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## Trinity Family News & Notes . . .

### C.U.P.

The C.U.P. Board has created a calendar for member churches to donate hygiene items. In December, we are asked to donate toothbrushes/ toothpaste. There is a box in the narthex area to place donations in.



### Free Store

Beginning first of November, we will be collecting new & used winter gloves and hats for men and women. A Donation Box has been set up in the entryway. We are also in need of your grocery bags. You can drop them off in front of Free Store doors in Fellowship Hall.

**Pastor's Bible Study** ~ Tuesday's at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Join us as we ask questions, learn and discuss the scriptures for the upcoming week's worship. Attend weekly, or once in awhile - all are welcome.

### December Anniversaries 50



Bruce & Suzanne Plumb 68 yrs ~ Dec. 18th



### December Birthdays 90+

Keiko Hahn - 93 years - December 2nd

Pat Harrod - 94 years - December 21st



This year's Succoth Booth was set -up by Sheila Rowe, Michael and Sharon Wildermuth. November 26th we will be doing the 'Hanging of the Greens' with poinsettia's adorning the altar.

### October Attendance

November 5th - 73  
November 12th - 62  
November 19th - 62  
November 26th -

### December Altar Flowers

December 3rd ~  
Mary Elmquist-Lane in memory  
of dear friends Fred Cook and  
Janet Lane

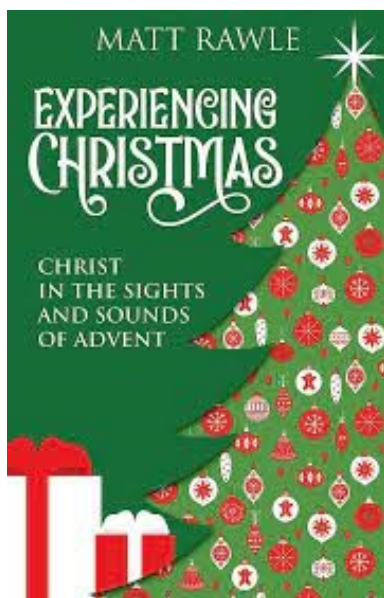
Randy & Beth Bartels in memory  
of David Hammer



# Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - December 2023

**All events and activities listed are subject to change.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship	<b>27</b> 6:30am MM Men ~Zoom 10:00am MMWomen CR1	<b>28</b> 2:30pm Music Academy 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	<b>29</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study CR1 11:30am Soup Kitchen 4:00pm TOPS 5:30pm Womens Bible Study CR1	<b>30</b> 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	<b>1</b> 7:00pm Hispanic Worship ~ Chapel	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 7:30am Breakfast 9:00am Adult Sunday School ~ CR1 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship	<b>4</b> 6:30am MM Men ~Zoom 10:00am MMWomen CR1	<b>5</b> 2:30pm Music Academy 6:00pm Pastor Bible Study CR2 7:00pm Flute choir	<b>6</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study CR1 11:30am Soup Kitchen 4:00pm TOPS 5:30pm Womens Bible Study CR1	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study 7:45pm Choir Practice	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Hispanic Worship ~ Chapel	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b> 7:30am Breakfast 9:00am Adult Sunday School ~ CR1 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship	<b>25</b> MERRY CHRISTMAS CCCC & Church office closed	<b>26</b> 6:00pm Pastor Bible Study CR2 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study CCCC & Church office closed	<b>27</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study CR1 4:00pm TOPS 5:30pm Womens Bible Study CR1 CCCC Closed	<b>28</b> 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study 7:45pm Choir Practice CCCC Closed	<b>29</b> 7:00pm CCCC Staff Party ~ Parlor & CR2 7:00pm Hispanic Worship ~ Chapel CCCC Closed	<b>30</b>
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Join Jami Nathan as she leads Adult Sunday School starting December 3rd at 9am! They will be using the book 'Experiencing Christmas' by Matt Rawle—contact Crystal at the Church office to secure your copy!

## December Church Schedule

### **Liturgists**

December 3rd Kevin Reeks  
December 12th Cathy Woodward  
December 17th Dave Baker  
December 24th morning Beth Bartels  
December 24th 7pm Randy Bartels  
December 31st Matthew Boutin

### **Usher** Tim Gough

**Greeters** Sally Allen and Bonnie Snyder

### **Attendance Takers**

Susan Clum and Patty Reed

### **Communion Servers** (1st Sunday)

Linda Fox-Miller, Deb Myers, Valerie Thompson, and Kim Wright

# The Chimes



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*"In the heart of the city, sharing the heart of Christ."*



## *In other words,....*

When our son, Jered, was about 5, he decided the thing he wanted to do was karate. Jami nor I had ever had anything to do with karate, so we had no idea what it was all about. But, that's what he was interested in (might have been something to do with Walker, Texas Ranger being his grandfather's favorite TV show). As luck would have it, the largest karate dojo in our town was owned by Chip Wright, one of Chuck Norris' top students and stunt double. It wasn't just that Chip owned the dojo, he actually taught there, too. We were even more surprised when we stopped in to tour the facility and heard Christian singer Stephen Curtis Chapman's music playing in the background. And so Jered began karate.

Much like the movie The Karate Kid, it turned out that karate was nothing we thought that it would be. It was about learning and perfecting forms. Putting the kicks, punches, blocks together in proper sequence in following a predetermined choreographed sequence to show mastery of all the movements. As the student advances, holds and throws are included along with tumbling so as to control your recovery upon being thrown. Competitions involved not only aspects of sparing between opponents, but also form competitions, because in the end, you advanced ranks because of your proper application of form.

If only we treated our faith in similar fashion . . .

Too often we think it has to do with only one thing: faith or belief. Yet, if we pay attention to the message of Jesus, it has to do with how we bring all the expressions of a disciplined Christian life together in becoming closer to God: love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, generosity, servanthood... Demonstrating that all of the fruits of the Spirit collectively and cooperatively as individuals and corporately as a congregation are needed to succeed.

And just as you think you have arrived at some new level of understanding and achievement, a whole other level comes into view, and we have new opportunities to grow.

As we cross over into another new year in the Church with Advent, consider the new ways that you might challenge yourself through study, disciplines, or service, so that your faith will grow.

**See ya in church!**

*Pastor Jim*

### **Current Readings of the Pastor**

**You Lost Me, by David Kinneman and Aly Hawkins, Baker Books, (Grand Rapids, MI), 2011**

**Bridges Out of Poverty, by Ruby K. Payne, Philip E DeVol, Terie Dreussi-Smith, Aha Process Inc. Highland TX, 2022**

