

## 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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Roaring Spring, PA 16673

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August/September 2025

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*"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience (forbearance), kindness, generosity (goodness), faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things." (Galatians 5:22-23)*

I thought for my newsletter article for August & September, I would share some of my notes on "The Fruit of The Spirit" from my Sermon on June 29, 2025. (Quotations are from Rev. Tyler Sit's book Staying Awake The Gospel for Changemakers)

**Love** - Tyler states "the word for 'love' here is agape. Agape is more about an unconditional love for all that is."

**Joy** - "Joy doesn't mean pasting on a smile whenever you go to church, and it doesn't mean anesthetizing yourself to the world's suffering. It's more like, at the end of the day, the Gospel becomes the song that gets you dancing no matter what."

**Peace** - Here is an interesting way to think of peace from Tyler: "Peace is 'I messed up, and I can apologize for it without forgetting my belovedness.' Peace is 'My worth is not up for debate, and neither is yours.'" I am a special gift of God and you are a special gift of God! Period!

**Patience or Forbearance** - "means that you're ready to show up even after you've been thrown to the ground again and again."

**Kindness** - "Kindness is not conflict avoidance; it's the choice to use your words and actions in a way that leaves people more bonded and healthier, whether you are in conflict or not."

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**Generosity or Goodness** - "Our nation is currently in a crisis of goodness, because through social media we are discovering exactly how crooked even our most valiant heroes have been. This tends to lead to all-or-nothing thinking that seems to imply that if someone ever committed any sort of wrong, they can be permanently discounted from the discourse. If this were true, we wouldn't need Jesus at all. The good would be perfect, and the bad would be irredeemably condemned. Goodness is the belief that God's goodness is greater than our biggest mistake and that we can slowly learn to embody more and more of that goodness to repair the people and world that we harmed."

**Faithfulness** - The practices for me of Christianity from a Wesleyan perspective leads to as Tyler states "discernment and clarity." If you have a devotional life, a worship life, a compassionate service life, and a seeking of God's justice life then you have a life of faith which is a "safety net that can catch you before you hit the floor of despair."

**Gentleness** - "Gentleness cleans away ego and demands attention to small actions that affect everything."

**Self-Control** - "Instead of self-control being some twisted game of whack-a-mole whose only goal is to stop yourself from acting out, self-control is more about needs being met... self control is a natural fruit of having your needs met. It takes a long time, but eventually the faith that life gives us is a way to have our needs met in God, in beloved community, and through the sheer pleasure of being a part of Creation. The impulses to self-medicate and act out of fear may never go away completely, but they're a lot less commanding when we rest in the goodness of God and the pleasure of God."

As we enter into August planning and September events of sharing Jesus through devotion, worship, compassionate service, and justice work; I pray that we exude the fruit of the spirit in our lives!

Pastor Ryan

### **Anniversaries:**

#### **August**

02. Jay & Lisa Ebersole, Neil & Christi Gartland  
18. Jake & Melanie Goins  
24. Dusty & Kelly Bassler

#### **September**

16. Gary & Sandy Polchito

### **Birthdates:**

#### **August**

04. Chintan Patel  
05. Erin Smith  
06. Sandy Polchito  
15. Sandy Garber  
23. Jesse Muthler, Alyssa Reed, Kerstin White  
28. Gary Polchito  
31. Ken Pote

#### **September**

03. Carole Hetrick  
09. Amy Aker Knisely  
11. Margaret Weis  
13. Doug Mingle, Pat Muthler  
20. Noah Muthler  
22. Pastor Ryan Gephart  
24. Christi Gartland  
26. Jerry Green,



**Schedule for A Time for the Young at Heart Presenter in Worship**  
**August & September 2025**

**August 3: Spring Dam Weekend**  
**August 10: Pastor Ryan**  
**August 17: Kate Muthler**  
**August 24: Doug Mingle**  
**August 31: Misty Gephart or Pastor Ryan**  
**September 7: Dusty Bassler**  
**September 14: Pastor Ryan**  
**September 21: Kate Muthler**  
**September 28: Doug Mingle**



*Barry Robison, the Director of Relationships and Stewardship Development, of the United Methodist Foundation will be coming to TUMC on **Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 2:30** to speak about gift planning. Joining him will be Bud Fulton from Fulton Financial Services to speak about investments (Raymond Jane Investments). We also have Kate Mauk of Evie Black Attorneys joining us to speak about and answer questions on planning or updating a Will, POA, Living Will, and/or Trust. So please invite your family and friends to join us as we plan for our futures and educate ourselves to ensure our wishes are going to be honored.*



**Trinity Church has a QR Code!!**  
 We are making it convenient for you to tithe or make a donation when you can't be here, when you forget to grab cash or forget the checkbook. First you will need to download the Pay Pal App to your phone then scan this QR Code. It's that simple!!

<div> <div>Summer Lunch</div> <div> <b>August 2025</b>                      Trinity United Methodist Church                      434 East Main Street, Roaring Spring                      12:00-1:00                 </div> <div>                     All meals will be served with vegetable, fruit &amp; milk.                      Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly served daily                 </div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pulled Pork Maxx Sticks	2
3	4 Cheeseburger	5 Nacho Grande	6 Chicken Patty	7 Hot Ham & Cheese on Pretzel Roll (egg option)	8 Chicken Nuggets	9
10	11 Chicken Bowl w/ Mashed Potatoes	12 Walking Tacos	13 Pizza & Salad	14 Maxx Sticks	15 All your favorites	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Manna on Main Street  
AUGUST 9TH 5:00-6:00

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Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes,  
Gravy, Vegetable and Cake

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Confirmation Class 2025-2026 – Third Sundays each month from 5pm to 7pm  
During the School year

Pastor Ryan will be teaching confirmation class for all youth who have not had it and are going into 7th grade or older. We will begin in September meeting the Third Sunday of Each Month from 5pm to 7pm during the school year (with taking December 2025 off and scheduling our May 2026 class on a date in the future). Youth who wish to join the church at the end of classes will join on Ascension Sunday (May 17, 2026).

September 2025 to January 2026 Class & Topics Schedule (February to May Topics will be listed in January 2026)

Sunday, September 21, 2025: Introduction to Christian Faith & United Methodist/Wesleyan Understandings of Grace

Sunday, October 19, 2025: Biblical History, Church History & United Methodist History

Sunday, November 16, 2025: United Methodist/Wesleyan Understandings of Means of Grace, 3 General Rules and Works of Piety & Mercy  
Off in December 2025

Sunday, January 18, 2026: United Methodist Theology with Scripture/Tradition/Reason/Experience and The Sacraments

Topics for February 15, March 15, April 19, and the May date, 2026 to be determined as the class progresses

Please let Pastor Ryan know if you are interested in joining the class or if you have any questions.

**Youth/Young Adults (YPM ~ Young People's Ministry)**  
**September 2025 to April 2026**

**Youth Sunday School for Grades 7th - 12th**  
every Sunday from **September 7, 2025 to May 10, 2026**  
in the two Youth Sunday School Rooms in the Education Wing  
from **10:45am to 11:45am** with the following exceptions:  
**No Youth Sunday School November 2, 2025 and December 28, 2025**

**Young Adult Sunday School** ~ Working to see if we can have a class this year

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**Youth/Young Adults (YPM ~ Young People's Ministry)**  
**every Second Sunday from 5pm to 7pm/8pm**  
with the following exceptions:  
**No Youth Group in December**

**April's Youth Group** will be at **Noon** where we will have our annual lunch after church at a location selected by the youth/young adult who wins our NCAA Basketball Bracket Challenge

***May Youth Group to be determined***

\*The dates are: **Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, & Apr. 12**

*\*\*Location, Activities, Meals, and Devotional Topics to be determined*

All youth in Grades 7th - 12th grades plus all young adults are invited to attend.



## **Administrative Meeting Schedule for August 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025**

Tuesday, August 12, 2025: **6:30pm** ~ Full Church Planning & Evaluation Session  
Sunday, August 17, 2025: **11am** ~ Full Church Planning & Evaluation Session  
Sunday, August 24, 2025: **11am** ~ Nominations Committee (Lay Leadership)  
Tuesday, August 26, 2025: **7pm** ~ Administrative Council  
Tuesday, September 9, 2025: **7pm** ~ S/PPRC (Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee/Team) *This Meeting is preceded by Men's/Family Fellowship Meal at 6pm*  
Tuesday, September 23, 2025: **7pm** ~ Administrative Council  
Tuesday, October 14, 2025: **7pm** ~ Finance Committee/Team (Budget) *This Meeting is preceded by Men's/Family Fellowship Meal at 6pm*  
Tuesday, October 28, 2025: **7pm** ~ Administrative Council *Pastor Ryan will be joining this meeting over the Internet as he will be at a training*  
Tuesday, November 25, 2025: **7pm** ~ Administrative Council

*\*Date of Charge Conference (Church Type where all members are invited and have voice & vote for the yearly business items of Trinity UMC, Roaring Spring, PA) has not been determined as of the beginning of August 2025\**

## **Bible Study & Small Groups Fall 2025**

### ***Bible Study Schedule for September to December 2025***

#### ***Wednesdays at 10:30am***

September 3, 10 & 24  
October 8 & 22  
November 12  
December 3 & 10



***McMullen Small Group & Polchito Small Group*** Schedule ~ TBD  
***Other Small Groups and/or Support Groups*** ~ TBD

## **August 2025 Sermon Topics & Scriptures September 2025 Sermon Topics & Scriptures TBD**

8th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, August 3:  
Spring Dam Weekend Service at The Spring Dam Outside ~ 9:15am

9th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, August 10:  
A Love That Forgives ~ A Promise from The Saints  
(Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 & Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16)

10th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, August 17:  
Sacrificing Saints ~ What are we willing to do for The Faith? (Isaiah 5:1-7 & Hebrews 11:29---12:2)

11th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, August 24:  
Do We really Know Scripture?  
(Hebrews 12:18-29 & Luke 13:10-17)

12th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, August 31:  
Who is the ONE Person You Need to Invite?  
(Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 & Luke 14:1, 7-14)

All Four Sundays in September ~ Pastor Ryan preaching on  
Scriptures & Topics to be determined based on our  
Full Church Planning & Evaluation Sessions  
(August 12: 6:30 PM & August 17: 11am)

*\*\*We might also revamp and do some different worship items in  
September, more to come after August meetings.*

## September & October 2025 and January to April 2025 Trinity United Methodist Church Schedule

**Sunday Worship** at 9:30am every Sunday

**Sunday School** for all ages at 10:45am every Sunday (*Sept. 7, 2025 to May 10, 2026*)

**Youth Group** every second Sunday of the month at 5pm

**Confirmation Class** every third Sunday of the month at 5pm

**Manna on Monday** every fourth Monday of the month at Noon

**Women's Fellowship** every first Tuesday of the month at 6pm

**Men's/Family Fellowship** every second Tuesday of the month at 6pm

**Administrative Board meeting** every fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm

**Food Distribution** every first Wednesday of the month at 3pm

**Ladies' Coffee & Conversation** every third Wednesday of the month at 9:30am

**Manna on Main Street** every fourth Saturday of the month at 6pm

Contact Pastor Ryan at 814-224-2815 or [rgephart@susumc.org](mailto:rgephart@susumc.org) for **Bible Study & Small Groups** Schedules and Topics (there will be at least 3 groups ~ **Pastor's Bible Study, McMullen Small Group, & Polchito Small Group** and possibly more including maybe a support group of some type) - more information to come in future bulletins, newsletters and other church publications.

### November & December 2025 and May 2026 Schedules

These three months have a similar schedule to the above schedule but some events do take some time off in those months.

Highlights of those three months are

**All Saints Sunday with Rev. Charles Baughman** ~ Sunday, November 2 at 9:30am

**Thanksgiving Community Meal** ~ Thursday, November 27 from 11am to 1pm

**Christmas Eve Worship Service** ~ Wednesday, December 24 at 7pm

**Confirmation & Ascension Sunday** ~ Sunday, May 17 at 9:30am with brunch to follow

**Memorial Day & Pentecost Sunday** ~ Sunday, May 24 at 9:30am

**Graduate Recognition Sunday** ~ Sunday, May 31 at 9:30am with reception to follow

### Other Important School Year Dates in 2026

**Shrove Tuesday Dinner** ~ Tuesday, February 17 at 5pm

**Ash Wednesday Worship Service** ~ Wednesday, February 18 at 7pm

**Palm Sunday Worship Service** ~ Sunday, March 29 at 9:30am

**Maundy Thursday Worship Service** ~ Thursday, April 2 at 7pm

**Good Friday Worship Service** ~ Friday, April 3 at 7pm

**Easter Sunrise Service at Greenlawn Cemetery** ~ Sunday, April 5 at 6:30am

**Easter Resurrection Worship Service** ~ Sunday, April 5 at 9:30am

