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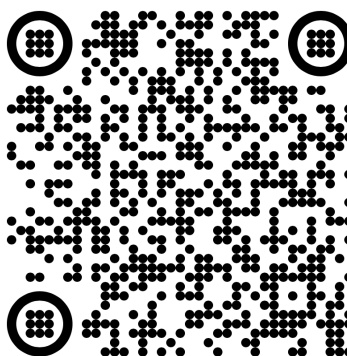
Newsletter Article & Photo Submission Information

Please submit any articles and photos to Tyler
(tyler@triumc.org) by the last Monday of the month.

For more information about any of our ministries, please visit our
website at www.triumc.org

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.



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FINANCE UPDATE
through 8/31/2026

	Jan - August 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	418,061.71	605,640.00	608,326.81	\$ 632,476.79	(24,149.98)
Operating Expenses	401,542.33	599,799.72	677,224.99	\$ 632,190.76	45,034.23
Net Operating Revenue	16,519.38	5,840.28	(68,898.18)	\$ 286.03	(69,184.21)
Building Fund Giving	187,137.50	250,000.00	191,315.40	\$ 250,000.00	(58,684.60)
Building Fund Loan Payments(Prin & Interest)	187,137.50	250,000.00	191,315.40	\$ 250,000.00	(58,684.60)
Net Building Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-

There was incorrect billing for the Phase 1 renovation project, so we can't proceed with Phase 2 until it is revised and we know how much we have in insurance settlement dollars to work with. I'll keep you updated as we have more information. My regular office hours on Mondays began this month and we moved our staff meetings to 10 am on Monday. While Chelsea is on leave until 10/18/26, I will be working more hours to cover the needs of the office. Third quarter giving statements will be coming via email. if you need one printed, please let me know.



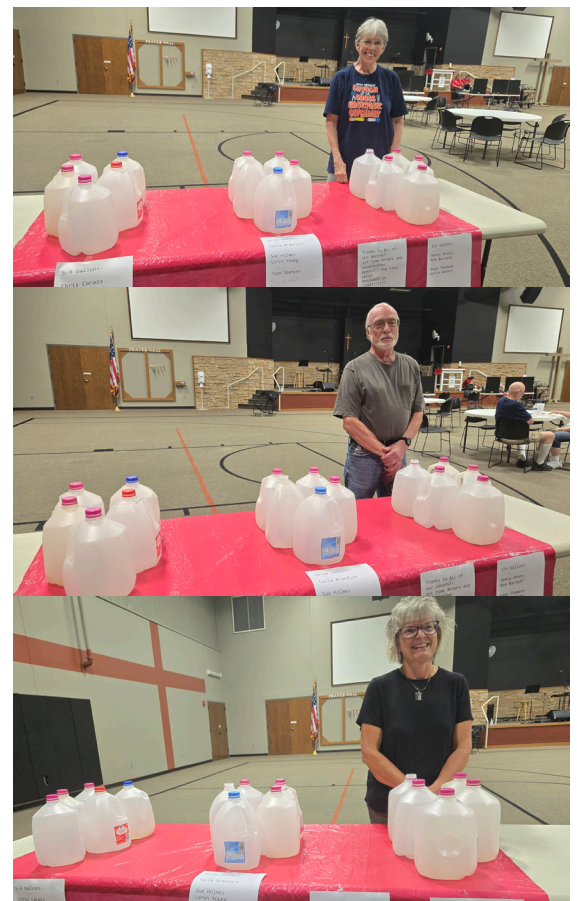
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Missions Updates

Salina Shares is once again collecting socks to donate to their clients during the upcoming holiday season. While socks for all ages are welcome, there is a special emphasis on children's socks for Christmas gifts. We will be placing grocery carts out for you to drop off your donations during the month of October.

Trinity is bringing back the Talent Show, and all talents of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate! Sign-up sheets are available by the sanctuary, in the Family Life Center. The talent show will be held on Sunday, October 11, following a noon soup and salad lunch in the Family Life Center. For more information, please contact Lori Blake, Loren Young, or Morea Charvat.

Thank you all for a great blood drive in August! We had a record number of sign-ups and welcomed four new donors, which helped us exceed our goal. To highlight your impact, I set up a display using empty gallon jugs to represent individual total donations—some of our donors have contributed over 15 gallons! Our next blood drive will be a Power Red drive on Monday, October 19th, from 12:15 PM to 5:45 PM. To schedule your donation, please call or text Morea at 785-493-1312. Thank you for saving lives!



Leadership Lab: Growing Disciples, Building Leaders

Leadership Lab is a Christian leadership program for high school students in the Great Plains Conference. Through it, students engage in a web of relationships, resources, and experiences that culminates in eligibility for a triennial overseas pilgrimage with other students, their mentors, and key conference leaders. In December 2027, our students will head to Türkiye over Christmas break!

We know that growing in discipleship and leadership takes more than sitting in meetings and talking about ministry, and this program is designed with that in mind. Each year, students choose a series of “quests.” In every quest, they learn something new, live it out for a while, and then lead in some capacity, all with the help of a mentor they choose.

For the past two years, mentors Jenna Clark, Libby Lorensen, Stephanie Johannes, and I have completed these quests alongside our students. We’ve dug into mercy and justice, toured local nonprofits, and taken on challenges along the way. We’ve also explored generosity and what it means to give not just our money, but our time and talents as well. Guest speakers have joined us to share their perspectives: Jessica Martin from the Greater Salina Community Foundation, Steve Thompson on tithing and its impact on our church and community, and Chris and Pat Leon. Chris, an adult with Down syndrome, has raised over \$110,000 for Kansas Honor Flight in Wichita, a powerful reminder of what one generous person can do.

Now that everything has picked back up, we’re beginning our Listening Across Faiths badge. Our students have expressed genuine curiosity about world religions, so this fall we’ll be exploring Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, and Orthodox Christian faiths, including their traditions, high holy days, and core beliefs. The project will wrap up with a trip to Kansas City, where students will visit houses of worship and experience each faith community in person. We are grateful to the Kansas Methodist Foundation for a grant that helps bring this project to life.

Please keep praying for and supporting these students as they work hard to earn their trip. Each student is responsible for raising half the cost of the pilgrimage, with the United Methodist conference covering the other half. One of our students is not United Methodist, so he is working to raise the full cost of his trip on his own.

Here are ways you can help:

- Purchase our fundraising meals
- Buy Texas Roadhouse rolls
- Support our other fundraisers throughout the year
- Give directly to the Leadership Lab trip fund

Every prayer, purchase, and gift helps these young people grow as leaders and disciples of Christ.

Thank you for walking alongside them!

–Kylee Gragg
& The Leadership Lab Students



Fresh Baked Rolls!

\$12 a dozen and includes 6oz container of Legendary Honey Cinnamon Butter!

Order Deadline: All orders and money are due by October 23rd

Arrival: Rolls will arrive just in time for Thanksgiving!

Find a Leadership Lab student or Kylee to order!

Lilly Dreiling, Annika Green, Hailey Wilson,
Dom Brosi, Dawson Green, or Nick Xidis

Cookie Round-Up for The Backpack Connection

Trinity's after-school program, The Backpack Connection, is hosting a Cookie Round-Up! We are asking for homemade cookie donations to share with our students. Please place 40 cookies in each bag and mark the date they were baked. Donations can be brought to the FLC kitchen. The Cookie Round-Up will continue through the month of October. Please no nuts this year, and remember, chocolate chips are a win over raisins! Thank you for sharing your baking gifts and blessing our students!



The Backpack Connection Is Looking for Leaders!

The Backpack Connection kicked off on Thursday, September 17th, and all 36 of our registered students showed up! What a great way to begin the year!

Each week, our students gather to share a snack, enjoy hands-on workshops, hear a Bible story, share joys and concerns, and close in prayer. It's a simple rhythm that creates meaningful connections and gives kids a place to learn, grow, and have fun. And it all happens because people like you are willing to share their time and gifts.

Could you give us 15 minutes?

We're looking for workshop leaders who can help twice a month. You'll choose one workshop, games, art, cooking, music, science, or something else you'd love to share with kids. On your workshop day, you'll lead that same 15-minute workshop for two groups of students. So, you're preparing and leading one workshop, just twice that afternoon! You don't need to be a teacher or an expert. Maybe you love to cook. Maybe you're great at games. Maybe you have a creative hobby you'd love to share. There's a place for your gifts at Backpack! Those 15 minutes give our kids another caring adult cheering them on, trying something new with them, and reminding them that they matter.

To learn more or sign up, contact Lyz Garwood.

Come join the fun and help make this Backpack year one our kids won't forget!



Children's Christmas Pageant

Save the Date: **Sunday, December 6!**

All children ages 4 through 6th grade are invited to be part of this year's Christmas Pageant! Rehearsals begin Sunday, October 25, from 11:00–11:30 AM. Children interested in a speaking part can sign up during rehearsal on October 25 or November 1. Speaking parts will rehearse from 11:30 AM–12:00 PM throughout November, with roles announced the week following sign-ups.

Come be part of this special Trinity Christmas tradition! Sign up: www.triumc.org/pageant



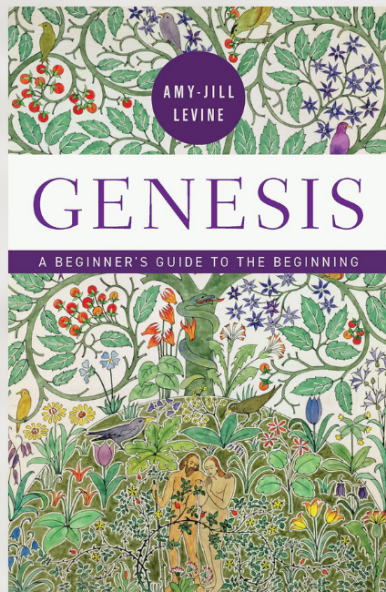
The Tuesday afternoon small group threw Pastor Chelsea a surprise 'bon voyage' party at the end of our 'Holy Spirit' study to send her off for her time of leave.

The group will continue meeting Tuesday afternoons from 2-3 pm, watching episodes of 'The Chosen' season 2 through the end of October. Pastor Chelsea's next study will kick-off on November 3rd.

This 6-week study over Amy-Jill Levine's book, 'Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning', will dive into the foundational stories of the Old Testament. We hope you'll join us!

BOOK STUDY

WITH PASTOR CHELSEA



Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

Trinity UMC, Room 1

Join us for this 6-week study (**November 3-December 8**) through Amy-Jill Levine's newest study: 'Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning', which invites readers into the foundational stories of the Old Testament with clarity, depth, and imagination.

Pastor Chelsea is on Sabbatical Leave until October 17th. For pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Eric in the church office or by email or cell (eric@triumc.org and (479) 426-8411)

From Pastor Chelsea:

Hello Church Family! I will be out of the office for a month-long sabbatical leave from September 21st - October 17th. After a very difficult year, I am so thankful for the opportunity to take some time for retreat, rest, and to visit my family.

I want to say a special THANK YOU to the Trinity staff and church leaders who are picking up the slack while I'm gone. I am so truly grateful for my special church and the love and support you continue to show every day. I will miss you and see you soon!



TRINITY

United Methodist Church

Hello Trinity!

Over the past 18 months your leadership team has made quite an effort to inform you about the development of a justice ministry in Central Kansas. The organization is now off and running! Twenty-five congregations have already joined the network and team leaders from each congregation are hosting listening sessions to determine the issues that we will try to fix in the coming six months.

This is how the process works. Team leaders invite about twelve people to gather and discuss two questions; what do you worry about so much that you lose sleep, or what situations in our community make you angry? The answers to those questions are recorded and submitted to our network coordinators, who compile them and select the four most popular responses.

At the end of the meeting, the process for what happens next is described in detail, and each participant is invited to join the network as a network member. Being a member means making a commitment to attend four community meetings during the next eight months. The first meeting will be October 31st at 10:00am here at Trinity. At that meeting we will vote on the two most important issues that we will address in the coming months. We will also vote on the name of our justice network. After that meeting, research teams will be formed to research solutions to the problems selected.

As I write this, we are at the beginning of our third week of in-home listening sessions. Our network goal is at least 110 listening sessions in which at least 850 people will attend. We hope at least 650 people will join the network. To date, we have held forty sessions with 428 participants and 285 of those participants have joined the network. With four weeks of listening session to go, we should far surpass our goals!

We have 12 team leaders at Trinity meaning we will connect with about 140-150 people. That means there may be many Trinity members who are interested but did not attend a meeting. Here is the solution to that problem!

Community Justice Listening Session
October 10th at 9:00am-10:30am
Family Life Center, Trinity UMC

If you are interested, please RSVP to Pastor Eric so we can have enough supplies on hand. eric@triumc.org

Garce and Peace,
Pastor Eric

Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously



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