

"Life in the Son"

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

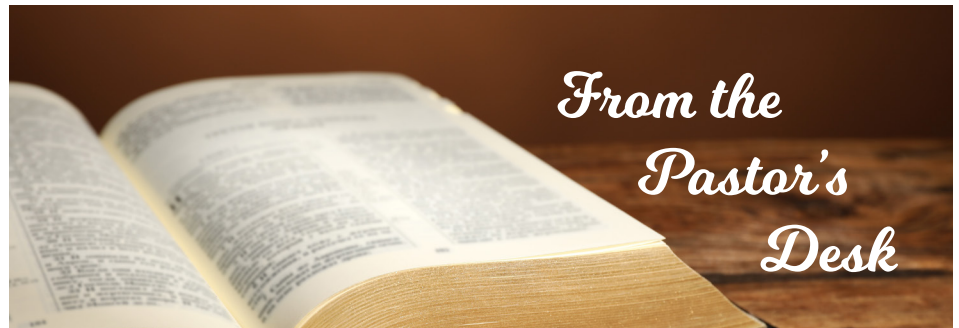
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Trinity Tidings

February 2026

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As I am sitting here writing this letter to you, it is cold; and if you know me and my love for wearing flip flops year 'round, for me to tell you it is cold, it is something! I am longing for some warmer days: days where I can enjoy walks on the beach in shorts and a t-shirt, days where I can enjoy sitting outside in my yard or playing outside with my daughters.

I want the spring and summer days to come quickly. When I was in the dentist's office the other day, the hygienist had the same wish, and she had pictures of the tropics on her screen to remind her of the warmer days to come.

You may be in this boat with me, but there is a danger of being in this boat. The danger is that we may miss what is right in front of us by wishing this time away.

These winter months can be times to gather with one another indoors and to share life together. I was reminded while leading bible study the other day that we are not supposed to study Scripture by ourselves, but we are suppose to do it in community.

Paul wrote his letters mostly to communities who were worshiping together. Even the letters that were written to individuals were meant for communities.

We are meant to gather in prayer together, to worship together. We are meant to gather together to break bread and share meals together. I love it when I hear groups of people talking about where they are going after church to eat together. I find joy when people talk about inviting

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From the Pastor's Desk *(continued from page 1)*

people over to their homes to share in life together, to just enjoy life. You see; those are the things we are suppose to do. Those are the opportunities Christ gives us to love one another, to let each other know we are there for one another. How easy would it be when you gather with friends to just honestly ask how they are doing and even pray for them? Don't waste the chances God has given us to care for one another!

Hebrews 10:19-25 reminds us:

"Brothers and sisters, we have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies by means of Jesus' blood, through a new and living way that he opened up for us through the curtain, which is his body, and we have a great high priest over God's house. Therefore, let's draw near with a genuine heart with the certainty that our faith gives us, since our hearts are

sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water. Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable. And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near."

So during this cold weather instead of wishing for a warmer time, take some time to gather with those around --share a meal together -- share a good time together -- share life together -- share Christ together.

In Christ,

Gene



Subs on a white roll only (*no wheat bread*) with cold cuts, lettuce, tomato, and cheese, including condiments and chips are available for \$10 each. All proceeds will go to support various ministries of the church.

Subs will be available to pick up on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 9:30 a.m. OR noon.

Payment will be due when picking up your order. Please make checks payable to: Trinity United Methodist Church.

Use the order form in the church bulletin and return your completed order form by Feb. 2 to the church office.



Trinity UMC opens its doors to all who seek to deepen their spiritual journey. Come worship at the noon or 7 p.m. service on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Both services will feature the imposition of ashes, symbolizing our commitment to spiritual growth and reflection. All are welcome to share in this meaningful tradition as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten season.



February Missions Appeal

The [North Strand Community Home](#) (A Compass Community) exists to provide emergency and transitional shelter for vulnerable neighbors, helping them regain independence to re-enter the community. They serve families with children, veterans, and individuals.

Using the first letter of your last name, you are invited to provide one or more of the designated items below from their Needs List (or a cash donation earmarked: Mission Committee Feb. Appeal). Bring to the Volunteer Office or place in containers provided in the hallway.

A, B, C, D: Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins

E, F, G, H: Disposable plates, cups, bowls, plasticware (spoons, forks, knives)

I, J, K, L: Laundry pods, Ziploc bags, aluminum foil/plastic wrap

M, N, O, P: Cleaning supplies, garbage bags (8- & 13-gallon size)

Q, R, S, T: Copy paper, ink pens, business envelopes

U, V, X, Y, Z: Gas cards

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Other News

The Missions Committee donates a quarterly gift to Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry, Case for Smiles, and North Strand Helping

Hands. Your gifts to the general fund make this possible.

Food Donations Jan. – March will benefit North Strand Helping Hands.

Angel Tree: Eighty two children received gifts. Thirteen volunteers delivered packages.

Kairos Prison Ministry:

1) Homemade cookies are needed by March 8 for men's weekend. Store-bought cookies are needed by March 15 for women's weekend. When providing cookies, please remember no nuts. Sugar-free cookies are always needed.

2) Volunteers are needed to provide 36 "agape" letters for participants. Contact Mark Fahner. Deadline March 8.

Master's Meal: Averaging 6-14 participants per week. 14 Christmas blessings bags were distributed. Volunteers are still needed to prepare and serve.

ASAP: Two new veterans. Now serving 46 total.

Stamps for the Wounded: Shipped another box of stamps in December. Canceled US and foreign stamps welcome!

Crafters & card makers requesting used Christmas cards (fronts) to make cards for 2026 distribution to soldiers and nursing homes.

Next meeting: Monday, March 9 at 10 a.m. in Trinity Hall. Interested persons (and new ideas) always welcome!



The next Prayer Shawl Sunday is being moved to March 22 from March 29 because of Palm Sunday.

We continue to need prayer shawls, and if you are able to make some for this important ministry, we really appreciate it.

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.

We are meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 9 a.m. in the AG Greene Building to share information and patterns. Join us in this very special caring ministry.

If you have any questions, you can contact Dianne Cintron (717) 805-1248 or Linda Eichenbaum (843) 902-2750. Thank you for your contributions to the Prayer Shawl ministry

Celebrate new member Sunday on Feb. 22

We are excited to invite everyone to join us for New Member Sunday on Feb. 22. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our new members into the Trinity family.

We encourage everyone to come and show your support as they take their vows and officially join our church community.

Our new member class has been meeting

for six weeks where they have learned about the United Methodist Church, the vows they will take, and what makes Trinity so special.

If you're considering joining our church, we will be starting a new class in March.

Let's come together to celebrate this joyous occasion and embrace our new members with open hearts!

Crafters sewing surgical caps, planning bazaar



Crafters are busy planning the Spring Bazaar scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 20-21.

Children's printed cotton novelty fabric was gathered to make

surgical caps for children which was done at

our Jan. 21 and 28 meetings. These colorful caps help children going into surgery to be less fearful because they have a cute and fun cap to wear.

Crafters meet every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the AG Greene building. No talent is necessary, just a willingness to spend some time with friendly women having fun and making something. Everyone is welcome.



Congregational Prayer Names



February 2026

Week/Volunteer	Date/Names	Week/Volunteer	Date/Names
	February 1		February 15
1 – Ann Zehr	1. Dale & Mary Ann Sacharov	3 – Jeannie Reeder	1. John & Joanna Valleau
	2. Jennifer Sanders		2. Audrey & John Vey
	3. Bob & Gloris Scudder		3. Carolyn Via
	4. Dru Sharpe		4. Terry & Vickie Waddell
	5. Etta Shea		5. Tinamarie Wade
	6. Dennis & Faye Sierck		6. Laurie Walters
	February 8		February 22
2- Donna Allen	1. Jolie Tandy & Vicki Tandy	4 - Terry Slapnik	1. Forrest Yates
	2. Mildy & Karen Tiller		2. Travis Yates
	3. Aldo & Inge Tonini		3. Victor & Sandi Yocum
	4. Ann Toothman		4. David & Brenda Young
	5. Daniel Gower & Judy Trimble		5. Debbie Zamonsky
	6. Dirk Tysinger		6. Wayne & Ann Zehr

March 2026

Week/Volunteer	Date/Names	Week/Volunteer	Date/Names
	March 1		March 15
1 – Ann Zehr	1. Paul & Beth Albanese	3 – Jeannie Reeder	1. Jerry & Joan Cameron
	2. Wayne & Donna Allen		2. Verne & Judy Cappell
	3. Nancy Aquara		3. Robert Carter
	4. Jack & Carol Arnold		4. Judy Caulder
	5. Mike & Madalyn Austin		5. Ann Phillips
	6. Joan & Bill Bacon		6. Jennifer Pope
	March 8		March 22
2- Donna Allen	1. Jim & Carolyn Bailey	4 - Terry Slapnik	1. Paul Dagenhart
	2. Patti Ballard		2. Brad & Valeri Davis (Hayes & Grace)
	3. David & Susan Barnette		3. John & Patti Denis
	4. Daniel & Cindy Baughman		4. Lorraine DiRocco & Lori Dumas
	5. Sharon Bell		5. Michael & Charlene Dobson
	6. Bob Blinn		6. Sonja Durling
		4 - Terry Slapnik	March 29
			1. Roger Emory
			2. John & Beth Fields (Avery & Bryan)
			3. John & Carolyn Flynn
			4. Don & Kim Fowlkes
			5. Martha Free
			6. Don & Jean Frye



Dot Jordan Circle

The Dot Jordan Circle has been busy organizing the calendar for the year with so many wonderful ideas to share with our faith community. We will be providing essential/cosmetic bags for the Ladies of Compass, North Strand Housing. A major project is in the works, and details will be available soon. If anyone is interested in an evening circle, please come to the next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in Trinity Hall Room 2.

Susanna Wesley Circle

The Susanna Wesley Circle provided a meal for Sea Haven and the youth on Monday, Jan. 26. with the youth helping to prepare the meal.

Every February the Circle pays tribute to Trinity's 90-year-old plus seniors who are members of the congregation to show gratitude for their inspiration and being of enduring faith. They are shown love and appreciation through a card and small gift. These members are being recognized: Clo Cloppa, Millie Doud, Shirley Ford, Donald Furcillo, Chris Hale, Bob Hall, Harold Johnson, Mary Ann Johnson, Roberta McCollough, Alice Peterson, Doris Pollock, Lortta Ruff, John Schultz, Roger Snyder, Paulette Spring, Janet Steis, Don Wehr, Margaret Wesley, and Bobby Yates.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the AG Greene building. We will be making Valentine Day cards for our seniors. The March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3. Linda Dunn will speak about the mission trip she led to the Ashville, NC area this past fall. All are welcome to join us.

Faith, Love, and Friendship Circle

At the Jan. 12 meeting of the Faith, Love, and Friendship Circle, Angela D. Knight, Esq. from the Grand Strand Law group provided information to the Circle about wills, health care directives and trusts. In the very informal setting, she answered the many questions pertaining to these items and offered to provide a free consultation to those wishing to change or set up their wills, trusts, etc.

On Jan. 28, some Circle members attended the Legends Theater production of *Menopause 2* and then enjoyed a dinner following the hilarious production. The next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. in Trinity Hall.

*Ash Wednesday, a holy day of prayer and fasting, is preceded
by Shrove Tuesday marking the first day of Lent.
This year, Ash Wednesday, is on Feb. 18.*



ASAP thanks volunteers for donations, willingness

The Armed Services Assistance Program (ASAP) wishes to thank each of you for your donation of time, energy and willingness to help with the purchasing, setup and distribution of the food needed to assist our veterans every month. In December, the Reverse Advent grocery boxes helped to provide groceries for 48 families.

We veterans and you volunteers are doing this because we care and love our veterans and

want them to have what they need to feed their families. These men and women have served our country and now need our help. Everyone is welcome to volunteer and help to share the responsibilities of this mission.

We will continue to provide groceries for over fifty families as long as we have people like you to support our program every month.

Thank you, and God bless America.

February Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. services

Feb. 1 - Bob & Kathy Slack, Kenneth McIver, Mike Walters

Feb. 8 - Alan & Sarah Jane Slaughter, Baxter Barger, Judy Lowe

Feb. 15 - Aubrey & Pam Apple, Betsi Rudder, Mike Walters

Feb. 22 - Dick & Emily Tinsley, Hugh Holiman, Verne Cappell

11 a.m. services

Feb. 1 - Michelle & Don Godwin, Jackie Stanley, Scott Keziah, Cindy Burgio

Feb. 8 - Tonya Ard, Del Haws, Bob & Linda Miller, Margaret Martin

Feb. 15 - Curt Roberts, Cindy Burgio, Tonya Ard, Scott Keziah, Jackie Stanley

Feb. 22 - Michelle & Don Godwin, Bob & Linda Miller, Del Haws



Who is that special person in your life? Let's celebrate the love we have for each other and share that love with others. Come enjoy your friends and your church family at February Pep Club on Thursday, Feb 19 at 11:30 a.m. in Trinity Hall. Leave the everyday worries at the door and enjoy the fellowship of everyone. Bring a friend and make a new friend. All are welcome.

If your last name begins with A - L, bring a dessert to share.

If your last name begins with M - Z, bring a side dish to share.

Dress this month in RED (even better if it has a heart on it). Let's get together and enjoy the afternoon at People Enjoying People (PEP Club). If you have any questions or want more information, call/text Rhonda Thompson at (843) 655-1922.



The journey of healing and navigating grief can be challenging, but you're not alone. The next Grief Share session begins Wednesday, Feb. 11 providing a safe space for healing and support.

This 13-week group will meet each Wednesday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. ending May 6, in Trinity Hall Room 1. Everyone is welcome whether you're a church member or a friend from the community.

If you have questions, reach out to Pastor Stephanie. To register, visit griefshare.org, sign up through Realm or the bulletin insert. We look forward to supporting you on this journey.



BOOK CLUB

Book club meets the first Monday of each month in Room 1, of Trinity Hall. We are looking for suggestions of amazing books for our summer reading. All are welcome whether you have read the book or not.

We have picked the following books for discussion:

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

Annual Scout Sunday to be celebrated on Feb. 8



We will celebrate Scout Sunday on Feb. 8. What has become an annual tradition, Scouts from around the county will worship with us at Trinity. Trinity United Methodist Men (TUMM) will present a patch for the scouts in attendance.

The TUMM monthly Breakfast Meetings are on the third Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in Trinity Hall. The next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 16. All men of the Church are welcome.

Committee forming for playground rebuild

After the recent sewer issue, our playground needs your help.

We are forming a Playground Committee to plan and execute the rebuild. If you're a parent or community member who wants to contribute your time and ideas, we'd love to have you on board.

Reach out to Pastor Stephanie if you would like to join the committee, and let's work together to create a fantastic play area for our kids.



Learn to paint Ukrainian Easter Eggs

Join our Ukrainian Easter egg-painting class led by Pastor Stephanie, and make a beautiful unique egg with your own hands.

Not only will you enjoy the process of decorating your egg, but you will learn about the Ukrainian history and traditions behind these beautiful



eggs. You will also take home a handmade souvenir.

Multiple opportunities are available to attend this class.

Each session will focus on creating a different pattern, so you can join us for one or all at the same price of \$20 per person.

Class Schedule:

Thursday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. to noon
Thursday, March 12, 10 a.m. to noon
Thursday, March 26, 10 a.m. to noon

We also need donations of empty egg cartons and old newspaper.

You can sign up on the bulletin insert, Realm or by contacting Pastor Stephanie at trinitynmbkids@gmail.com.

Create a joyful nursery experience by volunteering

Calling all fun-loving individuals! We need your help in our nursery during the 9:45 and 11 a.m. services!.

Join Tera, our fantastic new nursery care person, as we create a safe and joyful environment for our little ones.

With our Safe Sanctuaries policy requiring two

adults in the room, your presence will ensure the kids are happy while their parents focus on worship.

No prior experience is needed—just a heart for God and a passion for children. Let's work together to make a positive impact.

Contact Pastor Stephanie or Tera to sign up.



February

(1/26 to 2/22)

Pam Early (pews)

Susan Douglas (candles)

March

(2/23 to 3/29)

Carolyn Bailey (pews)

Melissa Pack (candles)

February Golf



All skill levels welcome! Fun, fellowship, fresh air and exercise! Join us each Monday in February at 2 p.m. for golf at Crown Park Golf Club, 2225 Highway 9 West, Longs.

We play a no-stress scramble format, 9 holes. Cost is \$20. Contact John Holleran at 412-420-7384 if you have any questions.

Trustees prepare 2026 budget, 2025 completed work

The trustees welcomed two new Trustees, Pam Hawkins and Tom Hopgood. We would like to thank Brook Powers, Tom Kelser, and Alan Slaughter for their efforts.

Currently we are preparing our 2026 budget and reviewing needed projects for the new year. In 2025, Trinity Hall was completed,

the sewer and water lines were replaced along with sidewalks, playground demo and irrigation replacement. Numerous other smaller projects were completed by Trinity's volunteers, keeping God's House a special place for all to enjoy His love.

Church Trustees



Thanks to everyone for your support.



BIRTHDAYS

1 Dorian Shaw	8 Patti Denis Teresa Dorton Patricia Mahaney	14 Gene Aiken Blondie Mae Daniel Kyle Goulet Diane Holleran	21 Jo Kisiah
2 Laura Conte	9 Janis Ortmeyer Jo Ellen Osteen	15 Aubrey Apple Jr.	22 Bob Erway Sarabeth Richardson
3 Tom Stone	10 Calvin Furr Mary (Penny) Penn Shirley White Bob Whitley	16 Sharon Bixler Bobby Yates	23 Dave Walsh
4 Kathy Krauss Dick Starkey	11 Bryan Coggeshall John Denis Judy Lowe Jeannie Reeder Betsy Wahl	17 Missy Bauder Michael Curry Anna Gibbons Carolyn Ray	25 Bob Hall Michael Mahaney Richard Schellinger
5 Jennifer Dagrosa		19 Dolan Dull John Valleau	26 Shane Faulk
6 Donna C. Allen Linda Dunn Carl Lee Karen Tiller		20 Toni Hart James (Don) Sanderford	27 Hattie Burr Bob Fountain Rodney Williams Brianna Zamrik Elissa Zamrik
7 William Hammond Judy May			

ANNIVERSARIES

8 Don & Marsha Wehr	13 John & Carolyn Flynn
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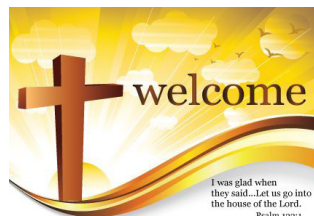
Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday - Office closed;
Please call and leave a message.

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.

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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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