

Trinity United Methodist Church

Worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

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Trinity Tidings

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October/November 2026

“Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.” (Mark 6:45-46)

“In accordance with ¶351.2 of the 2024 Book of Discipline, each full-time clergy shall have at least one week in each annual conference year for a program of continuing education and spiritual growth. And, once per quadrennium each full-time clergy shall have at least one month for a program of continuing education and spiritual growth. These times of continuing education are not to be considered as vacation time.”

Jesus during his ministry often took time away for periods of renewal, prayer, and study. In the United Methodist system, provision is made for clergy to have, from time to time, at least 30 days away for the purposes of continuing education, spiritual growth, and renewal. I will be taking my 30-day renewal leave from Monday, September 28, 2026 to Tuesday, October 27, 2026. In the coming pages of the Newsletter, you will find the listings of pastoral coverage and individuals leading worship during this one month time period. After this time of renewal, I am not planning another continuing education trip or vacation till the middle of April 2027. I will be back to full responsibilities Wednesday, October 28, 2026 and returning to leading worship on Sunday, November 1, 2026.



As part of my renewal and study leave, I will be a student at Duke Divinity School's Study Leave for Ministry Professionals. The goal of the program is for pastors to "find time to read, reflect, research, or just relax with Study Leave for Ministry Professionals. Over the span of five to seven days, participants can immerse themselves in learning and renewal through self-directed study, worship, and prayer on the Duke University campus." The Duke program is "designed for Christian institutional leaders, pastors, program staff, or laity and is a flexible program. Participants select their topic and Duke Divinity School provides the resources needed for a relaxing and productive week."

My research is in consultation with the Rev. Dr. Mark Stamm, retired Professor of Christian Worship, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, (and former pastor of TUMC) who has been asked by The Upper Room to update the study guides to *By Water and the Spirit* (1996) and *This Holy Mystery* (2005). Dr. Stamm contacted me on January 25, 2026 and asked if I would write an addendum for the study guide on Holy Communion (*This Holy Mystery*) with the focus on how ministry is impacted by a local church practicing weekly Holy Communion. The United Methodist Foundation of Pennsylvania has generously provided a full tuition scholarship for me to attend Duke Divinity School.

For my research, Duke has set-up study time with the following faculty:
Dr. Sangwoo Kim who oversees Goodson Chapel, field education, spiritual formation, student life, and the Thriving Rural Communities Initiative at the Divinity School; directs the Methodist House of Studies; taught theology, worship, evangelism, and Methodism, doctoral study on the embodiment of worship and prayer in Christian theology and life



Anniversaries:

OCTOBER

No Anniversaries

NOVEMBER

17. Don & Amy Knisely



Birthdates:

OCTOBER

01. Alexia Finochio
03. Jonah Galloway
04. Neil Gartland
07. Barb Edmundson
08. Jeanne Evans
17. Kate Muthler
18. Rebekah Dick, Tanner Ebersole
22. Judy Bowers
23. Macie Smith
25. Jacob Muthler

NOVEMBER

05. Ruth Adams
07. Mila Galloway
09. Melanie Goins
10. Karen Green
19. Lisa Ebersole
22. Nancy Huffman



October 2026 Schedule for Worship, Sunday School, Small Groups, Fellowship Groups, & Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Sanctuary): Every Sunday at 9:30am

Sunday School Every Sunday at 10:45am:

- *Kindergarten to 4th Grade:* Education Wing Right Side Two Rooms
- *5th Grade to 8th Grade:* Education Wing First Left Side Room
- *9th to 12th Grade:* Starting in The Fellowship Hall to watch a clip with the Adult Class of "The Chosen" and then moving to The Education Wing Back Second Room Left Side & Game Room
- *Adult:* Fellowship Hall viewing, studying, and discussing "The Chosen"

Women's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall): Tuesday, October 6 at 6pm

McMullen's Small Group: Thursday, October 8 and Thursday, October 22 at 6:30pm at The McMullen's House in Martinsburg, PA

Men's/Family Fellowship with Meal (Fellowship Hall): Tuesday, October 13 at 6pm

Polchito's Small Group (IHS Room): Wednesday, October 14 and Wednesday, Wednesday, October 28 at 3pm

Ladies Coffee & Conversation: Wednesday, October 21 at 9:30am at Honey B's in Martinsburg, PA

Pastor's Bible Study (IHS Room): Wednesday, October 28 at 10:30am

Graystone Small Group with Communion (2nd Floor back building): *Not Meeting in October will meet again* Thursday, November 12 at 1:30pm

Youth & Young People's Fellowship: *Not Meeting in October will meet again* Sunday, November 8 and Sunday, November 15 from 5pm to 7pm

All Groups are open for new people, please contact us to find out more information!

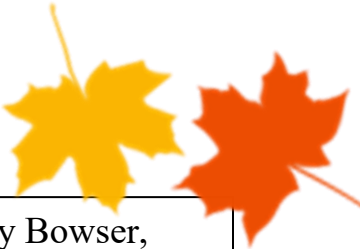
Dr. Lester Ruth who is historian of Christian worship, interests in the early church and the last 250 years, especially the history of contemporary praise and worship, passionate about enriching the worship life of current congregations, regardless of style, believes that careful reflection on the worship of other Christians—whether past or present, whether Protestant, Roman Catholic, or Eastern Orthodox—can serve to enrich the church today

Dr. Fred Edie whose area of expertise is in shaping youth ministry around sacramental practices; teaches courses in Christian Education, youth ministry, and practical theology; research interests include exploring the relationships between Christian Worship and Christian identity, creating rich contexts for the formation of Christians, and constructing “full-bodied” epistemologies

Additionally, I will be attending a class on “The Book of Common Prayer” taught by Rev. Dr. Timothy Kimbrough. There will also be times to worship in the Duke Divinity Chapel, meet with other colleagues, and have full access to the Divinity School Library. Per Dr. Stamm’s instructions, he would also like me to take time to relax and in his words take naps. I am excited for this opportunity and plan to come back from research, writing, prayer, and rest with renewed energy for ministry and mission in the Cove.

Blessings ~ Pastor Ryan
Pastor Ryan

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS: Paul Adams, Roger and Kay Bowser, Marty Brumbaugh family, Lorie Davis, Ralph Grove, Jeff Hetrick, Tom & Debbie Higgins, Judy Hoover, Pastor Evie Madison, Bob Musselman, Barry & Connie Musselman, Harold Palmer, Margaret Robinson, Dee Rodland, Christine Thompson, Bob & Dorothy VanNatta, Claudia Weise, Alta Wineland, Lori Weicht, Lisa Zimmerman



October & November 2026 Sermon Topics & Scriptures TUMC

World Communion Sunday (Special Offering) & 19th Sunday after the Pentecost ~ [Sunday, October 4](#): Rev. Elaine Shafer-Stroud, Preaching

20th Sunday after the Pentecost ~ [Sunday, October 11](#): Becky Ivory, Certified Lay Speaker & Certified Lay Minister Candidate, Preaching

Laitiy Sunday & 21st Sunday after the Pentecost ~ [Sunday, October 18](#): Laitiy [Sunday](#) with Scott Muthler, Lay Leader & Doug Mingle, Certified Lay Speaker, Leading

22nd Sunday after the Pentecost ~ [Sunday, October 25](#): Doug Mingle, Certified Lay Speaker, Preaching

All Saints Sunday & 23rd Sunday after the Pentecost ~ [Sunday, November 1](#): For All The Saints (Revelation 7:9-17 & 1 John 3:1-3)

24th Sunday after the Pentecost ~ [Sunday, November 8](#): REVIVE: Return to Your First Love (Revelation 2:1-7 & John 15:1-17)

25th Sunday after the Pentecost ~ [Sunday, November 15](#): REVIVE: Forgiven People Forgive (Colossians 3:12-17 & Matthew 18:21-35)

Christ the King Sunday ~ [Sunday, November 22](#): REVIVE: Sent to Serve (Micah 6:6-8 & John 13:1-17)

1st Sunday of Advent ~ [Sunday, November 29](#): Kicking Off An Advent Hour (Isaiah 64:1-9 & Mark 13:24-37)

Pastoral Coverage During Pastor Ryan's Study & Renewal Leave

[Monday, September 28, 2026 to Tuesday, October 27, 2026](#)

Sept. 28 to Oct. 3:

Pastor Josh Tobias ~ (814)766-3742 (O) or (814)766-2484 (H)

Oct. 4 to Oct. 10:

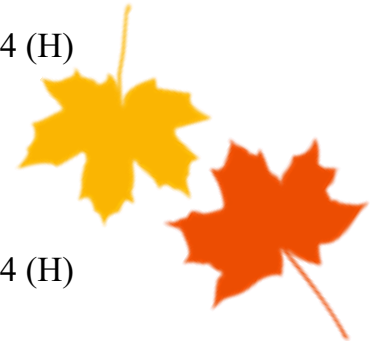
Rev. Ted Corcelius ~ (814)934-9230

Oct. 11 to Oct. 17:

Pastor Josh Tobias ~ (814)766-3742 (O) or (814)766-2484 (H)

Oct. 18 to Oct. 27:

Doug Mingle ~ (814)934-4108



Charge Conference Trinity United Methodist Church

The Annual Business Meeting of the Church, presided over by our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Lillian Smith, will be Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 3pm in the Sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church, Roaring Spring, PA. Everyone is invited to attend as this is an open public meeting. All professing members of Trinity United Methodist Church of Roaring Spring, PA have voice and vote at this meeting.

Manna on Main Street Schedule 5pm to 6pm

Oct. 10, 2026: Need a Leader/Volunteer

Nov. 26, 2026: (Thanksgiving Day): Entire Church

Dec. 12, 2026: Jo Ellen Mingle



Food Distribution Dates:

(1st Wednesday of each month from 3:00-4:00)

October 7, November 4, December 2



Lector Schedule:

October:

- 04. Scott Muthler
- 11. Jacob Muthler
- 18. Jim Hetrick
- 25. Sue Heuston

November:

- 01. JoEllen Mingle
- 08. Pat Muthler
- 15. Marie Bulger
- 22. Doug Mingle
- 29. Rebekah Dick

Acolyte Schedule:

- October 4 – Levi Wareham
- October 11 – Joseph Hershberger
- October 18 – Olivia Sollenberger
- October 25 – Andy Bassler

- November 1 – Isaiah Gartland
- November 8 – Nick Dunmire
- November 15 – Joseph Hershberger
- November 22 – Jesse Muthler
- November 29 – Olivia Sollenberger

Visual & Audio Schedule:

- October 4 – Stephen & Mason Hershberger
- October 11 – Kate Muthler, Jerry Green
- October 18 – Jason & Rebekah Dick
- October 25 – Rachel Galloway, Austin Bassler

- November 1 - Stephen & Mason Hershberger
- November 8 – Kate Muthler, Jerry Green
- November 15 – Jason & Rebekah Dick
- November 22 – Rachel Galloway, Austin Bassler
- November 29 – Stephen & Mason Hershberger



A Time for the Young at Heart Presenter in Worship Schedule:

- October 4: Dusty Bassler
- October 11: Becky Ivory
- October 18: Kate Muthler
- October 25: Doug Mingle

- November 1: Dusty Bassler
- November 8: Pastor Ryan
- November 15: Kate Muthler
- November 22: Doug Mingle
- November 29: Misty Gephart

