



TRINITY
United Methodist Church

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Welcome to Trinity!

We pray that you experience the love, joy, and peace of Christ this morning.

We invite you to check out the website (trinityumc.net) to learn more about Trinity and to find out how to get involved.

At Trinity, our mission is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Our staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have – we are here for you. May God’s love refresh and inspire you today and always.

Please sign the pad in the Guest Book located in each pew. Whether a visitor or member we would like to know that you worshipped with us this morning, and which of our services you attended.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity UMC...

Please contact Rev. Daniel Guenther at dguenther@trinityumc.net.

Kids in Worship

Trinity welcomes all kids in Worship. Worship Bags are available in the Welcome Center to help them engage with the service. *We ask that you return the Worship Bags to the Welcome Center after the service.*

After the Kids Moment at each service, preschoolers and elementary aged kids may attend Kids Worship in the Chapel. They return to the Sanctuary during the offering.

Technicians

Thomas and Martha Hall (9 AM)

Sam Duenckel (11 AM)

Acolytes (11:00 AM)

Candlelighters – Meghan McPhail, Duncan Monroe Crucifer – Ginny Kirkpatrick

I Believe

This year Trinity is using Society of St. Andrew’s Advent devotional (I Believe) in paper and digital format. Pick up a paper copy in the Narthex or download a digital copy at: https://endhunger.org/docs_church/advent/Advent-Booklet.pdf.

“I was hungry and you fed me.” Matthew 25:35

Prayer... To submit your prayer request or to share a joy with our intercessory prayer chain, contact Judy Oguich (joguich@trinityumc.net or 288-6056 ext. 206). Over 50 persons have committed to praying for our community.

Trinity members and staff pray for the concerns and joys of your heart. If you have a request, fill out a green Pastoral Care Card or the white Trinity Care Team Card (*located in the Guest Book*) and drop it in the offering plate.

“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone,” *1 Timothy 2:1*

Known Member Prayer Concerns

Carol Crowder
Eric Zimmerman

Bridgette Crable

Pat Cerny

Mike Fanelli

The family of David Boring

The family of Ken Cardoza

Community Prayer Concern

Trinity members' loved ones: Miller Jenkins, Erik DeVriendt

First Responders and Active Service Men and Women

Victims of extreme weather and natural disasters

Victims of war and violence

All Students, Teachers, School Staff, School Administrators, and Bus Drivers

Events and Meetings This Week

TODAY:	9 AM	Modern Worship Service
	10 AM	Discipleship / Sunday School Classes
	11 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	6 PM	Community Christmas Party – Dinner and Games

Trinity will host guests from Home Again for a Christmas celebration and we invite you to join us!

We are collecting supplies to be given to Home Again and a list of items can be found on our website: www.trinityumc.net/special-events

Volunteers are also needed to assist with activities and to help with clean up after.

Please sign up if you plan to attend www.trinityumc.net/special-events



Monday 11:45 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group (Chapel)

Tuesday 4 PM Christmas Eve Instant Kids Pageant

Show up a little before 4 PM and your kids can dress up as an angel, shepherd or an animal!

Kids remain seated with their parents until their character is called forward to join the pageant scene.



6 PM Christmas Eve Modern Worship Service
 8 PM Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service
 11 PM Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service

Wednesday Closed for Christmas Holiday

Thursday Closed for Christmas Holiday

Upcoming Events

12/29 10 AM One Combined Worship Service / Carol Sing



1/1/2025 Church Office Closed for New Year's Day Holiday

1/9 10 AM United Women in Faith Program (Room 324)
Nurturing Vulnerable Kids, with Janet Sommerville
We will also install and dedicate our 2025 officers.

1/12 10 AM Better Together Coffee Hour (Parlor)
12:30 PM Confirmation Orientation (Student Center)

1/14 5:45-7 PM Pub Theology @ WayGone Brewery

1/15 5:30-7:30 PM Student Parents Social @ ShoreDog Cafe

1/21 2 PM Young at Heart Program: (Welcome Center)
Peggy Watson talks about OSHER

1/26 10 AM Better Together New Member Class Begins (Parlor)



Entrance

✝ Chiming the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Brian Siegle

✝ Prelude

Veni Emmanuel

arr. Ferguson

*Call to Worship

written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024

*Children of God,
the arrival of the Promised One is almost here!*

We wait as people of God's promise.

*The message of the prophets
and the expectation residing in Mary's womb call to us today.*

We listen as people of God's promise.

*Mary's "yes" and Elizabeth's faithfulness guide our path,
showing us that we too have a role to play
in bearing God's good news into the world.*

We follow as people of God's promise.

*This is the promise Mary, Elizabeth, and the prophets bore
that we continue to carry even today – God is with us!*

God is with us! We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

⚙ *Song

Joy to the World

✝ *Hymn

Blessed Be the God of Israel

UMH 214

*Opening Prayer

*Adapted from Bob Eldan. Posted on the Pilgrim Uniting Church website
at <https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.or.ua/?p=677>*

**God of the impossible and unlikely,
God of pregnant old women and virgins,
you turn our conventional world upside down,
where the hungry are fed, and arrogant rich are turned away.
Instill in us unthinkable marvels.**

**Make us pregnant with wonder through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Love

Dan, Haley, Caroline, and Libbie Hildebrand (9:00)

Rob, Beth, Lilah, and Duncan Monroe (11:00)

... *What? What might God be calling forth from us?*

**God invited us to receive the promise of God's salvation
and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace,
enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world.
As Christ was born in Bethlehem,
so too we answer God's invitation
to have Christ born among us today and every day.**

*We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment
to live as people of God's promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing
for all people that springs forth from God's love for all creation.*

Sung Response

Light the Advent Candle (verse 4)

TFWS 2090

†*Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vss. 1, 7)

UMH 211

Proclamation and Response

*Scripture

Luke 1:26-45

Abbie Duenckel (9:00)

Teresa Given (11:00)

†*Gloria Patri

UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

Kids Moment

Jen Williams

Sermon

Promise

Rev. Daniel Guenther

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Judy Oguich

*Posted on Waiting for Water: Liturgy for The Easter Journey 2013
<http://storage.cloversites.com/waitingforwater/documents/Liturgical%20resources%202013%2010%2018%2012.pdf>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/confession-luke-1-46-55.html>.*

**Holy God, you promised to do great things for us,
yet we do not trust you.**

You extend your mercy to us, yet we do not trust you.

**You lift up the humble, you fill the hungry with good things,
and yet we still do not trust you.**

(continued)

Forgive us, and help us to trust in the promises you have given us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Thanksgiving

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

✠ Offertory

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Forest Green)

✠ Offertory

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

arr. Willcocks

*Doxology

UMH 95

Sending Forth

✠ *Song

O Come, All Ye Faithful

✠ *Hymn

People, Look East

UMH 202

*Benediction

✠ *Postlude

** Please stand as you are able*



Christmas Flower Tributes for 2024

<i>In Loving Memory of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Ada and Ralph Bivins	Linda Latimer and Nancy McGowan
Ann Sangston	Jim Sangston
Antoine Hobeika	The Halls
Arthur, Audrey, and David Gerhan	Ken and Peggy Hart
Beverly Tresner Clark, My Aunt	Jerry M. Clark
Bob and Beth Hart	Ken and Peggy Hart
Caig Spitzer, our Son; and Mary Lu Windberg, Leila's Sister	Leila and Kirk Spitzer
Carl and Carolyn Robinson	The Fricke and Jones Families
Charles M. and Marjorie H. Browder	Their Family
Chick Hadden	Carole and Mike Dishman
Chick Hadden	Gibbie and Sandy Berry
Christoper Hickman	David and Gayle Hickman
Colleen Berninger	Carole and Mike Dishman
Davis Bottom and Carl Bottom	Hildie Bottom and Family
Dennis and Rick	Marti Parch
Diane Crosby	Pike and Reinking Families
Emily and Charlotte Benton, Our Granddaughters	Colby and Jan Benton
Frances and Mack Dewitt	Margaret and Steve Dewitt
George Pike	Pike and Reinking Families
Gilbert and Rose Stroop	Joyce S. Winters
Helen Long Hart	Roger Hart, Jr., Lisa, Roger, III, Anne Claire, and Charlotte
Jay Robinson	Leila and Kirk Spitzer
Jay Robinson	Cheryl, Pam, and Meredith; David, Jonathan, Adam, and Nathan
Jean and Alf Goodykoontz	Chuck and Cathy Goodykoontz
Jean Hanner	Gibbie and Sandy Berry
Jean Hanner	Chris, Jennifer, Lily Jean, and Nell Stalilonis
John Simpson	Carolyn Simpson
Julian D. Adkins	His Family
Kimberly Keene	Janet S. Keene
Lauren Banks	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Lois and Bernard Hill; Rick Hill; George and Mary Good; Helen Good; Alice Spotts; Ray Slabaugh	Rob and Joanne Spotts

<i>In Loving Memory of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Maj. General Marshall E. McCabe, MD	Alice McCabe
Marian and Lester Jones	Sara and Waddy Street
Michael Eunice	Ridley Eunice
Michael R. Schoenenberger	Anna, Melinda, and Sid
Mike Eunice	His Sister, Donna Gilbert
Mike Eunice	Carole and Mike Dishman
Mike Skrabala	Reyna Skrabala
Mom and Dad, and My Best Friend, Rusty	Connie Harter Burton
Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rollison, Connie McAdam, Rowena Manning, Dale Ward, Bill Ward, and Brian Rollison	John and Pat Rollison
Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Heatwole	Davis and Sharolyn Heatwole
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Beck & Rev. and Mrs. A.L.G. Stephenson, III	Anne and Ken Beck
Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bailey, Sr.	Sharolyn and Davis Heatwole
My Parents and Grandparents	Gregg Reynolds
Nancy Utley	Art and Mary Beth Utley
Our Dad, Mike Eunice	His Girls
Our Loved Ones	Eric, Judy, Garrett, Natalie, and Abby Oguich
Our Loved Ones	Susan and Ralph Freeman
Our Parents	David and Gayle Hickman
Our Parents	Mike and Susie Hildebrand
Pam Rutledge	Reid, Peyton, Annie, Emma, Blair
Parents: Hilda and Charles Chiles; Betty and Paul Cross	Teresa and Mike Cross
Rick and Alyce West	Kelley and Leila
Robin Brewster	Those Blessed to Call Her Friend
Stephanie Roberts Larry	Peggy and Vernon Roberts
Sylvia Britt	Randy Britt
T. S., Daisy, Jean, and Thomas Shutt	Sarah Shutt
Thomas Wayne Lemon	Anna, Melinda, and Sidney
Virginia Pickering and Ingrid Shomo	Porter and Donna Shomo
Warren and Shirley Overstreet	Pam Overstreet
William and Evelyn Carlton (Dee and PaPa), Our Beloved Parents and Grandparents	Nancy, Rannie Lou, and Bryan

<i>In Honor of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
Amy, Jamie, Caitlin, Jackson, and Alex Bitz	Sara and Waddy Street
Brad and Jan Booker	Carolyn Simpson
Carol Crowder	The Crowder Family
Davis and Bana Caskey	Trinity's Staff
Family and Friends	Kelley and Leila
Gray, Corey, Hilton and Byrd Booker	Carolyn Simpson
Henry and Caroline Beck and Catherine and Jack Malandrino	Anne and Ken Beck
Jane Hobeika	The Halls
Jo Ann Lewis	Circle 6
Judy Oguich	3M, with Love, and Appreciation
Ken Hart	Young at Heart
Linda Robinson	Cheryl, Pam, and Meredith; David, Jonathan, Adam, and Nathan
Mary Hetzel	Bonnie and Joe Andrews
My Children	Alice McCabe
Our Grandchildren and Their Parents	Ken and Peggy Hart
Sandy and Gibbie Berry	The Stalilonis Family
Sarah, Liz, and Audrey	With Love, from Mom
The Amazing Trinity Staff	The Messick Family
The Utleys: Jordan, Kyle, Colt, Tucker, and Karsyn	Art and Mary Beth Utley
Thom Crosby	Pike and Reinking Families
Trinity Staff	Burnett and Nancy Miller
Trinity's Staff and Ministers, and Families	Nancy L. Foley
Young at Heart Steering Committee	Judy Oguich





Christmas Eve Worship

**4:00 PM Family Service with
Instant Kids Pageant**

6:00 PM Modern Service

8:00 PM Traditional Service

11:00 PM Traditional Service



Help us help our friends at UMFS!

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The Trinity Foundation will be matching dollar for dollar for the first \$7,500 given to UMFS.