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FROM REV. APRIL

November is typically when our church focuses on Stewardship. When it comes to Jesus most of his teaching focused on Stewardship and taking care of each other. We need to focus more on this at Trinity. But I have to face the facts, it is hard to talk about money (especially when SNAP benefits are on hold and government is in a shut down, AND so many are struggling). I want to remind all of you that if you struggle giving financially there are other ways you can tithe. The following 5 Ts of Stewardship will help you in giving back to the Lord. **Time:** How an individual spends their hours each day. Are you giving God some of this time? **Talents:** The natural skills and gifts God has given a person, and how those are used to serve others. Are you serving God through the Church? **Treasure:** How one manages their financial resources, including money and possessions. We do have costs associated with the ministry of Trinity UMC. How can you help us reach our budget? **Temple:** The physical body, emphasizing its importance as a vessel that requires care and stewardship. Are you taking care of yourself through rest, diet and exercise. **Testimony:** How one lives their life and shares the story of God's goodness with others. How can you share your testimony with others? Please look at this list for the remainder of the year and as we get ready to start 2026 and see if you can increase your Stewardship to God and in what ways. 1 Peter 4:10 ESV As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: Stewardship Sunday is **November 16th**. Please join us for a celebration after worship at 10:30 AM. Thank you.

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 **November 20th**

FOLDING OF THE NEWSLETTERS

Folding of next month's newsletter is at 9:30 AM, **November 26th**

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.



OFFICE CLOSURE

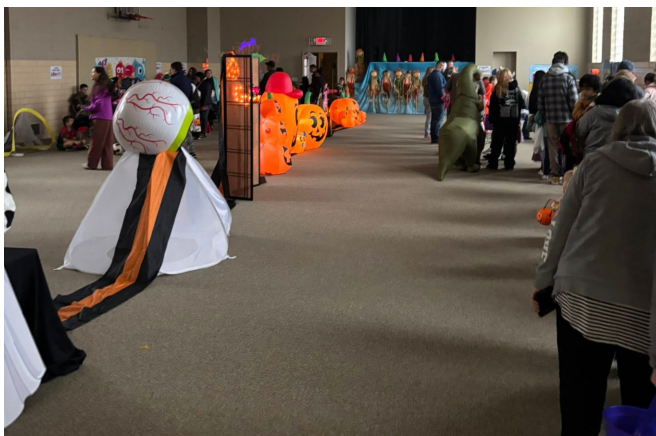
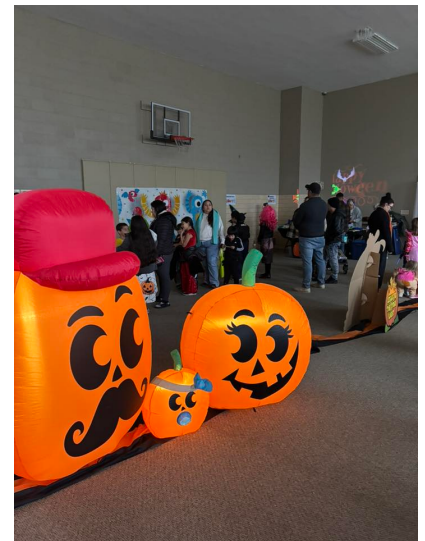
The church office will be closed Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday. Newsletter folding will be the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Thank you.

CHILI COOKOFF

Wednesday Night Meals on November 5th will be our chili cookoff. Prizes will be awarded. If you would like join in, please sign up with Rev. April.



At the time of this newsletter, the Wednesday Night Meals schedule is still open for three nights in December. 3rd, 10th, and 17th are open for God's wonderful chefs and will close the calendar year for 2025, so please sign up. Mark your calendar for no Wednesday Night Meals on November 26th (day before Thanksgiving), December 24th, and December 31st. Thank you all for making Wednesday Night Meals with Wednesdays At Trinity a success!



Enchilada Order Form

\$20 per dozen (12)

\$10 per half dozen (6)

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Amount: _____ Dozen _____ Half Dozen



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Available
November
16

Advent 2025

TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Devotional Book
Advent Calendar
Star Gazing Guide
Bethlehem Soup
Star Refraction Glasses

STAR of WONDER

STARGAZING PARTY

Christmas Goodies
Neighborhood Caroling
Geminids Meteor Shower

TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday, 12/13
7 p.m.

BAPTISMS



OLIVER SCOTT METCALF
PARENTS: CODY & KARNI METCALF



KNOX ALAN PALMER & JACK BOYD PALMER
PARENTS: MORGAN & KEAGAN PALMER

2025 Christmas Pageant
The CHRISTMAS STAR

Rehearsal Schedule
Wed 11/5 @6:45 p.m.
Sun 11/9 @10:30 a.m.
Wed 11/12 @6:45 p.m.
Wed 11/19 @6:45 p.m.
Sun 11/23 @10:30 a.m.
Sun 11/30 @10:30 a.m.
Wed 12/3 @6:45 p.m.
Sun 12/7 @10:30 a.m.
Wed 12/10 @6:45 p.m.
Sun 12/14 @10:30 a.m.
Wed 12/17 @6:45 p.m.
Sat 12/20 @10:30 a.m.
Must Attend 4+ rehearsals

Pageant Info
*Preschool - 12th grade
*Special "Star Chorus" for ages 2-5
*Speaking and non-speaking parts
*No auditions!
*No memorization!
*Great costumes!
Questions?
Contact Christina
308.382.1952

TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Children and youth will present "The Christmas Star" nativity play during worship on Sunday, December 21. Participants are asked to attend at least four rehearsals. We will have a special "Star Choir" for ages 2-5 and our music director will work with the older students to learn a song. After worship we will host a birthday party for Jesus. Please contact Christina at the church with any questions.

The CHRISTMAS STAR

Children's Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 21
9:30 a.m.

TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 6th – 14th
The Gathering Place

Baskets of Love Auction

Baskets are to be brought in by December 4th.

Baskets of Love has been a part of Trinity's Advent happenings for many years. Dec. 7 to 14 will again be home to a variety of baskets donated by our church members. So put on your creative hats to come up with basket ideas. This year there will be one change, rather than the proceeds being donated to AIDS relief the funds will go towards our new sanctuary roof. Mark your calendars, baskets will need to be delivered to the church by Thursday, Dec. 4th. Bidding will take place the weekends of Dec. 7 to the 14th and will end at 11am on the 14th! Can't wait to see the wonderful baskets donated for bidding!

- Sympathies to the Family and Friends of:*
- † Lee A. Faaborg 63 September 24th
 - † Diane F Walton 80 September 27th
 - † Maryan M. Billesbach 96 October 5th
 - † Deborah K. Dockhorn 74 October 10th
 - † Irene E. Avery 93 October 13th

UPCOMING PECAN SALE

The United Women in Faith are getting ready for the annual pecan sale. Pecans have been ordered by Margie Balderston. Pecans are sold here at Trinity. Preorders made and questions answered by calling (308) 850-5155. Thank you.

34th Live Nativity & Soup Supper

December 7th 5-7 PM
Fonner Park
Soups end at 6:30 PM

TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
First Faith
United Methodist Church

Adults - \$7
Children (5-12) - \$5
4 & Under - Free

Enchilada Sale

\$20 Dozen (12)
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Orders End November 26th
Pickup December 3rd

TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Prepaid Only
Order forms are available at the church.

Proceeds go to the roof.

Christmas Eve

TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Worship Times

5 PM 8 PM 10PM

LOAVES AND FISHES

November 8th 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.

FOOD MINISTRY

Trinity has faithfully helped feed people of our community for many years in many ways. The second Saturday of each month many from our church along with some from First Presbyterian church distribute 525 boxes of shelf staples, 525 boxes of fresh produce, and 525 loaves of bread. Some months there is also extra fresh produce to give out. Along with this, we have a little free drive by pantry box outside door 1 which is faithfully filled by many from our church. And even more, we provide snacks for students at Howard School. Then add to this that at Christmas time, Mathetes Bible study fills about a dozen bags of food for families from Howard who may need some extra food over the holiday. And there is even more, funeral lunches are provided for those who ask for it after the service. Wednesday night meals are open to anyone. This is a great way to fellowship with others. On top of this, we have had a hugely successful garden this summer which has been supported by church members and McCain foods. Anyone from the community can harvest produce and it has been well used. Let's add another way we help feed others. Four times a year our Mission Committee prepares and serves a Sunday night meal at the Salvation Army and once a month a couple of people simply help serve a week night meal. Crossroads Mission is also helped at times by our church. When there are extra boxes left from Loaves and Fishes, Crossroads faithfully comes to pick them up when called. Thank you and blessings to all who support these many ministries of Trinity. Keep up your gracious giving of food through Trinity.

Thank You Notes

We have been doing a noisy offering on Sundays for Food Bank for the Heartland. Your quarters and silver dollars have been great at giving maximum noise to show your support! Thank you.