

The Trinity Lamplighter



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Pastor's Corner

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Beloved in Christ,

October is a month full of God's beauty. The colors of autumn paint the trees in shades of red, gold, and orange, reminding us of the changing seasons of life and God's constant presence through them all. As the air turns crisp and the days grow shorter, we are invited to reflect on the goodness of God, who gives us both harvest for our tables and grace for our souls.

This October is especially meaningful for our church family because we have the blessing of our choir back with us since September! Their voices lift our spirits and bring us together in praise, reminding us that music is one of God's greatest gifts. How beautiful it is to gather and hear songs of faith rising once again in our sanctuary.

As we journey through this month, may we not only enjoy the beauty around us but also prepare our hearts to be instruments of God's love. Whether in song, prayer, or acts of kindness, let us give thanks for His grace that sustains us.

Scripture for Reflection - October 2025:


"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!" - Psalm 150:6.

May the joy of autumn and the music of faith fill your hearts this October.

In Christ's love,

-Pastor Jean-Marc

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*Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.*

Psalm 150:6

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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

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

TRINITY LADIES

The Trinity Ladies will meet **Tuesday, Oct. 14th, 2025, 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

It doesn't seem possible that summer is basically over, and fall is right around the corner. The store is fully stocked with fall apparel and the Halloween decorations and costumes are out and selling well. It is always amazing to see how much holiday merchandise we get and, in turn, sell.

We have lots of cute Halloween decorations for inside the home as well as outside so come on in and look them over. It is always fun to find a bargain and the store is full of them. We started out with about 80 boxes of decorations, clothes, and costumes are now standing at about 60 yet to sell. So, you see, we have plenty, so come on in and buy.

There have been lots of toys donated too so if you need something for the kids or the grandkids to play with here is your opportunity. We have toys for all ages and toys of all sizes. The toys are all checked out so with some new batteries inserted they should work. If you have trouble with a toy not working, bring it back in and we will make it right with you.

We have some volunteers who are having surgery, some are taking last minute vacations, and some are busy with community activities. So, there is always a need for substitute help. If you are wanting a sometime job that pays in ways that aren't monetary, come on in and we will put you to work.

- Lyndel Adams

Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family,

Happy fall Y'all!

Our IGNITE kids and youth program looks a little different this year. The 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month, the youth will meet from 5-6pm at the church (5th grade and up). On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, we will hold a lesson right after church from 10:45-11:30am for the preschoolers through 4th graders. A small snack will be provided for the Sunday morning sessions.

Each Sunday, we have a small children's message of about 3-5 minutes during service for all the children who are in attendance. If this is something you would like to do every so often, please let me know! We would love to have a few new people do a lesson so the kids can get to know a few new faces.



We will be holding our annual indoor Halloween event again this year on Friday, Oct. 31st at 5:30pm, and we are still seeking volunteers! This is a fall festival type event with games, prizes, food, and cider. This event is SO much fun! Not only is it fun for the kids, but the adults have a blast too! We get over 150 people from the community who attend this event and we are able to send home informational packets to families about our church and our programs that we offer. We think it's a great way to get people in the door and to see our friendly faces! To do this, we need volunteers.

We need a couple people to help handout hotdogs, chips, and apple cider. We need people to sit at the tables where small table games will be played to hand out candy. We also need some youth to help with the more active, carnival type games. Oh, and we need donations of candy/fruit snacks/small treats. Please let Beth or I know if you are able to help! Our congregation is always such a huge help with this event...thank you!

We want to continue our tradition with packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child so please donate items if you can. Donated items could include sandals, socks, shirts, hats, sunglasses, and even school supplies such as crayons, markers, pencils, notebooks. Other great items to donate are hygiene items like toothbrushes/combs/hairclips (no liquids), winter wear such as hats/gloves/scarves, jewelry, small stuffed animals, deflated balls with air pumps, and other small toys. Please bring your items to the church office. In November, we will have a night where all the IGNITE kids/youth will box all the goodies up/pray over them and prepare them for shipment, but we need items for the kids to pack up. We love getting the kids involved to teach them about helping others! We'd love it if YOU could join us too!

As always, we ask for big prayers for our kiddos/youth and for our volunteers. Without your prayers and support, we would not be able to have such a wonderful kid/teen program! Thank you for your continued support!

God Bless You!

Katie Scarborough

Children and Youth Education Coordinator

Share the Holidays with Your Neighbors

The Russell County Food Pantry will be preparing Thanksgiving Food Boxes for families who would otherwise not be able to afford these special meals. The Food Pantry Board estimates the average cost of each basket at \$40 and all the basics for ham dinner will be provided. For \$40, an entire family can enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner, but any donation amount is appreciated.

If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of a basket, please make your check out to the Russell County Food Pantry and mail it to 15 N. Front Street, Russell, KS 67665.

Those who need help with the holiday meals may pickup the forms from any church in Russell County, the Russell County Health Department, or the Department for Children and Families.



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:

Date	9:30 am	Online
Sept. 7	38	16 views
Sept. 14	38	9 views
Sept. 21	43	5 views
Sept. 28	45	4 views

FINANCE UPDATE Sunday Offerings:

Sept. 7	\$ 849
Sept. 14	\$ 1011
Sept. 21	\$ 1823
Sept. 28	\$ 1111

October Worship Assistants

Ushers

Oct. 5: Duane Adams
Oct. 12: Duane Adams
Oct. 19: Duane Adams
Oct. 26: Duane Adams

Greeters

Oct. 5:
Oct. 12:
Oct. 19:
Oct. 26:

Lector

Oct. 5: Lyndel Adams
Oct. 12: Lyndel Adams
Oct. 19: Jerrie Parsons
Oct. 26: Colleen Allen

Sound System

Oct. 5: David Munday
Oct. 12: David Munday
Oct. 19: David Munday
Oct. 26: David Munday

Pianist

Curtis Sander
Pat David
Galen Schmidtberger

Children's Time

Oct. 5: Lyndel Adams
Oct. 12: Katie Scarborough
Oct. 19: Katie Scarborough
Oct. 26: Katie Scarborough

Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

Oct. 5: Dee Ann Matheson
Oct. 12: Margie Gilpin
Oct. 19: Colleen Allen
Oct. 26: Dee Ann Matheson

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

THE LORD IS MY
Light
AND MY
salvation
PSALM 27:1



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
** 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 8pm AA Meeting	2 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	3 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm	4 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
5 Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on the radio 5pm Ignite Youth	6 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	7	8 8pm AA Meeting	9 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	10 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm	11 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
12 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45am Ignite Kids	13 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	14 10am Trinity Ladies	15 8pm AA Meeting	16 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	17 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm	18 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
19 8:30a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Town Hall Fellowship Service on the radio 5pm Ignite Youth	20 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	21	22 8pm AA Meeting	23 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	24 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm	25 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am–2:00 pm
26 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45am Ignite Kids	27 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	28	29 8pm AA Meeting	30 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	31 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm –5:00 pm 5:30pm Trunk-or-Treat	

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2. Randilyn Karst 🕯️

6. Robert Klee II, Judy Saul 🕯️

9. James Foster 🕯️ Katie Scarborough 🕯️

10. Austin Heaton-Trober, Tammy Porter 🕯️

11. Joel Applebee, Jeff Hogan 🕯️

12. Brian Hill 🕯️ Thomas & Karly Standley 🔔

13. Carolyne Martin, Kristy Kinderknecht 🕯️

14. Jay Bachar 🕯️

16. Cody Dollison 🕯️

17. Adrienne Schremmer 🕯️

18. Andrea Nealy, Chandler Poche’ 🕯️

Brianna & Tyler Saryerwinnie 🔔
20. Elsie Rein 🕯️

21. Nash Karst 🕯️

23. Jennifer Brooke, Terry Ohlson 🕯️

24. Luke Walters, Cindy Ohlson, Ayden McCobb 🕯️

25. Tad Reddig 🕯️

28. Michael Berry, Madison Owens, Jake Windscheffel 🕯️

29. Chase Penka, Tad Krug, 🕯️

30. Jill Stoughton, Karly Standley, Galen Schmidtberger 🕯️

John & Becky Anschutz 🔔

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8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Assistant:
Beth Foster

Custodian:
Jamie Sander

Organist & Pianist:
Galen Schmidtberger
Curtis Sander
Pat David

Music Minister:
Galen Schmidtberger

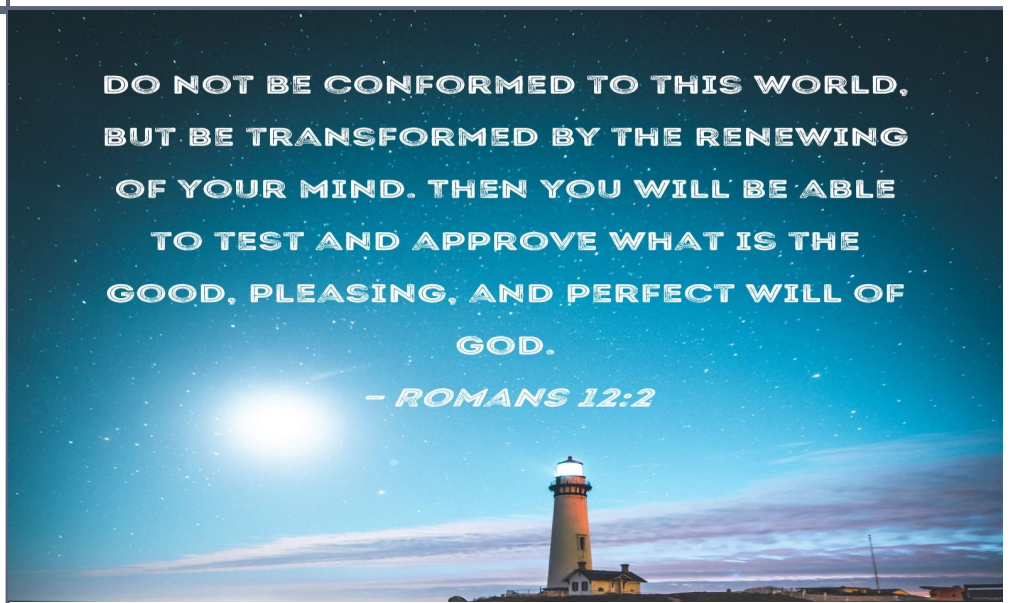
Choir Accompanist:
Curtis Sander
Pat David

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

