



TRINITY NEWS

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Freedom in Purcell

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. You my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather serve one another in love.” Galatians 5: 1, 13 (NIV)

July is a month that is filled with celebration and summer fun. We often celebrate the 4th of July, usually over the course of several days, with picnics, barbeques, parties, and fireworks. It is an important day in the history of our nation. It is the day we as a country declared our independence from the mother country of England, and made our individual and collective freedom the cornerstone of our new nation. It is a day to celebrate our patriotism and our pride in the United States of America. It is a day we celebrate our freedom.

But the Apostle Paul reminds us of our true freedom through Christ. We are not to use our freedom, in the words of the Rolling Stones, “free to do what I want any old time.” And as Christians, we certainly know it’s not ok to do any old thing, or say any old thing, and get any old thing we want. In the Kingdom of God, that Rolling Stones song is just not true,

Jesus says to love your neighbor. Paul says here, to love your neighbor. Love one another. True freedom is in Jesus. True freedom is in the Spirit of Christ. Freedom comes through discipline, through self-control, through love. That’s right, through love. Our words and our actions matter. More than you know. Freedom is not about being totally consumed with yourself, but with thinking about others and with God as well. You might think, “How do my words matter?” Nobody possibly cares about what I say or what I do. My words don’t mean a thing”. But they do.

When you share your story, your life, your experiences, and you share it with love and with the well-being of others in mind, those words matter. Your words matter even when you don’t think they do, or even when you think you have nothing at all to say. Galatians tells us Christ has set us free. And so we must ask ourselves two questions: What have we been set free “from”? And what have we been set free “for”? We have been set free from the burden of sin and guilt. That was done for us by Jesus Christ and his death on the cross. But on the same hand, we have been set for service and love to others, in the very name of Christ.

How will we use our freedom this holiday week? How will we use the freedom given to us by God, through our forgiveness of sin through Christ Jesus? Will we use it in a self-centered manner, free to do what I want, any old time? Or are we free to live in the spirit, loving and serving one another, loving our neighbor as ourselves? You have the freedom to choose!

Happy Independence Day,

Pastor Susan

Bishop Jimmy Nunn

District Supt. Rev Dr Victor McCullough

Trinity United Methodist Staff Members

Mike McElderry - Organist

Rhonda Ingram-Harper – Administrative Assistant

Kayla Marshall – Choir Director

Rev. Susan Whitley, Pastor



July

- 1 *Noah Ewing, Amy Nemecek, Brady Moakley*
- 4 *Stephanie Knowles*
- 5 *Debbie Umber*
- 6 *Karlee Tolle*
- 7 *Mary Dawson, Jeff Wells, Erik Gonzalez, Eric Peters*
- 8 *Bruce Moore*
- 9 *Scott Stephens*
- 12 *Pam Beller, Sheri Enox, Alison Wells Bell*
- 14 *Sondra Richards*
- 16 *Arweda Rollins*
- 17 *Brad Kaiser*
- 18 *Amanda Ewing, Chuck Montgomery*
- 20 *Hannah Bayless*
- 23 *Joe Ellis*
- 25 *Pamela Provenzano*
- 26 *Patrick Harris, Traci Lambert Boudreaux, Brody Galyean, Chance Midkiff*
- 27 *Roger Cudd, John Hobbs*
- 28 *Lynda Dawson*
- 31 *Karol Duffy, Sherry Honeyman*

Vacation Bible School at TUMC!



As I prepare this article for publication of the July newsletter, Vacation Bible is in full swing. The first night, we had 37 children present, with 6 who had pre-registered but were not present. We did not have a huge budget for this, and it was decided to do it very last minute at our Children's planning meeting in March. Thanks to Oologah UMC who gave us the curriculum, Goodrich UMC for loaning us the Sparky puppet, those who donated money for VBS items and food, and those who scrounged every inch of the church using previous materials, games, crafts, and decorations from years past, and

were able to repurpose them. I am seeing so much creativity! The decorations, crafts, science activities, recreation activities and storytelling were fantastic! Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to serve food, set up things, teach rotations, lead the kids around, run the video and sound, and to lead the assembly time and act like a talking puppet!!! I appreciate each and every one of you.

MEET OUR NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR



Please give a big welcome to Kayla Marshall, as she begins her time with us as our choir director! She will also lead the hymns on Sunday mornings, and do special songs from time to time. Kayla is a student at OU, majoring in vocal performance. She has been active in the Cimarron Opera Theatre, and has performed extensively at OU. Additionally, she gives voice lessons through a music studio in Norman. Come and join us on Wednesdays at 7:30PM in the Sanctuary for choir practice! We are excited for what is happening!

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

We are having our first fellowship dinner in over a year! Mark your calendar, and bring your favorite main dish, side or dessert on July 18. We will meet after worship in the fellowship hall and eat a meal together! Join us as we gather around the table! Fellowship Committee will have everything set up, but we will ask for lots of help in clean up and putting things back in order!



At Trinity United Methodist Church, we believe in the power of prayer. Submit a prayer request to jmehawks@yahoo.com and clarica@suddenlink.net or drop it in the offering

plate at Sunday worship and your prayer will be sent to the people within our community committed to praying for you. We need to continue to pray for all who are dealing with health issues, to include; Ralph & Clarica Wall, Charles Dawson, Lavene Jones, Michele Schaub, Don McQuerrey, Marilyn Ellis, Glenda & Perry Nemecek, Carolyn McCoy, Judy Moring, Tom & Pat Martin, Navoy & Connie Sue Skinner, James Boling, Al & Bobby Musgrave and Jerry & Margaret Maynard. Also remember the family of Bill Hightower and others who are saddened due to the loss of a loved one, those who are in nursing facilities or receiving care at home and everyone who provides their care.

Thank you for being a part of our Prayer Ministry.



- **Office Closed:** 5 Jul (Mon) in observation of the 4th of July holiday
- **"Reading the Bible in 2021:** In person meetings, 25 July (Sun) @ 6:00 PM & 22 July @ 10:00 AM
- **Trustees Meeting:** 12 Jul (Mon) @ 6:30 PM
- **Fellowship Dinner:** 18 Jul (Sun) after worship
- **Children's Church:** Held the 2nd and 4th Sunday after Children's Moment.
- **Choir Practice:** Every Wednesday @ 7:30 – 8:30 PM
- **Rotary Cook Lunches to Go:** 7th and 21st of July @ 12:15 PM.



The Chancel Choir practice begins at 7:30PM on Wednesday. Come join us and sing our praises to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Look forward to seeing you!

Trustees & Finance

Thank you all for your faithful and generous giving. 2nd quarter giving statements will be mailed out later in July. Please take a careful look at your record, and if you have any questions at all, or feel a correction needs to be made, please call or check with Rhonda in the office, and we will be happy to

work with you. Summer is often a slow time of giving in the life of the church, as people are gone on vacation, spending weekends away, etc. That is why we encourage faithful monthly or weekly pledges, or even automatic withdrawal from your bank that is sent to the church directly. The ebb and flow of giving is not usually quite so dramatic when these are utilized. I encourage you to use direct withdrawal, or set up a system with your own bank, if that is something you ever felt led to do. As always, we are completely transparent in our budget and spending. We are happy to show you the money trail! Thank you again for your faithfulness.

FREEDOM

NOW LORD IS THE SPIRIT AND
WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD
IS THERE IS FREEDOM
2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
GOD BLESS, LOVE YA,
UNCLE RALPH & AUNT CLARICA

News from Our Children's Group

All are invited to Children's Church. "Reader's Theater with Bible Stories" on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Patricia Hudson

News from Sunday School Classes

God's Helpers Sunday School class is meeting at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall.

CrossTalk is studying Luke through the book of Acts. Meeting in person in the library at 9:15 AM Sunday for coffee and visiting; class begins at 9:30 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Cummings at 405-834-8980.



"Reading the Bible in 2021"

Join Carolyn Cummings and others who are reading through the Bible in 2021. Carolyn is using the Chronological Bible as the guide. Each day you will read a few different passages from various parts of the Bible. They meet once a month, informally, to discuss or reflect on what has been read. Let Carolyn know if you are interested.

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JULY 2021 TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS THE 21ST OF EACH MONTH! SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 AM, WORSHIP TIME - 10:30 AM				1	2	3
4 Sunday School @ 9:30 AM, Worship Service @ 10:30 AM 	5 Office closed for 4 th of July holiday	6	7 Rotary Cooks "To-Go Lunches" 12:15 – 12:30 PM, Choir Practice 7:30 – 8:30 PM	8	9	10
11 Sunday School @ 9:30 AM, Worship Service @ 10:30 AM, Children's Church	12 Trustees' Meeting @ 6:30 PM	13	14 Choir Practice 7:30 – 8:30 PM	15	16	17
18 Sunday School @ 9:30 AM, Worship Service @ 10:30 AM, Fellowship Dinner after worship	19	20	21 Rotary Cooks "To-Go Lunches" 12:15 – 12:30 PM, Choir Practice 7:30 – 8:30 PM	22 Reading the Bible Mtg @ 10:00 AM	23	24
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