

The Trinity Lamplighter



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Pastor's Corner

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Gratitude and Growth

Dear Friends,

May is a beautiful and meaningful time in the life of the Church—a season to celebrate growth, graduation, gratitude, and God's many blessings. Yet we enter this month with tender hearts.

Before April came to a close, we experienced the heartbreaking loss of our beloved former pastor, Mike Ketchens, who faithfully served our church for six years. Even while shepherding two other point charges, he remained deeply connected to our community and built lasting friendships. His spiritual impact among us will not be forgotten.

His wife, Denise, and their son, Joshua, who attends high school, continue to live here in our community, which makes this loss especially close to home. We also hold their older daughters, Naomi and Rebecca, in our prayers during this difficult season. As a church family, we grieve together, remember with gratitude, and trust in Christ, who is the resurrection and the life.

Later this month, we observe Memorial Day, a time to honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. As we remember their sacrifice, we are reminded that faithful service and love for others leave a lasting legacy. In our own way, we also give thanks for Pastor Mike's life of service and ministry among us.

In the midst of sorrow, May still brings reminders of growth and renewal. We honor mothers and mentors on Mother's Day, celebrating their faithful love and influence. We rejoice with our graduates as they reach an important milestone, praying God's guidance and purpose over their future.

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As we look ahead to Pentecost Sunday, we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2. The same Spirit strengthens and comforts us today, reminding us that death does not have the final word.

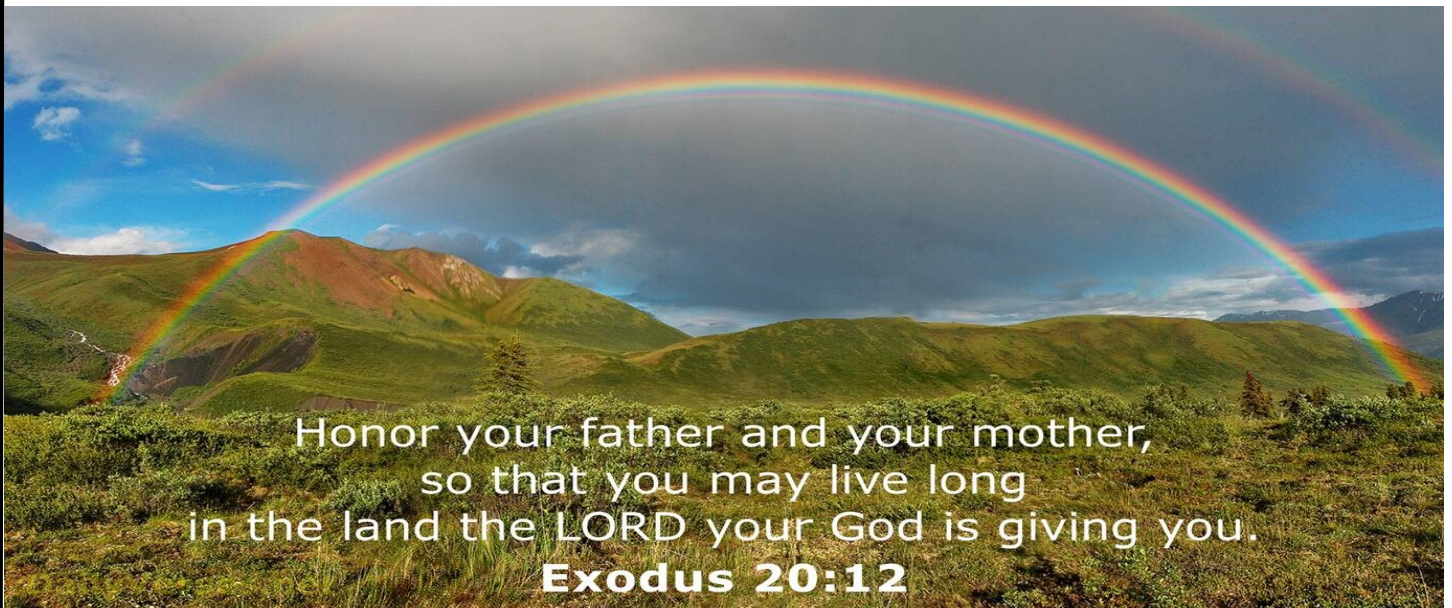
Scripture for Reflection:

‘Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.’ – Exodus 20:12

May this month be filled with gratitude, hope, and renewed faith as we celebrate Mother’s Day, Graduation, Pentecost, and Memorial Day. And may we continue to surround Pastor Mike’s family with love and prayer.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our wonderful mothers, and congratulations to our graduates.

In Christ’s Love,
-Pastor Jean-Marc



Honor your father and your mother,
so that you may live long
in the land the LORD your God is giving you.
Exodus 20:12

Celebration of Life for Mike Ketchens
Monday, May 18th at 11am
Bethel UMC, 203 Durham St., Longford, KS

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jodi Radke
Steven Walters
David Munday
Linda Applebee
Bonnie Fisher

Aimee Gfeller
Cathy Berry
Colleen Allen
Family of Mike Ketchens

Jennie Vacura
Tranda Strnad
Dennis Baxter
Gwenna Green
Kaylee Karst

TRINITY LADIES

The Trinity Ladies will meet **Tuesday, May 12th, 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

This article may be the smallest one I have ever written because of my surgery. I had total knee replacement on April 16 and have been busy with walking weird and therapy and letting everyone else do my work. I knew it was going to be that way, but did not think I was going to dislike it like I do.

I have not worried about the store because we have the best of the best volunteers. They know what their jobs are and are also not afraid to help someone else with theirs. I have nothing but good things to say about all of them and wish to thank them for keeping the ship going while I am gone. I hope that will not be too much longer. Thank you all for all you guys do and have done.

- Lyndel Adams



Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family!



On Sunday, April 5th, we held the Easter Egg Glow Hunt, and that was so much fun! We had the lights turned off and the ultraviolet lights on to make everything in the room, including the eggs, glow. We provided lots of glow sticks and decorated the walls with bright poster boards with crosses on them, which made the crosses illuminate.

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

June is the time for Church Summer Camps, so we are reaching out to parents to get kids to camp! If you have ever been to Church Camp, then you know it can be completely life-changing! They will experience worship like never before, develop a deeper understanding of God that will help build their relationship with Him, and feel God's presence.



Donations throughout the year for Operation Christmas Child boxes that 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, hairbrushes, 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

We will join forces with Otterbein Methodist Church, Chapel of Hope, and New Life Ministries for VBS this year, with the event being held at Otterbein. VBS will take place every Wednesday in June and the first Wednesday in July from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at each session. We look forward to partnering with these churches! As you may know, VBS requires many volunteers. If you are interested in helping with this event, please let Beth or me know. Also, a huge thank you to those who have helped support our VBS with monetary donations to purchase food for the event!

Thank you for your continued support of our children's programs.

God Bless You!

Katie Scarborough
Children and Youth Education Coordinator

**Otterbein MC, Trinity UMC, Chapel of Hope & New Life Ministries
 Invite YOU to VBS!
 An adventure you'll fall for!**

When: Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17, 24, & July 1

Who: Pre-k-5th grade (2025-2026)

Where: Otterbein Methodist Church (527 N Maple St., Agape Center)

Time: 9am-12:30pm

Lunch will be served!

Register online at: vbspro.events/p/09f4ec

For more information call: Otterbein MC 785-483-2629



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> |
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| April 5 | 82 | 15 views |
| April 12 | 31 | 4 views |
| April 19 | 26 | 6 views |
| April 26 | 43 | 0 views |

FINANCE UPDATE Sunday Offerings:

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| April 5 | \$ 8809 |
| April 12 | \$ 766 |
| April 19 | \$ 1367 |
| April 26 | \$ 1703 |

May Worship Assistants

Communion Stewards

Kyla Driscoll & Raeleen Reinhardt

Ushers

May 3: Matt Davis

May 10: Nate Stoughton

May 17: Duane Adams

May 24: Lea Reddig

May 31: Steve Reinhardt

Lector

May 3: Lyndel Adams

May 10: Raeleen Reinhardt

May 17: Jerrie Parsons

May 24: Ken Jeroue

May 31: Raleen Reinhardt

Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

May 3: Dee Ann Matheson

May 10: Margie Gilpin

May 17: Dee Ann Matheson

May 24: Dee Ann Matheson

May 31: Dee Ann Matheson

Sound System

David Munday

Pianist

Curtis Sander

Pat David

Galen Schmidtberger

Greeters

May 3: Becky Polcyn

May 10: Raeleen & Steve Reinhardt

May 17: Aldean Banker

May 24: Terry & Cindy Ohlson

May 31: Ridgley Family

Acolytes

May 3: Merit & Revel Driscoll; Ali Davis

May 10: Mutwale Kids & Layne Stoughton

May 17: Merit & Revel Driscoll; Elie Scarborough

May 24: Mutwale Kids & Bailee Hoffman

May 31: Merit & Revel Driscoll; Alex Ridgley

Snacks

May 3: Bart Mravinec

May 10: Katie Scarborough

May 17: Kyla Driscoll

May 24: Chelsee Hoffman

May 31: Mary Ann Langhoffer or Mallory Davis

Children's Time

May 3: Lyndel Adams

May 10: Raeleen Reinhardt

May 17: Katie Scarborough

May 24: Katie Scarborough

May 31: 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 |
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| If you'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email. | | ** 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 Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm | 2 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm |
| 3 Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on the radio | 4 | 5 | 6 6pm Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting | 7 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | 8 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm | 9 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm |
| 10 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship | 11 | 12 10am Trinity Ladies | 13 6pm Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting | 14 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | 15 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm | 16 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm |
| 17 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on the radio 10:45am Leadership Council | 18 | 19 | 20 6pm Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting | 21 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | 22 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm | 23 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm |
| 24 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 2pm Care Center | 25 Church office closed— Memorial Day | 26 | 27 NO Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting | 28 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | 29 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm | 30 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm |
| 31 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship |  | | |  | | |

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Martin & Jerrie Parsons 🕯 3. Kurt & Jennifer Brooke 🕯 4. Steve Reinhardt, Neal Trober 🕯 5. Katie and Luke Scarborough 🕯 Alexander Krug 🕯 10. Darian Patten, Mava Camp 🕯 11. Treiton Ryan, Brooke Bachar, Bart Mravinec 🕯 12. Justus Schremmer 🕯 14. Mike & Mary Jo Schoech 🕯 Elizabeth Norris 🕯 18. Joann Fuoss 🕯 19. Hannah King 🕯 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20. Clair Fisher 🕯 22. Rusty Allen, June Homewood, Connie Krug, Stephanie King 🕯 27. Deb Niedermeyer 🕯 25. Shane Poche', Jodi Radke 🕯 26. Joan Weimaster 🕯 27. Kevin Karst 🕯 28. Ava Preston 🕯 29. Jerry Rohr 🕯 Dale & Joan Weimaster, Ward & Crystal Craig, Jay & Kelly Bachar 🕯 30. Chelsey Swords 🕯 31. Trevor White 🕯 |
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Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Jamie Sander

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Galen Schmidtberger
Curtis Sander
Pat David

Music Minister:
Galen Schmidtberger

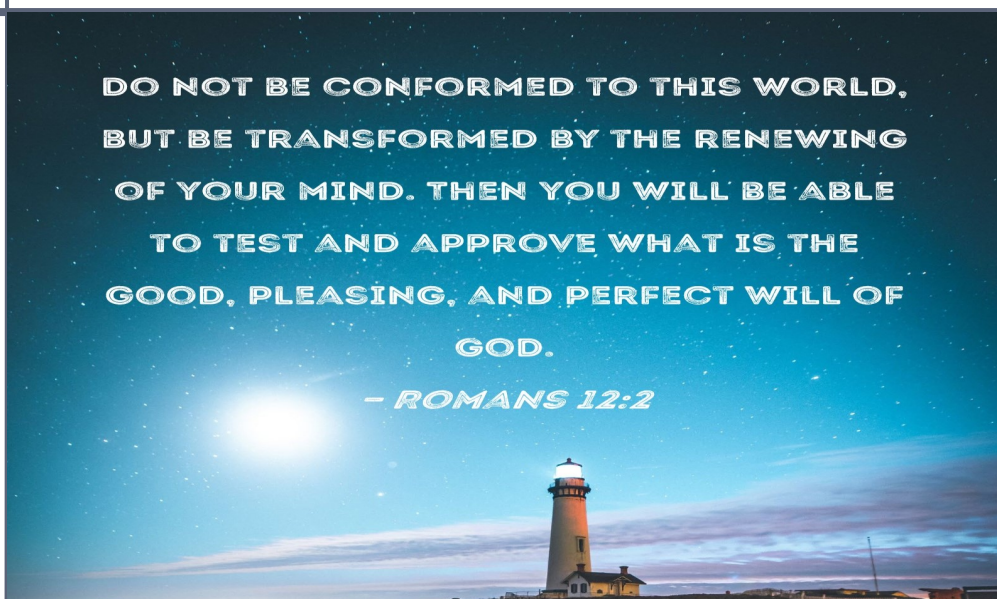
Choir Accompanist:
Curtis Sander
Pat David

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

