

# THE HERALD

February 2024

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

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**COME WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.  
WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.**



# FROM THE PASTOR

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Paul calls us to the steadfast love of God - sacrificial love. This is a love that says, it's not about me; it's all about the object of my love. Jesus continued to love us even though we nailed Him to a cross. So, Paul goes on to write about a love that's defined by action: "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way..."

Love is NOT about how we feel; it's about how we act. You can't command an emotion. When Jesus says, "Love your enemies," He's not saying to feel warm and fuzzy feelings about your enemies. He's saying, treat your enemies well. Treat them better than they probably deserve.

When He tells us the greatest commandments are to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength - and to love your neighbor as yourself," He's talking about activity. He's talking about acting in a particular way because you love God. To love your neighbor means that you act in a particular way towards your neighbor. Same thing with your spouse, same thing with your children.

We love in a particular way because love is always attached to redemption. Hear that again: love is always attached to redemption. God loves us so that He redeems us - so that He restores our souls. Jesus was willing to bear all things, even the cross, for the sake of the redemption of the people that He loved.

Keep this in mind as we enter the season of Lent. Reflect on the ways you have loved, or failed to love, God and your neighbor. Repent of those places where your actions, or lack thereof, have been more selfish than selfless. And cling to the hope that because God has the power to change our hearts, our love may begin to look a little more like the unconditional love of Jesus with each passing day.

In Christ,

*P. Rudy*



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Souper Bowl Luncheon

### Holy Trinity's TEENS FOR CHRIST

Invite you to our annual  
**SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON**  
February 11th in the TLC following worship

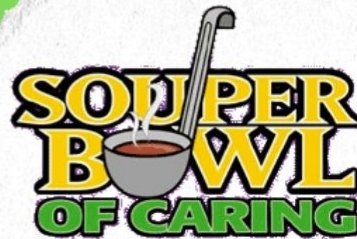
\*Donations will be taken to support a local ministry of the youth's choosing\*

The congregation is invited and encouraged to bring a soup or chili, sandwiches (grilled cheese or pb&j), crackers, or a dessert.

Please indicate what you will bring on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

This will help us ensure we have enough food for all!

Thanks for your support!!!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## *Shrove* **Tuesday**

Pancake Supper

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH  
5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

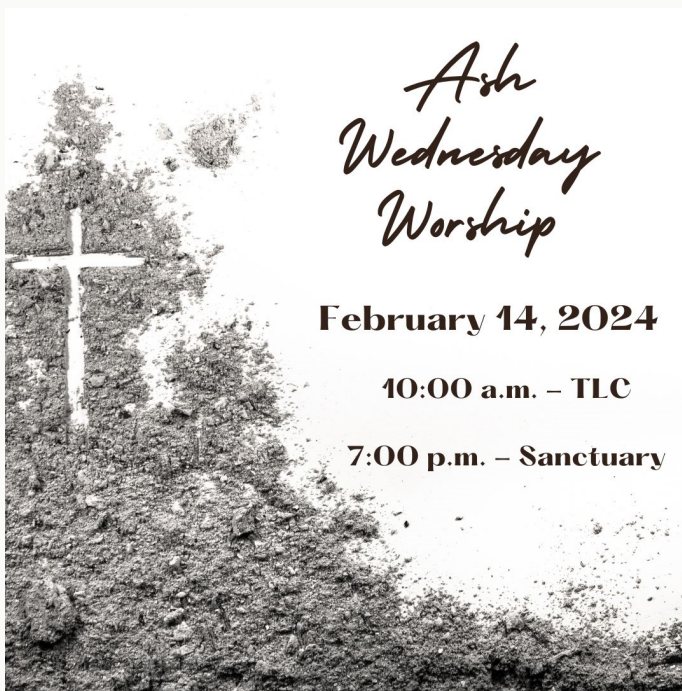


## *Ash* *Wednesday* *Worship*

**February 14, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. - TLC**

**7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary**





# UPCOMING EVENTS

THE HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN MEN  
INVITE YOU TO THE 2024

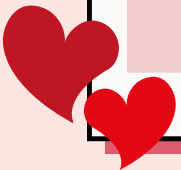
## *Ladies Appreciation Dinner*

February 17, 2024 at 6:30p.m.

Catered by: 3rd Generation Catering &  
Family Restaurant, Johnston

Entertainment: Pastor Ronnie Brown

**PLEASE SEE LUTHERAN MEN OR  
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE  
FOR A TICKET BY FEBRUARY 11  
TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT.  
MEAL COST \$20.**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Mid-week Lenten Services 2024 Theme: Baptized: Marked for Living**

This year during our mid-week Lenten worship, we are going to explore the question: what does it mean to live out our baptism in the world today?

For Christians, our way of life has at its foundation God's saving action in baptism. All that we are, and all that we do, grows out of His love given to us in baptism. During Lent, we will reflect upon who we are as God's children in baptism, and how we are to live as people forever marked with the cross of Christ. We will also be reminded that, in a world filled with pain, suffering, and uncertainty, God calls His baptized children to bring the message of hope, mercy, and grace into the lives of everyone around us. This is our ministry as baptized persons—as persons marked for living!

Join us Wednesdays during Lent to learn more.

Schedule:

February 21 – Claimed

February 28 – Named

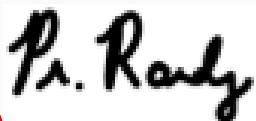
March 6 – Clothed

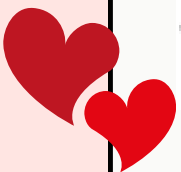
March 13 – Enlightened

March 20 – Appointed

May God's blessings be upon you, your families, and our community this Lenten season and beyond.

In Christ,

P. Rudy



# TEENS FOR CHRIST NEWS

**What:** Teens for Christ is the “Youth Group” of Holy Trinity

**When:** 2nd and 4th Sundays from 5:30-7:00pm (and at other times for fun and special events)

**Why:** To grow in our relationship with Jesus and with one another!

## What We Did Last Month

In January, we first had a fun outing to Moonshine Mountain Snow Tubing Park in Hendersonville, NC. After zooming down the mountain as fast as possible, breaking several land-speed records, we enjoyed lunch in downtown Hendersonville and then spent time at the Appalachian Pinball Museum. Our youth had a great time—and the adults had a blast being “big kids” too!

We also had a regular meeting on the last Sunday of the month where we spent time in God’s Word, played some games, enjoyed a delicious meal, and continued to bond as a group.

We certainly missed those who couldn’t be with us for these events and want you to come and be a part of what God is doing through our youth group! In other words, God has put us together for a reason. When one part is missing, we are not complete. Together we can do so much more than when we are apart!

## What’s New?!

Thanks to Artie and Melisa Livingston for their leadership over the past few years and the wonderful job they have done with our Teens for Christ! They have handed the reins over to our new youth leaders, Ashley Ballentine and Melissa Kednocker, who we thank for spearheading our program and organizing our most recent outings and gatherings. We also appreciate the support of all of our parents in helping to make these gatherings, events, and service opportunities possible!

## What’s Coming Up?!

February 11 – Super Bowl Luncheon  
February 13 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
February 25 – Regular Meeting

We invite all the TFC youth to join us and invite a friend so we may grow together in Christ!



# HAPPY MOUNTAINEERS

Happy Mountaineers met Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, with 10 members present. President Janet Fulmer called the meeting to order and Lib Boland had devotions. Due to the absence of the Secretary, October minutes were read by Janet Fulmer. Audrey Caldwell, Becky Chapman and Earle Weathersbee were recognized for November birthdays. Updates of the illness of several church members were brought to our attention.

Under Old Business, President Janet Fulmer reported that 20 pans of dressing were furnished by Happy Mountaineers and other Holy Trinity members for Thanksgiving meals from The Hub. It was reported that 455 persons had been served.

During New Business, Janet requested suggestions for a memorial due to the death of our member, Robert Wicker. After discussion, it was decided to send a memorial to the Building Fund. We were also notified that Roy Weathersbee, father of Earle Weathersbee, had passed away since our last meeting. A memorial was sent to Holy Trinity Building Fund.

As a result of the suggestion at the October meeting, the meal for the December meeting will be catered by Shealy's BBQ. It was decided to give a \$200.00 cash donation to Manna House for a Christmas Project.

Election of 2024 officers will be held at the December meeting on the 21st of December.

Following the business portion of our meeting, several games were played with the winners selecting prizes. The blessing for our lunch was printed on the agenda sheet and said by the group before a delicious covered dish meal was enjoyed.

Happy Mountaineers had a really good year. Average attendance for 11 months, January thru November 2023, was 19. We heard from guest speakers representing Newberry County Memorial Hospital and The Free Medical Clinic, both in Newberry. We also heard from Jenny Bowers representing The Screaming Eagles organization which is closer to home. Melinda Bush Sease spoke in October on the Foster Care System. Pastor Drafts led our January program and retired Pastor Ron Brown presented our April program. We carpoled to Lever's for strawberries and ate out; attended the annual "4 Churches Meeting" in August and enjoyed videos in February and September. Every meeting began with devotions and most featured a Bible trivia game. Every meeting featured abundant food and good fellowship.

Happy Mountaineers met Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, 10 AM, in TLC. 22 members were present along with Pastor Drafts, and 8 choir members who presented our program. Our President, Janet Fulmer welcomed everyone and Ted Arnold had devotions. Minutes of the Nov. 2023 meeting were read and a Treasurer's Report was given by Ann Sanders.

December birthdays for Boyd Fulmer, Carmen Boland and Joyce McCall were recognized and we sang "Happy Birthday". Updates and concerns of Happy Mountaineers and others were presented.

Under Old Business, we were told about a November Meeting decision to donate \$200.00 to Manna House for a 2023 Christmas Project. Under "New Business", we handled "Election of 2024 Officers" as follows: Janet Fulmer/Pres; Becky Chapman, Vice-Pres; Ann Sanders, Treasurer; Bob Peters, Asst. Treas and Mary Spires/Secretary. Lists were distributed for signup for 2024 monthly devotions, funeral attendants as needed and program ideas. In 2023 it was noted Happy Mountaineers had made donations to Aryn Crouch, Newberry County Free Medical Clinic, Screaming Eagles and Manna House.

A program of Christmas music was presented by choir members Ted Arnold, Joe Boland, Faye Shealy, Cindy Frick, Mavy Lezimis, Lauren Armstrong and Kay Shealy accompanied by Charles Shealy. Following the blessing a meal from Shealy's BBQ was enjoyed by all including Marie from the office. Thanks to Zoe and Kim Fulmer for delivering our food.

ALL senior adults are invited and encouraged to participate in Happy Mountaineers as much as possible. 2024 is here and Happy Mountaineers welcomes ALL senior adults. Watch Sunday bulletins for details and plan to attend.





# MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

## Building Fund

**In Memory of Mary Nell Bowers** given by Donna Fulmer, Happy Mountaineers, Marty & Paula Frick, Robert & Rebecca Edwards, Terecia Wilson.

**In Memory of "Bo" Bowers** given by Charles E & Brittany Frick.

**In Memory of Robert Wicker** given by Robert & Rebecca Edwards, David & Nancy Frick, Mike & Jackie Riddle, Charles E & Brittany Frick, Happy Mountaineers, Jake & Linda Frick, June & Robert Lindler, Katherine Grooms, Donna Fulmer, Fred Cumalander & Linda Richardson, Marty & Paula Frick, Gayle Wicker & Family, McSwain Evans Funeral Home, Nancy & Rick Richardson, Robbie & Sheri Wicker.

**In Memory of Dwight Fulmer** given by George & Faye Hawkins.

**In Memory of Roy Weathersbee** given by Happy Mountaineers, Fred Cumalander & Linda Richardson.

**In Memory of Dad and in Honor of Mom** given by David & Pam Bush.

**In Memory of Bruce Caldwell** given by Audrey Caldwell.

**In Memory of Albert & Caroline Frick and Norris & Margaret Hallman** given by Charles & Cindy Frick. (Building Fund-Flooring)

**In Honor of Kadence Derrick** given by Angela B Derrick.

**In Honor of HTLC in the year of 2024** given by Karen & Rodger Winn.

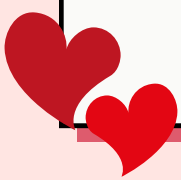
## Worship & Music Committee

**In Memory of Ann Long** given by Mark & Janet Kibler.

**In Memory of Judi Wessinger** given by Sabrina L Matthews.

## General Fund

**In Memory of Lena Gillespie** given by Ashley Ballentine.



# FEBRUARY SERVING ASSISTANTS

<b>Sunday / Wednesday</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Bulletin Folder</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4	Dorothy Armstrong	Margaret Livingston	Blake Ballentine	Scout Member
11	Dorothy Armstrong	Margaret Livingston	Connor Cromer	Youth Member
14 (Ash Wednesday)	Barrett Havird	David Rodgers		Becky Chapman
18	Barrett Havird	David Rodgers	Daniel Williams	Helen Koon
21 (Wednesday)	Eva Kednocker	Troy Hentz		Lin Lake
25	Eva Kednocker	Troy Hentz	Ava Kate Weaver	Ted Arnold
28 (Wednesday)	Roman Long	Blake Ballentine		Ann Sanders

<b>Sunday / Wednesday</b>	<b>Communion</b>
4	Phillip Allison & Ted Arnold
11	Darin & Becky Boland
14	Bobby Chapman & Becky Chapman

<b>Altar &amp; Parament</b>	Wanda Havird Holly Havird
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# FEBRUARY SERVING ASSISTANTS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Nursery</b>
4	Faye Shealy	Jeremy & Jessica Lindler	Christie Allison, Ashley Boland
11	Daniel & Ashley Boland	Judy Shealy & Glenda Hentz	Melissa & Eva Kednocker, Morgan Shealy
18	Lent - No Flowers	Ritchie & Helen Koon	Jessica Lindler, Karen Winn
25	Lent - No Flowers	Danny & Ann Newton	Sheri Wicker, Rebecca Edwards

<b>February 2024</b>	<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Steve Bush</b>	<b>* elevator operator</b>
4, 11	Philip Armstrong	Ritchie Koon	Daniel Williams*
18, 25	Andrew Frick	David Rodgers	Cameron Kaihara*
	Ash Wednesday February 14, 2024		



# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1 Brent Bodie, Maxton King  
February 2 Darin Boland, Jared Wicker  
February 3 Hillary Dana, Lynn Livingston  
February 4 Tina Attaway  
February 5 Chris Sanders, George Stoudemire III  
February 6 Shelley Page  
February 8 Frances Farr, Tara Chapman  
February 9 Diane Hardy  
February 10 Glenda Hentz, Kara Cumalander  
February 11 Julie McLeod, Jeff Bedenbaugh  
February 12 Daniel Williams  
February 13 Tanner Shell  
February 15 Hannah Sheely Huffstetler  
February 17 Roxie Derrick, Bradley Abrams, Madison Abrams, Alex Attaway  
February 19 Desiree Chapman  
February 20 Helen Koon, William Dupuis  
February 22 Ann Sanders, Victoria Chapman, Everett Boland  
February 24 Mike Morales  
February 25 Debra Dupuis  
February 26 Travis Koon, Taylor Lake  
February 27 Morgan E. Shealy  
February 28 Clyde Livingston, Liam Kaihara, Tammy Kednocker



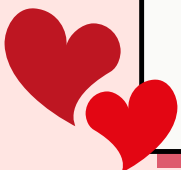
# FEBRUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>4 Epiphany 5</b> 9am- Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship/ Holy Communion	5 Prayer Shawl-9am Mom's Life Group 6:30 p.m.	6 Faith Circle 2pm	7 Leviticus Bible Study 10am	8 Revelation Bible Study 7pm	9	10
<b>11 Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 7:30am- Council Meeting 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship/ Holy Communion 5:30pm - Teens for Christ	12 Prayer Shawl-9am	13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30pm - 7pm	14 Leviticus Bible Study 10am <b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b> 10:00 a.m. -TLC 7:00 p.m. -Sanctuary	15	16	17
<b>18 Lent 1</b> 9am- Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 6:30pm- Lutheran Men	19 Prayer Shawl-9am	20	21 Leviticus Bible Study 10am Lenten Meal -6pm Lenten Worship- 7pm	22 Revelation Bible Study 7pm	23	24
<b>25 Lent 2</b> 9am- Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 5:30pm- Teens for Christ	26 Prayer Shawl-9am	27	28 Leviticus Bible Study 10am Lenten Meal -6pm Lenten Worship- 7pm	29		

## Bible Verse of the Month

*Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
 teach me your paths.  
 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
 for you are the God of my salvation;  
 for you I wait all the day long.*

Psalm 25:4-5





# COUNCIL NOTES

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Minutes  
January 14, 2024

The Holy Trinity Congregational Council met in regular session on Sunday, January 14, 2023 at 7:30am. Phillip Allison chaired the meeting and Allen Williams opened with devotions. Julie Haltiwanger will have devotions at the December meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following Congregational Council Minutes:

- November 12, 2023 Regular Council meeting
- November 26, 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting Part I
- December 3, 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting Part II

## Pastor's Report

Pastor Drafts will be out of the office Dec. 25-Jan. 1 and Council will lead worship so that Kyle can continue to rest following his surgery. Council approved Dean and Barbie Rodgers' request to move their membership to Holy Trinity. Pastor gave an update on planning for the 2024 CMR Convocation. Good News Club will be held again this year at Little Mountain Elementary School on Wednesdays Feb. 14-Mar. 27 excluding Mar. 6. Volunteers, especially males, are needed and can contact Pastor or Carlotta Chapman. Installation of Council will be January 14, 2024. Pastor Drafts provided some information about some possible missionaries we could help. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to hold Scout Sunday on Feb. 4. We welcomed Anniston Lever into our church family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We mourn the death of Robert Wicker. New Council members Helen Koon, Bill Loadholdt, Danny Newton, and Bob Peters were installed. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Pastor's Report.

## Treasurer's Report

Balances as of 12/1/23:

- General Fund - \$63,723.76
- Building Maintenance - \$50,668.90
- Reserve Fund CD - \$35,079.33
- Thrivent-Derrick - \$97,565.53
- Swittenburg-Monts - \$10,132.57
- General Reserve CD 1 - \$50,000
- General Reserve CD 2 - \$50,000

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.



# COUNCIL NOTES

## Council Approved Open Items

1. It is a slow process to try to acquire the cemetery property but the committee is working on it.
2. The property committee is working to improve the outdoor lighting.
3. The property committee is also looking into the carpet on the front steps to see what would be best to replace it.

## Unfinished Business

1. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for the Thanksgiving offering be given to support the Backpack Ministry.
2. Last year, Council approved to purchase a new manger scene, but it was noticed that the old one is out and some of the pieces are becoming very brittle.

## New Business

A. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to give \$500 each to Pastor Drafts, Donna Fulmer, and Lib Boland and \$150 each for Ted Arnold, Brett Lindler, Marie Shealy, and Terecia Wilson for Christmas gifts.

B. The 2024 Benevolence Plan was discussed.

For NALC Denominational support: NALC home office increased to \$210,000.

For local ministries: Joy Mission Church is now self-sustaining and can be removed from local ministries. Backpack Ministries will be added for \$2,000. GAAP will be increased to \$2,000. Screaming Eagles will be added for \$500. Seminary support for Kyle Page will be added for \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester). We will hold \$4,000 for local groups and citizens. Within this amount, we will hold \$1,000 for Immanuel Lutheran, Sumter and Pastor Drafts will reach out to them to see if they need it. This will bring the local ministries total to \$18,000.

For distant ministries: Water Missions will be increased to \$2,500. Lutheran World Relief will be removed. Support to a missionary will be added for \$3,000.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept this 2024 Benevolence Plan.

C. An assistant treasurer is needed if anyone knows of someone.

D. One of the cleaning teams could use a little more help. A plea will be made to see if we can recruit more volunteers. Council Liaisons still need to be added. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the 2024 Congregational Committees.

E. All Committee and Congregational Appreciation Sunday on Jan. 7, 2024. Tina Attaway has volunteered to cook spaghetti. Council will provide desserts and clean up.

F. Joe Boland was elected President of the Council. Carter Lake was elected as Vice-President. Cindy Frick was elected as Secretary.

G. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to give Shelley and Kyle Page \$2,000 to help with Kyle's current medical expenses.

## Committee Reports

Business continues as usual for many committees.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phillip Allison, President  
Julie Haltiwanger, Secretary



# HOLY TRINITY PRAYER CONCERNS

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. (Phil. 4:6)*

*Terecia Wilson, Barry Derrick (Brother of Clair Wicker), Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Rev. James Franklin Shealy, Dan & Becky McGlohorn (Friends of Brittany Frick), Denise Salyer (Friend of Lucy Peters), Randy Stockman (Father of Amber Koon), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, C.B. Mathis (brother in law of Patsy Frick), Junior Alewine, Patsy Frick, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Gerald Shealy, Marilyn Plampin, Nancy Webb (Mother of Terecia Wilson) Note: Out of respect for individual wishes and privacy, if you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list, please obtain their permission prior to submitting it for publication in the newsletter. Thanks for your understanding.*

*We remember those in nursing care centers and the shut-ins of our congregation:*

*White Oak of Newberry  
Junior Alewine  
Jean Alewine*

*Agape Care - Lexington  
Rev. James Franklin Shealy*

*Going in the hospital? Having surgery? Recovering from an illness?  
Are you in need of spiritual guidance or maybe in need of prayer?*

*Pastor Randy and the pastoral care volunteers of our congregation will be happy to visit with you at the hospital, at home or just pray for your healing and well-being.*

*Please call Pastor Randy Drafts at (803)537-2303 or the church office and let us know of your need and we will be glad to visit and pray with you anytime.*

*Remember, the Pastor and pastoral care volunteers cannot respond to or meet your needs if they are not aware of them.*

# HOLY TRINITY STAFF

Disciples of Christ

Pastor

Parish Office Administrator

Director of Music Ministries

Organists

Sexton

People of Holy Trinity

Rev. Randy Drafts

Mrs. Marie Shealy

Mrs. Terecia Wilson

Mrs. Lib Boland

Mrs. Donna Fulmer

Mr. Brett Lindler

Mr. Ted Arnold

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

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