The Annual Christmas Brunch

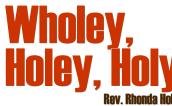
Presented by The United Methodist Women

December 2 10:00 a.m.

Tickets are \$15

Tickets will be available beginning November 12. See Frances Cunningham for more information.





"The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness." -Matthew 6:22-23a (KJV)

Rev. Rhonda llobbs How many times have you given or received the "evil eye" or a "look that kills"? You know the look, the one that says, "*Why are you on this planet*?" When Matthew talks about your eye being the light of the body, what he means is that what is inside of you comes out in the way you look at other people and the world. An eye that is "evil" for the early Christians meant that a person was stingy or greedy. An eye that is "single" is singularly focused on God, it will be full of light; that is, what shines from those eyes are the love, mercy, grace, and generosity of God. So we are to be wholey, holy... completely centered in Christ so it is the holiness of God that shines through the holes, cracks and brokenness of our lives.

Being "holy" is not about perfect behavior. In fact, if we strive to be considered holy, we usually become "holier than thou." It's a paradox, we want to be holy but we cannot grasp it, it just comes to us, or rather within us. The more time we spend in God's Presence the more God Light shines through us.

Joan Chittister, a Benedictine sister is one of my favorite authors. In her book, "Uncommon Gratitude" here is how she speaks of the saints who are holy:

"Being holy for the Christian isn't some kind of a characteristic along with others (she was short, fair-haired, and holy). It's something to do with being in a particular kind of relation to God that allows certain things to happen. Holiness is no more a characteristic of a person as light is of a window. The holy person...is someone who enhances the world for others, who generates joy – not by a great effort of cheering people up but just by being themselves. It's not that they have no problems or weaknesses in their lives...it's just that they are constantly and courageously standing in a place where the Light comes through. People who are holy are not there to tell us that we can be as good as they are if we try really hard, they are there to tell us that if we hang around in their company long enough, we may with them get a feeling for that "other world" where change happens not by effort but by absorbing love. People who are holy have come to live in the vicinity of Jesus and to breathe the same air. There are no straight lines of cause and effect where holiness is concerned. It's more the case that God uses whatever space we make for whatever God has in mind, wherever it may be possible. Some people are so knocked sideways by God that they make space for the divine life to come through and they stay where God has met them,



November 16 at 10:45 a.m.

Our speaker will be Rachel Frazier public health educator for Knox County Health Department.

Her presentation will include one of the primary causes for hospital visits for adults 65 and older is: FALLS. Public health officials believe many are completely preventable. These falls can cause serious injury such as broken bones or head trauma. Come join us for this important discussion and a great lunch!

Join Trinity's Prayer Chain! Text @TUMCPray

To 81010



The next Family Promise host week is

November 26– December 3

There are many volunteer opportunities available! See Liz Wright or Ed Coppock for more information!

Prayer Requests

Continuing Prayers

Joanne Stansberry, Kenny Higgins, Rowena Walker, Delt Sharp, Gary Sharp, Sherran Key, Nick Seagle, Nancy Kitts

<u>Prayers for those with</u> <u>recent surgeries and health needs</u>

Paul Boyer, Joe Mischlich, John Mitchell, Jack Woods, Gary Simmons, Jack Shaw, Charlene Walker, Ellen Ferry, Joann Rayburn, Buddy Judd Megan Emeheiser, Rita Raymond, Belle Simms, David Ruckart, Larry Anderson Velma Bradford, Sadie Kinnamon, TJ (grandson of Larry Anderson), Gail Vandiver, Larry Wallace, Karen Hosack

Continuing Care

Lola Corrier, Mary Heimbaugh, Nancy Wallace, George Jack George Deaton (father of Julius Deaton)

In the Military

Mathew Chesney Tim George Wayne Houser James Raxter Ryan Witzak Bennie Satterfield

Our Condolences to Gail Vandiver and family in the passing of Bob Vandiver with God's action and life pouring through their own confused and very human hearts and minds and bodies"

Oh to spend more time absorbing the love of God and breathing the same air of Jesus!

Shalom Rhonda



Life Together Application: Your Presence Matters!

Maybe the caption for this picture should be "Why did the geese sleep in the road?" When I got out of my car I had to capture this picture, at the time I wasn't exactly sure why the scene spoke to

me, other than the humor of these crazy geese sleeping in the road, but as I studied the picture, I saw it ...the reason the geese can sleep in the road so peacefully is their buddy over in the grass is keeping watch. The presence of the fourth goose matters to the lives of the other three geese. God creates us for community – even the geese!

Do you know that YOUR presence at Trinity matters? One of our leaders described her experience of worship and with tears in her eyes she said, "Worship just isn't the same for me when _______ isn't here." There is something that happens when we gather together that goes beyond words, it is part of the mystery of being the body of Christ in the world. We are NOT the same, when YOU are missing! Whether it is in worship, our Wednesday night meal, or Bible study or a Council or team meeting – when YOU are not here it is NOT the same! AND guess what??? YOU are NOT the same either!

Researchers have proven that "collective assembly contributes to a life filled with a sense of meaning... there is no substitute for in-person interactions. They are proven to bolster our immune system, send positive hormones surging through our bloodstream and brain, and help us live longer. ..building your village is a matter of life or death! Social interaction makes us live longer, healthier lives and by a LOT! Neglecting to keep in close contact with people who are important to you is at least as dangerous to your health as a pack-a-day cigarette habit, hypertension, or obesity!"

Your presence matters!

"Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching." -Hebrews 20:24-25, The Message



Chancel Choir

November 5	8:45 11:00	Choir Choir
November 8		y: No Choir Day Dance
November 12	8:45 11:00	Trinity Folks Trinity Folks
November 19	8:45 11:00	Choir Choir
November 26	8:45 11:00	Off Off

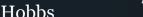
Hey Trinity Church!

What a great weekend with *Fall Fest* and *Trunk or Treat* following up with the Children's Sunday including *Music in Motion* singing, taking a moment to honor our teachers, a delicious 5th Sunday meal and then a field trip to MAX-air Trampoline Park. It doesn't get any better than that! Children of Trinity, you did a great job on Sunday leading worship. You showed true leadership skills. You are each Blessings of Joy and Love!

Happy Birthday!

- 11/1 Michelle Osterbrink
- 11/1 Lauren Fuquay
- 11/1 Brooke Satterfield
- 11/2 Scarlet Walker
- 11/3 Alex Carli
- 11/4 Mary Francis Lee
- 11/4 Teddy Waller
- 11/5 Mary Heimbaugh
- 11/5 Pat Land
- 11/6 Marge Fleck
- 11/6 Larry Anderson
- 11/8 David Roberts
- 11/8 Glen Osterbrink
- 11/9 Andrea Brockelman
- 11/12 Roger Hobbs

- 11/14 Kim Deaton
- 11/17 Catherine Sebby
- 11/17 Maggie Hobbs
- 11/19 Don Thomas
- 11/19 Karen Milligan
- 11/20 Rebecca Bailey
- 11/21 Pat Brown
- 11/21 Yvonne Pearman
- 11/21 Marti Bailey
- 11/28 Linda Williams
- 11/28 Sherree Shaw
- 11/29 Virginia Morgan
- <u>11/29 Herb</u> Piercy
- 11/29 Silas Carli





Memorials

In Memory of Bob Vandiver Given by

Danny & Janie Teams Charles & Nancy Beasley Tim & Diana Dunaway Wayne & Polly McNutt Larry & Betty Wallace Anonymous Handbells Mildred & Gayle Caughron Barbara Geitner Tommy & Elizabeth Keesling Joseph & Charlene Mischlich Virginia Morgan Del & Drama Robeson .Iack & Sherree Shaw William & Patricia Summers William Waller & Elizabeth Black

Donna & Frank Patschke Jackson & Patsy Baily Charles Chandlev Bob, Kim, Brad, & Peyton Dukes Marge Fleck Jack & Margaret Harvey Tony & Jenny Stansberry John & Linda McDonnell **Dorothy Chesney Betty Eason** Lillian Higgins Carl & Ann Tockstein Nancy & Jim Riemann Kenneth Burks Larry, Megan, Amelia, & Nick Brown Michael Wooten

In Memory of Joe Lentz Given by

Larry & Betty Wallace Joseph & Charlene Mischlich Virginia Morgan Del & Drama Robeson Donna & Frank Patschke Carl & Ann Tockstein

In Memory of Troy Hobbs Given by

Larry & Betty Wallace Charles & Nancy Beasley Barbara Geitner Lillian Higgins Joseph & Charlene Mischlich Virginia Morgan Del & Drama Robeson William Waller & Elizabeth Black Donna & Frank Patschke Mildred & Gayle Caughron



MUSIC IN MOTION Led by Ms. Sheryl and Miss Liana Sundays 4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

November 5		4:00 p.m. —5:00 p.m.		
	November 12	4:00 p.m. —5:00 p.m.		
	November 19	4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.		
	November 26	No Rehearsal		

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



TEAM KIDS Led by Kim Burkley and Friends Wednesdays 6:15 p.m. —7:15 p.m.

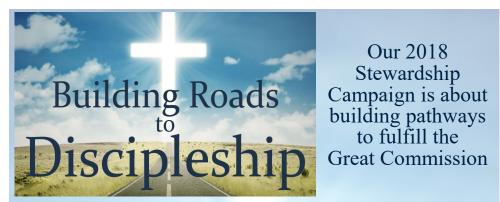
Come eat Wednesday Supper with us as a family and stay for fun and games while learning about God—a great mid-week boost!

November 1, 8, and 15 (Last one until January)

Rotation Sunday School Every Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Each Week: Something New and Exciting

November 5: Science w/ Bob Brown November 12: Cooking with Ann Tockstein November 19: Story Time with TBA November 26: Movie with Liana Woods



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Mathew 28:19-20 NIV)

The message is clear, go everywhere and tell everyone... and keep doing it. I feel so blessed to have been a member of Trinity United Methodist Church for almost four decades and to witness Trinity's wonderful missions to our community and the world, throughout those years. Our mission activities continue because, each year this congregation commits to funding the next year's "Roads to Discipleship".

Prayerfully consider what you will return to God in 2018. As you fill out your Commitment Card remember you are laying the path for the missions of Trinity, some of which we are highlighting each Sunday during this October and November.

While some of our missions' work is assisted by "designated" gifts, given directly to those specific programs, the "General Fund" is what supports a spiritual and physical church home in our community. The General fund supports the Foley House and the grounds of both the house and church, Trinity's staff's payroll, housekeeping, and other physical support, tuning of our organ and pianos, printing of our newsletter and bulletins, as well. Supporting the music and youth programs and more, require funding. We seldom think of the many ways the support we provide, are "Building Roads To Discipleship". But without your commitment, these activities would not be possible.

While we have the opportunity to turn in our Commitment Card each week, on Sunday November 19th we will bring *back* into the sanctuary all of the Commitment Cards to celebrate with prayer, seeking God's blessing on the opportunity to disciple to our community through the financial gifts given in our 2018 commitment.

Prayerfully consider raising your financial support so that the kingdom of God can be here on Earth through His servant Church, Trinity United Methodist.



The Trinity Crafters send a big <u>THANK YOU</u> to everyone who participated in our recent Craft Sale by helping make craft and bake sale

items, setting up and taking down, as well as those who came to purchase. A special "Thank You" to the Band of Brothers for their participation in preparing the special Barbecue Chicken Lunch and fixings. Without all these things the Crafters would not be able to help other missions of Trinity UMC and the world beyond. At this point our proceeds are approximately at \$3500.

NOTICE: To those who purchased canned items at the Craft Sale, please return the jars along with both pieces of the lids. Returning the jars helps us cut costs and use the useable parts of the lids for other projects. Enjoy your food selections and thank you.

The Crafters will not meet again until November 30. The continuing Craft Sale will be on December 2. The crafts will be left out until after the TCDC Christmas Program and the Music in Motion Christmas Program. The last Crafters meeting for 2017 will be December 28.



The poinsettia order deadline has been extended to November 5!

Order forms will be available for the last time in this Sunday's worship bulletins. If you wish to purchase poinsettias, please print clearly, complete the form, and place it in the offering along with your payment.

Poinsettias are \$6.00 each. Checks should be made payable to Trinity United Methodist Church and <u>be included with your order</u>. Please be sure to mark plainly for "Poinsettias".





Over \$80,000 in gift cards are being shared with partners like Trinity and, together with the coat vouchers from Coats for the Cold, I anticipate lives to be

transformed as we leverage our relationships with those in need so they can experience restoration.

During the third quarter, KARM Stores received 83 donations of goods and time from those connected to Trinity United Methodist Church. Because of these donations and others, KARM was able to provide almost 70,000 meals and over 26,500 nights in a bed over the past three months. We're sharing \$300 in gift cards for you to help others in your community.

Evan Crass KARM Director of Partner Engagement



Trinity,

We are so fortunate to be in this church community. There aren't enough ways to say "thank you" to our Trinity family. You have been on this journey for a long time with constant love and attention.

You have fed us so well, and sent such love in messages of comfort and much needed prayer.

The whole family was given such peace and made the passage of life of our "Pa" a blessed time for us only because of <u>YOU!</u>

Love in Christ, The Vandiver, Milligan, Lyon, Ziehmn Families



Trinity UMC Members,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and the loving support you showed our family as we said goodbye to our beloved Troy. You are a great blessing to us.

The family of Troy Hobbs



Dear Trinity UMC Members,

The youth want to thank everybody who donated, bought, or participated in the Silent Basket Auction. We

cannot have a successful youth ministry without the funding and support of the church members here at Trinity. The proceeds will be used to help fund upcoming activities in November and December and our trip to Resurrection in Pigeon Forge, TN in January. Once again, your support of the youth ministries is greatly appreciated.

Check out the reorganized and updated youth page on the Trinity website. Thank you Layne Jennings for your hard work and efforts in getting this done! We are continuing to slowly but surely update the youth room upstairs in the gym and hoping to have more projects done before the new year. The youth will have a mandatory Confirmation Class meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 1 for all those interested in being confirmed in the UMC and becoming a member at Trinity. The Confirmation Class will start at the beginning of December and it will run to Pentecost (May 20). This is a great opportunity for all of our youth (those that have already been confirmed and those who haven't) to learn more about their Christian heritage, the United Methodist Church, Trinity UMC, their faith walk, and continued growth in their relationship with God through Christ.

Lastly, as we move into the month of November, I start to have reflections on family gatherings around the Thanksgiving holidays and the closeness and fellowship shared at those gatherings over the years. I think of and can feel the crisp coolness in the air and I can picture the last of the colorful leaves dropping to ground. I think of my church family and the start of our preparing in our hearts the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I want to personally thank you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, for being a part of my faith family.

Would you like to stay connected and know what is going on with the youth in the church? If yes, then you can ask to join Trinity UMC Crossfire Youth on Facebook, Trinity Crossfire Youth on Instagram, and/ or sign up to get Remind texts. To sign up for Trinity UMC Crossfire Youth Remind texts follow the directions below.

Text *@tricroumc* To 81010

Here is a prayer to pray for the youth and children this month.

"Lord, teach my children perseverance in all they do, and help them especially to run with perseverance the race marked out for them." (Hebrews 12:1)

Donald Balcom Director of Youth Ministries

November 2017									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
			1 6:30 am Early Birds 11:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Salt & Light 6:15 pm Bible Study 6:15 pm Crossfire Youth 6:15 pm Team Kids 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm Praise Team	2 7:00 pm Girl Scouts	3 10:00 am Hearts to Hands Raxter's Home	4 8:30 am Yoga Class			
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