



"Life in the Son"

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Trinity Tidings

September 2026

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There is something beautiful about the changing of seasons.

As summer begins to give way to fall, we notice the changes all around us. The days grow a little shorter. The mornings become a little cooler. Football season starts. Leaves begin to change from green to yellow, orange, and red.

The changing seasons remind us of something important: God has created us for change.

Change is not always easy. In fact, most of us would probably admit that we prefer some changes more than others. We welcome the first signs of fall, but we may not be quite as enthusiastic when winter arrives. We celebrate new beginnings, but we sometimes struggle when something familiar comes to an end.

Yet Scripture reminds us that there is "a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Perhaps one of the gifts of the changing seasons is that they remind us that we are not meant to stay exactly where we are. God continually calls us forward.

There are seasons in our lives when everything seems to be going perfect. There are seasons of growth, excitement, and new possibilities. There are also seasons when we are asked to let go—to release something that has served its purpose and to make room for what God is doing next.

The trees teach us something about that.

In the fall, the leaves do not cling to the branches forever. They let go. And in that letting go, there is not death but

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preparation. The tree is preparing for another season, trusting spring will come again.

Our lives of faith can be much the same.

Sometimes God calls us to hold on—to persevere, to remain faithful, to keep praying when the answers seem slow in coming. Remember, when we pray, God can answer, “Not yet.” At other times, God calls us to let go of old habits, old hurts, old fears, or even old ways of doing things so something new can take root.

We often speak about God's grace at work in our lives. Grace does not leave us unchanged. God's grace continues to shape us, grow us, and call us toward greater love of God and neighbor. Our Christian journey is not simply about arriving at a destination; it is about continually following Jesus and becoming the people God created us to be.

So as we enter this new season, perhaps we should pause and ask ourselves:

What is God beginning in my life?

What is God asking me to let go of?

Where is God calling me to grow?

And perhaps most importantly:

How can I use this new season to love

God and serve others more faithfully?

A new season is also beginning in the life of our church. As summer activities wind down and the rhythms of fall return, we have opportunities to worship together, grow in faith, reconnect with one another, welcome new people, and serve our community. We have new Bible studies, a new member class, a new class of Grief Share, weekly children and youth ministry meetings, UMW and UMM meetings, choir and handbells, ASAP and Master's meals, and so much more.

May we not simply watch the seasons change around us. May we allow God to use them to change us.

So let us enter this new season with open hearts, grateful for where God has brought us and expectant about where God is leading us.

May this be a season of renewed faith, deeper relationships, generous service, and a fresh awareness of God's grace among us.

And whatever season you may find yourself in today, remember this: God is with you in every season.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Gene



We are overwhelmed at the love and generosity our church family showed us at our baby shower. We chose to do a special “Thank You” to be made public in this month's newsletter because there were so many people who donated diapers, wipes, clothes, money/gift cards, and beautiful homemade gifts, as well as their time, that we would have inevitably left someone out. Although we have only been here around six months, our church experience at Trinity UMC has been nothing short of amazing. God has used this church to serve us and help us heal from past church hurt just as much as He has used us to serve our church, namely, our youth. We look forward to calling this our church home for a very long time. Our upcoming baby boy, Rowan Oakley, and his big brother, Carter, will be blessed to grow up here! Thank you all again!

Love,

Jordan, Jenna, and Carter

3rd annual

Trinity UMC Vendor Fair

Saturday, Sept. 19
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Food ♦ Music ♦ Crafts ♦ Gifts

Women's circle meetings begin this month

The Trinity women's circles are ready for fall with lots of activities planned. Most circles will begin regular meetings in September. We hope to see everyone back and see many new faces!

We hope the congregation enjoyed Women in the Pulpit on Aug. 23. Thanks to all the women who volunteered to help make this a great day.

The Trinity cookbook has been printed and is available now for \$25. If you have not picked up your pre-ordered cookbooks, do it in the volunteer office or buy one or more

today and enjoy cooking some great food. Don't forget to buy some for your family members or friends -- they make great gifts.



The Vendor Fair on church grounds and in Trinity Hall is coming up Saturday, Sept. 19. Continue to watch the bulletin for more information.

We are in the planning stages for the premiere Nativity luncheon on Dec. 12. More information to come in the bulletin and future

newsletters.

Thanks to Trinity for being an amazing church.

Dot Jordan Circle

will hold a Fall Kickoff meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. in Trinity Hall, Room 2. All are invited to join us for a time of fellowship, friendship, and service as we come together to support our mission to serve women and children.

Faith, Love and Friendship Circle

has a change in its regular meeting for September. They will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon in Room 2 of Trinity Hall instead of the usual second Monday of the month. This will give the women time to add the dividers to the cookbooks, continue with a normal meeting in order to discuss the upcoming Vendor Fair on Sept. 19, plan business and projects for the new year and have a time of fellowship.



Kickoff PEP Club with a tailgate party

Come join all your old and new friends for a tailgate party on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 11:30 a.m. in Trinity Hall.

Wear your favorite team jersey or school colors to show your spirit for your favorite team. Everyone is invited. New to the church? Come and meet some of your fellow churchgoers. Be ready to get active and play some football games!

Meat is provided - our favorite fried chicken!

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

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

Be sure to sign up so we will know how much meat to get. Any questions, call or text Rhonda Thompson at (843) 655-1922.

Let's have a great kickoff gathering!

September Monday Golf

Monday golf will be at River Hills Golf Club starting Aug. 31 and running through September (including Labor Day).

Tee time will be 2 p.m. Cost is \$30 per player.

Please note that 9/21 and 9/28 will be prime season, so the fee will be \$35.



8/31 to 9/27

Pam Early (pews)
Pam Apple (candles)

9/28 to 10/25

Janis Ortmeyer (pews)
Carol Adams (candles)

September Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. services

Sept. 6 - Tom & Connie Kelser, Judy Lowe, Hugh Holliman

Sept. 13 - Dick & Emily Tinsley, Kenneth McIver, Jeannie Reeder

Sept. 20 - Aubrey & Pam Apple, Bob & Kathy Slack

Sept. 27 - Alan & Sarah Jane Slaughter, Baxter Barger, Betsi Rudder

11 a.m. services

Sept. 6 - Tonya Ard, Cindy Burgio, Melissa Pack, Del Haws, Jackie Stanley

Sept. 13 - Tonya Ard, Dave & Mary Jane Ryan, Margaret Martin, Del Haws

Sept. 20 - Dave & Mary Jane Ryan, Scott Keziah, Tonya Ard, Jackie Stanley

Sept. 27 - Don & Michele Godwin, Cindy Burgio, Melissa Pack, Scot Keziah



Renew and connect at Women's Retreat

Plan to join us on Saturday, Nov. 14 for *Seaside Escape: Basking in the Presence of God* — a special day designed for renewal and connection. The retreat will be held right here in Trinity Hall. More information will be coming soon, but we wanted to make sure you mark your calendars now!

We're also looking for volunteers to help with food, decorations, and registration. If you're interested in helping create a meaningful experience, please contact Pastor Stephanie if you would like to help. We can't wait to spend this day with you!



We're shifting gears! The Trinity Kids program has moved from Wednesday nights to Sunday nights!

All kids in 1st through 5th grade are invited to join us from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for an afternoon full of fun. Get ready for Bible adventures, mission projects, games, crafts, and so much more. And hey, don't forget to bring a friend along for twice the fun!

Just a quick heads up: if there's no school on Monday, we'll take a break from Trinity Kids the Sunday before. Can't wait to see you there!

Pumpkins arrive Sept. 26; sign ups online to help

We're excited to announce the annual Pumpkin Patch, and this year we're raising funds for a new playground—a project that means a lot to our kids who have been without a play space for far too long!

Join us Saturday, Sept. 26 at 3 p.m. to help unload the pumpkins as they arrive. After that, the patch will be open every day from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. until Halloween! We need enthusiastic volunteers to help



sell pumpkins and create a warm, inviting atmosphere for our community. Your presence can make a difference!

So gather your friends and family, sign up to help us out, and let's have fun while bringing joy to our community—all while raising funds for that new playground. Sign-up online to help at trinitynmb.com under events or contact Pastor Stephanie!



Congregational Prayer Names

September 2026



Week/Volunteer	Date/Names	Week/Volunteer	Date/Names
	September 6		September 20
1 – Ann Zehr	1. Kenna Sue McKenzie	3– Susan Kerschner	1. Dorothy Purvis
	2. Bob & Linda Mills		2. Sandy & Curt Roberts
	3. Art & Frances Moore		3. Carmen Shaw
	4. Lia Rose & Andy Boncic		4. Marty & Terry Slapnik
	5. Chip & Kathy Morton		5. Angela Shaver
	6. Terry & Irene Mullins		6. Debbie Snow
	September 13		September 27
2- Donna Allen	1. Michael & Sandra Myers	4 – Terry Slapnik	1. Michael & Daisy Stiebel
	2. Linda Page		2. David & Michele Warehime
	3. Laura Peacock		3. Melanie & Bill Welborn
	4. Mahala Pearsall		4. Suzanne Wells
	5. Jayson & Brooke Powers Brayden		5. Wayne & Leslie Pachol
	6. Stephanie & David Prince		6. Pam Wainscott

Congregational Care Team Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. in Trinity Hall Room 2

Thanks for latest projects; new projects underway

Thank you for the \$1,545 collected for Back-to-School Shoes! The funds were donated to North Strand Helping Hands for the purchase of shoe store gift cards which will be distributed to qualified students.

Thank you to all who donated to Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry. Total collected will be reported in the October newsletter.

Christmas Cards: In September and October, you are invited to



sign Christmas cards with your signature and a brief message (if desired) that will be divided between deployed soldiers and local nursing homes. Last year Legacy and Myrtle Beach Manor were thrilled to receive

our cards. You may sign your name with Trinity UMC, NMB underneath. Do not write on the envelope. Do not seal the envelope. Place your cards in the Christmas card box on the shelf outside the Volunteer Office. Deadline is Nov. 1. We are looking for ideas and recommendations for 2027 mission focus. Please contact Linda Dunn with suggestions.

Next Missions' Committee meeting is Monday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. in Trinity Hall.

Christmas shoe box donations requested

The Missions' Committee is accepting Christmas shoe boxes for the Native American children of Spirit Lake, N. D. no later than Sunday, Oct. 4.

Both cardboard shoe boxes and reusable plastic shoe boxes (regular shoe box size, not oversized) are acceptable. They may be filled with NEW toys, age and subject-appropriate

books, pens, pencils, paper, coloring books with crayons, jewelry, makeup, hats, gloves, mittens (but NO other clothing), candy and snacks (NO liquids). The boxes will be dedicated during services on Sunday, Oct. 11.

After filling the shoebox, tape the label below to the outside box lid. Please enclose \$5 cash or a check payable to TUMC for shipping/handling.

Merry Christmas

Christmas Shoe Box for Spirit Lake, ND

Age (Circle 1): Infant 1-2 3-5 6-8 9-12 13+

Boy

(Circle 1)

Girl

TUMM support church, local community projects

Trinity United Methodist Men had a busy and productive summer continuing their commitment to serving and supporting the church and the local community.

In addition to its mission work, the group provides opportunities for fellowship, devotional messages, and informative speakers from community leaders.

This past summer's mission projects included \$10,000 in annual scholarships to 20 incoming and continuing college students, \$1,000 for North Strand Salkehatchie, the purchase of t-shirts

for Vacation Bible School, scholarships to Asbury Hills Camp, support for Sea Haven, the Trinity J1 program and the Father's Day program

The men of Trinity fund these important missions through two major annual fundraisers: the Boston Butt sale (Friday, Oct. 2) and the Golf Tournament (Friday, Nov. 7).

TUMM meet the third Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in Trinity Hall. The guest speaker at the August meeting was Andrew West, Deputy Fire Marshall for North Myrtle Beach. The guest speaker for September will feature State

Senator Greg Hembree.

All men are welcome to attend.



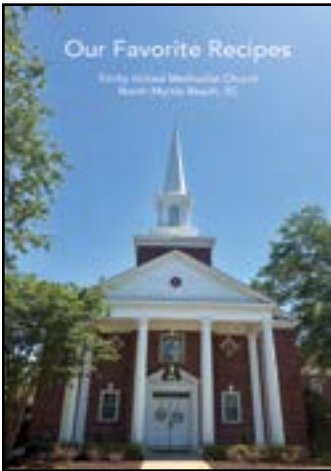
TUMM 14th Annual **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

BEACHWOOD GOLF CLUB



Scan the QR code to register
your team or become a
sponsor for this event.



Trinity cookbooks will be on sale at the Vendor Fair, Sept. 19 for \$25 each. They make great gifts. All proceeds go to the church's general fund.



BOOK CLUB

Book club usually meets the first Monday of each month at 1 p.m. in Room 1 of Trinity Hall. This month we are meeting on Tuesday because Monday is a holiday. All are welcome whether you are a church member or not. Please come even if you have not read the book. The following books will be discussed:

September 8 (Tuesday)

The House Beyond the Dunes
by Mary Burton

October 5

The Flight Girls
by Noelle Salazar

November 2

The Calamity
by Katheryn Stockett

December 7

The Autobiography of Santa Claus
by Jeff Guinn

The Contemporary Worship Service (9:45 a.m.) will be relocating to Trinity Hall beginning Sunday, Sept. 13.

This move comes as part of our commitment to enhance our worship experience and accommodate our growing congregation.

Join us in our new space where we will continue to celebrate our faith through uplifting music, inspiring messages, and a vibrant community atmosphere.

To Our Church Family,

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming support and love you showed us during this difficult time following my uncle's passing. The texts, emails, calls, and cards warmed our hearts and reminded us of the strength of our community. Your prayers were a source of comfort for us, and we truly felt surrounded by your love.

Additionally, we want to thank you for your grace and understanding that allowed me the time away to be with my family during this period. It made a significant difference, and I am grateful for your support in this. Thank you for being there for Richard and me. We are so blessed to have you in our lives.

Many Blessings to all - Pastor Stephanie



Your trustees hope you are keeping cool during our long hot spell. Trinity's electric usage is running high, but keeping the doors closed as much as possible helps.

Special thanks to Neil Krumme for installing the stone pavers which extend the walking path from the parking side of Trinity Hall. Thank you also to Pam Hawkins for donating the pavers.



The installation of the new security/camera system has begun, and the AG Greene high-resolution color cameras are now working. This work should be completed by the end of the month. Additionally, the air curtain for the back entrance of Trinity Hall has

arrived from the vendor. Installation will start as soon as bids are evaluated and an electrical contractor is selected. It will take some getting used to, but Trinity should see an overall energy savings in the long term.

Our well and irrigation system is still not working due to the low water table, so please pray for rain.

New members' class to begin; runs six weeks

Ready to take the next step in your faith journey? A New Members' Class kicks off Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Over six weeks, we'll learn about the promises of membership through *A Disciples Path* and discover what makes Trinity UMC so unique.

Each week different groups and committees will come and share what they do and how you can get involved if you're interested.

If you need childcare, please let us know, and we'll make arrangements to support you.

We also invite anyone in the

church who would like to help facilitate this class and assist new members — please reach out to Pastor Stephanie.

Sign up now via the bulletin insert, Realm, or contact Pastor Stephanie — we'd love for you to join us and be part of this exciting journey!



A new GriefShare group will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 22, and run through Dec. 15, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This 13-week program is designed for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and is looking for support and healing.

In GriefShare a safe space is provided to share your feelings and connect with others who understand your journey.

Together we'll watch videos, engage in heartfelt discussions, and discover tools for navigating grief.

We'd love for you to join us, share your story, and find comfort in community.

You can sign up through the bulletin insert, Realm or griefshare.org.

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1
Linda Eichenbaum

3
Shane Mathis

4
Matthew Daniel
Margaret Wesley

5
Sue Erway
Lynnette Young

6
Beth Fields
Elena Stephens

7
Marianne
Vandawalker
Michael Walters

8
Carol Holt

9
Linda Whitle

10
Sandra Myers
Melanie Welborn

11
Kenneth Lewis
Alan Slaughter

12
John Fields

13
Seneca Slaughter

14
Howard Byrd
Susan Grainger
Cindy Jones

15
Helen Lowe
Margaret Philemon
Sarah Jane
Slaughter
Roger Snyder

16
Marti Little
Linda Mills

17
Larry Dorman
Daniel Gower
Arlene Milligan

18
Ann Ledford

19
Verne Cappell

20
Rhonda Thompson

21
Beth Cornwell
Donald Furcillo
Don Godwin
Chris Hale

22
Bob Clark
William Gilmore
Sandy Hahn

24
Scott Keziah
Gloria Scudder

25
Cathy Hollis

26
Wayne Allen
Travis Yates

27
Douglass Berry II
Jen Notestine

28
Ellen Holliman
Sandra Sands
Bruin Slaughter

29
Carol Adams
Bob Scudder

30
Wayne Clement
Don Frye
Dottie Kinlaw
Doris Pollock

Anniversaries

3
Sun & Franny Lee
Thomas & Cynthia Whitley

4
Pamela & Ken Hawkins

7
Bob & Rose Pawlicki
Michael & Patricia Mahaney

11
Shafran & Wendy Fields

12
Thomas & Nell Beasley
John Cochran & Bob Haley
Don & Reatha Robertson

14
Larry & Marianne Vandawalker

18
Robert & Lori Goulet
Barrett & Kimberly Slaughter
Rodney & Stephanie Williams

19
Rick & Sharon Bruns

21
Mike & Joanna Gombos

22
Ken & Jen Notestine

23
Verne & Judy Cappell

27
Scott & Kathryn Keziah
Steve & Phyllis Rountree



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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.

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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.

