

Trinity Times



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1809 North Main Street

Anderson, South Carolina

Ramblings from Rev. Roy

Here it is...the Year 2025. Another new year is upon us. Many people make resolutions or plans for the new year. It seems like for Americans, we often desire to lose a little weight, eat healthier, and exercise more. Maybe we make plans to save more and spend less, or to travel to someplace new. Maybe we make plans to attend church more often, or regularly. Maybe we make a plan to simply be more kind. Or maybe we just hope and pray we make it through another year.

Wherever you find yourself, or whatever your plans may be....here are some suggestions for all of us to consider:

Let go of the past

Release any anger, grudges, or pains, and focus on what God is doing in the present.

Isaiah 43: 18-19 (CEB) - Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.

Express gratitude

Thank God for what's important in your life, like your family, friends, your church, and your health.

Colossians 3:17 (CEB) - Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

Seek God's guidance

As you make plans for the new year, remember to put God first. *Matthew 6:33 (CEB) - Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

Embrace new opportunities

With a fresh perspective, move forward with faith and embrace the new opportunities ahead.

John 10:10b (CEB) - I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

May this new year, 2025, be filled with joy and abundant life for you and for this entire community of faith here at Trinity.

Happy New Year Everyone!

Grace and peace,

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Church Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday
8:30 am—2:30 pm
Friday—Closed**

WORSHIP AT TRINITY UMC - January 2024

January - Fresh Start

Who doesn't want a fresh start, a clean slate? That is exactly what Jesus offers us; he gives us the chance to begin anew every single day. But this is no ordinary fresh start. When we say yes to God's new beginning in our lives, we are saying yes to an adventure that will require courage, perseverance, and boldness. We are saying yes to having our world turned upside down and inside out. We are saying yes to being stirred up and to stirring things up. And one thing is for sure: this fresh start is so worth it. So, let's make it count.

January 5: Are You Sure You're Up for This? | Mark 8:27-38

Rev. Roy Mitchell

January 12: Hens and Chicks | Luke 13:31-35

Rev. Kathryn Bariou

**Commissioning of Costa Rica Mission Team*

January 19: Ten Lepers. How Many Miracles? | Luke 17:11-19

Rev. Roy Mitchell

January 26: Salvation in the House | Luke 19:1-10

Rev. Roy Mitchell

February - Imagine If:

Imagine a world where faith unites rather than divides, where every person finds genuine belonging in worship. We'll be looking at what it means to forge authentic connections with God and each other, igniting change within ourselves, our churches, and our communities. We'll examine how empowering younger generations with hope and purpose can reshape our future. Together, we'll reimagine and actively pursue a life where personal growth, inclusive faith, and societal impact intersect.

February 2

- **Traditions: "Jesus and the Children"** - Rev. Kathryn Bariou

- **Oasis: "Good Church, Great Living"** - Rev. Roy Mitchell

February 9

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Oasis: "Jesus and the Children" - Rev. Kathryn Bariou

February 16

Traditions: "Jesus and the Power of Community" - Rev. Kathryn

Oasis: "Jesus and the Next Generation" - Rev. Roy Mitchell

February 23

Traditions: "Jesus and the Next Generation" - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Oasis: "Jesus and the Power of Community" - Rev. Kathryn Bariou

The Oasis Service @ 9:00am and 11:00am in our Fellowship Hall - our version of a modern, laid-back service with a praise band, family tables, community prayer, holy communion, and message.

The Traditions Service - @ 11am in our sanctuary - Traditions have a place here: choirs, handbells, hymns, liturgy, and sermon.

The 9:00 am Oasis and 11:00 am Traditions services are live streamed so you can join us online from anywhere ...when you can't be here!

Red Shoe Reflections with Rev. Kathryn



As we move from one year to the next, we begin to think about what may be different, what changes we will make, what new habits we will start and what bad habits we are going to leave behind. I too am guilty of planning for changes in a new year, hoping to eat better, exercise more, clean off my desk more often, etc. None of those things are bad, there is nothing wrong with using the new year as a catalyst to improve yourself. Yet I find that my resolutions don't change much and I don't either.

2025 is a year that currently has no big events for us. Laura graduated from College of Charleston in 2024 and Jenna will graduate from A5 Charter School in 2026. 2025 may not hold any big changes for the Bariou family and that's okay. It makes me think about what seems to stay the same every year and not what changes may come. What do you have in your life that is a comforting constant? What has been the same for the last five years and will be the same for the next 5? The list may be small, things change whether we want them to or not sometimes. As I sit in my office and think about what inspiring words I can write for the new year, I find that I am drawn back to what I know is true and unchanging.

I am loved. I am loved by family and friends but I am loved by God who knew me before I was formed in my mothers womb. I am loved by a God who is love and taught us to love one another

I am forgiven. I am forgiven by God who loves me so much that God sent Jesus to atone for my sins.

I am saved by grace. I am saved by grace that I have not earned and will never deserve. It is another gift from God who loves me more than I will ever know.

I am called. I am called to go and share this love, this good news of Jesus Christ. To share that it's not just me. To share that you are loved, you are forgiven, you are saved by grace and that you too, are called to share the love of Christ.

This new year may bring changes but thank goodness some things will never change.

Kathryn



Interested in Joining Trinity United Methodist Church?

You may join by baptism and profession of faith, or by transfer from another United Methodist Church or another denomination if previously baptized. If you would like to learn more or discuss with a pastor, please contact Rev. Roy or Rev. Kathryn at the church office.

As members of this congregation (Trinity United Methodist Church - Anderson), we vow to faithfully participate in its ministries by our **prayers**, our **presence**, our **gifts**, our **service** and our **witness**

Online Giving

You may give online at www.trinityanderson.org/giving-2/. Create your own account by visiting the website and clicking on give and following the instructions there. Creating your own account lets you monitor your giving at any time during the year. For those who wish to give one-time gifts, you may also do that by clicking on "click here to give now." You do not have to create an account to give one time. **There is an option to contribute an additional 3% to help cover fees for your online transaction.**

Certain funds are already listed. If you do not see a fund to which you wish to give or make a payment, choose one that is closely related and make a note in the comment section or send an email to trinityadm1809@gmail.com with the details of the transaction. Thank you!

Thank You for Your Gifts!

Ways to Give:

Sunday offering—place in designated offering boxes

In Person—drop off at the church office

Online—trinityanderson.org/giving-2/
Choose the fund to which you wish to give (please include 3% fee)

Mail—

Trinity United
Methodist Church
1809 N. Main Street
Anderson, SC 29621



Trinity Financial Update

The General Fund is our non-designated fund from which our operational expenses are paid.

<u>General Fund (Budget)</u>	<u>November</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 61.40
Income/Transfers	\$ 44,996.54
Expenses	
Personnel	\$ 37,885.10
Administration, Building, Maintenance	\$ 5,962.05
Programs/Ministries	\$ 739.00
Ending Balance	\$ 471.79
Monthly Mission - November	\$ 225.00
2024 Apportionments Due	\$ 75,638.00
Apportionments Received To Date	\$ 9,359.75

Gifts

General Fund

In memory of Doris Norris by
TUMC Hope Class
Jim & Pat Lemons

In memory of Greg Chapman by
Steve & Nancy Sutherland

Notes to Trinity

Dear Trinity Members and Staff,
We want to thank you for your concern for Linda and Me. The cards are so uplifting and provides us with love from our church community. The prayers you have sent to God has made a huge difference. Each time something happens, we can depend on your prayers to get us through it. We pray that each of you have a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with love.

Love in Christ,
Rick & Linda Laughridge

Dear Friends in Mission,
Thank you! The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - Thank you!
Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes, General Secretary



Now HIRING

Part-Time Janitorial Position

**1st shift hours (9am-3:30pm)
Monday-Friday**

**Trinity UMC 1809 Main St.
Anderson, SC 29621
(864) 224-2531**

Apply at Church Office

▶ Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm

Potential Selling of Parsonage

Trustees Information and Q&A Session
January 5 at 4pm in Fellowship Hall

Trinity has explored selling the parsonage and moving to a housing allowance for its clergy. In this session, our Chair of Trustees, Dan Keesler, will present the pros and cons, and potential recommendations. This session will be the same presentation as in December, but allow everyone to ask questions.

After this session, the Trinity Administrative Council will decide if Trinity should move forward or not. This is your opportunity to hear, ask questions, and give input.

Important notes:

- #1 - The Mitchells would not be asked to leave the parsonage.
- #2 - A special called Charge/Church Conference would be required.

Trustee Policies

Trinity Board of Trustees and Administrative Council updated and approved a new wedding policy for members. If you are a member and considering having your wedding here at Trinity, you may pick up a copy of the wedding policy in the church office.

Monthly Mission News

January

The Outreach Ministry Team has decided to keep our Monthly Mission Offerings the same for 2025. This gives us a unique opportunity to try and “out-do” ourselves from last year. Each month as we list the new Monthly Mission Offering, we will set our goal for this year. Let’s see how well we do this year!

The various groups we will be supporting are listed below. Some will be monetary collections and other months we will collect items needed by the mission listed. Thank you for supporting these missions each month.

For the month of January, we are sponsoring a can drive for the Good Neighbor Cupboard. If you would like to contribute, we ask that you bring shelf stable items that are still in date. Collection bins will be located by the entrances to each service. Last year we filled a Ford Escape, this year our goal is to fill an Ford Expedition!

January – Good Neighbor Can Drive

February – Rebuild Upstate

March – Safe Harbor

April – Anderson Soup Kitchen

May – Epworth Children’s Home

June – Mercy Center – Water/Gatorade

July – TUMC Youth and Children Scholarship Funds

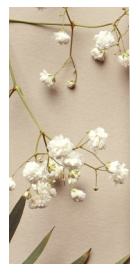
August – Aldersgate Special Needs

September – Epworth Work Day Offering

October – UMCOR

November – Connectional Ministries – College Scholarships

December – Angel Tree to support Clean Start, LOT Project, and Anderson Pregnancy Center



Card
Ministry
Tuesday
January 21
12:45pm
Asbury Hall



Join the
Trinity
UMC
Card
Ministry

The card ministry of Trinity could use a few more volunteers. It only takes an hour of time once a month and all are welcome to become a regular volunteer or to drop in for a one time donation of your time or occasionally to contribute time to this ministry. We currently meet on the third Tuesday of most months at 12:45 pm. Each month cards of care and concern are sent to about 19 homebound members of our church or persons associated with a member of our church. Birthday cards, get well cards, and other special cards are also sent. Please come join us for this important ministry. For more information, contact Vicki Powell at 864-940-9066.



ATTENTION PICKLEBALLERS

We have had such a big interest in the Pickleball at Trinity, we want to keep it going. We play MOST Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. However, sometimes we have to cancel and we need to be able to let you know. Therefore, we are going to start communicating in a new way. If you are interested and want to get the Pickleball news/information, you need to download and use an APP called GroupMe. Just send a text message to Sherryl Laing at 864-934-1251 and she will send you the link to join GroupMe. You can also call or text her if you have any questions. We plan to start playing again on January 11. Get joined up so you don’t miss any pickleball information.



January Edition

What's Happening in a Glance



Hello, friends. Happy New Year! How sweet it is to walk with God and trust in Jesus! This year, our KIDS Ministry (Kids In Divine Service) will be looking at sweet stories of faith and learning how to walk in the way that leads to a deeper relationship with our Creator in all three forms - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each month will focus on a story based on a candy. This month, we will look at Abraham and Sarah. Abraham's descendants numbered the stars... God created a beautiful Milky Way and we are part of that creation. Sarah laughed when she found out that she was pregnant in her 80's. There is no candy to match the laugh she probably let out but the closest one we could find was a Snickers. We will use these candies to tell the story, show a science lesson with "soil samples" and explore the shifting of the tectonic plates physically but also spiritually. What do we do when the ground beneath our feet moves? If God is shifting us to move in another direction, are we strong enough in our faith to hang on and trust Him? Sarah and Abraham waited so long to have the answer of a child together. It was not the time or place in life they probably ever thought that God would bless them with a child, but He did. Abraham and Sarah had a broken place in their lives and they tried to fix it themselves. We have all been there. We try to fix something on our own without the ability, tools or knowledge to fix it. We want an answer and we want it fast! But, God does not ask us to trust each other or even ourselves. He asks us to trust Him. He will not fail us if we can do that - trust Him. Like a Snickers, we have to be a little nutty. Like a Milky Way, we have to be willing to stretch. It is worth the wait when we give God the chance to move in His



timing and not our own. It is also very satisfying to be able to move with God instead of against Him. Those moments when all of the layers fit just right and we get the fullness of God at once, it creates something amazing. Layers of nougat and caramel surrounded by chocolate - a wonder for the taste buds, a beautiful creation in faith. This month, slow down, sit with God and let Him show you how the layers of faith can come together to make your life so much sweeter. He is delighted when we seek Him and spend time with Him. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

As always, if you are interested in lending a hand in any part of our children's ministry, there is a place for you, too; please email childrentumc@gmail.com or call or text me at (864) 518-9322. Blessings and peace - Dawn McLin

Midweek Wednesday Night Meals resume on 1/15: 1st - 5th Graders meet on all Wednesdays that coincide with our Wednesday night meals. They eat supper with their families at 5:30 PM (donation requested to cover cost, as able). Then, at 6:30 PM they head upstairs for lessons and activities until 7:15 PM. They can get picked up from the children's wing classrooms at 7:15 PM or hang out with their friends until 7:30 PM in the gym for dismissal directly to parents' cars at the gym door.

NOTE: The drive beside the gym is a one way drive. Please use caution.

Words to Ponder:

"When the vastness of God meets the restriction of our own humanity, words can't hold it. The best we can do is find the moments that rhyme with this expansive heart of God."

- Greg Boyle

Lessons for January

Sunday School

10:00 AM - 10:55 AM

Abraham and Sarah

Week One - Story

Week Two - Science

Week Three - Craft

Week Four - Snack

JAM Session

3rd - 5th Grade JAMS

Jan. 17th 4:00—5:00 PM

(McDs @ 1651 Greenville St.)

Bring your Bible and \$\$ for a drink or snack.

Key Passage:

"He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

- Genesis 15:5 NIV

The Well Youth Ministry

JANUARY 2025

1/5 5:30-7:30 PM - The Well
1/8 No Midweek Yet
1/12 5:30-7:30 PM - The Well
1/15 5:30-7:30 PM - Midweek Well Resumes
1/19 5:30-7:30 PM - The Well
1/22 5:30-7:30 PM - Midweek Well
1/24-26 Revolution Retreat
1/26 No Well/Retreat Recovery

Revolution 2025

January 24-26, 2025 our youth and several of our counselors are headed down to Columbia, SC, for a youth conference that is sure to make an impact. Every year, this is one of our favorite times of reflection, worship and renewal. We all come back home charged and excited about our faith journey. Please be in prayer for our travels and for God to move in this space for our youth and all who attend or lead there.

Service Opportunities:

Sunday Morning/Wednesday Night KIDS Ministry/Nursery - Youth are welcome to join us in the KIDS' wing from 9:55 - 10:55 AM on Sunday Morning to assist in science, craft, snack or story lessons. We also would love to see youth helping in nursery, children's moments and the Pre-k Wednesday Night group. This could be a once a month, once a quarter or even weekly way to serve. Contact Dawn McLin if you want to plug into any of these opportunities.

Fortson Tutoring - During the school year, Fortson offers tutoring and snacks with our friends on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM. If you are able and would like to plug into serve, even if just once a month, please contact Dawn McLin, Michelle Lynch or Kathryn Bariou.

Our regular weekly youth (The Well) meets on Sunday (and Wednesday nights that coincide with Wednesday Night Suppers) from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. We also have our youth Sunday School from 10:00 am - 10:55 am in our youth room above the gym. If you are a youth or have a youth interested in plugging in, come check us out. We are also actively seeking adults willing to invest in our young people and if you have thought about helping occasionally or regularly with our youth, we have lots of opportunities to serve. Our church and the future of the church depends on our continued efforts to make disciples who make disciples. We have room for you at the table. Come and see what is happening at Trinity with our youth. Disciple making is hard work but important work. We grow as we serve together.

Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser

February 8th (5:00 - 7:00 PM)

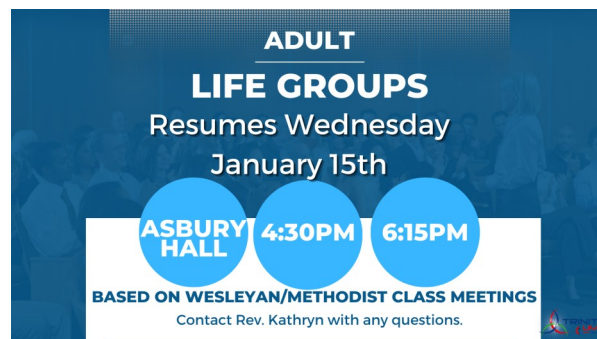
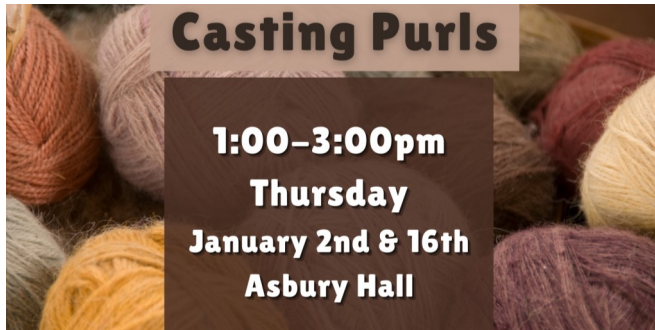
Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert

Youth can assist with set up, decorating and food prep on February 7th from 4-6 pm and serve on February 8th from 3-8 pm. Youth are asked to dress in white and black or a nice outfit as wait staff and casual attire if helping in the kitchen. Lasagna is messy. Tickets are \$25 and youth are encouraged to sell to folks outside of the church, too. It is not a "couples" Valentine Dinner, so if you know anyone who would love a meal with a fun bunch of folks, invite them to come enjoy a great evening out. We are God's Valentines. We will celebrate the love of a heavenly Father this night and share Christ's love at the table.

Spread a Little Love

Thank you to everyone who participated in the fall and Christmas card collections for our homebound members. The cards, kind messages, and prayers are so appreciated by our love persons and their families.

Valentine's Day cards will be delivered to our love persons (homebound) during the week of February 9. The love person list will be available in mid-January at the church office or at the family card box. Homemade or the small classroom Valentine's are fine. This is a great mission for our children to share in. Seal your cards with a prayer and deliver them to the church office or the basket at the family mailbox no later than **noon on February 9**. Thank you!



Stephen Ministry News



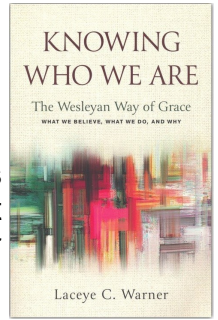
Has your life journey become too hard? Leaving you feeling broken? Did you know a Stephen Minister can help you move from feeling broken and closer to feeling whole again?

The **Stephen Ministry logo** is a cross, circle, broken person, and whole person that represents a care receiver's journey from brokenness to wholeness through Jesus's cross. The broken person behind the cross symbolizes the brokenness in people's lives. The whole person in front of the cross represents how people are made whole by following Jesus. The circle symbolizes the wholeness people receive through Christ and God's love for them. The logo illustrates the Stephen Ministry's motto, "Christ caring for people through people".

Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one emotional and spiritual care to people in need, including listening, empathizing, encouraging, and helping them process their feelings. A Stephen Minister can assist in making a difference in your life.

Please contact, Rev. Kathryn Bariou, Trinity's staff Stephen Leader, at Kmbariou@umcsc.org or Rev. Roy Mitchell at rmitchell@umcsc.org. They can assist you in connecting with a Stephen Minister.

Winter Study
“Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace”



Beginning January 5 at 3pm in Asbury Hall we will start our winter study using Lacey Warner’s book, “Knowing Who We Are.” This 6 session study will help us dive into who we are as United Methodists. We will discuss grace and the different types of grace we receive, John Wesley’s understanding of small groups and our own life groups, the mission and connectionalism of the UMC as well as how we as Methodists interpret Scripture.

This study is for everyone. It will be a great introduction for new Methodists and a wonderful review for life-long Methodists and everyone in between. If you are considering joining Trinity UMC, this study is highly recommended.

To sign up and request a book be ordered for you, please contact Rev. Kat at kmbariou@umcsc.org.

2025
Council and Leadership
Setup Meeting

Wednesday, January 8
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

All persons who are on committees or program ministry teams at Trinity UMC are invited.

We will set meeting dates, get to know one another, have some training time, and discuss the consensus model.

Trinity UMC
Bible and Theology
Study
Spring2025

The Third Day: Living the Resurrection


(6 weeks) - March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
and April 6

****Sundays at 3pm in Asbury Hall**

TRINITY UMC WOMEN'S RETREAT

March 21-23, 2025
Camp Tekoa Retreat Center
Hendersonville, NC

Being a Biblical Woman
It's not just Proverbs 31



THREE DAYS / TWO NIGHTS

A time for study and fellowship, diving into what being a Biblical Woman
can really look like
Deposit of \$50 due by January 15

KATHRYN BARIOU 864-224-2531
KMBariou@UMCSC.ORG

Trinity Transformation Tales

The idea of “Trinity Transformation Tales” was recently floated by Rev Roy – our fun-loving, heartfelt pastor. Immediately, I had a flood of 24 years of Trinity memories. I was excited to share my Transformation Tales, but quickly realized there wasn’t any one event that defines my transformation walk all these years. So, bear with me as I recap my time at Trinity, starting at the beginning.

Visiting Trinity in early 2000 came at a time in my life when I didn’t even know how much I needed Spirit-driven inspiration. After my first visit to a Trinity service, later that day, James Morrison came knocking on my door to thank me for being a visitor. His heartfelt invitation to ‘come again, we’d love to have ya’ was met with my exhale of ‘wow, I needed that’. I won’t get into all the details that left me in a place of truly needing a church home, but James’ visit was simple, yet transformational.

Skip ahead the next couple of years, Mike and I met through mutual friends who attended Trinity. Through their wedding activities, I grew stronger in my connection with Trinity and found that this ‘really great guy’ was intentional about attending church with me. And through that attendance, it nurtured a spiritual walk in my life that was so needed and I found a spiritual partner in life to share my journey with. Transformational.

As Mike and I embarked on an intentional God-focused walk together, Trinity’s open arms and loving vibe has always been there. After getting married and starting our family, we got more engaged in Trinity services and activities. I’m getting flashbacks of Mary Beth Langley lovingly including our girls in children’s choir, many ‘children’s moments’ during services, the years of ‘Best Christmas Pageant Ever’, Journey to the Resurrection (transformational!!), PUMPKINS, talent shows with sheer silliness and ‘some’ talent, hallway chatter and greetings between services and Sunday school hours – all fellowship and inclusion that made our family feel like we were ‘home’ and growing our walk with God through having a template of sorts to show our kids ‘this is what a church family’ looks like. For us, as parents trying to provide spirit-filled activities for our family, we had found Trinity’s offerings to be consistent and intentional – and Transformational.

Skip ahead a bit to late 2014 when I had a serious cancer diagnosis. The Open Door classroom, led by Carolyn Falanga (miss her and Bob so much!), showed us what a prayer family looks like. We were covered with encouragement, prayer, cards, and meals by our church family. I have a memory of William McCoy greeting me by the nursery, telling me how good-looking my scarf was covering my bald head...he made me feel good about my appearance when I was literally having to draw in my eyebrows. The healing effect of the love poured into my young family (girls were 8 and 4) during this time was truly healing. And Transformational.

Now, I must admit that the pandemic time frame messed with a lot of us. In spite of the many touch-stone connections I felt toward my church family, I am sorry to admit I got lazy in my intentional faith walk. I relied more on my own spiritual resources (mistake, since as a sinner we are all so limited), and began to wonder if my walk with God (at Trinity) was ‘what it should be’. I looked outside of my own actions that caused these shortcomings in my focus at church. And while we continued to tithe, I was letting a change in routine affect my commitment to my church family. I am so thankful for our Life Group (thank you Chris & Michelle Lynch for leading this), which formed in 2017. Our weekly discussions reminded me to examine my own effort in ‘how I feel about Trinity’ and I began to revitalize my commitment and conclude that this was still the sweetest congregation of people. So much has changed at Trinity since the pandemic...but seeing new faces coming into our church family and renewing my own commitment to ‘what I get out of it is what I put into it’ has truly been a God-sent initiative. God gives us great tools and resources – what am “I” doing with them? This change in thinking, with the support of our Life Group and an amazing Walk to Emaus experience - Transformational.

I don’t believe that Transformation is something that is defined as ‘remember that day when...’ and it stops there. So many encouraging things are happening at Trinity. We truly serve our community together. Through the support of my church family, I am convinced that the moments and opportunities that lie on the horizon will nurture our Faith Walk together. I am thankful to share a spirit-filled walk with genuinely good people and look forward to continuous Transformation yet to come.

- Sheryl Ross

Wednesday Night Dinner Resumes January 15

- To sign up call the church office at 864-224-2531 or watch for the link in Trending @ Trinity
- If you wish to be on a standing list, contact Dava House at 803-917-0599.
- Our guide for payment to cover our costs is: \$7 for adults, \$5 for ages 8-17, and \$3 for children age 8 & under. (family of 4 - \$20; family of 5 - \$25)
- Place cash or check in basket on dining tables or pay online through our website at www.trinityanderson.org.

Menus for January will be shared each Monday through Trending @ Trinity.

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) **Costa Rica Team**

Departing January 18, 2025 - Returning January 26, 2025
Santa Rosa de Pocosol, Costa Rica

Jenna Bariou - Trinity UMC
Rev. Kathryn Bariou - Trinity UMC
Steve Bowen - Trinity UMC
Ted Butler - Florida
Linda Connors - Canada
Mark Gaillard - Trinity UMC
John Gunther - Slater UMC
Mary Gunther - Slater UMC
Cynthia Keesler - Trinity UMC
Dan Keesler - Trinity UMC
Rev. Wesley Manly - Slater UMC
Ken Ramsey - Trinity UMC
Garrett Ray - Foothills Church
John Sarratt - Trinity UMC
Johnette Sherwood - Trinity UMC
Tom Sherwood - Trinity UMC

These 16 individuals will be traveling to Costa Rica in short-term mission service. We covet your prayers for each of them, and the people of Santa Rosa de Pocosol where they will be working and building relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ in Costa Rica. They will be engaging in construction projects, VBS for the kids, and crafts and Bible study with the women. There are four Methodist churches in the area served by Pastora Mireya Muñoz Varela in Santa Rosa de Pocosol.

Let us pray that everything goes smoothly, no one gets hurt or sick while there, good work is accomplished, relationships are built, Christ is shared by them and with them, and transformation of lives occurs for both those going and those receiving.

A commissioning to short-term Christian service will take place at the **9am worship on Sunday, January 12**, and corporate prayers for this team will occur at both 11am services on the same day.

