

## JOURNEYS

For a long time, churches have been wondering how to help families be more involved in the life of the church. Families are so busy these days with school and community activities – school, sports, music, and lots of other options keep their calendars full and make family time rare and precious.

How can our congregation care for these busy families? How do we show our children and youth that we support their endeavors and celebrate their achievements? We invite you to join the Trinity UMC Booster Club. Members of the Booster Club will have access to schedules of local student activities (school and outside-school). If you like basketball, you can attend a game and cheer for a recently confirmed member. If you're a fan of the arts, you can go to a music concert or dance recital and appreciate the talents of our young people. If you love the little ones, you can enjoy the cuteness of a preschool graduation.

Members of the Booster Club will receive an official Trinity UMC Booster Club button to wear at these activities. If possible, you can take a selfie at the event to post on social media. In this way we will not only support our families, but we will also show the community that Trinity UMC is the place to raise your kids in a community of faith.

How to join:  
Use the QR code below and provide your contact information. OR sign-up using the paper form available at the entrance to the Sanctuary. You will be invited to join the Trinity UMC Booster Club on Facebook and/or receive a weekly email with a schedule of upcoming events.

Parents, you will be invited to join the Facebook group as well, so you can post your child(ren)'s activities.

Contact Christina for more information!!



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Want to write a Journeys article?  
We'd love to read your story.  
Call the church office at **(308) 382-1952**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP.....(ON SCREEN)

L: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

**P: We come to be cleansed and made whole.**

L: Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

**P: We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.**

L: Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

**P: We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.**

L: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

A: We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

OPENING HYMN.....#189 "FAIREST LORD JESUS"

OPENING PRAYER.....(ON SCREEN)

**Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus, you revealed him to be your Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. In Jesus Name, Amen.**

OFFERTORY.....(ON SCREEN)

DOXOLOGY.....#94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....(ON SCREEN)

**Faithful and Calling God, continue to draw us into community, into covenant, and into new life through waters of grace and acts of justice. Just as Jesus stepped into the river to stand with us and for us, we bring these gifts today to stand with others—to serve, to uplift, and to proclaim your kingdom. Use these offerings to fulfill your righteousness among us. Help us, your baptized people, to be instruments of healing, hope, and holy change in a world longing for good news. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER.....(ON SCREEN)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.....(ON SCREEN)

LORD'S PRAYER.....#895

HYMN OF PREPARATION.....#347 "SPIRIT SONG"

SCRIPTURE.....MATTHEW 3:13-17

SERMON...."REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM AND BE THANKFUL"

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER.....(ON SCREEN)

**P: And also with you.**

**P: Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

**P: Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all people.**

**P: All praise to you. Eternal Father. Through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

REAFFIRMING OF FAITH.....(ON SCREEN)

**P: We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As member of the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

APOSTLE'S CREED.....#881

CLOSING HYMN.....#362 "NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD"

BENEDICTION

***Assistive listening devices are available to anyone that needs it to experience our worship services to the fullest.***



## *Baptism of The Lord Saturday 9:30 AM Traditional Worship January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

SENIOR PASTOR...Rev. April Wegehaupt  
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Carla Gunn

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SATURDAY WORSHIP IN GOLLAHER CHAPEL

Traditional.....6 PM

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY

Traditional or CrossPoint....9:30 AM

WELCOME ☆ CONNECT ☆ DISCOVER

We speak to God before the service,  
God speaks to us during the service,  
We Speak to each other after the service.

### ***Volunteers For Service ...***

<b>Greeters</b>
Linda Sample, Pam Balderston
<b>Ushers</b>
Becky & Don Owings
<b>Reader</b>
Penny Allen



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Meals This Week. . .  
1/14/2025: Sloppy Joes, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Dessert

Way Seekers Book Study . . .  
Is "To Kill a Mockingbird" one of your favorite books or have you watched the movie over and over? Start out the new year with an insightful and fun study of The Faith of a Mockingbird, a book by Matt Rawle.

Way Seekers will begin discussing the book Jan. 11. This small group meets after Sunday worship in Room C.  
  
Rawle uses Harper Lee's beloved characters from To Kill a Mockingbird to explore Christian faith, theology, and ethics. Come join Scout, Atticus Finch, Boo Radley, and Tom Robinson in this four-week study.

For more information or questions, contact Bette Pore at randbpore@gmail.com or (308) 383-7299.

3rd Sunday GIFT Event for January 18th . . .  
Name That Tune at 10:30 AM in Miller Hall. Make sure to bring your friends to enjoy a friendly competition to test your tune knowledge.

Office Closure . . .  
January 19th for MLK Day. No Senior Wii Bowling. Thank you.

Directory Volunteer Meeting . . .  
is February 2nd for anyone that wants to volunteer to help people sign up for directory photos in March. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday . . .  
is February 18th starting with the Wednesday Night Meal at 5:30 PM. Worship follows at 7:00 PM. Join us in the Sanctuary as we reconcile our sins and start the Lent season.

Questions or comments?  
Please contact the church during office hours. Thank you.

We Cordially Invite Everyone . . . in this congregation to become a member of this church, a working member. Call the church if you would like to talk it over with someone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Loaves & Fishes Food Distribution . . .  
February 14th, 2025 at College Park 3180 W Highway 34. Enter Tech Boulevard. Distribution is at 9:30 a.m. until Food is gone. It is best to arrive between 9 am and 11 am. Do not arrive before 7:30 a.m. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Hospital Visits & Prayer Chain . . .  
If you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like to be visited or put on the prayer chain for prayer, please get in touch with the office. Due to HIPAA security rules, Regional Medical Center cannot release the names of patients to the church.

Plarn Weaving with Pastor Carla . . .  
is January 18th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM in Miller Hall. Thank you to everyone that volunteers in this need.

Weekly offering envelopes . . .  
are on the big pink table in The Gathering Place. If you don't see any envelopes with your name, please let the church office know.

Enjoy a Poinsettia . . .  
Christmas is over and we want everyone to have a happy New Year by encouraging to take a poinsettia to enjoy at home. Maybe take one for someone special that needs the festive spirit. Thank you.

Noisy Offering . . .  
is a success and thank you to everyone that donated to Food Bank for the Heartland. \$507.99 was raised. Noisy Offering is now collecting for the Sanctuary roof.

Buckets of Chili . . .  
are for sale at a suggested donation of \$10. While supplies last. This is the same chili from the Live Nativity.

CALENDAR

January 11th - 18th

Sunday  
9:30 AM CrossPoint Worship, Sanctuary, Nursery  
10:30 AM Confirmation, Miller Hall  
Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place  
PreK - Elementary Sunday School, Nursery  
Sharing Our Life Stories, Room A  
Way Seekers Study, Room C  
11:30 AM Greece Trip Meeting, Miller Hall  
Monday  
4:30 PM Senior Wii Bowling, Room A  
Tuesday  
10:00 AM Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place  
1:00 PM Mathetes Study Group, Room A  
7:00 PM Trustees, Parlor  
Wednesday  
5:30 PM Wednesday Meals, Miller Hall  
6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Bell Choir Room  
6:45 PM Kids Zone, Zone Room Downstairs  
Middle School Youth Zone, Rooms 1 & 2  
High School Youth Zone, Tower Room  
Empowered Women, Room A  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
Thursday  
6:45 AM Bible Study, Tommy's Restaurant  
9:30 AM Martha UWF Circle, Youth Room  
11:00 AM Lectio Divina, Zoom  
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group, The Gathering Place  
2:00 PM Coloring at the Chocolate Bar  
7:00 PM Ad Council/Finance Committee, Room A  
Friday  
1:00 PM Bulletin Folding, Parlor  
Saturday  
5:00 PM Scripture Discussion, Parlor  
6:00 PM Worship, Gollaher Chapel  
7:00 PM Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place  
Sunday  
9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary, Nursery  
10:30 AM Name That Tune GIFT Event, Miller Hall  
Way Seekers Study, Room C  
4:00 PM Plarn, Miller Hall  
Online Church Calendar . . .  
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