

Journeys

Dear Trinity family,

As we reflect upon the years gone by, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the unwavering support and love this congregation has shown me since I arrived in 2021. The warmth and kindness you have extended to me, my family, and my ministry have been instrumental in shaping our shared journey of faith.

Since my arrival, the Trinity United Methodist Church community has been a source of strength, encouragement, and inspiration. Your support has been a beacon guiding me through the challenges and joys of ministry, creating a nurturing environment that allows both me and our church ministry to grow. From the countless prayers to the selfless acts of service, every gesture has been a testament to the depth of our shared commitment to the work of God.

As a pastor, I recognize that there are moments when I fall short of fulfilling all my pastoral duties, and I have hurt many of you. Please find in your heart a place to forgive me for my hurtful words, attitudes, and wrong actions. Additionally, there have been times when I couldn't visit everyone, make calls, or send cards or letters as I would have wished. I sincerely apologize to anyone who anticipated a visit and did not receive one.

Beyond the obstacles of ministry, my commitment to our shared mission remains steadfast. With God's guidance and the unity of our congregation, I am confident that we will continue to create a living image of God in our church and the wider community.

During Pastors' Appreciation in October, I was deeply moved by this incredible community's outpouring of love and gratitude. The thank-you notes, thoughtful gifts, heartfelt phone calls, and the stops in my office or the hallways were more than tokens of appreciation; they affirmed our relationship. Your gestures touched my heart and were a powerful reminder of the love that binds us.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each Trinity United Methodist Church family member for being with me throughout this transformative journey as I learn from each of you. Your prayers, encouragement, and acts of kindness have been a testament to the strength of our community and the power of God's love working through us. Thank you for all you do; let us continue to be a beacon of God's light in our church and community.

With heartfelt gratitude and in God's love,

Anny Kapundu



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Order Of Worship

OPENING SONG	“Angels We Have Heard On High” 3vs	
WELCOME		
✝ CALL TO WORSHIP	(On Screen)	
✝ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE		
ADVENT CANDLES: HOPE	Randy & Pastor Carla Gunn	
OPENING HYMN	#196 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”	
✝ OPENING PRAYER	(On Screen)	
ALL GOD’S CHILDREN	(On Screen)	
✝ SCRIPTURE LESSON	Mark 13:24-37 (NIV)	
SPECIAL SONG	“Heaven Everywhere”	
SERMON	“Living in Anticipation: Awaiting the King's Arrival” By Pastor Anny Kapundu	
CALL TO PRAYER	#2128 (Vs. 1)	
	"Come and Find the Quiet Center"	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Joys	One:
	&	"For this we pray..."
	Concerns	All:
		"Lord hear our prayers"
LORDS PRAYER	#895	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	(On Screen)	
WORDS OF ASSURANCE	(On Screen)	
✝ DOXOLOGY	#94	
✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION	(On Screen)	
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		
WORSHIP SONG	“O Come All Ye Faithful” 3 vs	
BENEDICTION		
CLOSING HYMN	#206 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”	
✝ SEND OUT SONG		

✝ - Please stand as you are able to



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30AM TOGETHER SERVICE DECEMBER 3RD, 2023

SENIOR PASTOR: Rev. Kelly Karges (402) 239-9507
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Pastor Anny Kapundu (308) 370-9465
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SATURDAY WORSHIP IN GOLLAHER CHAPEL
Traditional: 6 p.m.
SUNDAY WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY
TOGETHER WORSHIP: 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME * CONNECT * DISCOVER

Announcements

Baskets of Love Silent Auction

Let the bidding commence! The Baskets of Love silent auction is under way and everyone is invited to bid on a basket. There are baskets of all sizes and themes. Handmade items are especially made with love. This is a great opportunity to get someone you love a great gift this Christmas. Proceeds go to the Emergency HIV AIDS Fund, a ministry of Trinity UMC.

More Announcements inside


Volunteers For Service


Greeter	Ushers	Reader	Organist	Pianist	Communion
Terri Hongsemeier	Tom & Jeanne Graves	Glenn Knuth	Kim Wilsey	Sharon Jensen	Rob & Christy Horky

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Advent Candle Readers and Lighters are Needed

Please contact the office if you or your family would like to read a short Scripture and light the Advent wreath. The times available are:

Saturday, December 16 at 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 23 at 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 at 7 p.m., and at 10 p.m.

The ABCs of Advent: Congregational Devotion

We have three components to our Advent devotion this year. You can use the “Advent A to Z” devotional book or the shorter “ABCs of Advent Calendar.” You can also make an alphabet block ornament to decorate the Christmas tree at the entrance to the sanctuary. Books, calendars, and ornament supplies are at the entrance to the Sanctuary. The calendar will be posted online, and the link will be sent in the weekly email.

Poinsettia Orders

Order forms for this year’s poinsettias can be picked up in the office. They are \$10 each and can be dedicated for anyone special. Deadline is by December 13.

Christmas Pageant

The ABCs of Christmas will be presented by our youth and children during the worship service on December 17. Please join us for a birthday party for Jesus after the service.



PECANS
For Sale

\$9.50/pound
4 flavors available

Contact Margie Balderston to place an order.
308-382-3272

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Food Distribution:

December 9th, 2023, 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.

Miss Today’s Sermon? Here are some options:

- Call (308) 210-2183 *Most Popular!*
- Visit our YouTube channel
- Visit our Facebook page
- Visit our website
- Pick up a printed copy from the office

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. **Update:** Due to HIPAA security rules, Regional Medical Center will no longer release the names of patients to the church.



Sympathies to the Family and Friends of:

† Alberta Perkins, November 30th



Write Your Sermon Notes Here:

Calendar

December 4th – 10th 2023

4:30pm	Senior Wii Bowling, Youth Room	4	December
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11 – 12pm	Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place	5	
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1 – 2:30pm	Mathetes Study Group, Youth Room	U	
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1 – 2pm	Congregational Care, Youth Room	6	
6 – 7pm	Handbell Practice, Bell Room Downstairs	W	
6:45 – 7pm	Decorate the Church for Christmas	E	
	Kid's Zone, Zone Room Downstairs	D	
	Youth Zone, Youth Room		
7 – 8pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary		
	NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE DATE	7	
11 – 12pm	Lectio Divina, Zoom	T	
1 – 4pm	Prayer Shawl Group, The Gathering Place or Parlor	H	
6:30 – 7:30pm	CrossPoint Rehearsal, Sanctuary	U	
7 – 8am	Men's Study, Shady Bend Cafe	8	
1 – 1:30pm	Bulletin Folding, Parlor	F	
2 – 3pm	Coloring without Rev. Kelly, The Chocolate Bar	R	
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7:30 – 2pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Giveaway, College Park	9	
5 – 6pm	Scripture Discussion, Parlor	S	
6 – 7pm	Worship, Gollaher Chapel	A	
7 – 7:30pm	Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place	T	
9:30 – 10:30am	TOGETHER Worship, Sanctuary, Nursery	1	
10:30 – 11:30am	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	0	
	Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place	S	
	Growing In Faith Together (GIFT)	U	
	Sharing Our Life Stories, Youth Room	N	
	Way Seekers Study, Room C		