

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 4, 2026 Epiphany Sunday*



Worship With Us

Traditional Sunday Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday at 9:45 am

Our Mission Statement

"Life in the Son"

Loving. **I**nviting. **F**aithful **E**xamples. **S**erving **O**ur **N**eighbors

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 4, 2026

Epiphany Sunday

Welcome to Trinity. We are so glad you are here to worship today.

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Where indicated (), please stand in praise of God if you are able.*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

"Sleep Little Jesus"

by Roger Wilson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

"Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true

With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

*OPENING HYMN

"We Three Kings"

NO. 254

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

NO. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

NO. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
 temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
 power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Christina Rossetti/Gustav Holst

*DOXOLOGY

NO. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

READING OF THE WORD **Matthew 2:1-12**

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. **2** They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."

3 When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. **4** He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. **5** They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

6 *You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,*
by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,
because from you will come one who governs,
who will shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. **8** He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." **9** When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. **11** They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12** Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

Reader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Looking for the Light

Rev. Gene Aiken

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

NO. 12

*CLOSING HYMN

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

NO. 251

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field;
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

"Masters in This Hall"

Robert J. Hughes

(based on a French tune from "Ancient Christmas Carols" 1860)

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Communion during the 11 am service: Trinity Kids are invited to participate in a service project and learn about Communion today. Children will leave the worship service during the first hymn at the 11:00 am service and meet Ms. Stephanie in the back of the church. From there, we will head to the AG Greene building for our activities. Children will return to participate in Communion and then sit with their families for the end of service. If you do not want your child to participate in Communion, please let Stephanie know. We hope to see you there!

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God for his many blessings.



The pastors and congregation will be in prayer this week for the following persons:

Sandra Miller Thelma Mitchell Juliette Mooers
Gill Moore Al & Trisha Morris Marcus & Patsy Mullen

Please also keep our armed forces, police officers, first responders and teachers in your prayers.

**Attendance for Sunday,
December 28, 2025:**

8:30 am: **140**

9:45 am: **48**

11:00 am: **183**

In-Person Total = **371**

Online Total: **263**

Facebook Total: **563**



When filling out your checks to Trinity UMC, the bank has requested the use of blue or black ink only. Thank you!

Hearing amplification devices are available for anyone needing assistance hearing throughout the service. Please see an usher for assistance.



Please note that the sign-up chart for altar flowers for 2026 is available in the Narthex area. Be sure and take the time to fill out the date or dates you want to provide flowers for worship during the year 2026.

Thank you for your part in helping us give God our Best!

PEP Club



Let's start off the new year with some comfort and joy at People Enjoying People (PEP) Club on **Thursday January 15th at 11:30 am** in Trinity Hall. Invite all your friends to join us for some food, fun, and fellowship. Let's share in some comfort food with our old and new friends as we welcome back our Snow Birds. Dress in your favorite winter attire and come join the fun. Some comfort food is in order for the bleak winter days, soup and sandwiches make for a comfy meal to share!

If your last name begins with A - L bring some sandwiches to share.

If your last name begins with M -Z bring a dessert.

Some of you will be contacted individually to make a pot of soup to share with others.

Hope to see everyone there. Sign up on today's sign-up sheet or on our website under events at trinitynmb.com Let's start off the new year with a lot of fun. All are welcome!

Monday Golf—All skill levels welcome!



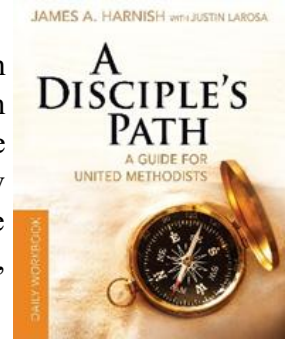
Fun, fellowship, fresh air and exercise! Join us **each Monday in January at 1 pm for golf at Beachwood Golf Course**. We play a no-stress scramble format, 9 holes. Cost is \$29. Contact John Holleran at 412-420-7384 if you have any questions.

Realm Picture Directory

Did you know that Realm is also the church directory? We would love to get everyone's picture uploaded to their profile so that when looking a person up we can put a face to a name. *To add your picture to your Realm profile, click the "More" or the four dots on the bottom of the screen in your Realm Connect app. Click the circle at the top corner of your profile with your initials in it. Click "My Profile." Click the camera icon near your initials; then click "New Profile Photo." Remember to click "Apply" after choosing your photo.* Please remember that Realm is private to the church and no outside entity can access your information or picture. If you need help accessing or setting up your Realm account, Pat Fahner is available Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the volunteer office. We look forward to seeing you on Realm!

New Members' Class Winter 2026

Join us for the New Members' Class at Trinity United Methodist Church starting **January 11!** Over six weeks, we'll explore our beliefs through *Disciples Path: A Guide for United Methodists* and meet our committee leaders. Classes will be held Sundays from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm with new members welcomed during worship on February 22. Sign up using the bulletin insert or in Realm. For questions, reach out to Pastor Stephanie, and let us know if you need childcare. We look forward to seeing you!



January Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Ready to grow in your faith? Join our Tuesday morning Bible Study on *A Disciple's Path: A Guide for United Methodists*! This six-week class, starting January 13 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am will be led by Pastor Stephanie and is open to all who wish to deepen their discipleship. Learn about the commitments of our church while developing spiritual practices and discovering your unique gifts. Don't forget to get your book before the class starts! Sign up in Realm or on the Sunday morning bulletin!

January Thursday Morning Bible Study: Cultures in Conflict

Starting this January, join us for a dynamic Bible study led by Marie Peacock every Thursday from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. We will be studying *Cultures in Conflict* by Ray Vander Laan where we will learn from the Apostle Paul's bold witness in Athens and Corinth. This series invites you to reflect on how to live faithfully in a culture that challenges Christian beliefs. Gain insights on maintaining your spiritual integrity while navigating modern societal pressures. Sign up in the bulletin or on Realm to reserve your spot!

Meetings This Week

<i>Today</i>	<i>Worship Service: 8:30 am (Sanctuary & Live Streaming Online)</i>
<i>1/4</i>	<i>Contemporary Band Rehearsal: 9:00 am (AG Greene Choir Room)</i>
	<i>Adult Sunday School Classes: 9:45 am (Second Floor, Rm. 2 & Trinity Hall Mtg. Room 2)</i>
	<i>Contemporary Worship Service: 9:45 am (Sanctuary & Live Streaming Online)</i>
	<i>Worship Service: 11:00 am (Sanctuary & Streaming Online)</i>
	<i>Children's Sunday School: 11:00 am (AG Greene Choir Room)</i>
	<i>Youth Group: 5:00 pm (Youth Room)</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Weight Watchers: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room & New Kids' Room)</i>
<i>1/5</i>	<i>Missions Committee Meeting: 10:00 am (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 2)</i>
	<i>Monday Golf Outing: 1:00 pm (Beachwood Golf Club)</i>
	<i>Trinity Book Club: 1:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)</i>
	<i>Cruise Meeting: 3:00 pm (Trinity Hall)</i>
	<i>Worship Committee Meeting: 5:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)</i>
	<i>SPRC Meeting: 6:00 pm (Library)</i>
	<i>Gamblers Anonymous: 7:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Susanna Wesley Circle: 9:30 am (AG Greene Choir Room)</i>
<i>1/6</i>	<i>Staff Meeting: 12:00 pm (Library)</i>
	<i>SAG Meeting: 7:00 pm (AG Greene Choir Room)</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Bridge: 9:00 am (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 1)</i>
<i>1/7</i>	<i>Crafters: 9:30 am (AG Greene Coir Room)</i>
	<i>Master's Meal: 12 noon (Trinity Hall)</i>
	<i>Trinity Kids: 4:30 pm (AG Greene Building)</i>
	<i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>American Red Cross Blood Drive: 9:00 am (Trinity Hall)</i>
<i>1/8</i>	<i>Contemporary Worship Rehearsal: 3:30 pm (Sanctuary)</i>
	<i>Gamblers Anonymous: 7:00 pm (Trinity Hall Meeting Room 2)</i>
<i>Friday</i>	
<i>1/9</i>	
<i>Saturday</i>	
<i>1/10</i>	

To find out more about what is going on at TUMC and to find out when things are happening and to register for upcoming events, 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.

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church!

Volunteers this Week

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Ushers:	Tom & Connie Kelser, Bob & Kathy Slack	Michelle & Don Godwin Scott Keziah, Margaret Martin Cindy Burgio
Altar Guild:	Carol Adams & Lori Shoemaker	

Trinity Staff

Ministers:	The Congregation
AV Technician:	Kyle Frankman
Child Care:	Tera Velez
Church Sexton:	Lee Ann McDonald
Director of Contemporary Music:	Richard Schellinger
Director of Traditional Music:	Dr. Kenneth S. Klaus, Ph.D.
Financial Secretary:	Heather Ensor
Office Manager:	Jennifer Piccolo
Organist/pianist:	Melanie Welborn
Pastor Emeritus:	Rev. Edmond Daniel
Pastors:	Rev. Gene Aiken; Rev. Stephanie Schellinger

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Worship With Us

Traditional Sunday Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday at 9:45 am

The Nursery is available during all of the Sunday services.

Nursery (ages 0-3) AG Greene Nursery

Children/Youth Sunday School (4 yr. old - 5th Grade)

9:45 am during Passing of the Peace in the AG Greene Building's *New* Trinity Kids' Room

11:00 am following the Children's Sermon in the AG Greene Building

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:45-10:45 am

Young + Young at Heart	2nd Floor, Room 2
XYZ Young Adults	Library - 2nd Floor, Room 4

Trinity Kids (Grades 1-5) meets Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the AG Greene Building.

Youth Group (Grades 6-12) meets Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the Youth Room.