"Life in the Son"



# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

706 14th Ave. S., North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

# Trinity Tidings

December 2025

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Peace and joy to all this holiday season



Hanging of the Greens
Nov. 30
at all services



Waiting for You Advent Bible Study Dec. 2, 9, 12 & 23 at 6 p.m. Trinity Hall



Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Main Street



Festive Brass Concert

Dec. 7 at 5 p.m.

Trinity Hall



Carolina Master Chorale Concert



Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. Sanctuary



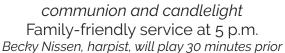
Service of Hope & Healing
Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.





Christmas Eve Services A service of lessons and carols













Trinity Youth Group meets
Sundays at 5 p.m. in the Youth Room.
All youth 6th to 12th grade are invited to attend.

Join Trinity's growing youth group for faith, fellowship, and fun! This welcoming community encourages young people to explore their faith, ask tough questions, and build lasting friendships through weekly meetings, service projects, and exciting events like our November weekend being a part of Immerse, a discipleship retreat at Asbury Hills Retreat Center. Stay involved by attending, volunteering, or sharing ideas.

Important dates: Youth Group Christmas party on Dec. 14.

No youth group on Dec. 21 or Dec. 28. Group will start back on Jan, 4. Encounter youth retreat to Lake Junaluska January 23-25 (Details and permission slips from Pastor Gene).













Join the fun at our *Polar Express* Movie Night on Friday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. for a magical evening of fun, laughter, and holiday cheer as we watch *Polar Express*! Families are encouraged to come in their coziest PJs for an unforgettable experience filled with popcorn, hot chocolate, and festive cookie decorating!

We need amazing volunteers like YOU to help bring this event to life! Whether you can help with the snack table, assist with hot chocolate, or guide our little artists at the cookie decorating and craft tables, your support will make this event truly special!

We also invite you to contribute sugar cookies—whether they're plain round or creatively decorated like candy canes, snowmen, or stars; every cookie counts! Please bring your donations to the kitchen fridge, labeled for the movie night, during the week of Dec. 7. Please sign up in the bulletin or contact Pastor Stephanie by calling the church office to sign up! Together, let's make this a night filled with joy and holiday spirit!

## Trinity Kids December Schedule

Wednesday Sunday Wednesday Sunday Wednesday Sunday Wednesday Sunday Wednesday	Dec 3 Dec 7 Dec 10: Dec 14: Dec 17 Dec 21: Dec 24 Dec 28 Dec 31	Trinity Kids Sunday School Trinity Kids Special Music Sunday Trinity Kids Sunday School No Trinity Kids All kids stay in service No Trinity Kids	4:30 – 6 p.m. 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. 4:30 – 6 p.m. – All kids stay in worship 4:30 - 6 p.m. Christmas Party 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.
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The Angel Tree angels will adorn the Christmas tree in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, Nov. 30. Please join us in this ministry to help a child of an incarcerated parent by giving Christmas gifts. Please take an angel (or two) and leave the white angel with us with your name and phone number. Take the angel with the gift suggestions with you, and please be sure to attach it to the wrapped gifts. Please have gifts returned under the tree no later than Thursday, Dec. 11. The gifts will be available for pick up after services on Dec. 14 to be delivered anytime before Christmas. Contact Sharon Bruns at (678) 986-0280 if you would like to help or have any questions.



## BOOK CLUB

We decided on a few books for the upcoming discussions. Our meeting time is 1 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

#### December

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

## January

Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali

#### **February**

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

#### March

Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger

## **April**

Before Dorothy by Hazel Gaynor

#### May

The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick

## Prayer Shawls Needed

Every 5th Sunday prayer shawls are blessed by Pastor Gene and made available for anyone to take for someone in need.

We need more knitters and crocheters to make prayer shawls. There are no specifications on colors, size or style. It doesn't need to be fancy. If you only know one kind of stitch, you can make a shawl. A good measurement for a shawl is 18 inches wide and 60 inches long. Once you have it done, bring it to the volunteer office and place it in the bag on the back of the door.

If you have any questions, you can contact Dianne Cintron (717-805-1248) or Linda Eichenbaum (843-902-2750). Please consider helping out. Thank you

If you'd like to learn how to knit or crochet, our own creative Kim Fowlkes coordinates basic instructions at the Floyd Recreation Center, Possum Point Road, every Thursday afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. No cost, no commitment, and all are welcome!



The members of the Trinity Crafters wish to thank the many congregational members who contributed to our successful Easter, Fall, Vendor, and Holiday Craft Shows through donations of materials, skills, crafts, baked goods, and, most important, prayer and purchasing support.

Since our first Holiday Bazaar netted \$500 in 2004 and in the years since, our fellowship group has grown in numbers and talent, and we have donated more than \$65,750 to local and UMC missions, over \$10,000 to the Trinity Building Fund, and \$5,000 from our 2025 Vendors' Fair for Kind Keepers Animal Shelter.

In 2025, we distributed \$10,750 to local and UMC missions:

Alzheimer's Association Epworth Children's Home Fostering Hope Mobile Meals Oak Tree Farms Red Bird Mission CCU Wesley Foundation Children's Recovery Center Family Justice Center Helping Hands Low Country Food Bank Pancreatic Cancer Research Sea Haven UMCOR

Trinity Crafters meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the AG Greene Building, followed by an optional Dutch Treat lunch at local restaurants. We have a wonderful time working on projects to support our church and community while involved in fellowship, devotions, and prayer concerns. Any ladies are welcome to drop in and join us at any time. Crafting talent is NOT a prerequisite. All are welcome, both the "Skilled" and the "Willing." Finally, many thanks to the wonderful "Craft-guys" who cheerfully help with the heavy work!

## Walk to Emmaus: Come take a Walk with Jesus



The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders.

- The Men's Walk is Feb. 5-8, 2026.
- The Women's Walk is Feb. 12-15, 2026.

Both events are at the FFA Camp in Little River.

If you are interested or want to learn more, contact Kenneth McIver. Several members of Trinity have participated in the past.



The Missions Committee donated a quarterly gift to Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry, Case for Smiles, and Helping Hands. Your gifts to the general fund make this possible. Thank you!

Next meeting: Monday, Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. in Trinity Hall classroom

**Angel Tree:** Thank you to all who shop for a child from the tree. Contact Sharon Bruns.

**ASAP:** Donations Oct. – Dec. will benefit ASAP. (Jan. – March to Helping Hands) Currently serving 45 veterans. Peanut butter & jelly always needed. Please check expiration dates before donating. Contact Linda Miller or Jackie Stanley.

**Blessing Box:** Needed: hygiene items, individual poptop canned foods, snack items, and small bottles of water. Please check expiration dates. All items can be left in the volunteer office. Contact the church office for more information.

Christmas Cards for Deployed Soldiers & Local Nursing Homes: 482 cards were shipped to USASOA for military distribution. 169 cards distributed locally. Thank you to all who donated and signed cards! Contact Linda Dunn.

**Back-to-School Shoes:** \$2,780 was received in donations. Thank you! Contact Mahala Pearsall.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Will hold a Faith Build and a Women's Build in 2026. Contact Sue Erway.

Helping Hands: Food staples donated Jan. to March will be given to Helping Hands Food Bank. Current needs include canned meats of any kind, peanut butter and jelly. Please check expiration dates before donating. Poptop cans preferred. Contact Linda Dunn.

**Hurricane Helene Relief Mission Trip:** A team of five added foam underpinning to winterize campers (temporary residences) and did repairs to waterdamaged ceilings.

International Café (J1 students): 53 countries were represented this year. Program will resume May 2026. Contact Susan Douglas.

**Kairos Prison Ministry:** https://kairosprisonministry.org/. Fall weekends were held at the men's and women's locations. Thank you for the cookie donations. Contact Mark Fahner.

Master's Meal: Master's Meal meets in Trinity Hall, every Wednesday from noon until 12:45. Substitutes for the serving list and volunteers for setup (at 11:30 a.m.), conversation and cleanup (12:45 a.m.) are needed. This is a free fellowship meal. Contact: Lee Ann Hanlon or Margaret Martin.

Miracle of Hope: The family of Nathan Ansay, who died May 20, 2025 from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident while on duty, will be our guests. Dates to be announced. See George Snead or Jayne Sigmon.

Mobile Meals: Welcome and thank you to our new coordinator, John Denis! Volunteers are needed to serve on a rotation one day every eight weeks, two per shift. Shifts begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude usually at 11:30 a.m. Volunteers would pack the meals or walk them to the door. Location: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 801 11th Avenue, NMB. Contact John Denis.

**Salkehatchie Summer Service Camp**: North Strand Salkehatchie will be July 4-11, 2026. Contact Cathy Windell.

**Sea Haven Clothing Drive (September):** 354 articles of clothing were received. Thank you!

Stamps for the Wounded. Two boxes of used stamps were recently shipped. Used stamps are needed for a mental health program for veterans. Please leave attached to the envelope, clip with ½" margin (or more) and place in provided container on table in back hallway near volunteer office. For more information, see www.stampsforthewounded.org or contact Linda Dunn.



Your TUMC Trustees and "Special Volunteers" have had a busy year. Just a few highlights from this year's work and improvements: Relocation of Pastor Stephanie's & Heather's offices. Lighting replacement (LED) throughout the various areas. New storage areas and closets in the Sanctuary hallway. Complete changeover in the 2nd floor

Youth Room. hallways and various rooms have been painted giving these areas a bright and refreshed look. Sewer, water line and sidewalk replacement (200 ft). With the completion of the new Trinity Hall numerous final fit, finish items and purchases were required and handled by numerous members of the Trinity Family. A completely new sprinkler system replaced the older system. Lawn care has been improved with the addition of a new service provider. Numerous events were held in the new Hall with assistance provided by volunteers and trustees.

We are looking forward to projects in 2026.

## December Usher & Altar Guild Schedule

8:30 a.m. services

**Dec. 7** - Bob and Kathy Slack, Kenneth McIver, Mike Walters

**Dec. 14** - Alan and Sarah Jane Slaughter, Baxter Barger, Judy Lowe

**Dec. 21** - Aubrey and Pam Apple, Verne Cappell, Mike Walters

**Dec. 28** - Dick and Emily Tinsley, Hugh Holiman, Betsi Rudder

11 a.m. services

**Dec. 7** - Bob and Linda Miller, Michelle and Don Goodwin, Scott Keziah

**Dec. 14** - Scott Keziah, Cindy Burgio, Jackie Stanley, Del Haws, Curt Roberts

**Dec. 21** - Bob and Linda Miller, Michelle and Don Goodwin, Margaret Martin

**Dec. 28** - Tonya Ard, Cindy Burgio, Jackie Stanley, Del Haws, Curt Roberts

## **Christmas Eve services**

5 p.m. service - Mike Walters
7:30 p.m. service - Tonya Ard, Del Haws, Curt Roberts, Jackie Stanley, Cindy Burgio
11 p.m. service -

#### **Altar Guild**

Week of Dec. 7 - Pam Early and Wanda Furr

Week of Dec. 14 - Carol Adams and Margaret Martin Week of Dec. 21 - Carol Adams and Margaret Martin Week of Dec. 28 - Debra Haught and Wanda Furr



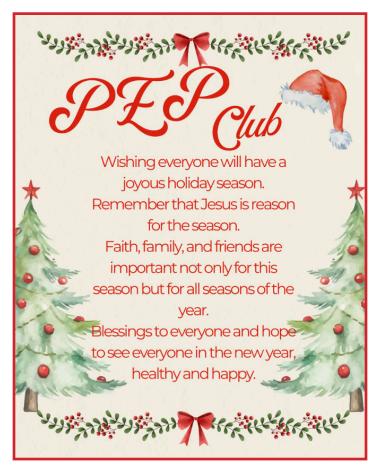
# Congregational Prayer Names



Week/Volunteer	Date/Names	Week/Volunteer	Date/Names
	December 7		December 21
1 – Ann Zehr	1. Georgia Jackson	3 – Jeannie Reeder	1. Gina Larson
	2. Beth Johnson		2. Ann Ledford
	3. Harold & Audrey Johnson		3. Jason & Tammi Lee (Tucker &
			Saddie)
	4. Billy & Cindy Jones		4. Lynn Lemire
	5. Richard & Linda Jones		5. Gregg Lewis
	6. Tanner Jordon		6. Robert & Claire Liddle
	December 14		December 28
2- Donna Allen	1. Bill Kalagher & Pat Sinnott	4 - Carol Adams	1. Ruth MacDonald
	2. Ed & Kathy Keller		2. Art & Renee Maxwell
	3. Meredith & J.B. Kennedy		3. Eleanor McAllister
	4. John & Dottie Kinlaw		4. Leslie McIver
	5. Bill & Kristy Komara		5. George & Arlene McMutry
	6. Neal & Jill Krumme		6. Sallie Milholen

## January 2026

Week/Volunteer	Date/Names	Week/Volunteer	Date/Names
	January 4		January 18
1 – Ann Zehr	1. Sandra Miller	3 – Jeannie Reeder	1. Bob & Rose Pawlicki
	2. Thelma Mitchell		2. Tony Peake & Tina Burger
	3. Juliette Mooers		3. Tony & Lee Ann Peele
	4. Gill Moore		4. Carol Petro
	5. Al & Trisha Morris		5. Ann Phillips
	6. Marcus & Patsy Mullen		6. Jennifer Pope
	January 11		January 25
2- Donna Allen	1. Twila Nahama	4 - Carol Adams	1. Debra Quick
	2. Jeanne Noe		2. Charlie Ribelin
	3. Pamela Olp		3. Gary & Martha Rider
	4. Jo Ellen Osteen		4. Bill & Emma Ritsig
	5. Linda Page		5. Betsi Rudder
	6. Connie Pappas		6. Wayne & Elizabeth Russell





The Men of Trinity want to thank you for making this a very successful year for us. From our Superbowl subs, Boston butts and golf tournament fundraisers, the Church has supported us and made our events a success.

Your support helped us give to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Wesleyan Foundation at Coastal Carolina University, the Family Justice Center, and Sea Haven, to name a few. We were also able to award ten \$500 scholarships to students affiliated with Trinity. We also want to welcome David Eaton to the Board as an at-large member.

As we look forward to 2026, our next breakfast meeting will be Monday, Jan. 19 with a speaker from the Veteran's Center. There will not be a meeting in December.

## January Bible Study

DISCIPLE'S

Want to deepen your discipleship?

Join our exciting six-week Bible study featuring A Disciple's Path: A Guide for United Methodists.

This study emphasizes the commitments we make as members of the United Methodist Church—prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness—while guiding you to look beyond membership into a vibrant life of discipleship.

The class, led by Pastor Stephanie, will

begin on Tuesday, Jan. 13 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

During this class you'll develop spiritual practices, discover your unique gifts, and engage in transformative ministry that impacts both your life and the world around you. Perfect for both new members and seasoned

attendees alike.

Ready to grow? Sign up in Realm or grab a spot in the Sunday morning bulletin! Join us as we explore the path of discipleship together!

## **News from the Trinity United Methodist Women**

TUMW are busy in their circles meeting the needs of our church family as well as our community. We are busy baking pies to help those like me who love sweets but hate to bake! Circles are helping to feed those in need, helping families with school-aged children have a good meal, toys, warm clothes and Christian love. We foster spiritual growth, build a supportive community through fellowship, and expand mission work through service. We not only encourage spiritual growth and development, but also we provide a supportive community by providing supportive fellowship where women can find mutual support, share life experiences and build meaningful relationships. We support, empower, and connect to each other.

We would love to have any woman join one of our circles. Membership is open to all women, regardless of your church membership status. The times and days for each circle are different to help accommodate everyone's schedule. So, if you are interested in joining a meeting, please contact the church office for a brochure or pick one up in the Narthex. May God bless all. Enjoy the holidays.

Judy Cappell, Trinity United Methodist Women Chair

## **Dot Jordan Circle**

The Dot Jordan Circle has been very active the last few months. We have welcomed several new members and are looking forward to spreading the Joy of Christmas. And of course, with Christmas comes shopping and spreading the word of our Savior. Several members will be shopping and providing gifts to Fostering Hope's annual Angel Tree children. We will be having our December meeting and celebrating this glorious season at Meredith Kennedy's home. This meeting will be on Dec. 6. at 11 a.m. We welcome new members and all members who continue to support the Dot Jordan Circle. Any questions please contact Cindy Jones 843-907-6452.

## **Love Circle**

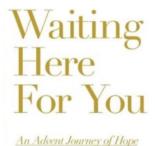
The Love Circle December meeting will be a luncheon at the Honey Barrel in NMB on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. Please RSVP to Karen Bullard at 704-881-4686 if you plan on attending.

Love Circle usually meets the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in a member's home or at the church. We often have a guest speaker, and we always have an interesting program. All members participate in some way throughout the year. We have a special luncheon at Christmas and before the summer break. We welcome all ages and are always delighted with new members.

## Susanna Wesley Circle

Susanna Wesley Circle will be going to Mako's Marina Bar and Grill in Little River on Tuesday, Dec. 2 for their Christmas Gathering at noon. Members are asked to bring gently used or new clothing for children. These items will be donated to Fostering Hope, an organization that helps foster children.

Their next meeting will be on Jan. 6, 2026 in the AG Greene Building at 9:30 am.





We are thrilled to announce a special Advent Bible study, *Waiting Here For You*, by Louie Giglio, facilitated by Pastor Stephanie Schellinger. This engaging study will take place every Tuesday evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m., beginning Dec. 2 and running to Dec. 23.

In this transformative four-session study, Louie Giglio reminds us that waiting on the Lord is a meaningful journey. With the holiday season often filled with distractions, Pastor Stephanie will help us focus on the beauty of Advent—a time of hopeful waiting and preparation. Together, we'll explore how to open our hearts to the joy, peace, and promise that come with celebrating the birth of our Savior.

We invite you to join us in this enriching experience as we prepare to welcome the joy of Christmas! You can sign up through Realm, Sunday's bulletin or by contacting Pastor Stephanie in the church office.

## Kitchen Organized/Labeled



The kitchen shelves have been organized and labeled for your ease and convenience of finding and returning kitchen items to their proper place.



As you use items, please return them to their properly labeled place to keep the kitchen organized for the next group. Thank you.

Our Chancel Choir will present its Christmas offering on Dec. 14, the third Sunday of Advent, "Christmas Canticles" by Benjamin Harlan during the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. The "cantata" almost entirely consists of arrangements of



familiar Christmas carols. Pastors Gene and Stephanie will serve as narrators.

If you're not already feeling "Christmasy," then the choir's special Christmas music should help you get in the mood!

## New Members Class Winter 2026

Are you interested in becoming a member of Trinity United Methodist Church?

We invite you to join us for our exciting new members' class starting in January. Over six weeks, we'll dive deep into the heart of our beliefs and practices using *A Disciples Path: A Guide for United Methodists*. Each week, you'll get to meet amazing committee leaders who will share what makes Trinity UMC a truly special community.

When: Sundays, starting Jan. 11, from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Duration: Jan. 11 – Feb. 15 with new members welcomed during worship on Feb. 22.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow newcomers and explore your faith in a fun and welcoming environment.

Sign up using the bulletin insert or in Realm starting December. For more info, feel free to reach out to Pastor Stephanie. We can't wait to see you there! If you can't make it this time, don't worry—another class will be offered in the spring!



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## December 2025 NEWSLETTER

Or Current Resident

# Loving, Inviting, Faithful Examples, Serving Our Neighbors

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#### **Business Hours:**

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday - Office closed; please call and leave a message

#### **Sunday Worship Services:**

8:30 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary & Streaming Online) 9:45 a.m. Contemporary (Sanctuary & Streaming Online) 11 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary & Streaming Online) Adult Sunday School Classes, Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Children's program at 9:45 am and the 11 a.m. services. Nursery is available at all of our Sunday services.

#### **Trinity Staff**

Gene Aiken	Pastor
Stephanie Schellinger	Associate Pastor
Edmond Daniel	Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Kenneth S. Klaus, Ph.D.	Director of Traditional Music
Richard SchellingerDir	ector of Contemporary Music
	Organist/Pianist
Kyle Frankman	AV Technician
	Church Sexton
Heather Ensor	Financial Secretary
Tera Velez	Child Care
Jennifer Piccolo	Office Manager



If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity UMC, please contact the church office.

#### TUMC Calendar and Events

To find out more about what is going on at TUMC and to find out when things are happening, check our website at www.trinitynmb.com. Click the **EVENTS** tab to see the latest events. To view the entire calendar, click the **Full Calendar Link** at the top of the page.



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