

Trinity United Methodist Church

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

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Trinity United Methodist Church  
434 E. Main St.  
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## *Trinity Tidings*

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August/September 2023

**Grace & Peace to you from our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ:**

Thank-you so much for the wonderful hospitality we have received as we moved in and began a new appointment at Trinity UMC. Your graciousness and welcome have meant a lot to us and made Roaring Spring and the Church Community feel like home. We look forward to this coming school year and all the Lord has in store for us as we live out being a *“worshipping community making disciples through loving, caring, and forgiving.”*

In August and September, we are going to explore what it means to be a United Methodist Wesleyan Christian. Our distinct heritage puts us in a wonderful position to reach out to others in loving, caring and forgiving ways. As we get to know each other, I pray you will take the opportunity to come to as many worship services you can and learn what makes us tick as an affirming, open table, and welcoming faith tradition. I give thanks that from what I have seen so far, Trinity UMC already embodies many of those characteristics. As Paul stated to the church in Philippi and already how I think of you at Trinity UMC: *“I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”* (Philippians 1:3-6)

May our partnership allow us to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. May we build on what is already your strong foundation of love, care, and forgiveness at Trinity UMC. May the Holy Spirit guide us in our next steps as we faithfully serve our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ until the day of completion in Him.

In His Love & Service ~ Pastor Ryan

**OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Linda Acker, Roger and Kay Bowser, Tanna Byler, Steve Chelobovic, Lorie Davis, Lori Emeigh, Bud Evans, Doris Ferry, Mike Galbraith, Nancy Hamil Family, Ione Hammaker, Jeff Hetrick, Jeanie Hopf, Norm Hostetter, Ruth Imler, Pastor Evie Madison, Barbara Mingle, Bob & Doris Musselman, Barry & Connie Musselman, Dee Rodland, Gary Shank, Katlyn Wren Somogyi, Bob & Dorothy VanNatta, Claudia Weise, Samantha Lynn Weitzel

### **2023 Trinity Tidings Newsletter**

Trinity Tidings will publish bi-monthly six times a year with the following schedule:

Oct/Nov: Fall/World Communion/All Saints/Thanksgiving

Dec/Jan: Advent/Christmas/New Year/Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord

Feb/Mar: Ash Wed/Lent/Palm Sunday/Holy Week/Easter

Apr/May: Spring/Ascension/Confirmation/Pentecost

June/July: Summer/Summer Lunch



### **August & September 2023 Sermon Topics**

**Sunday, August 6:** Spring Dam Weekend

**Sunday, August 13:** Wear Your PJ's 1 ~ Preventive Grace

**Sunday, August 20:** Wear Your PJ's 2 ~ Justifying Grace

**Sunday, August 27:** Wear Your PJ's 3 ~ Sanctifying Grace

**Sunday, September 3:** Put on Your Works 1 ~ Acts of Devotion

**Sunday, September 10:** Put on Your Works 2 ~ Acts of Worship

**Sunday, September 17:** Put on Your Works 3 ~ Acts of Compassion

**Sunday, September 24:** Put on Your Works 4 ~ Acts of Justice



#### **Anniversaries:**

##### **August**

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

##### **September**

- 16. Gary & Sandy Polchito

#### **Birthdates:**

##### **August**

- 4. Chintan Patel
- 5. Erin Smith
- 6. Sandy Polchito
- 15. Sandy Garber
- 23. Jesse Muthler, Alyssa Reed, Kerstin White
- 28. Gary Polchito
- 31. Ken Pote

##### **September**

- 3. Carole Hetrick
- 9. Amy Aker Knisely
- 11. Margaret Weise
- 13. Pat Muthler, Doug Mingle
- 18. Ruth Imler
- 20. Noah Muthler
- 22. Rev. Ryan Gephart
- 24. Christi Gartland
- 26. Charles (Bud) Evans, Jerry Green

**Please let Lisa know when your anniversary or birthdate is or if your information is incorrect so she can update her files.**

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### LADIES COFFEE & CONVERSATION

WILL MEET EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY AT 9:30 AM.  
EACH MONTH THE LOCATION WILL BE DETERMINED.  
WE ARE INVITING ALL THE WOMEN OF TUMC TO JOIN US.

### Men's Group 2023-2024 – Second Tuesday of Every Month @ 6pm

Blessings Men (and others are welcome as well) to our 2023-2024 men's fellowship for Trinity UMC. We will meet every second Tuesday from September 2023 to May 2024. Our food and co-leader organizers, Fred Hetrick & Jerry Green, will have a meal prepared for us as we convene at 6pm. Pastor Ryan will also have a presentation prepared for our first meeting on if we would like to do a United Methodist Men's Initiative for our time together called:

UNITED MEN'S MINISTRY (from <https://unitedmensministry.com/> - a new Men's Ministry Initiative from United Methodist Men - <https://www.gcumm.org/>) → description below of United Men's Ministry):

“A complete church ministry for any organizer or leader. Easy to install and get started. Rather than focus on a program, The UNITED Platform is a set of tools and resources (a framework) for your men's ministry. We can help you with a turnkey solution, or you can pick and choose what you need to reach the guys in your church and community. It is an ever-evolving platform complete with coaching on how to use the platform, establish effective discipleship, and use the additional resources inside.”

Our fall/winter dates are as follows:

Tuesdays: September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12

Please consider joining us once a month for food, ministry and any mission projects for the church and to the community we might do throughout the year.

### Manna on Monday will start back up on September 25 from 12:00-1:00

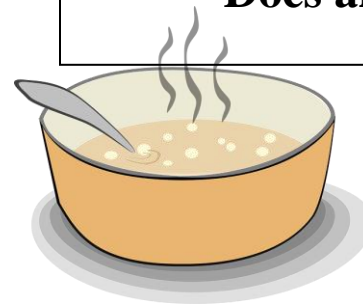
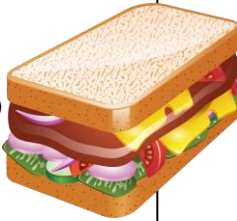
\* 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month

(No Manna on Monday: June, July, August, November or December)

\* Easy Lunches

\* Great outreach for our community

\* Does anyone feel lead to organize this outreach?



*Manna on Main St.*  
August 12, 2023 5:00-6:00

ALL  
are  
WELCOME

MENU:  
Ham BBQ Sandwich  
Buttered Noodles  
Cabbage Salad  
Dessert

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434 E. Main St., Roaring Spring



THE NURSERY HAS BEEN STAFFED BY  
ALEXIA FINOCHIO THIS SUMMER!  
ALL FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN  
CAN UTILIZE THE NURSERY DURING  
MORNING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY!

Youth Sunday School 2023-2024

Meeting Every Sunday at 10:45am from  
September 10, 2023 to May 12, 2024

(No Sunday School December 24 & 31, 2023 and March 24 & 31, 2024)

Youth Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 10 at 10:45am in the youth rooms upstairs. All youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome and encouraged to attend. Pastor Ryan will be one of the lead teachers. We will need other teachers/assistants each week. Please sign-up for the following (we are looking for 5 safe sanctuaries cleared adults).

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month Adult (will assist every first Sunday)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month Adult (will assist every second Sunday)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month Adult (will assist every third Sunday)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month Adult (will assist every fourth Sunday)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month & also the Sundays Pastor Ryan is off Adult (will assist every fifth Sunday (No Sunday School on December 31 & March 31) & also on October 8, November 5, December 17 and 1 to 2 other Sundays sometime from January to May 2024)

We will not meet the following four Sundays

Sundays, December 24 & 31: Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve

Sundays, March 24 & 31: Palm Sunday & Easter

*Please be in prayerful consideration if you feel called to fulfill one of the five roles listed above – you are looking at 6 to 9 Sundays of your time for the entire school year. This commitment will mean a ton to the faith development of our youth.*

**Confirmation Class 2023-2024 – Once a Month Sundays @ 5pm**

Pastor Ryan will be teaching confirmation class for all youth who have not had it and are going into 6th grade or older. We will begin in September meeting one Sunday night a month till May from **5pm to 7pm**. Youth who wish to join the church at the end of classes will join on Pentecost Sunday (May 19, 2024).

**September to December Class & Topics Schedule**

*(January to May Schedule to be Determined at the December Confirmation Class)*

**Sunday, September 10:** Introduction to Christian Faith & United Methodist/Wesleyan Understandings of Grace

**Sunday, October 22:** Biblical History, Church History & United Methodist History

**Sunday, November 12:** United Methodist/Wesleyan Understandings of Means of Grace, 3 General Rules and Works of Piety & Mercy

**Sunday, December 3:** United Methodist Theology with Scripture/Tradition/Reason/Experience and The Sacraments

We will also need 2 to 3 mentors for each youth doing the class. Mentors would come to class 5 times: October, December, February, April & May. We will also need a safe sanctuary volunteer (parent or other cleared church member) to be with Pastor Ryan for each class the mentors are not at (September, November, January & March). Please be in prayerful consideration if you feel called to fulfill one of these roles.

## Pastor's Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 10:30am

Fall/Winter 2023

Grace & Peace to you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Ryan's Fall into the Winter Bible Study will meet in the "IHS" Room Wednesdays at 10:30am starting on Wednesday, September 6 with the final one for 2023 being Wednesday, December 13, 2023 (*2024 Schedule will be determined near the middle of November 2023*). We will not meet every Wednesday but will meet on the Wednesdays listed below with the following Books/Chapters of the Bible being studied.

Wednesday, September 6: Ruth Chapter 1

Wednesday, September 13: Ruth Chapter 2

Wednesday, October 4: Ruth Chapter 3

Wednesday, October 11: Ruth Chapter 4

Wednesday, October 25: James Chapter 1

Wednesday, November 1: James Chapter 2

Wednesday, November 22: James Chapter 3

Wednesday, November 29: James Chapter 4

Wednesday, December 6: James Chapter 5

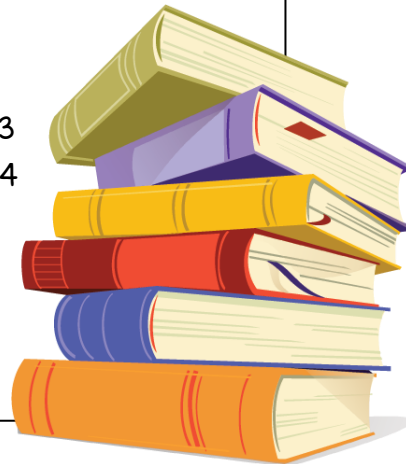
Wednesday, December 13: Christmas Story

All are welcome to attend!

### Contact Information for Pastor Ryan

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Pastor Evie was very appreciative of the Birthday cards that were sent to her and she wanted to Thank everyone for thinking of her.



## Spring Dam Weekend

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH  
1:00PM-4:00PM

### Community Picnic

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH  
7:00AM-9:00AM

## Sonny Steward Pancake Breakfast

8:45AM PRELUDE  
9:15AM

### Worship Service Rain Location: TUMC



### A Time for the Young at Heart Presenter in Worship Aug. & Sept. 2023 Schedule

Aug. 6: Spring Dam Weekend

Aug. 13: Doug Mingle

Aug. 20: Kate Muthler

Aug. 27: Pastor Ryan

Sept. 3: Doug Mingle

Sept. 10: Pastor Ryan

Sept. 17: Kate Muthler

Sept. 24: Pastor Ryan

\*If you would like to be added to this list let Pastor Ryan or Kate Muthler know.

After 8 weeks of Summer Lunch we have served over 4,500 meals to the community. Many families thank us daily and tell us how much they appreciate our program and the love & kindness their kids receive from all of our volunteers. (Even Kate)

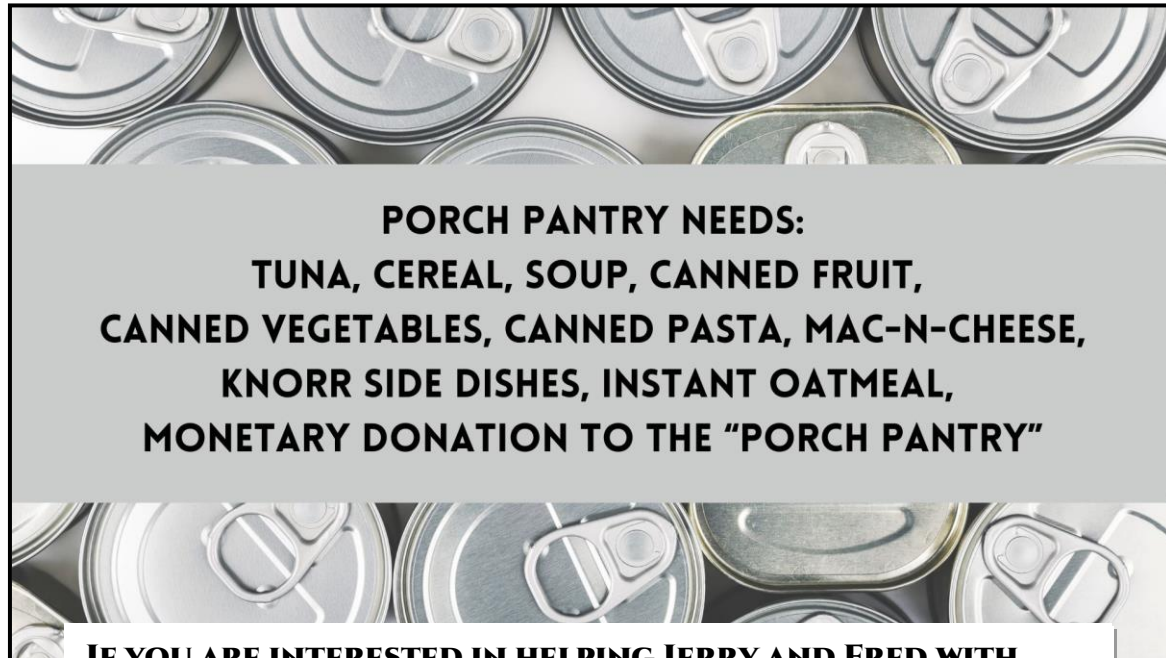
We have had over 25 students helping daily, as young as 5 years old. We also have been blessed with 15 adults reporting weekly to help in the kitchen as well.

God is Good!!



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00PM. ALL WOMEN, OF ANY AGE, AT TRINITY CHURCH ARE INVITED TO JOIN THEM.

\*THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THEIR ANNUAL AUCTION/PICNIC IN SEPTEMBER.



**PORCH PANTRY NEEDS:**

**TUNA, CEREAL, SOUP, CANNED FRUIT,  
CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED PASTA, MAC-N-CHEESE,  
KNORR SIDE DISHES, INSTANT OATMEAL,  
MONETARY DONATION TO THE "PORCH PANTRY"**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING JERRY AND FRED WITH RESTOCKING THE PORCH PANTRY, PLEASE TALK TO JERRY. THEY COULD REALLY USE THE HELP!**



All adults currently working in any position with the children of our church and the community need to submit volunteer clearances to be in compliance with our Safe Sanctuary policies. All volunteer clearances are free and can be done at the church with Kate or Lisa during the weekday.