

The Trinity Lamplighter



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Pastor's Corner

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A Season of Growth, Gratitude, and New Beginnings

Beloved Church Family,

June is a beautiful month filled with meaningful moments for reflection, celebration, and growth. As summer begins and the days grow longer, we are reminded that God is always doing something new among us.

On June 5 – World Environment Day, we give thanks for God's creation and renew our commitment to care for the earth entrusted to us. The beauty of summer reminds us that "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1).

On June 14 – Flag Day, we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and pray for our nation.

On June 19 – Juneteenth, we remember and celebrate freedom, justice, and the ongoing call to love one another as Christ loves us.

On June 21 – Father's Day and the Summer Solstice, we honor fathers and father figures who reflect God's love, guidance, and strength in our lives. Scripture reminds us:

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him." – Psalm 103:13

May all fathers be encouraged as they seek to model patience, wisdom, and steadfast love.

We are also excited about our Vacation Bible School (VBS) happening every Wednesday through the first Wednesday of July. What a blessing it is to invest in the faith of our children! Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." – Matthew 19:14

Through VBS, we pray that seeds of faith are planted deeply in young hearts, shaping a generation that loves and follows Christ.

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Additionally, for those who love soccer and other sports like I do, the 2026 FIFA World Cup (FIFA stands for Fédération Internationale de Football Association) is a global soccer tournament held every four years. It will begin on June 11 and will be jointly hosted by Canada, Mexico, and the United States. This year is especially historic, not only will it be hosted by three nations for the first time, but it will also feature an expanded format of 48 teams.

Among the countries expected to compete are the United States and the Democratic Republic of Congo, where Falonne and I come from. The last time the Democratic Republic of Congo qualified for the World Cup was in 1974, so this is a very big deal for me and for many people from Congo. The United States also qualified, continuing its presence after competing in the last World Cup hosted in Qatar in 2022.

This global event reminds us of the power of unity. Nations will gather around one field, celebrating teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. As followers of Christ, we are reminded that though we come from different backgrounds, we are one body in Him, called to work together for His glory.

May this month inspire us to care for creation, pursue justice, strengthen families, nurture children, and celebrate unity. Let us step into this summer season with gratitude and renewed commitment to live out our faith each day.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Jean-Marc



PRAYER CONCERNS

Jodi Radke
Steven Walters
David Munday
Linda Applebee
Bonnie Fisher

Aimee Gfeller
Cathy Berry
Colleen Allen
Kaylee Karst

Jennie Vacura
Tranda Strnad
Dennis Baxter
Gwenna Green
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 June, 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

Business at the Thrift Store is thriving. We have more donations and things to sell than we have ever had. Sometimes this is a good thing and sometimes it is a bad thing. We have had to close the drop-off room more times recently and have lost several days because of this. Hopefully, things will slow down a little bit and we can keep up with all the things going on.

We have several volunteers who are in various stages of recovery. Kaylee and Lindy had open-heart surgery and are recovering nicely. Jolyne had a foot problem and ended up losing a toe out of the deal. Judy has been in the hospital, is out now and recovering. I had knee surgery and have been hobbling around for several weeks. I am back to working at least most days for half day. The doctors have not been so lenient with the rest of our patients. Hopefully everyone will be back to work soon as healthy volunteers. A real big thank you goes to the volunteers who are taking up the slack for those of us who have been and, still are, laid up.

The committee that oversees donations has run into some large problems concerning vouchers. We have been working on redoing the process and the forms used. We hope this will help keep a handle on the amount for each voucher and stop people from using them to purchase incorrect things. We have also added some rules and have contacted the person in charge of issuing them and have asked for her input into the situation. I think we have a handle on things now.

- Lyndel Adams

Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family!



VBS starts next week! Trinity has joined forces with Otterbein Methodist Church, Chapel of Hope, and New Life Ministries for VBS this year. Rainforest Falls will be at Otterbein every Wednesday in June and the first Wednesday in July from 9:00 am – 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at each session. We look forward to partnering with these churches and to seeing what God has in store for our VBS! Special thanks to everyone who has been praying over VBS or given a monetary donation to help with the food for the event!

Ignite has ended for the summer and will resume in the fall.

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

Hygiene items - Soaps, Washcloths, Toothbrushes, towels, dental floss, hair-brushes, combs, deodorant (dry), Kleenex, lip balms (winter items - sales).

Small toys – matchbox cars, yo-yos, slinkies, and puzzle games.

Clothing – T-shirts, socks, shorts, and flip-flops.



Please continue to pray over VBS and for our children, youth, and all our volunteers over the summer.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our children and youth programs.

Katie Scarborough
Children and Youth Education Coordinator

**Finance Update as of
4/30/2026**

Unrestricted Cash	\$4,826.00	Unrestricted Savings	\$18,649.00
	Jan-April 2026	Budget	Difference
Tithes & Offerings Income	\$43,507.00	\$45,367.00	(\$1,860.00)
General Church Expenses	\$48,050.00	\$63,250.00	\$15,200.00
Net Inc/Loss	(\$4,543.00)	(\$17,883.00)	\$13,340.00
Capital Exp not incl. above	\$10,998.00		

Parsonage improvements, church special maintenance exp.

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>
May 3	25	0 views
May 10	50	0 views
May 17	28	0 views
May 24	26	0 views

FINANCE UPDATE Sunday Offerings:

May 3	\$	5009
May 10	\$	1313
May 17	\$	7630
May 24	\$	549

June Worship Assistants

Communion Stewards

Jerrie Parsons & Lea Reddig

Ushers

June 7: Duane Adams

June 14: Duane Adams

June 21: Lea Reddig

June: 28: Duane Adams

Lector

June 7: Lyndel Adams

June 14: Raeleen Reinhardt

June 21: Jerrie Parsons

June: 28: Raeleen Reinhardt

Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

June 7: Dee Ann Matheson

June 14: Margie Gilpin

June 21: Dee Ann Matheson

June: 28: Dee Ann Matheson

Sound System

David Munday

Greeters

TBD

Acolytes

TBD

Pianist

Galen Schmidtberger

Snacks

June 7: Penny Reinhardt

June 14: TBD

June 21: TBD

June: 28: Penny Reinhardt

Children's Time

June 7: Lyndel Adams

June 14: Raeleen Reinhardt

June 21: Katie Scarborough

June: 28: Katie Scarborough

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

(Philippians 4:8)

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good report**; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.



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Listen 1st and 3rd Sundays to the radio on 98.1 FM or 990 AM.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9-12:30am VBS @ Otterbein 6pm Bible Study 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 - Baby Shower After Service Service on the radio	8	9	10 9-12:30am VBS @ Otterbein NO Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting	11 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	12 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm	13 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
14 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	15	16	17 9-12:30am VBS @ Otterbein NO Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting	18 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	19 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm	20 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
21 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on the radio	22	23	24 9-12:30am VBS @ Otterbein 6pm Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting	25 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	26 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm	27 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
28 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45am Town Hall Fellowship	29	30	** 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.	

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| <p>3. Bailey Dollison, Cathy Neil, Elias King 🕊</p> <p>5. Trent Krug, Cathleen DuVarney 🕊
Nate & Jill Stoughton 🕊</p> <p>6. Allison Krug, John Buchanan 🕊</p> <p>7. Caiden Scarborough 🕊</p> <p>8. Curtis & Jamie Sander 🕊
Chad Barnes 🕊</p> <p>11. Ava Schwien, Florence Thompson 🕊</p> <p>14. Skylar McCobb 🕊</p> <p>15. Ethan Frost 🕊</p> | <p>16. Jaydon Funk 🕊</p> <p>17. Alfred Emmons 🕊</p> <p>18. Luke Scarborough 🕊</p> <p>21. Beth Foster, Robin Sallee 🕊</p> <p>22. Jean Parker, Marcie Berens, Shianne Klee 🕊</p> <p>23. Becky Tomlinson 🕊</p> <p>24. Carrie Collins 🕊</p> <p>25. Jamie Sander, Ryker Frost 🕊</p> <p>27. Bill Morris III, Kaylee Anglin 🕊</p> <p>30. Brent Wood, Abi Cross, Amber Sikes 🕊</p> |
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Galen Schmidtberger
Curtis Sander
Pat David

Music Minister:
Galen Schmidtberger

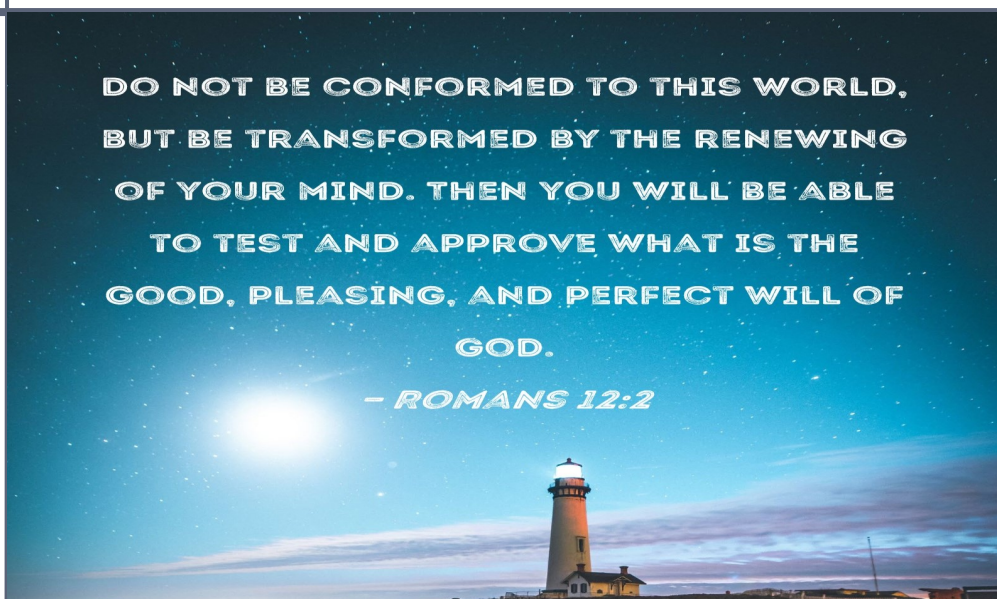
Choir Accompanist:
Curtis Sander
Pat David

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—
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