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Holiday Office Closures

Christmas Eve - Half Day Dec 24th
Christmas Day - Dec 25th
First Day of Kwanzaa - Dec 26th
New Years Eve - Half Day Dec 31st
New Years Day - Jan 1st

TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We will also be closed for MLK Day on January 19th.

GET A
NATIVITY

-DECEMBER ONLY-

WHEN YOU DONATE TO THE
ROOF

TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Plarn Weaving

January 18th
4 - 5:30 pm
Miller Hall

TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Blue
Christmas

Experiencing the loss of a loved one? Are you suffering from some pain? Just let God take it on. There is no need to keep it to yourself. Jesus is THE GIFT for everyone! Come to this worship service led by Rev. April Wegehaupt.

6 PM
DECEMBER 27

WELCOME * CONNECT * DISCOVER

WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY

5:00 PM GIFT "Growing in Faith Together" Class

6:00 PM Traditional Service in Gollaher Chapel

SUNDAY

9:30 AM Traditional or CrossPoint Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30 AM GIFT "Growing In Faith Together" Classes

NEXT NEWSLETTER DATES

ARTICLE SUBMISSION

You can submit an article for next month's newsletter by
January 22nd

FOLDING OF THE NEWSLETTERS

Folding of next month's newsletter is at 9:30 AM,
January 29th

OUR GUIDING STATEMENTS

OUR MISSION

To know and serve God.

OUR VISION

Guided by God's love, informed by Biblical teaching, strengthened by prayer, and shaped by our relationship with Jesus Christ, we are committed to discovering and using our gifts to reach out to all God's children.

WE VALUE...

- The uniqueness and worthiness of each individual as a child of God.
- Lay ministry and leadership.
- All children and their spiritual growth.
- Diversity in worship.
- Christian service and outreach in our community and beyond.

**THIRD SUNDAY
GIFT EVENT**

January 18, 2026

NAME
THAT TUNE

TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Join us on Sunday, January 18 at 10:30 AM for friendly competition and treats!

YEAR-END GIVING

Please note that all financial giving to the church needs to be postmarked by December 31 for it to count for 2025. You are also able to give during the offering time at worship, drop off a check in the office (the office closes at noon on New Year's Eve), or online at our website (trinityumcg.org) under the "Give" section. You will be redirected to our secure online giving site. Thank you for prayerfully giving to Trinity's ministry!

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Envelopes will be available beginning the weekend of December 21 & 22 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.



For a long time, churches have been wondering how to get more children and youth active in worship and other church activities. Families are so busy these days that we've decided to turn that question upside down: How can Trinity UMC be more active in the lives of our children and youth? We invite you to join the Trinity UMC Booster Club. Members of the Booster Club will have access to schedules of student activities (school and outside-school). When they attend an activity, they will wear their official Trinity UMC Booster Club button and hopefully take a selfie 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. In January, families will be contacted and given a method to submit their upcoming activities. We will also provide a way for club members to sign up. Volunteers are needed to make the buttons using the equipment at the public library. Contact Christina for more information!

DIRECTORY DATES

Dear Church family, It's time for a new directory! Mark your calendar now for Thursday, March 26, Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28 for our photo shoot. Everyone who is photographed will receive an 8x10 portrait and a directory. Watch for signing up information and a chance to sign up after worship.

Pecans For Sale

\$12 a bag

Milk or Dark Chocolate
12 oz

Caramel Clusters
10 oz

Cinnamon Glazed
10 oz

Also Available: Halves or Pieces 16 oz

Questions? Call Margie Balderston (308) 850-5155

SCHERMERS
PECANS

United Women in Faith

A WORD FROM REV. APRIL

It is almost a new year. 2026 is coming in like a roaring lion. With this I am wondering where did 2025 go? Did I accomplish everything I meant to accomplish, or could I have done more?

I am reminded of the following scripture for 2026: Isaiah 43:18-19 - "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

I know that the new things for 2026 have HOPE in them for they are all rooted in the LOVE of Christ. Jesus wants us to be rooted to Him and follow Him.

For 2026, I pray that all of us can grow with the LOVE of Christ and that we all experience Joy and Growth in Spirit.

Wednesday Night Meals

December 2025 is the start of planning for Wednesday Night Meals in the 2026 New Year. This is a great opportunity to serve God by serving food. We encourage simple home-comfort meals. All costs are covered. Volunteers are available to help if needed.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Make sure to mark your calendar for Ash Wednesday on February 18th. Be sure to come at 5:30 PM for the Wednesday Night Meal and service at 7 PM.

160 YEARS OF TRINITY

Trinity is coming to a milestone in 2026. 160 years in Grand Island, Nebraska. To celebrate, we are looking for volunteers to setup a party sometime in the fall. Sign up in the church office.

First history fact of the year: This newsletter was started around 1968, which is about 57 years ago.

Sympathies to the Family and Friends of:

- † Susan A. Svajdlenska 77 November 27th
- † John F. Vipperman 75 December 2nd
- † Joann L. Tagge 92 December 3rd

LOAVES AND FISHES

January 10th at College Park 3180 W Highway 34. Enter Tech Boulevard. Distribution is at 9:30 am until Food is gone. It is best to arrive between 9 am and 11 am. Do not arrive before 7:30 am. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

NEW LIBRARY

Trinity is now sporting a new little lending library. You may have noticed it close to door 3. Feel free to put books in it to share or take something home to read. There are many children's books in it at the moment but it is not limited to children's books. We hope that our neighborhood and church members will benefit from this addition.



Thank You Notes

It takes a village...thank you to all the Trinity Christmas Elves who helped decorate our church for the Christmas season. Namely, Jody and Steve Freeman, Nancy and Ron Underwood, Tom and Jeanne Graves, Carol and Fred Furley, Carol Stoppkotte, Kim Kosmicki, Sharon and Dave White, and Connie Schaaf.

I also want to thank you for the Dedicated Light honor from the United Women of Faith. I am honored and humbled.

Merry Christmas to you Trinity friends,
Barbara Carlson

What fun to browse the variety of baskets donated to Baskets of Love this year. The creativity was amazing. The bidding brought in \$1192 that will go towards the cost of the new roof our sanctuary now is sporting. Thank you for donating the wonderful baskets and also for bidding on them.

Thank you to Lorraine Ogg for donating three of her angels to the Visual Arts committee for their use. You will find them in the Parlor area. Lorraine, we appreciate your gift.

- Barbara Carlson

Marjorie,

Thank you so much for thinking of us & for donating the bagels! I'm sure the residents will love them! Thanks again!

Tiff and Staff

WOW Trinity you are an amazing church. For quite some time Trinity has focused on helping feed our community. Loaves and Fishes is one way we help with food insecurity. During 2025, we have helped 6190 families have a bit more food on their tables. That is 20273 people we have helped. Our volunteers are wonderfully dedicated and show up whether the weather is 91 degrees or the temp feels like 4 below zero. (These have been actual temps during the past year.) If there is food left, Crossroads comes to pick it up and use to feed people. Thank you all for supporting this ministry of Trinity. And thank you Foodbank for the Heartland for providing this food for our community. In addition to the monthly food distribution you all help by placing food in our drive by food box. Many contributed time and work to the wonderful Haven Garden during the summer. Snacks and care bags are provided to Howard school thanks to our church. Wednesday night meals have helped feed people. When there is a lot of extra food left after an event, it is donated to Hope Harbor. The mission committee cooks and serves a Sunday night meal 4 times a year at the Salvation Army. Funeral lunches are good fellowship and also provide sustenance. Blessings to all for all the ways you help feed our community.