

Today's liturgical color is green which symbolizes growth used in the Seasons after the Epiphany and after Pentecost.

To help promote the happenings in our church, you can share our services and events to the community on your Facebook page.

****DISCLAIMER: Trinity UMC utilizes videography to live stream all sanctuary worship services to social media. Service will be available for replay and images, likenesses, and audio may be captured to be used as thumbnails on each TUMC ran website. If you have any concerns, please notify the church office staff.****

Prelude: Here in Your Presence by New Life Worship

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 worshiping community.

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship: I'll Fly Away

Some bright morning when this life is over ~ I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore ~ I'll fly away

CHORUS

I'll fly away, oh glory ~ I'll fly away in the morning
When I die hallelujah by and by ~ I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then ~ I'll fly away
To a land where joys will never end ~ I'll fly away

REPEAT CHORUS

Welcome from Pastor Tim and welcome your neighbors

Announcements (*noted within the bulletin)

A Time for Prayer: Pastor Tim

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Amazing Grace

No. 378

Scripture Reading: Psalm 114 CEB

Lector Reader: Natalie S

¹When Israel came out of Egypt—when the house of Jacob came out from a people who spoke a different language—

²Judah was God's sanctuary; Israel was God's territory.

³The sea saw it happen and ran away; the Jordan River retreated!

⁴The mountains leaped away like rams; the hills leaped away like lambs!

⁵Sea, why did you run away? Jordan, why did you retreat?

⁶Mountains, why did you leap away like rams? Hills, why did you leap away like lambs?

⁷Earth: Tremble before the Lord! Tremble before the God of Jacob,

⁸the one who turned that rock into a pool of water, that flint stone into a spring of water!

This is the word of God, for the people of God,

Thanks be to God.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen.**

Children's Moment: led 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

Ushers: (Susan H., Cecilia R., Beth H., Patty R.)

Offertory Music: Take My Life and Let It Be Arranged by Greg Howlett

Doxology

No. 95

Anthem/Special Song A Beautiful Life

Sermon: "Bearing Fruit" I John 15:5
by Christy Smith

Response to the Service: Altar Call—if you desire to come to the front for prayer you are welcome to do so.

Closing Hymn: Just As I Am

No. 357

Benediction

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

Postlude: Alive Forever Amen by Travis Cottrell

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 out the lighted candle lighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

*Offering stewards for September

Sep 24: Spencer Q., Dennis A., Gary H., Steve P.

*Children's Moment for September

Sep 24: Cindy A.

*Greeters for September

Sep 24: Joyce P., Tiffany A.

*Lector Readers for September

Sep 24: Alberta M-Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Nursery Volunteers for September

Sep 17: Katie Z., Cathy G.

Sep 24: Paula B., Amy G.

*Communion Stewards for October 1st

Cindy A., Dennis A., Paul C., Kim P.

Are you ready for October?? In addition to all our normal meetings, etc....here's a few things coming you don't want to miss!

4-6 Fall Rummage Sale Phase II: 3 day event

8 Blessing of the Animals

14 Blue Highway Fest: Men's Pancake Breakfast + Women's bake sale

20-21 Home Craft Days: Water giveaway

28 Fall Festival/Outdoor Movie Night

31 Trunk or Treat



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

Adult Sunday School is Sunday at 10 am.

*Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7 pm. As of today, since August 1st, \$1,739 has been donated to the choir fund—can the choir sing a Hallelujah!!!

*2023 District Conference is TODAY at First Broad Street UMC in Kingsport at 3pm

*The Worship Committee will meet following the worship service TODAY in the choir room.

*Administrative Board Meeting is scheduled for TODAY following the worship service.

*Women of Trinity –The meeting is TODAY @ 5 pm. The guest speaker today is Tracy Kress. All women are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Trinity Book Club—Our book is “The Power of a Praying Church” by Stormie Omartian. The next meeting is Monday, Sep 18th @ 6pm and will be held at the 404 Creamery in BSG. All are welcome to attend.

The next Pop’N for Jesus is scheduled for Wed, Sep 20th. Interested in helping? Meet at church or Hardees at 8:30 am!

SPPR Meeting—next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sep 28 @ 6 pm

Fall Festival Planning Mtg—the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct 4 @ 6pm; come and help get this Festival going! The Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct 28 from 3-5 pm with food offered from 5-6 provided and cooked by Methodist Men and finish the day with an outdoor movie at 6pm! Mark your calendars and prepare for a fun filled day!

Methodist Men—The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct 9th @ 6 pm; the meal cost is \$12 per person. Please sign up in fellowship hall if you plan to attend. All men are welcome.

Blessings and ministries overflow from our church!:

Ever feel like you need a little more prayer in your life? Join us every Monday from 5:30-6 pm for an informal prayer meeting, come and be blessed! Three specific areas to pray for the church:

- That the message of Jesus Christ will be made clear and simple during our worship services, fellowships and outreach ministries
- That people will accept and understand the message of Jesus Christ
- That opportunities for outreach and growth in the church will continue

ANOTHER OFFERING!: Get up early, put on those walking shoes and join us for a Prayer Walk—Saturdays @ 7:30 AM (yes that does say 7:30 AM, not a typo!!)

Worship service at Heritage Hall every Wednesday at 2:30-3 pm, all are

welcome to attend.

EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

Hunter’s Education Class is scheduled for September 30. This class runs about 6 hours and can be used for concealed weapon permits. See Billy Whitt if you’d like to sign up for one of the classes

BSG Clergy Group meets on the 4th Tuesday at 6 pm. Clergy members in the area have been meeting to discuss ways to work together to strengthen God’s ministries in our area. Please keep this group in your prayers so they may provide positive influences in our community.

Church Rummage Sale—this Fall, we have an abundance of items for our rummage sale—so much, that we are doing TWO Fall rummage sales....the first one was a HUGE success!
The 2nd one will be a 3 day event—Wed, Oct 4—Fri, Oct 6. Volunteers are needed and appreciated!

Get ready—it’s almost pancake breakfast time again! The Methodist Men will provide a pancake breakfast on Oct 14 in conjunction with the Blue Highway Fest. The women will also have a bake sale going so folks can get some goodies to take with them!

Mark your calendars! The Tennessee-based gospel group Sacred Harmony is scheduled to be at Trinity to perform on Sunday, November 12 at 6 pm. They request a love offering. This will be a musical treat you don’t want to miss!

If you were involved in VBS this year, please pick up a survey in the fellowship hall, complete and return it to the office. We need your input to make improvements for next year!

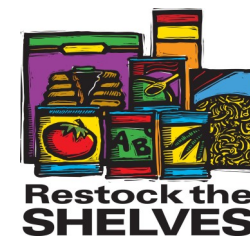
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE September 10th:

Sunday School: 9
In-Person Worship: 67
Facebook Live: 18
Visitors: 1
Heritage Hall Sep 13: 18
Methodist Men 9/11: 13

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.

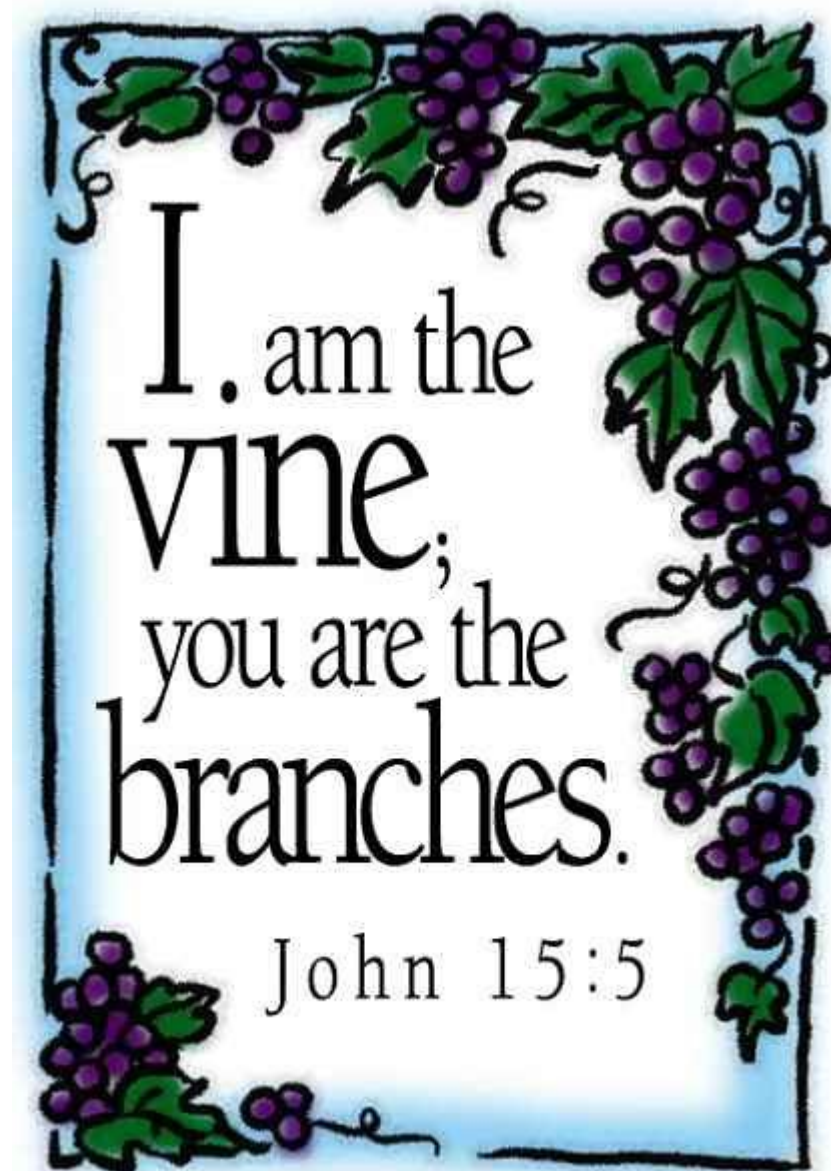
The food item requested for September is Chef Boy Ardee—Spaghettios or Ravioli



ZIMBABWE BACKPACK ITEMS: Our goal is to fill 60 backpacks. The donation requested for September is a pack of pencils (10-12 pack-NOT mechanical); there is a box in the fellowship hall to deposit supplies.

The Trinity Companion

September 17, 2023



Trinity United Methodist Church

203 E 1st St. South
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Worship begins at 11:00 am

Pastor—Rev. Timothy Robinson

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