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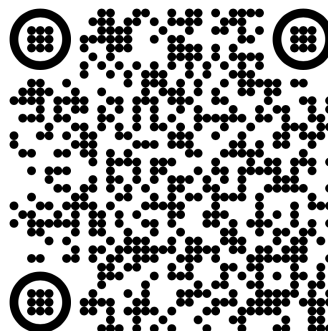
Newsletter Article & Photo Submission Information

Please submit any articles and photos to Tyler
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For more information about any of our ministries, please visit
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Give to Trinity

To give online, visit www.triumc.org/giving or scan the QR code below. Thank you for your generous gift. Your support makes a meaningful difference in our ministry and helps us continue sharing hope, serving others, and growing together in faith. We are truly grateful for you. If you need assistance setting up your online giving account, please don't hesitate to call Tyler or Lori, or stop by the church office Monday through Thursday, 8am through 3pm.



Missions Updates

Blood Drive Success!

We have some wonderful news to share! The American Red Cross recently evaluated our blood drives from the past several years, using a rating scale of 1–10 (with 10 being the highest). We're thrilled to report that Trinity's blood drives received an outstanding 10.2 rating!

Thank you to everyone who has donated. Your generosity has helped save and change hundreds of lives.

Our next blood drive will be Monday, August 24, from 12:00–5:45 p.m. To schedule your donation, call or text Morea at 785-493-1312.

Water Donations

The Missions Committee has voted to donate \$1,000 to assist our neighbors affected by Salina's unclean water issues.

* \$500 will be used to purchase bottled water for those in need.

* \$500 will be donated to support free laundry services.

Salina Shares is partnering with The Missing Sock laundromat, which is matching every dollar donated with free laundry services. Salina Shares is also providing laundry detergent at no cost, helping families through this challenging time.

Feed My Starving Children Returns

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is returning to Salina! This year's event will be hosted by First United Methodist Church on October 23–25.

Many of you may remember that Trinity hosted this impactful event in 2019. Our Missions Committee is excited to partner in this year's event and looks forward to involving members of our congregation.

Watch for more details and volunteer opportunities coming soon!

Thank You for Supporting Project Salina!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Project Salina this year. Because of your incredible generosity, we collected \$1,303 to help provide food for our Salina neighbors.

Your gifts are making a meaningful difference in our community.

Thank you for sharing Christ's love through your generosity!



The IHOP Bible Study crew celebrating David Higbee's (left) and Laura Widen's (right) birthdays!

Finance Updates & Capital Campaign Update

We have six months left of our 3-year Capital Campaign to pay off the remaining \$1,216,597 million debt on our Family Life Center and this is where we stand:

Total Amount Pledged as of June 30, 2026:	\$1,048,140
Total Payments made during the 2nd quarter of 2026:	\$69,146
Horizons Stewardship Fee paid from pledge pre-payments:	\$46,042 (paid in full)
Interest paid since January 1, 2024:	\$102,850
Remaining Debt on the Family Life Center on June 30, 2026:	\$517,962
Required monthly loan payment to First Bank Kansas:	\$5,283 (66% interest & 34% principal)
Fixed interest rate on our loan for the next 3 years:	6.26%

Thanks to all of you for your faithful stewardship!

Since becoming the Finance Committee Chairman, I have learned about expenses that weren't on my radar before. Did you know...

...fire suppression systems must be tested on an semi-annual basis to meet safety standards for pre-school and childcare services? The inspections cost approximately \$2,625.

...there is a band of volunteers who work in the office so staff can work efficiently within a minimal amount of time and interruption?

... the interns have been paid through a grant from Moody Foundation? A new grant has been submitted starting January 2027 and supplementary funds are being sought for the fall semester.

- Henry Bruns

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FINANCE UPDATE

through 6/30/2026

	Jan - June 26	Jan - Dec 2026	Jan - Dec 2025	Jan - Dec 2025	Over/Under
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>
General Fund Giving	312,980.32	605,640.00	608,326.81	\$ 632,476.79	(24,149.98)
Operating Expenses	315,430.32	599,799.72	677,224.99	\$ 632,190.76	45,034.23
Net Operating Revenue	(2,450.00)	5,840.28	(68,898.18)	\$ 286.03	(69,184.21)
Building Fund Giving	167,497.50	250,000.00	191,315.40	\$ 250,000.00	(58,684.60)
Building Fund Loan Payments(Prin & Interest)	167,497.50	250,000.00	191,315.40	\$ 250,000.00	(58,684.60)
Net Building Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-

We continue to recover from the storms and await decisions from the insurance company. We hope to start the reconstruction soon. Giving statements will be sent by the end of July. If you have any questions about your pledge or the church's finances, please reach out to me via text or email or at the church. My standard day at the office is changing to Mondays starting 8/10/26.



Lori Blake, Treasurer
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Christian Education Updates

Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS 2026

More than 115 children joined us this summer for Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God! Throughout the week, we discovered that our strength doesn't come from ourselves, it comes from God. Our theme verse, Philippians 4:13, guided everything we did: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Each day, children explored a new Lift Lesson that showed how God's strength can be lived out in everyday life: I Can Share My Gifts, I Can Be Brave, I Can Give My All, I Can Pray, I Can hope. Through Bible stories, music, art, science, recreation, and our VBS pals Ollie and AD, children learned that God gives each of us the strength to serve others, face challenges with courage, do our best, pray with confidence, and hold on to hope.

Putting our faith into action was an important part of our week. Thanks to the generosity of our VBS families, we raised \$500 for The Arc of Saline County Blue Thunder Special Olympics Team. These funds will help provide new sports equipment and assist with travel expenses so athletes can continue participating in competitions. Our local mission project also made a meaningful impact as we collected 625 toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste for the Salina Food Bank. These simple items will help meet an important need for families in our community.

With wonderful weather throughout the week, every outdoor activity was able to go as planned. We wrapped up our Snowball Mountain Challenge adventure on Friday with a special snow cone celebration. A sweet ending to an unforgettable week!

A heartfelt thank you goes to our incredible volunteers, youth helpers, church staff, and generous donors. Your time, creativity, and servant hearts made this ministry possible. Thank you also to the families who shared their children with us. It was a joy to watch them grow in faith, make new friends, and discover that with God's strength, they can do amazing things.

Thank you for making Snowball Mountain Challenge an unforgettable week of faith, fun, and fellowship. We can't wait to see what God has in store for VBS next summer!

Children and Youth Sunday School are back in session for the fall! Classes are available for students in Preschool through High School from 9:45 - 10:45am. Join us this month for Trinity's Sunday School Kick-off on August 16th! We will have our back-to-school Blessing of the Backpacks also on August 16th during the 8:30, 9:50, and 11:00am services. We also invite you to consider being part of Trinity's fall ministry with children and youth!

Backpack Connection is an after-school program for students in the Salina Area. This ministry is offered on Thursdays from 3:40-5:15 p.m., Sept. 17 through April 22, any day that USD 305 school is in session. Every week includes engaging activities like recreation, art, science, cooking, music, and a delicious snack. Together, these activities are woven into an interactive Bible lesson that encourages our students to grow in their faith while having fun. Registration information will be available soon.

To learn more about the program, visit www.triumc.org/family/children or contact Lyz Garwood at lyz@triumc.org with any questions. We'd love to have your students join us for another amazing year at the Backpack Connection!

Congregational Care Team Update: Sharing our Stories

Hello friends! Did you know that Grandparents' Day is September 13th? Our Congregational Care team decided that we want to celebrate together by sharing our stories!

We need your help!

Would you share a short story with us about a grandparent figure or young person in your life? These can be funny, or heart-felt -any story that brings a smile to your face or a happy tear to your eye! (Our focus is on all who are/have been grandparent or grandchild figures in our lives, not just biological grandparents or grandchildren! So please don't let that stop you from sharing your story!)

You can email your story to me at chelsea@triumc.org or stop by and drop it off in the church office. Make sure you include your name with your story! Please submit your story by August 27th.

We will then gather our stories into a collection, which we will share digitally online and print as physical copies to deliver to our friends on our congregational care visits in September.

We hope you will participate! And thanks to the Congregational Care team for this creative idea of sharing our stories together as a church family!

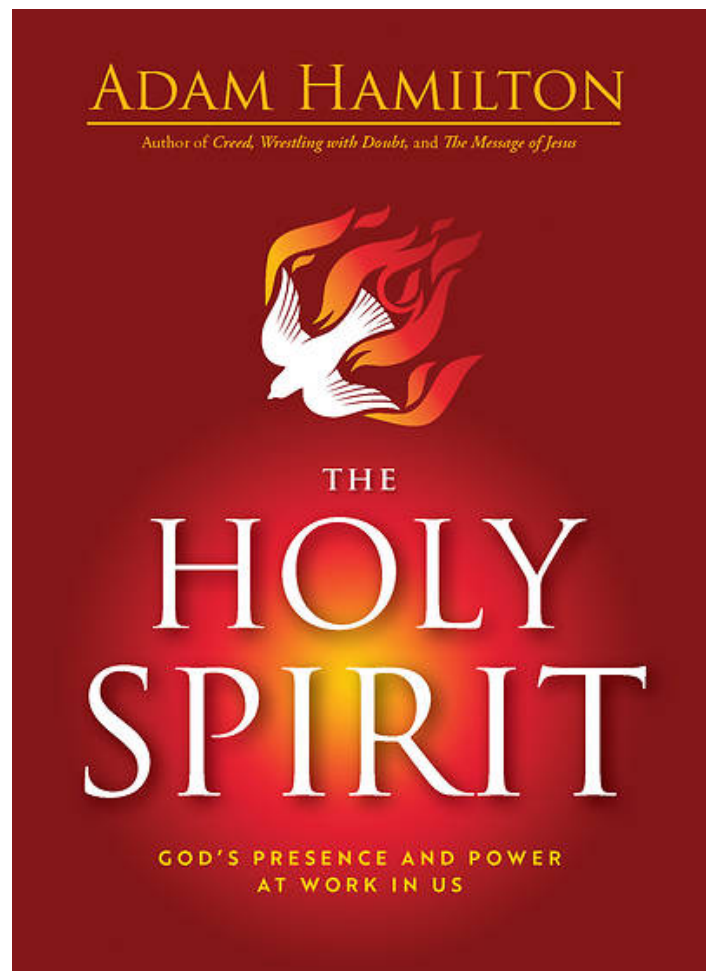
-Pastor Chelsea



Pastor Chelsea's small group has 2 more weeks of watching Season 1 of 'The Chosen.'

Our new study over 'The Holy Spirit' by Adam Hamilton will begin August 18th. This is a 5-week study. Join us on Tuesdays at 2 pm in Fellowship Hall 2!

All are welcome to join!



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Eric Meyer | Senior Pastor

Hello Trinity!

This past week 7 of us from Trinity attended the Orlando Justice Ministry Conference. It is a conference in which over 300 people from 30 justice ministries gather to encourage each other, share stories, and dive into training. We heard stories about millions of dollars in affordable housing dollars generated by the work of the justice teams, health care clinics built, mental health care services provided, and on and on. This is the kind of work we will be doing here in central Kansas beginning this fall.

We have 20 Trinity members who have agreed to be Justice Team Leaders for our congregation. They will be reaching out to you later this month to invite you to a home meeting. These meetings last about 90 minutes, and in them you will learn about the process we will follow in doing this justice work. We will also share our concerns about life in our community with each other. In late October, all of the team leaders from the over 20 churches who are part of this ministry will gather. We will list the concerns we heard in the home meetings and then vote on the two most important issues.

Once the issues have been identified, members from our justice congregations will be invited to join research teams to identify ways that our communities could solve the problems. Every problem we might choose has been alleviated somewhere in the country. We don't need to come up with the solution on our own, we just need to visit communities that have already done the work.

Once we have determined possible solutions, we will hold a Nehemiah Gathering. This gathering comes from the book of Nehemiah, in which the prophet called a great assembly and invited the community leaders to listen to the problems of the people. We will do the same thing. We will invite our county officials to join us as we invite them to make the political moves needed to solve our community problems. Our goal is to take our average weekly worship attendance to the meeting. Our team leaders will be working with Trinity members to get over 200 of us to attend the meeting. We hope to have well over 2,000 people at the assembly. Then hopefully, we celebrate justice wins!

The Nehemiah gathering will be in late May or early June, and the next step will be preparing to start the process all over again in August 2027. In Orlando, we had the pleasure of being encouraged by people from Justice organizations that have been doing this work since 1984. Now it is our turn to join in the work of doing justice. I look forward to doing this work with you!

Pastor Eric