

The Trinity Lamplighter



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Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

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September brings the beginning of a new season. The temperatures begin to cool, schools are back in session, and many of our summer activities come to an end. As nature slowly prepares for autumn, we are reminded that life itself is filled with seasons of change.

Although I remain on parental leave this month, I continue to give thanks for your faithfulness and support. I am grateful for those who are leading worship, serving in ministries, caring for one another, and ensuring that the church continues to thrive.

September is also a good time to reflect on God's faithfulness. Harvest season reminds us that God provides for our needs and blesses the work of our hands. Farmers understand well the importance of patience, trust, and perseverance. Seeds planted months earlier now begin to yield their harvest. Likewise, God often works in our lives over time, producing spiritual fruit in ways we may not immediately see.

As we move through this season, may we continue to grow in faith, hope, and love. Let us be thankful for God's abundant blessings and remain committed to sharing Christ's love with our community.

Galatians 6:9 says: *"Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up."*

Grace and Peace to you all,
Pastor Jean-Marc

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Jodi Radke
Steven Walters
David Munday
Linda Applebee
Bonnie Fisher

Aimee Gfeller
Cathy Berry
Colleen Allen
Jami Shank
Ken Jeroue

Jennie Vacura
Tranda Strnad
Dennis Baxter
John Hill
Tom Keys

TRINITY LADIES

The Trinity Ladies will meet **Tuesday, Sept. 8th, 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

Things at the Thrift Store have been very busy. Donations continue to pour in and everyone is busy doing double duty part of the time as there seems to be someone gone on vacation this time of year. Everyone has taken their time at working in an area that is not familiar territory for them. Everyone is thankful for the cooperation.

The first weekend of August saw most of the volunteers and significant others gather for a supper, compliments of the Thrift Store. Evan Straub did an excellent job of preparing the food and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

We are trying to get ready to change out summer merchandise for winter merchandise. This is going to be the first season for our new packing method. Instead of putting all tops in boxes of their own and all the pants in boxes of their own we decided to put all the clothes in boxes according to sizes. We hope this enables us to find the sizes we need on the sell floor easier. That remains to be seen but we will know soon enough.

We have welcomed a few new volunteers to our ranks. We have also had a few have to step away from their duties after years of service. We thank them very much for their years of service to a job that allows so many good things to be done for deserving people.

-Lyndel Adams

Children's Education Ministry

Greetings Church Family,

Happy fall Y'all!



Our IGNITE kids and youth program will resume in September. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month, the youth will meet from 5- 6 p.m. 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 10:45-11:30 for the pre-schoolers through 4th graders. A small snack will be provided for the Sunday morning sessions.

Each Sunday, we have a short children's message of about 3-5 minutes during the service for all the children 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 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 this gives us the opportunity 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 of people to help hand out hot dogs, 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 me know if you can help! Our congregation is always such a huge help with this event...thank you!

We want to continue our tradition of packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, so please donate items if you can. We will hold a congregation-wide packing morning after church in November.

(Toys) - Harmonica, cars, Rubik's cubes, flashlights, whistles, balls, deck of cards, puzzles, blocks, 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, etc.

(School Supplies) - Pencils, pens, notebooks, crayons, markers, pencil sharpeners

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!

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>
Aug. 2	31
Aug. 9	26
Aug. 16	26
Aug. 23	24
Aug. 30	27

FINANCE UPDATE Sunday Offerings:

Aug.	2	\$	772
Aug.	9	\$	1100
Aug.	16	\$	426
Aug.	23	\$	1910
Aug.	30	\$	813

September Worship Assistants

Communion Stewards

Jerrie Parsons & Lea Redig

Ushers

Sept. 6: Duane Adams

Sept. 13: Duane Adams

Sept. 20: Lea Reddig

Sept. 27: Duane Adams

Lector

Sept. 6: Lyndel Adams

Sept. 13: Raeleen Reinhardt

Sept. 20: Jerrie Parsons

Sept. 27: Ken Jeroue

Bulletin Delivery to Shut-Ins

Sept. 6: Dee Ann Matheson

Sept. 13: Margie Gilpin

Sept. 20: Dee Ann Matheson

Sept. 27: Dee Ann Matheson

Sound System

David Munday

Greeters

Sept. 6: Jerrie Parsons

Sept. 13: Becky Polcyn

Sept. 20: Mary Ann Langhofer

Sept. 27: Scarborough Family

Acolytes

TBD

Pianist

Curtis Sander

Galen Schmidtberger

Pat David

Snacks

TBD

Children's Time

Sept. 6: Lyndel Adams

Sept. 13: Raeleen Reinhardt

Sept. 20: Katie Scarborough

Sept. 27: Katie Scarborough

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

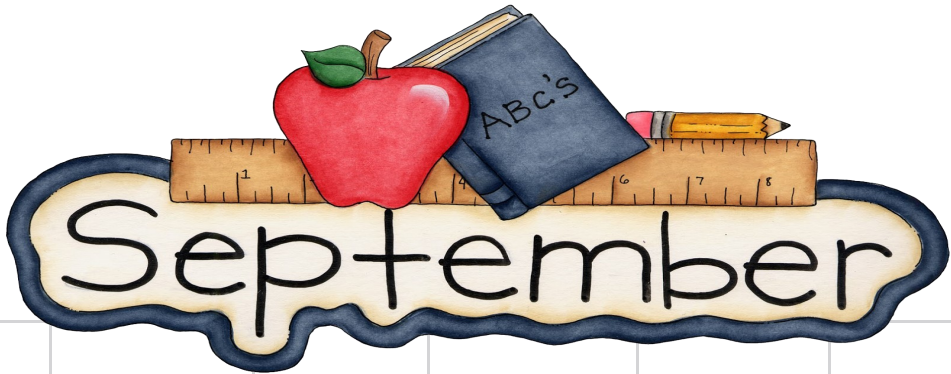
"The LORD gives strength
to His People;
the LORD blesses His people
with peace."

Psalm 29:11

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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'd like to add a birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office by phone or email.		1	2 8pm AA Meeting	3 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	4 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	5 Thrift Store 10:00 am-2:00 pm
6 Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Worship ft. Guest Speaker Darrin Soper Service on the radio	7 Church Office Closed Labor Day	8 10am Trinity Ladies	9 8pm AA Meeting	10 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	11 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	12 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
13 9:30 a.m. Worship ft. Guest Speaker Jeanie Leeper 10:45 a.m. Ignite Kids Begins	14	15	16 8pm AA Meeting	17 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	18 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	19 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
20 9:30 a.m. Worship ft. Guest Speaker Marsha LaRosh Service on the radio 10:45am Leadership Council 5 p.m. Ignite Youth Begins	21	22	23 8pm AA Meeting	24 Thrift Store Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	25 Thrift Store Hours 1:00 pm -5:00 pm	26 Thrift Store Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm
27 9:30 a.m. Worship ft. Guest Speaker Richard Fitzgerald 10:45 a.m. Ignite Kids 2 p.m. Care Center	28	29	30 8pm AA Meeting	** If you notice any cor- rections or your name is omitted from our list, please contact the Church Office at (785)483-2440		

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. 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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Custodian:
Jamie Sander

Organist & Pianist:
Galen Schmidtberger
Curtis Sander
Pat David

Music Minister:
Galen Schmidtberger

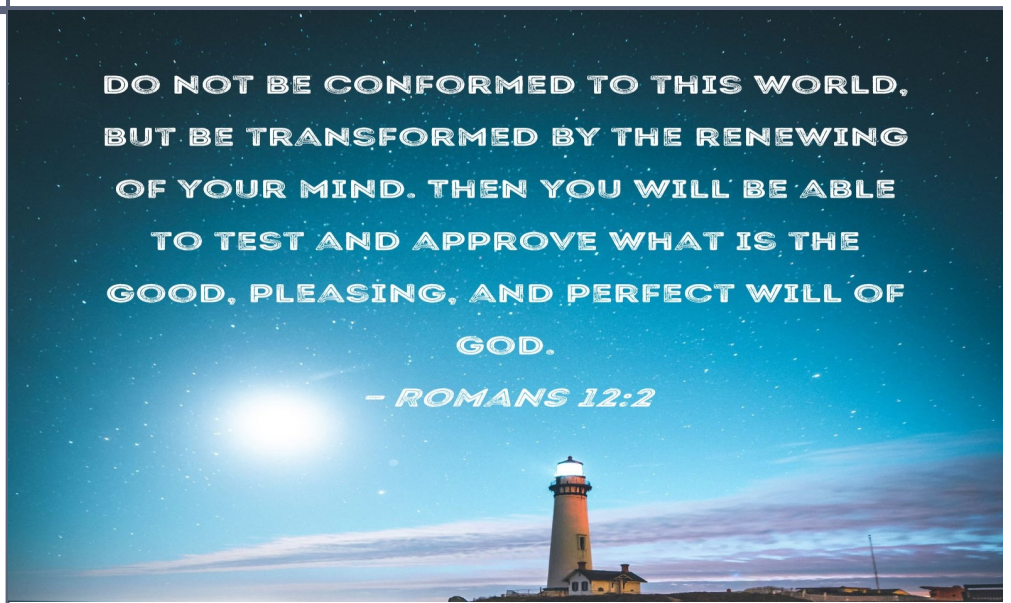
Choir Accompanist:
Curtis Sander
Pat David

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

