

Please pray for...

Our Church Family: Week of 4/19—Ellen Vercruysse, Norma Bennett, John Scarborough, 4/12 family of Wayne Smith, Janet Nuse 4/5 Pax Cornelius 3/29 Janet Zounek, Bill DiJirolanio, Dusty Naaktgeboren, family of Gert Bush, family of Fred Haas



Our friends and relatives: Week of 4/19 Kathleen Stem, Mark Manganelli, Jackie Auger, Mary Roberts, 4/12 Carrie Garrett, family of Brenda Hostetler, Hannah Jackson and family, Etta & David Reece, Ginger Savage, Gene Sumak 4/5 Zoie Wilson, the family of John Cavaleri, Yvonne & Greg Cambray, Tyler Murray, Tracie, Lynn Sheets, Tom O'Brien, Cynthia Reinmann,

3/29 Natalie Kiepert, Steven Pittman, Maria & Raul Felix, Linda Urbanczyk, John Schewerdtfeger, Joe & Brenda Sproul, Teresa Cornell

Ongoing church family, friends and relatives: Doug Zook, Patricia Morgan, Dick Vercruysse, Paul Martin, Darlene Foster, Barbara Frische, Joanne Donaldson, Mary Lou Burke, Kaitlin Burke, Jim MacDonald, Annette Morden, Helen Higgins Kline, Jenny Carangelo-Rule, Scott and Peggy Torgerson, Marilyn Johnson, Bill Rose, Courtney Adams, JoAnne Coe, Susan Leroux, Lori Allen, Diane Massa, Jackie Walsh, Ed Palmer, Joan Forreidor, Laura Buuck, Doreen Panyard, Mona Argentini, Larry Thomas, Jon Dickey, Margot Simmons, Karen Smith, Piper Jandola, Zak Lewis

Please Please also pray for our Homebound members, Ministry of Faith Preparatory School, Ministry of Tender Hearts, Ministry of Blue Butterfly Hospice, all who serve in the military and their families, all law enforcement officers and first responders and their families, the Murfreesboro Police Dept, an end to the war in Iran, for peace in this world, pray for those with addictions, our service members who have died in this war, recovery for those who have been injured.

"Our Mission"
Welcome All
Grow Faithfully
Serve God and Our
Neighbors

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He is Risen

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We are glad YOU are here!

Are You a Visitor or Guest? We welcome you in the name of our risen Savior and we rejoice that you are here today to praise God with us. Please complete a **CONNECTION CARD** in your pew. Either place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our pastors so we can serve you better.

Holy Communion—We believe that Christ is present in this meal freely given to all who are baptized. Please approach the altar as directed. Receive the host and then dip the host (*gluten free wafers are available for the asking*) into either the red wine or the white grape juice and eat, or place the host in your mouth then pick up a cup of either the red wine or the white grape juice and drink. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the line. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing if they do not normally receive communion. Return to your seat (or pause at the altar) for a time of prayer. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like communion in your pew, please let an usher or a pastor know.

Large Print Service Slide Binders—do you have trouble seeing the screens? We do have the slides printed in a binder for those who need it. Please ask an usher by the sanctuary doors for the binder, then return it at the end of worship.

Hearing Assistance – To connect to the sound system, please download the AUDIOFETCH app, (see barcode) and connect to the **audiofetchexpress** wifi on your cellphone. Refer all questions to Phil Deel.

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I'm learning that trusting God doesn't mean the fear disappears, it means I hand Him the fear and keep going anyway.

Bad days will pass.
Hard seasons will end.
Tears will dry.
Smiles will return.
Better days are coming.
Hold on, God is working.

SUNDAY STAR

Volunteers

TODAY'S 9:00am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETERS: Dave & Fran Kern **BULLETINS:** Rosemarie Conklin
Acolyte: Landon Sylvester **READER:** Marianne Click

Communion Assistants: Harriette Distefano, Beth Brown, Tera & Riley Sylvester

TODAY'S 10:45am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETER: **BULLETINS:** **READER:** Marianne Click

OFFERING: Richard Schnur, Major Hatchell

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Corrye Hatchell, Richard Schnur, Shawn Hernandez,
 Hannah Barrios

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: LuAnne Gruenke Late: Joyce Holdrich

FLOWER DELIVERY TO HOMEBOUND: Omer Troyer

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR NEXT WEEK ARE POSTED IN THE NARTHEX

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Our services are projected on the screens—The congregation responds with the **bold black** print.

BIBLE READING: Acts 16:16-34 Luke 6:18-19, 22-23

10:45 Hymns: **OPENING:** ELW 851 **SERMON:** ELW 779 **SENDING:** ELW 881

Church Council Members

You can recognize a church council member by their "YELLOW" nametag.

PRESIDENT—Theda Bunker—VICE-PRESIDENT—Phil Deel—SECRETARY—Jeanne Gaston
TREASURER—Shawn Hernandez

AT LARGE: Beau Beaudine, Doug Buuck, Mandy Knollenberg, Lisa Mohr,
 Jan Schroeder, Richard Schnur

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday—Apr 27

9:00a—Food Pantry

Tuesday—Apr 28

10:00a—Bible Study

Wednesday—Apr 29

9:00a—Food Pantry

6:30—Chancel Choir

Thursday - Apr 30

9:00a—Quilters

6:00p—Trinity's Praise

Friday—May 1

Office Closed

Saturday - May 2

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Sunday - May 3

9:00a—Celebration Service

9:15a—Let's Talk

9:45—Sunday School

10:45 - Traditional Service



Today's altar flowers are presented by
*Darlene Foster, to her husband,
 Charlie, in memory of the day
 they wed.*
 And by
*Mike and LuAnne Gruenke in
 memory of Wayne and Ilame Smith*

Today's communion wine is presented
 by

*Helen Kline in loving memory of
 her husband, Ron*



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

4/26—John Gorton
 4/28—Tom Dummer
 4/29—Judy Platz
 4/30—John Holdrich
 4/30—Cindy Killian



Our Financial Stewardship

DONATIONS YTD (000s)

MAR Actual \$161.8

Needed \$165.0

Over/(Under) (\$ 3.2)



ACTUAL NET YTD:

MAR 26 \$ 15.0

MAR 25 \$ 8.3

Diff: \$ 6.7

15 year Mortgage

(Balance)

on 2/28/26 \$ 3.2

Paid in Full!



THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

4/28— Rolf & Kathy
 Simonson 42 yrs!

May 2— Bob & Ann Luther
 56 yrs!

Omar & Mary Jane Troyer 62 yrs!



In-person Attendance

April 19, 2026— 339

Last year 2025— 552 (Easter)

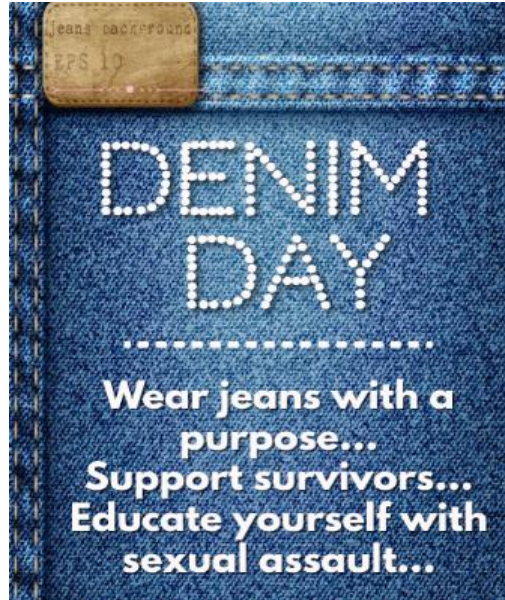
HELP US SUPPORT VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND SPEAK UP FOR PREVENTION EDUCATION BY PARTICIPATING IN

TODAY IS DENIM SUNDAY

Since 1999, Peace Over Violence has run an inspiring and powerful campaign to practice solidarity and support survivors by renewing our commitment to exposing harmful behaviors and attitudes surrounding sexual violence. **DENIM DAY** is recognized on the last Wednesday in April in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The campaign began after a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court to overturn a rape conviction because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped the person who raped her remove them, thereby implying consent. Following the reversal, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim.

Inspired by this case and the activism surrounding it, Peace Over Violence and Executive Director Patti Giggans developed the **DENIM DAY** campaign in 1999. Since then, what started as a local event in Los Angeles to bring awareness to victim blaming and destructive myths that surround sexual violence has grown into a worldwide movement.

As the longest-running sexual violence prevention and education campaign in history, **DENIM DAY** asks community members, elected officials, businesses, churches, students, and *all* individuals to make a social statement with their fashion statement by wearing jeans on **DENIM DAY** as a visible means of protest against the misconceptions that continue to surround sexual violence.



Denim Day is officially Wednesday, April 29th, however we stand as a family and come together with DENIM DAY TODAY! We have a display with more information from our local Crisis Rape and Abuse Emergencies group. Please remember ...YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Single Men's Ministry:

Because of vacations, we are stopping our Single Men's Ministry for the summer and will start back up in the fall.

Holy Trinity Downs Church Picnic

Sunday, May 3, 2026—4pm

Fellowship Hall

The Charcoal Grill

**Hamburgers Cheese Burgers Hot Dogs Italian Sausage
Potato Salad Cole Slaw Homemade Baked Beans**

Ice Cream Sundae Fixings Bar for dessert!

POST TIMES: 1st Youth Race 4:15_{pm} – 2nd Youth Race after Dinner
Senior Race with dessert.

All seniors are welcome to race with walkers, canes or wheel chairs. ***Please remember to bring cash (dollar bills) to wager on your favorite horse!***

Free will offering greatly appreciated!

This day is about having fun for all ages and eating well with your church family.

Sign Up Sheets available TODAY!

Would you be willing to help with coffee hour? Since so many of our snowbirds have gone north we don't have enough volunteers for the summer months. If you are available to help host please sign up on the bulletin board to the right of the coffee bar or call the church office and we will get you signed up! Need to know more about what it entails? Reach out to Barb Graham, ask someone hosting the coffee time, or email the church office. Thank you for helping us out!



Tuesdays at 10 am!



BIBLE Study

Bring your coffee and a friend!



Teddy Bears have been restocked in the pews! Please feel free to take a bear to someone who may need a little extra love and prayers. There is no cost for the bears, however you are always welcome to leave a donation in a yellow pew envelope and mark it "Teddy Bear Ministry".