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# Trinity Herald Newsletter

March 2025

## A Note From The Pastor

*“...The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve  
and to give his life a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28*

As we journey through the season of Lent, we want to be dedicated to a life of prayer and service. Jesus was a man of prayer as well as a servant-leader, and He continues to be our prayer advocate to God. Trinity has many opportunities to participate in a prayer ministry in Sunday morning worship, at Wednesday evening ministries, our Thursday e-mail list, our Facebook Prayer Group, the monthly newsletter, small groups, etc. You are also cordially invited to participate in our Lenten Prayer Partner ministry as we seek to provide spiritual support to our Trinity friends. A new prayer group is forming specifically for this season, and we will meet in the sanctuary on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 for prayer and for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you'd be interested in participating in a prayer walk through our Cumberland Estates neighborhood, see me

for more details about that ministry. Imagine what the Lord can do through a praying church!

As we look to the life of Jesus as our servant-leader, we're joining with friends across Holston Conference in following the theme of "Serving Together." Let's center our Lenten discipline of service by learning more about the people God is calling us to serve. To that end, we will welcome guest speakers on Wednesday nights from Bridge Refugee Services, from the Holston Conference office, and Randy Hobbs' recent mission trip. A new book that is available for our use for Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings is authored by Bishop Kenneth Carter, Jr., *Gardens in the Desert*, which will help us to envision a new reality of being a servant church in today's world. I feel certain our Lord will bless our efforts to follow his example of prayer and service for a new day at Trinity and beyond! I look forward to serving with you through a meaningful season of Lent! You are in my prayers.

Blessings, Barbara



***Ash Wednesday Service March 5th  
6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.  
Come and kick off Lent with this beautifully reflective service.***

## Music Notes



## **Chancel Choir**

Chancel Choir will sing for the Ash Wednesday Service on March 5.  
No Choir rehearsal after the service.

## **Music in Motion**

We will be singing in church for Worship on Sunday, March 2.  
Come to church at 9:30 am to rehearse in your Sunday best.  
No rehearsal Wednesday, March 5 due to the Ash Wednesday Service.  
No rehearsal Wednesday, March 19 due to Spring Break.

## **Scripture Readers**

March 2: Debbie Bunch  
March 9: Bill Doan  
March 16: Liz Seaman  
March 23: Sherree Shaw  
March 30: Drew Burkley

## **Wanted! A few good men (or women)**

Mike Ooten is looking for a few good people who are interested in learning to video the Sunday morning worship and then edit the video and upload the service to Facebook and YouTube. Low time commitment! Training available.

If you are interested in learning the processes and volunteers, please talk to Mike or email him at [mike.ooten@knoxtrinity.org](mailto:mike.ooten@knoxtrinity.org)

Financials for Month Ending  
February 2025

Total Income	\$39,220
Total Expenses	\$47,254
Difference	(\$9,025)

*Thank You  
Tom Wallace  
Finance Committee Chair*



## Qualified Charitable Contributions

For those 73 or older with retirement accounts that require an annual minimum withdrawal, there is an option to make a direct distribution to a qualified charitable organization (QCD) and have that amount count toward the minimum distribution but not count toward taxable income. Trinity UMC is a qualified 501 (c) 3.

This option may be appealing to some since the 2018 changes to our tax law made it more difficult to have a charitable donation deduction. Please check with your brokerage /account manager to see if this is an option that might be beneficial to you as you meet your annual commitment to Trinity.

## Legacy IRA

IRA owners age 73 or older may now make a one-time qualified charitable distribution (QCD) of up to \$50,000 from an IRA to fund a charitable life income gift vehicle (CGA or CRT). Payments can be made to a donor and/or donor's spouse. This is great news for individuals who do not need their Required Minimal Distribution and non-

profits/churches who need funding and welcome this new opportunity to support their mission. (Source: Holston Foundation)

# Food Pantry

We distribute food on Wednesdays 10 am to 12 pm at the main entrance.

## **For Those In Need**

We have no qualifying requirements. If you are in need of food, just ask! Food is available on a first-come-first-served basis on Wednesdays. We suggest that you call the church office at (865) 588-5763 before you arrive to make sure we still have food available that day.

## **For Those Who Wish To Help**

**Prayer:** Ask our Lord to help us have the resources we need, the people to volunteer, and an end to hunger.

**Time:** Our Food Pantry gives every church member an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. On a weekly basis, we take inventory, shop for groceries, pack the food bags, and distribute the food bags. If you have the time to help with any of these tasks, just ask and we'll find a place for you.

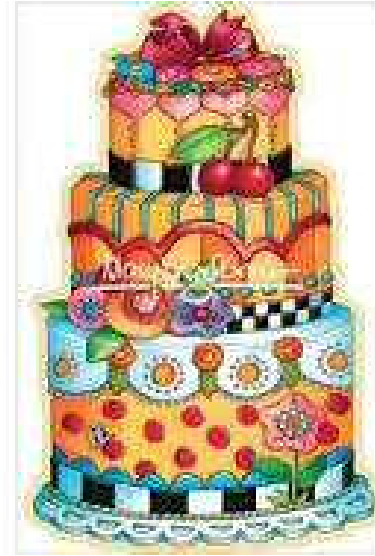
**Donations:** We have a large collection box located at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Below is a list of the items we routinely need!

## **Food Pantry Shopping List**

Canned Tuna or Chicken  
Canned Fruit & Vegetables  
Boxed Breakfast Cereal  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Cookies  
Boxed Mac & Cheese  
Spaghetti Noodles  
Pasta Sauce  
Rice  
Club or Saltine Crackers

# Birthdays

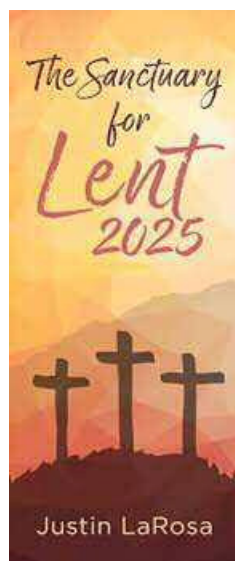
3-01 Don Manley  
3-02 Bob Flynn  
3-03 Daisy Edwards  
3-04 Marjorie Dyer  
3-04 Troy Milligan  
3-05 Amelia Nodell  
3-06 Sheryl Howard  
3-06 Bennie Satterfield  
3-11 Jenny Compton  
3-13 Mallory Thompson  
3-14 Nick Forester  
3-14 Sean Ward  
3-16 Larry Snodgrass  
3-18 Hannah Deaton  
3-19 Gail Vandiver  
3-19 Tim Dunaway  
3-20 Scott Newby  
3-24 Rebekah Geitner Allison  
3-24 Mary Banner  
3-24 Emily Dunaway  
3-25 Nancy Beasley  
3-25 Velma Bradford  
3-25 Deb Glenn  
3-26 Barbara Geitner  
3-27 Diane Taufa  
3-29 John Bush  
3-29 Benjamin Freeman  
3-30 Gary Hauser  
3-30 Samantha Ward  
3-31 Jenny Stansberry



## Prayer Requests

Lois Muir-McClain  
Dorris Frazier  
Drama Robeson  
Tedman Glenn  
Greg Drinnen

Becky Piercy  
Herb Piercy  
Ginger Mayfield  
Ronnie Clark  
Fred and Libby Dearing  
James Raxter  
Nancy Grissom  
Anne Goldman  
Warren Clark  
Confirmation Class  
Hurricane Victims  
Peace in Israel  
Peace in Ukraine  
Our troops and their families  
The leaders & staff of Trinity



***Be close to God by picking up your Lent Devotional  
located in the Gathering space.  
Let Justin LaRosa guide you this season to a more  
intimate relationship with God.***

## Memorials

Ed Baldwin in memory of June Nickle

Joe & Charlene Mischlich in memory of June Nickle  
Ken & Polly McNutt in memory of June Nickle  
Kurt & Pat Land in memory of Betty Hall  
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Scott & Mary Muir in memory of Betty Hall  
Jodie Stamey in memory of June Nickle  
Joe & Charlene Mischlich in memory of Betty Hall

# Join us for Wednesday Nights Community Care Connection!

Wednesday Night Supper at 5:45 pm

Mini-Worship Service at 6:20 pm

Small Group Ministry at 6:30 pm

## Worship With Us!

Online worship on Facebook and YouTube,  
and in-person worship in the sanctuary.



Join us on Sundays at 10 am!



Click Here To Give Online!

To give in person, place your donation  
in the drop box labeled "Tithe and Offerings"

Thank you for your generous support!

The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 20th.  
Please email your newsletter submissions to [contact@knoxtrinity.org](mailto:contact@knoxtrinity.org)



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