

This week's liturgical color is green which symbolizes our time for growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ. This season which is known as "ordinary time" starts after Pentecost and ends at the Christmas season.

Prelude: Hallelujah, Amen (Handel)

The Wise Guys

Lighting of the Candles

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

Call to Worship

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will recount all of His wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult Him;
I will sing praise to His name, O Most High.

Announcements and Highlights from out last Board Meeting (*noted within the bulletin)

A Time for Prayer:

Scripture to encourage you in the faith: Jeremiah 29:11

¹¹I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.

Laity Prayer: by Rob Moore

Opening Hymn: There's Within My Heart A Melody

No. 380

Children's Moment: Let by Kim P.

At this time, children can come forward or you can bring your child to the front pew to hear and participate in the children's reflection.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offering

(Thank you for your generosity!)

We are projected to meet our 2022 budget goals

Ushers: Women's Team (Alberta M., Pat B., Sandra R., and Angie T.)

⁶*What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also read a generous crop.*

⁷*Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their*

heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

Offertory Prayer:

Redeeming God, we know what it is like to be wandering in the wildering like lost sheep. We remember you hand, like those of a caring shepherd, guiding us back to our home in you. We seek to help others experience this same spiritual nurture. So, we provide these financial gifts to be multiplied with other offerings. We are confident that these funds will inspire new ministries and reach the lost. We offer these gifts in the name of the Lamb of God, Jesus the Living Christ. AMEN

Offertory Music:

Doxology:

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above the Heavenly Host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Special Music: Papa Joe Smiddy Bluegrass Band

Special Music: Down In The Water To Pray

TUMC Sanctuary Choir

Special Music: The Crowe Hollowers

Special Music: Three Spirituals

The Wise Guys

Special Music: Papa Joe Smiddy Bluegrass Band

Special Music: The Crowe Hollowers

Response to the Word:

No. 883

Closing Hymn: Old Time Religion Medley

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll (fly a-way) fly a-way (fly a-way)
To a home on God's ce-les-tial shore,
I'll (fly a-way) fly a-way (fly a-way)
I'll (fly a-way) fly a-way, O glo-ry, I'll (fly a-way) fly a-way (in the morn-ing)
When I die, hal-le-lu-jah, by and by
I'll (fly a-way) fly a-way (fly a-way)

I Saw the Light

I wan-dered so aim – less, life filled with sin,
I would–n't let my dear Sav–ior in;
Then Je–sus came like a strang–er in the night-
Praise the Lord!----- I saw the light.
I saw the light,----- I saw the light,-----
No more in dark – ness, no more in night;-----
(And) now I'm so hap–py, no sor–row in sight—
Praise the Lord!----- I saw the light.----- light.-----

Will the Circle Be Unbroken?

There are loved ones in the glo-ry, Whose dear forms you oft-en miss,
When you close your earth-ly sto-ry, Will you join them in their bliss?
Will the cir-cle, be un-bro-ken, By and by, O by and by?-----
Is a bet-ter home a-wait-ing, In the sky, O in the sky?-----

Benediction

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another. AMEN!

Postlude: Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Sending Forth/Extinguishing of the Candles: At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. The acolyte leaves the worship service at the pastor's direction, carrying our the lighted candlelighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

Announcements

Adult Sunday School is on Sunday at 10 am.

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7 pm.

Pastor's Vacation—Tim is currently on vacation and will return on Tuesday, September 6th. If you have an emergency, please contact either church lay leaders Kim Parsons (276) 219-2124 or Rob Moore (276) 870-1864.

Praise, Worship, and Singing Service—This morning, we are having a special song and praise service led by our Music Director Richard Galyeen. We hope that you enjoy the service today.

Pop-N-for Jesus—We are grateful to announcement that we will be returning to Mountain Empire Community College on Wednesday, September 7th to bring smiles, popcorn, and joy to the staff and students there. You can meet us either at the church or at Hardees at 8:30 am and we plan to be at MECC by 9 am. If you want to participate and/or have questions, please contact Betty Fleenor.

Administrative Board Meeting—Our next meeting is Sunday, September 11th, immediately following the worship service.

Trinity UMC Mini Golf Tournament—On Sunday, September 11th at 2 pm, we invite you to meet us at the Big Stone Gap Golf in Frog Level for an afternoon of food, fun, and competition. The admission fee is \$7 and you can donate for food. Please sign the sign-up sheet so we will know how much food we need to prepare. Let's see who will get the best score. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Ashley.

United Methodist Men—The next gathering is Monday, September 12th at 6 pm. We will have hamburgers catered by the Four Seasons restaurant and we ask that you bring \$10 to cover your meal. If you plan to attend, please sign the sign-up sheet so we will know how many meals we need to order.

Trinity UMC Flooding Response—We will continue our effort in helping our neighbors in Kentucky who have been devastated by flooding. We will be accepting the following items until September 16th:

School Supplies—pencils, pens, wide-ruled notebooks and loose-leaf paper, binders of various sizes, and backpacks.

Tools—rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows.

Recovery Awareness Month—September is Recovery Awareness Month and we want to be in prayer for all who need or are in the process of recovering from harmful addictions. To show our support our friends from Recovery Soldiers Ministries in Elizabethton, TN, will be joining us on Sunday, September 18th. During our worship service, the team of women will be leading us in song and they will be sharing their testimonies. After the service, we will be having a lunch in the fellowship hall and all are welcome to eat with us.

Trinity Book Club—We are relaunching our book group and you are welcome to attend. We will meet on Monday, September 19th at 6 pm. The book that

we will be reading and discussing is "Enemies of the Heart" by Andy Stanley. The ISBN is 9781601421456 and you can find the book new for around \$10-15.

Highlights from our last Board Meeting

- Due to membership growth and the lack of funding for the Union Middle School Band, the program needed funding to purchase school issued instruments. Trinity UMC's board voted and approved to donate \$1,000 to the Union Middle School Band program. With this money, a flute, clarinet, trumpet, and a trombone will be purchased and issued to students.
- The Board continues to consider and reason if purchasing the former district parsonage (adjacent to our current parsonage) is in the church's interest or not.
- Pastor Tim discussed the need for the security team to have a budget line item for security practices and needs such as equipment beginning January 2023.

Mailing Addresses of our long distant friends and members:

- Bill and Judy Cole
100A Varne Circle
Farmville, VA 23901
- Sandra Marshall
547 Callaway Court
Chattanooga, TN 37421

*Communion Stewards for Sunday September 11, 2022

Diane B., Amy G., Patty R., and Angie T.

*Offering Stewards for September 2022

September 11th—Ruben A., Dana B., Paul C., and Dennis A.
September 18th—Amy G., Erin H., Cecelia R., and Lana P.
September 25th—John H., Daniel W., Ruben A., and Phil R.

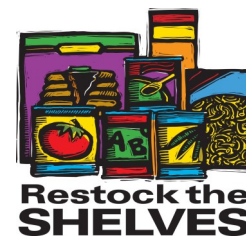
*Children's Moment for September 2022

September 11th—Pastor Tim
September 18th—Diane B.
September 25th—Beth H.

UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of September the requested item is Chef Boy Ardee.

The requested types are SpaghettiOs or Ravioli. Please make sure that the cans have the pop top lids.



The Trinity Companion September 4, 2022



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