



# Trinity Times

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1809 North Main Street

Anderson, South Carolina

## Ramblings from Rev. Roy

**Luke 2: 7 CEB**

**7 She [Mary] gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because *there was no place for them in the guestroom.***

As we enter Advent and await the coming of Baby Jesus, I have been thinking about hospitality and guest experiences. The inn in Bethlehem was booked up, every room taken.

Although scripture doesn't exactly tell us whether the inn keeper went out of their way to accommodate the holy family in the stables (as I like to think), or perhaps Joseph and Mary discovered it and took it over on their own. Regardless, it is pretty safe to say that the inn was not expecting them that night. They did not have reservations.

We have probably all gone to a restaurant or a hotel without reservations to find that they were booked before we arrived. Likewise, perhaps we have gone someplace and there were not many cars in the parking lot, and everything was quiet. We wonder why, and it always feels kinda weird. Both experiences as a guest are not ideal.

For guest experiences, churches are no exceptions. Church guests want to see cars in the parking lot, but also expect to find a spot for themselves. They expect signs and other people to assist them in where to go. Many people today expect to be able to get some coffee and possibly a snack before finding a seat. And they expect a seat will be available but there will also be other people around; they are not sitting "all by themselves." Guests expect nice clean restrooms that are clearly marked and easy to find. They expect a warm greeting from each person they encounter, and a general feeling that people expected them, prepared for them, and are happy to see them.

This Advent season, not only are we anticipating the birth of Baby Jesus once again in our hearts and manger scenes, but we are expecting other guests as well. Church guests generally just show up without reservations. Perhaps they stumbled upon the building, but more often than not, they have already been to the website or perhaps have received an invitation.

All guests come with expectations and hopes of being accepted and fitting in, of finding community and faith, and experiencing meaningful worship and fellowship.

The fact is .....every single Sunday, we should be expecting guests. We should be inviting guests, and be prepared to welcome them warmly.

So what is one change we could make that would let guests know we anticipated them? How could we welcome our guests to Trinity UMC better?

Let's make a couple of rules:

#1 - The 10-ft. Rule: take responsibility for greeting anyone and everyone within 10 feet of you, especially if they are alone.

#2 - The 3-Minute Rule: spend three minutes talking with someone you don't know very well

Send me other suggestions for ways to treat our guests with hospitality. And let us all prepare our hearts to receive Christ this Christmas.....and to receive each and every guest with the love of Christ all year long.

Grace, peace, and hospitality,

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### Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:30 am—2:30 pm

Friday—Closed

## **WORSHIP AT TRINITY UMC - 2025**

### **"All Earth is Waiting"**

Advent is the beginning of a new year of waiting, but it is an active and watchful waiting. It is tapping into the world's longing for redemption, salvation, and transformation. We look back to the story of the Incarnation and we look forward to the coming of the kingdom of heaven, when the will of God will be done on earth as in heaven. All of earth is waiting for this fulfillment. In worship, we can see the signs of the nearness of Emmanuel, God with us. (UMC Discipleship Resources)

**November 30 - "Signs and Times"** - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Isaiah 2: 1-5 and Matthew 24: 36-44

**December 3 - Family Advent Night @ 5:30-7:30 in Fellowship Hall**

**December 7 - "Signs and Stories"** - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Isaiah 11: 1-10 and Matthew 3: 1-12

**December 7 - Outdoor Tree Lighting @ 5pm**

**December 12-14 - Live Nativity - 5:30-7:30pm**

**December 14 - "Signs and Truths"** - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Isaiah 35: 1-10 and Matthew 11: 2-11

**December 17 - Blue Christmas @ 6pm**

**December 21 - "Signs and Faithfulness"** - Rev. Kathryn Bariou

Scriptures: Isaiah 7: 10-16 and Matthew 1: 18-25

**December 24 - "Signs and Glory"** - Rev. Roy Mitchell

Scriptures: Isaiah 9: 2-7 and Luke 2: 1-20

4pm - Traditions in sanctuary

6pm - Oasis in fellowship hall

**December 28 - "Signs and Powers"** - Anne Tavenner

Scriptures: Isaiah 63: 7-9 and Matthew 2: 13-23

ONE SERVICE @11AM ONLY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



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**The Oasis Service @ 9:00am 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.

**Both services are live streamed so you can join us online from anywhere ...when you can't be here!**



### **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**

## Red Shoe Reflections with Rev. Kathryn

As we put up the nativity yesterday, I looked carefully at the figures. Honestly, it made me laugh. I love nativities, I have much of my grandmother's collection and they bring beauty and happy memories to our home each Christmas. Yet, I have to wonder what we are thinking sometimes when we create them. In one set, they were all dressed beautifully, with gold accents on their clothes, not just the Three Kings but the Holy Family too. Serene looks on everyone's face. Then I have others where everyone is standing completely still, looking like little soldiers. Then there is the one where they are all vegetables; that one came from our Veggie Tales days and obviously not realistic at all.



I know we like to portray this time as a beautiful one, but most people would not want a realistic one. It wouldn't be shiny, or have gold accents. I feel Mary and Joseph would look very tired and the kings would still be a long way away. Not to mention the chaos of the arrival of a new baby, none of this a scene we want on our mantel.

But later, maybe after a bit of a nap, I can picture Mary and Joseph looking at newborn Jesus with that sense of awe that new parents have. Maybe for just a bit, they enjoy being a new family before opening themselves up as the family of the promised Messiah. Those moments where mother and father look at their new son with all the love they have in their hearts.

That's the scene we try to capture at Christmas with our nativities. The fact that love has arrived. Not just in the love the new parents have for their child, but the love that came into the world so that we would know the love God has for us.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16 NIV

*Kathryn*

### Online Giving

You may give online at [www.trinityanderson.org/giving-2/](http://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](mailto: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/](http://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



### Sympathy

The Trinity Congregation expresses Christian love and sympathy to  
Rev. Chris Arries upon the death of his mother

## **Trinity Financial Update**

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

| <u>General Fund (Budget)</u>          | <u>October</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Beginning Balance                     | \$ 14.92       |
| Income                                | \$ 43,285.06   |
| Transfers                             | \$ 10,171.49   |
| Expenses                              |                |
| Personnel                             | \$ 38,930.77   |
| Administration, Building, Maintenance | \$ 12,697.37   |
| Programs/Ministries                   | \$ 1,840.93    |
| Ending Balance                        | \$ 2.40        |
| Monthly Mission - October             | \$ 865.00      |
| 2025 Apportionments Due               | \$ 69,589.00   |
| Apportionments Received to Date       | \$ 7,746.00    |

## **Notes to Trinity**

Epworth's Foster Care program is just one way our organization fulfills our mission to serve children, youth, and families through caring, safe, Christian communities, where hurts are healed, hope is nurtured, and faith in God, self, and others is developed. The program makes an enormous difference. Your gift is already making an impact by helping us provide Epworth foster parents with needed training, supplies and equipment. Thank you! We are grateful for your support.

Beth Williams, President and CEO

On behalf of Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry, thank you for your generous contribution. Your gift will be used to advance the work of Aldersgate as we serve adults with special needs.

## **IT'S PICKLEBALL TIME**

Pickleball continues in the Trinity gym on Saturday mornings (as scheduling allows) from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

To sign up and to receive notices, please contact Sherryl Laing (934-1251) or Ken Ramsey (376-6324).



## **Monthly Mission News - December**

This month we are sponsoring an Angel Tree for three local missions, The Lot Project, Clean Start and Anderson Pregnancy Care. The tree will be located outside the nursery. Take an angel off the tree and return the item to the box labeled with the mission it will support.

**Items needed are listed below:**

### **The Lot Project:**

blankets & sleeping bags, feminine products, travel-sized toiletries

### **Clean Start of Anderson:**

laundry detergent, shampoo, body wash

### **Anderson Pregnancy Care:**

diapers, wipes, formula



## **Fight Childhood Hunger Backpack Snackpack**

United Way's Backpack Snackpack program provides food to about 800 elementary school students in Anderson County who do not have adequate food over weekends when school meal programs are not available. Trinity members will pack food for the students on **Thursday, December 11, from 9 to 11** at the Second Harvest Warehouse (311 Alliance Parkway, off Hwy. 81N). Come enjoy the fellowship while serving Jesus' children. Contact Kathy Casedonte at 864-958-8356 with questions.

## **Christmas Cards for Our Love Persons**

Thank you for all the Thanksgiving cards sent to Trinity's love persons (homebound). Each card brought a smile to someone's face. Now we have the opportunity to help brighten our love persons' Christmas season. The visitation team will be delivering packages of cards to our love persons during the week of December 14. You can be a blessing by sending cards to some or all of our love persons to let them know they are part of God's family.

The love person list is available at the card box near the preschool hallway and in the church office. Please seal your cards with a prayer and deliver them to either the card box or the basket in the workroom by December 14. Thank you for sharing God's love with this precious part of our church family.



## Disciple Fast Track 1

### **Congratulations, Disciple 1 Students!**



This month they will reach a wonderful milestone in their journey through *Disciple 1: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*! Completing the Old Testament portion is no small accomplishment—they've explored the stories of creation and covenant, journeyed with the people of Israel through wilderness and exile, and discovered God's steadfast faithfulness across generations.

**Great job Kathy and Mike Casedonte, Vernon DeHerrera, Fred and Randy Dill, Dana Foushee, Janet Greene, Renee Lafy, Pat and Jim Lemons, Marie Loftis, Maxine Ramsey, Johnette and Tom Sherwood, Fran and Wilson Sofley, Anne Tavenner, and Marcia Whaley.**

As we turn now toward the New Testament, may the insights, discipline, and faith you've developed continue to deepen your understanding and draw you closer to God's living Word. Well done for your dedication, your curiosity, and your commitment to growing as disciples together!

So proud to be on this journey with you! Linda and Jim

## 2026 Confirmation

If you have or know a youth interested in attending Confirmation Classes in 2026, we will be offering classes in Asbury Hall on the following Sundays from 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM:

Session #1 - Sunday, February 8  
Session #2 - Sunday, February 15  
Session #3 - Sunday, February 22  
Session #4 - Sunday, March 1  
Session #5 - Sunday, March 8  
Journey (Service Opportunity) - March 22  
Session #6 - Sunday, March 29

A confirmation retreat is planned for March 13-15, 2026 at the Hinton Center in Hayesville, North Carolina. Cost of the retreat is \$200 per youth with the youth funds covering counselors and a small break for our active youth members; however, if cost would prevent any youth from attending, funds are available upon request to reduce the cost.

Participating youth who make the decision to be confirmed will be confirmed on April 5, 2026 (Easter Sunday). Please contact the church office, Reverend Roy, Reverend Kathryn, or Dawn McLin if your youth would like to attend the classes and retreat or if you need any additional information.



## United Methodist Church Vision Statement

The United Methodist Church unveiled a new vision statement that reflects the Church's deep commitment to embodying God's dream for the world.

The vision states:

**The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.**

This vision statement complements the Church's longstanding mission statement, inspired by Matthew 28:1-20: **"The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."**



# TRINITY K.I.D.S.

KIDS IN DIVINE SERVICE



## December Edition

### What's Happening in a Glance



Hello, friends. This month, our KIDS ministry will be looking at the story of the wisemen. Ever wonder why MAGI felt SO led to look for a CHILD that they packed stuff for a long journey, chose gifts to give Him upon arrival and left their homes behind to seek this tiny Prince of Peace? We have talked about the odd gifts that the wisemen brought to Jesus in past lessons. We have talked about God's timing, to place a star in the heavens in the exact moment for that light to reach our eyes here on Earth the moment Jesus was born. We have talked about the name of the "WISE" men who were not fooled by Herod when he told them to come back and tell him where the baby was so he could "go worship him, too." We have talked about the journey to find Jesus—the stars that guided the wisemen and how we need those tiny lights of hope to guide us in our faith walk, too. We have talked about how wise men still seek Jesus and we don't need a caravan or camels to get to Him. So what can we possibly find unique this year in our story? Oh, but God always has something new to focus on in every story. What did the wisemen leave that was more important than finding Jesus? These were wealthy men. They were well-off, had influence, power and respect. They were "somebodies"... and yet, they each responded to the call to go find the Christ child. Christmas presents and family visits can be such fun at Christmas. We can get lost in the twinkling lights, wrapping paper and tons of food. But, are we taking time to stop and seek the child in the story? Do we think about Jesus as we load the dishwasher for the fifteenth time or carry out the tenth bag of trash from boxes and bags torn open in excitement? What weird gift is God saying—take this to my Son? Bring this with you to honor Him when you see Him. What we see as a crazy thing, something that does not make sense to give a King, let alone a baby, God says—bring it with you. Let me show you what I can do with just what you can carry with you on your journey to seek a Savior. Carry it into 2026 and see what God can do with it. Merry Christmas and Feliz Navidad.



### Words to Ponder:

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away."

- David Viscott

### Lessons for December

#### Sunday School

10:00 AM - 10:55 AM

Starbursts/The Wisemen

Matthew 2:1-12

**Week One** - Story

**Week Two** - Science

**Week Three** - Craft

**Week Four** - Snack

### \*JAM Session\*

3rd - 5th Grade JAMS

Dec. 19th 4:00—5:00 PM

(McDs @ 1651 Greenville St.)

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

### Key Passage:

"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

Matthew 2:11

### Save the Dates

**Advent Night: Wed., Dec. 3rd**  
**5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Outdoor Tree Lighting:**  
**Sun., Dec. 7th @ 5:00 PM**

**Dec. 12-14 Live Nativity**  
**(Fri-Sun) 5:30 - 7:30 PM**  
**Want to dress up and help?**  
**Contact Dawn McLin!!**

**Dec. 17 Blue Christmas 6:00 PM**

**Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services**  
**4:00 Traditions/6:00 Oasis**



**Midweek Wednesday Night Meal and Bible study paused until 2026. Enjoy a midweek break before we pick back up. We have tons of fun coming in 2026. Watch for details and extra holiday opportunities to plug into the community of faith.**

# The Well Youth Ministry

## DECEMBER 2025

12/3 5:30-7:30 PM - Advent Night  
 12/6 9:00 AM - Set Up Live Nativity  
 12/7 5:00 PM Tree Lighting  
 5:30-7:30 PM - The Well (Cookie Baking and Laughing)  
 12/12-14 5:30-7:30 PM - Live Nativity  
 12/17 6:00 PM - Blue Christmas  
 12/21 - NO WELL  
 12/24 Christmas Eve Services 4:00 Traditions/6:00 Oasis  
 12/25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
 12/28 - NO WELL

### Save the Dates:

**Dec. 3rd Advent Night**  
 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
**Dec. 6th 9 AM Live Nativity Set Up**  
**Dec. 7th Outdoor Tree Lighting**  
 5:00 PM  
**Dec. 12-14 Live Nativity**  
 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
**Dec. 17 Blue Christmas**  
 6:00 PM  
**Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services**  
 4:00 Traditions/6:00 Oasis  
**Winter Retreat: Revolution**  
 January 30 - February 1, 2025

**Midweek Wednesday Night Meal and Bible study paused until 2026.**

Enjoy a midweek break before we pick back up. We have tons of fun coming in 2026.  
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At Trinity UMC

## ADVENT NIGHT

### BUTTON THEMED FUN FOR EVERYONE

Come join us for a fun, hands-on Advent Night where you'll learn to craft something unique and totally handmade by you! We will eat fun foods and share some laughs.

Preparing Our Hearts for the Christmas Season  
**3RD OF DECEMBER 2025**  
 Starts at 5:30 PM | In the Fellowship Hall

Button Crafts and Laughs

Button Ornament Making

Button Food and Fellowship

How are buttons and our faith alike?  
 Come find out at our Advent night.

## Tree Lighting

Sunday,  
 December 7th  
 5pm

Carols & Scripture

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS**  
**THE LIVE NATIVITY**  
**DECEMBER 12-14, 2025 5:30-7:30 PM**

## JOY to the WORLD

May the divine peace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your heart and home with serenity and love this Christmas season. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may His light guide you, His love envelop you, and His joy uplift your spirit.



## You are Invited to Celebrate Trinity United Methodist Church's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Why:

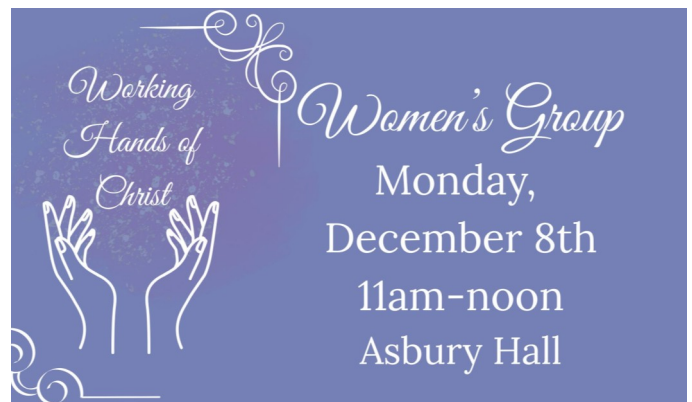
- To remember and honor those witnesses who have finished their journey in sharing God's love and compassion
- To celebrate and honor the witnesses working to spread God's love within and outside our church community
- To Live, Learn, and Love to continue to witness and share God's love continuously

### Where:

*Festivities will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church*

### When:

- Look for coming information in the *Trinity Times* newsletter.
- Look for coming information in *Trending @ Trinity*.
- Look for coming information in Email messaging.
- Last, but not least, look for coming information in the Sunday morning slides.



## Campus/Business Report for December 2025

We began January 2025 with icy weather and colder than normal conditions in our area. The church parsonage received new water and sewer lines due to extreme aging and leak issues; new fencing, gutters and roofing related to damages from Hurricane Helene in 2024 along with tree removal and cleanup.

The Board of Trustees presented a detailed request to sell the parsonage after our current pastor has completed his appointment at Trinity. The process followed the guidelines of the UMC and was approved by SPRC, Ad Council, a vote by church members and leadership from the Anderson District UMC Superintendent. Trinity UMC - Anderson chose by vote to provide our future lead pastor a housing allowance determined by SPRC guidelines.

We held an early Church Work Day in March to address overgrown tree limbs and shrubbery concerns around our campus. Another one was held in September to spread mulch as needed. #TRINITYSTRONG Springfest event provided a fun day with Kid Games, BBQ plate sale, Bake sale, 5K& Fun Run along with a Silent Auction. Loftis Heating & Air donated a new HVAC unit to replace the old system in the church kitchen.

We experienced several months of Sexton – custodian changeover with various personnel before bringing back stability with Jerry Norris to our church staff.

Our Fire Alarm and Elevator system has received inspections and maintenance as required.

We installed a new HVAC unit at our Trinity House building that had broken, this unit was on our list of equipment to upgrade during 2024 – 2028 time frame.

The Boiler that supplies our sanctuary, choir room and education building failed to start due to control and circuit board issues. Slower than normal shipping problems delayed delivering the needed parts during our first cold spell of this fall. The system has been repaired, tested and currently running normal.

Our new LED Yard Sign has been ordered with a plan of having it installed and running before Christmas. Again, this purchase was made possible by a generous donation.

I am honored to serve Trinity UMC as Business & Facilities Manager and I look forward to working with our Staff, Board of Trustees, various church committees and especially our congregation in 2026. “Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.”

Merry Christmas,  
David Ford

## The Discipleship Path

Did you forget about our Discipleship Path, because I didn't. If you did, this is your reminder that we are all on this path, regardless of our age, place in life or how long we have been on the path. Below you will find three logos, reminding you of the three parts of the Discipleship path, Loving God and All People, Learning God's Will and Ways, and Living for Christ in the World. You will also see these logos throughout the newsletter alerting you to what Trinity is doing and how it fits into our Discipleship Path.



As always, if you have questions, I would love to help answer them. Rev. Kathryn



## What Does the Trinity Stephen Ministry Team Do?



Stephen Ministers are trained lay *caregivers* within our congregation who can provide one-to-one, confidential Christian support to people experiencing difficult times in their lives. We offer listening ears, a compassionate presence, and spiritual support through active listening, prayer, and encouragement. We provide care for people dealing with grief, job loss, illness, divorce, and other life-changing crises. *Stephen Ministers are not counselors or problem-solvers* but rather *caregivers* trained to walk alongside individuals providing Christ-centered care.

If you need a Stephen Minister, please contact, Reverend Kathryn Bariou, Trinity's staff Stephen Leader, at [kmbariou@umcsc.org](mailto:kmbariou@umcsc.org) or Reverend Roy Mitchell at [rmitchell@umcsc.org](mailto:rmitchell@umcsc.org). They will assist you with the next steps of connecting with a Stephen Minister.

## 2025 Special Advent Events at Trinity UMC

**Advent Study—The Gospel of Promised Blessings by Matthew Skinner  
(6 weeks) - November 9, 16, 23 and December 7, 14, 21**

|                |              |                                           |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------|
| December 3     | 5:30-7:30 pm | Family Advent Night                       |
| December 7     | 5:00 pm      | Outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting           |
| December 14    | 9 & 11 am    | Sweater Sunday                            |
| December 12-14 | 5:30-7:30 pm | Live Nativity, North Lawn                 |
| December 17    | 6:00 pm      | Blue Christmas, Sanctuary                 |
| December 24    | 4:00 pm      | Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary          |
| December 24    | 6:00 pm      | Christmas Eve service,<br>Fellowship Hall |
| December 28    | 11:00 am     | One Worship Service,<br>Fellowship Hall   |



### **Porch Sessions 2.0 ...or something like that!**

When I was first appointed to Trinity in 2020, the world was experiencing the Covid pandemic. We held “porch sessions” outside in small groups for me to meet people and hear from you about this church.

The world and the church has changed since 2020, and I believe it is time to dream new dreams and to see new visions for Trinity. Long ago, the prophet Joel (2:28) spoke about a time in which God’s Spirit would be poured out on all people. The apostle Peter recognized that time at Pentecost .....

**Acts 2: 17** - *In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams.*

No doubt, God’s Spirit continues to be poured out upon us and among us. The question I have is where is that Spirit leading us “in such a time as this” (Esther 4:14).

Beginning in the new year (2026), I would like to have “dreaming sessions.” I will be looking for hosts to organize a group of 8-12 folks. We could meet on your porch or in your home, at the church, in a coffeeshop, etc. This is NOT coming up with a new vision or deciding the roadmap to get to where we want to be - it is dreaming. It is dreaming about where the church could be in 10 years, in 20 years.

Oftentimes we get busy with life and church life, and doing all the stuff, and we don’t take the time to dream. But God’s Spirit has been poured out upon us, and we will see visions and dream dreams.

What are your wildest and best dreams for Trinity? Be dreaming, and keep a watch for sign-ups to come via email if you might be willing to host a “dreaming session.”

Dream on Trinity, dream on.

Peace and dreams,  
Roy



## 2026 Budget \$726,458.22 Where are my financial gifts going?

Thank you for your



Your giving is making a difference!



### Worship & Spiritual Life

24.9%

(\$ 180,715.23)

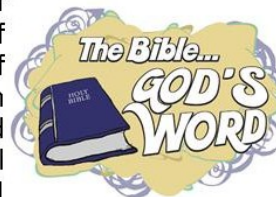
Every aspect of worship—both traditional and contemporary—and pastoral care is included

here. This portion of the budget supports the ministries of our senior pastor, music directors, and musicians. Worship and communion supplies are also included in this area.

### Faith Formation Ministries

20.2% (\$ 146,544.21)

Education is a vital part of growing in Christ. Our staff does an incredible job of organizing faith formation ministries for adults, youth, and children, providing wonderful opportunities for growth for all ages. Included in this section is funding for materials and equipment for all Sunday school classes, confirmation classes, Bible studies, family events, and Vacation Bible school. Support for our Minister of Outreach and Discipleship, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries, Youth & Children's Assistant, and Nursery Workers are included in this area.



### Missions—Inreach & Outreach

9.4% (\$ 68,392.00)



The mission of Trinity UMC is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by LOVING God and all people, by LEARNING God's will and ways, and by LIVING for Christ in the world." We provide financial support to missions and ministries within (Inreach) and outside (Outreach) our church family. Our annual apportionments support Global Church Ministries and Annual conference Ministries. We also support other ministries and missions that are close

to the heart of our church family.

### Facilities

30.4% (\$ 220,763.64)

Maintaining and enjoying our beautiful church and its campus includes expenses for our building debt payment, costs for maintaining the church campus and parsonage. This section includes insurance and utilities, in addition to bus maintenance. Replacement of worn out and outdated equipment is a priority so we can continue to transform lives for Jesus Christ through Trinity UMC. Support for our facilities manager and sexton are included in this section.



### Administration & Ministry Support

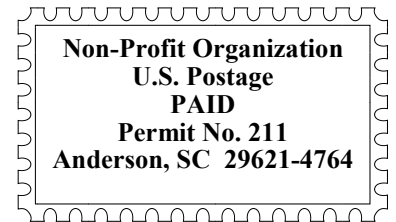
15.1% (\$ 110,043.14)

These ministry items in the budget keep everything else running smoothly. Included in this section of the budget are our website and online giving support and fees, stewardship, finance, and payroll expenses. Support for our administrative assistant/financial secretary and communications/media coordinator are included here.





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