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Pastor's Corner

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Greetings Church Family,

Peace and grace of God that surpass all human understanding be with us all and carry us into this month of September. After the children returned to school in August and many families enjoyed summer vacations, September still offers us much, both in our church life and our personal lives.

For many, September marks the end of summer and the beginning of autumn. We were blessed with cooler weather during the last week of August, and I hope you were able to enjoy it. May it also be a blessing for our farmers as they continue their work in the fields and carry out the plans they have made.

According to our 2025 church worship planning calendar, September is also a special month because we celebrate Grandparents' Day on Sunday, September 14, the 14th Sunday after Pentecost. Scripture reminds us in Proverbs 17:6: "Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children." This verse reminds us of the special role grandparents play in passing on faith, love, and wisdom to future generations. As a church, we give thanks for our grandparents and older adults, who help anchor our families and our congregation with steady faith and prayer.

So, if you are blessed to still have grandparents, please honor them, listen to their wisdom, and let them know how much they mean to you. If your grandparents have already gone to be with the Lord, take comfort in knowing that those who died in Christ are with Him in heaven. You can still honor their memory by cherishing their example and, perhaps, by showing kindness to a friend's grandparents or to another older adult in our community.

May God bless us all, and may His grace and peace be with us in every step of this new season. Happy September! Blessings to you and your families.

-Pastor Jean-Marc

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are a crown to the
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and parents are the
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Proverbs 17:6 NIV

PRAYER CONCERNS

**Bonnie Fisher
Carla Hill
Aimee Gfeller
Bryan Crowell
Bart Mravinec Family**

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

**Mark Davis
Jennie Vacura
Tranda Strnad
Dennis Baxter
Family of Frank Peirano**

TRINITY LADIES

The Trinity Ladies will meet **Tuesday, Sept. 9th, 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

Things, as usual, at the Thrift Store are incredibly busy. We have had a good summer but are looking forward to getting ready for the fall.

The school supplies went quickly and now we are getting ready to put out Halloween decorations. The intention is to get them out the middle week of September and the costumes will follow soon thereafter.

Within the next couple of weeks our customers will be seeing new displays of fall clothes. We are currently having specials with hopes of selling most of the summer clothes to make room for the fall merchandise. The winter clothes are still in boxes, but the fall things are out.

On August 3, 2025, we had a supper honoring all our volunteers. There were about fifty in attendance. This included volunteers and their spouses or significant others. Everyone seemed to have a good time and is already looking forward to next year's get-to-gather. Everyone was asked to introduce themselves and their spouses and to name their main jobs at the store. Since not everyone works at the same time, many volunteers did not know each other. It was a nice evening.

If you feel led to volunteer, please contact us at the Thrift Store. The phone number is 785-483-4469.

Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family,



School has officially started and we have so much to look forward to! Our IGNITE kids and youth program will look a little different this year. We have been seeing our attendance on Wednesdays continue to decrease due to busy week night schedules. We get it, life is crazy busy, jammed packed with lots of activities. So, we have decided that in order to allow more kids to be involved, we will be switching our meeting days to Sundays. On the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month, the youth will meet from 5-6pm at the church. This will be for kids who are in 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 and we are looking for volunteers! Let me tell you, 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 people to donate candy/fruit snacks/small treats as well! 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 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! Please continue to pray for our children, youth, and volunteers as summer comes to an end and our program resumes.

God Bless You!

Katie Scarborough

Children and Youth Education Coordinator





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>
Aug. 3	39	11 views
Aug. 10	36	15 views
Aug. 17	39	10 views
Aug. 24	39	6 views

FINANCE UPDATE Sunday Offerings:

Aug. 3	\$ 956
Aug. 10	\$ 5927
Aug. 17	\$ 835
Aug. 24	\$ 1667

September Worship Assistants

Ushers

Sept. 7: Duane Adams
Sept. 14: Duane Adams
Sept. 21: Duane Adams
Sept. 28: Duane Adams

Greeters

Sept. 7:
Sept. 14: Raeleen & Steve Reinhardt
Sept. 21:
Sept. 28:

Lector

Sept. 7: Jerrie Parsons
Sept. 14: Raeleen Reinhardt
Sept. 21: Jerrie Parsons
Sept. 28: Ken Jeroue

Sound System

Sept. 7: David Munday
Sept. 14: David Munday
Sept. 21: David Munday
Sept. 28: David Munday

Pianist

Curtis Sander
Pat David
Galen Schmidtberger


Children's Time

Sept. 7: Katie Scarborough
Sept. 14: Raeleen Reinhardt
Sept. 21: Katie Scarborough
Sept. 28: Katie Scarborough

Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

Sept. 7: Dee Ann Matheson
Sept. 14: Margie Gilpin
Sept. 21: Colleen Allen
Sept. 28: Dee Ann Matheson

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



“The grass withers and
the flowers fall, but the
word of our God endures
forever.”

— Isaiah 40:8

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	1 Church Office Closed—Labor Day	2	3 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 Service on the radio 5pm Ignite Youth	8 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	9	10 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 10:45am Ignite Kids	15 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	16	17 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 8:30a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Leadership Council Service on the radio 5pm Ignite Youth	22 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	23	24 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 Ignite Kids 2pm Care Center	29 Thrift Store Work Night 7 pm	30	 If you'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email.			

Birthdays and Anniversaries

1. Blaine Krug, Sarah Martin, Sandy Smith 🕯

4. Bobby & Tammy Porter 🔔
Heather Williams, Becky Polcyn 🕯

5. Bill & Kathy Hickert 🔔

6. Pam Ward 🕯

8. Derek Ashlaw, Grayson Ryan 🕯

10. Shantell Fabian, Autumn Karst 🕯

11. Dylan Hogan, Kennedy Brown 🕯

12. Amy Banker, Breanna White 🕯

14. Jami Ganson, Colleen Allen, Grant Allen 🕯

16. Logan Keller 🕯

17. Kiefer Craig, Mike Schoech,
Dennis Baxter 🕯
18. Maren Standley 🕯
Jim & Meridy Barnes 🔔

19. Aldean Banker,
Bryan Weimaster 🕯

20. Logan Trober 🕯

21. Aftan Hogan 🕯

23. Hadlee Brown, Dallas McCobb 🕯
Michael & Kim Ryan 🔔

24. Bill & Amy Dollison 🔔

25. Tad & Courtney Krug 🔔

26. Jeral Krug, Tristan Walters 🕯

27. Emma Karst 🕯

29. Bailee Hoffman 🕯

30. Jolene Ridgley 🕯

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Organist & Pianist:
Galen Schmidtberger
Curtis Sander
Pat David

Music Minister:
Galen Schmidtberger

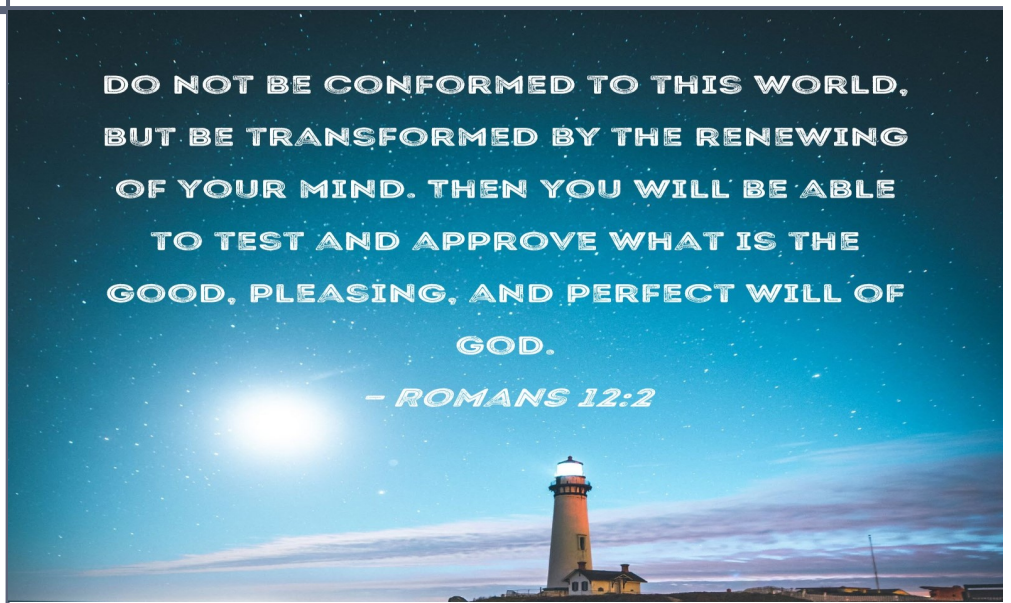
Choir Accompanist:
Curtis Sander
Pat David

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

