July 19: Katie Scarborough

July 26: Katie Scarborough

Sound System

David Munday

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.

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>If you'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email.</p>			<p>1 9am-12:30pm VBS @ Otterbein 5-6pm Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>2 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>3 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm Church Office Closed— Independence Day Weekend</p>	<p>4 Thrift Store CLOSED</p>
<p>5 Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on the radio 2pm Care Center</p>	6	7	<p>8 5-6pm Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>9 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>10 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm</p>	<p>11 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm</p>
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<p>26 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>27 ** If you notice any corrections or your name is omitted from our list, please contact the Church Office at (785)483-2440</p>	28	<p>29 5-6pm Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>30 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>31 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm</p>	

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 3. Abigail Trober 🕒 | 17. Ken & Barbara Jeroue 🕒 |
| 4. Tanner & Elizabeth Norris 🕒 | 18. Lea Reddig, Jessica Schoech 🕒 |
| 5. Kelly Bachar 🕒 | 19. Liam Ganson, Tom Hill 🕒 |
| 7. Crystal Craig 🕒 | 20. Dr. Earl Merkel 🕒 |
| 8. Kaycie Hogan 🕒 | 21. Calder Craig, Natalie Ashlaw 🕒 |
| 10. Jeff Paschal 🕒 | 22. Mallory Davis 🕒 |
| 11. Robert Miller, Tara Revell,
Bill Dollison 🕒 | 23. Matthew Schoech, Evan DuVarney 🕒 |
| 13. Brennon Miller, Maeve Penka 🕒
John & Carla Hill 🕒 | 25. John Anschutz 🕒 |
| 14. Allysia Jackson 🕒 | 28. Bruce Tomlinson 🕒 |
| 15. Ryan Reinhardt 🕒 | 29. Kim James, Elizabeth Dole 🕒 |
| | 30. Sylvia Newton 🕒 |

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Jamie Sander

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Galen Schmidtberger
Curtis Sander
Pat David

Music Minister:
Galen Schmidtberger

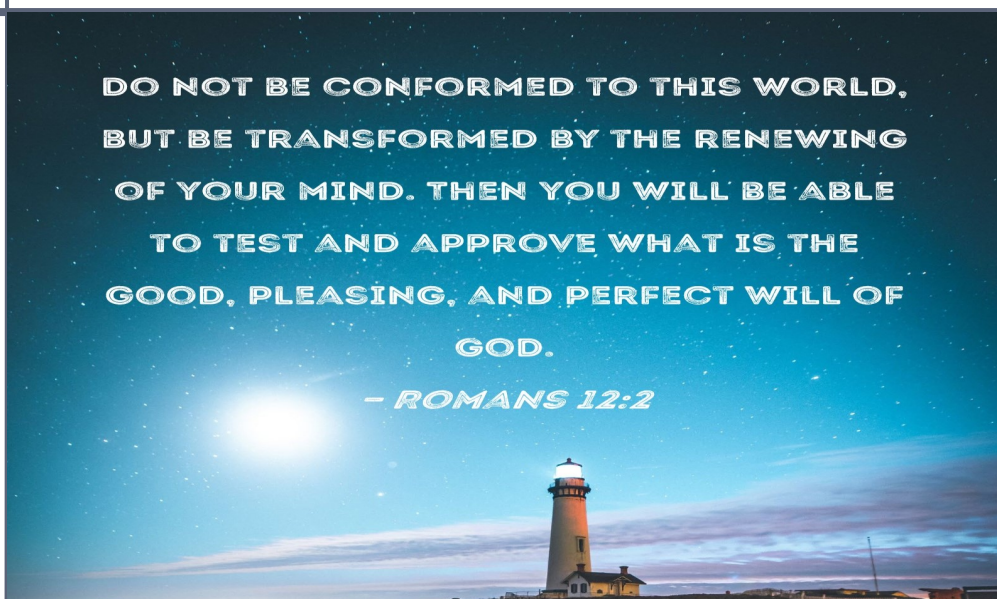
Choir Accompanist:
Curtis Sander
Pat David

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 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

