

**July 2026 at a Glance**

- Jul 1 - Lost & Found @ 1pm
- Jul 3 - Office Closed,  
Picnic at the Granary @ 5:30pm
- Jul 4 - Independence Day,  
Food Stand @ 11am
- Jul 5 - **Worship @ 9:45am,**  
Enneagram Study @ 11am
- Jul 8 - Lost & Found @ 1pm,  
Prayer Time @ 2pm
- Jul 11 - Lost & Found @ 11am
- Jul 12 - **Worship @ 9:45am**
- Jul 15 - Lost & Found @ 1pm
- Jul 16 - Dominoes @ 1pm,  
VBS @ 6pm
- Jul 18 - Saturday Sisters @ 9:30am
- Jul 19 - **Worship @ 9:45am,**  
TLC Q&A @ 11am,  
Worship Team @ 12pm
- Jul 21 - TLC Board @ 5pm,  
Leadership Team @ 6:15pm
- Jul 22 - Lost & Found @ 1pm,  
Prayer Time @ 2pm
- Jul 24 - Crafting for Christ @ 6pm
- Jul 25 - Trinity Men @ 8am,  
Lost & Found @ 11am
- Jul 26 - **Worship @ 9:45am,**  
Don & Millie's Sunday
- Jul 29 - Lost & Found @ 1pm
- Jul 30 - VBS @ 6pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Food Stands**

Trinity Ralston is joining the community of Ralston to celebrate the nations' 250<sup>th</sup> year. We will be joining in the fun with our annual food stands.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a Picnic on the Green at 5:30pm. Trinity will be providing hotdogs and hamburgers with chips and a drink at the Granary. Live music will be provided by Hector Anchondo and Glow Church will again have the amateur Pie Baking Contest/Pie & Ice Cream Social, proceeds will go to give shoes to students in Ralston.

Then on July 4<sup>th</sup> we will have hotdogs, chips, and a drink for sale in the driveway of the yellow house starting at 11am.

The city of Ralston is getting ready for Independence Day celebrations. Trinity UMC is joining in this as we prepare for the Picnic on the Green on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the food stand we offer before the parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. This year, the menu is hamburgers and hotdogs on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and hotdogs on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help make these food stands happen. There are spaces for more help if you did not have a chance to sign up yet.

Why does Trinity UMC keep offering the food stands? Because it is a time when the church can remind us how God is in the world. No matter what your plans are this July 4<sup>th</sup>, God is with you. This July, Trinity UMC will keep exploring all of the ways God is in the world during worship. The first Sunday of July will be a time to remember how Jesus is with us at parades and other celebrations. July 12<sup>th</sup> will be how Jesus is with us in nature. July 19<sup>th</sup> is how Jesus is with us as we camp and play. July 26<sup>th</sup> will explore how Jesus is with us as we enjoy entertainment. In other words no matter where we go or what we do, the Lord is with us. I hope to see you Sunday to celebrate this promise! -Pastor Tessa

**VBS - On the Road with God**

Vacation Bible School is here at Trinity Ralston! This year, you are invited to go on a road trip with the Lord on select Thursday evenings from 6-8pm. The July dates are the 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>! We will start with a meal and then have lessons and fun. Bring your friends and neighbors for this fun event!

Want to help with VBS? Contact Pastor Tessa at [tessa.z@trintyralston.org](mailto:tessa.z@trintyralston.org).



**Office Closing**

The church office will be closed on July 3<sup>rd</sup> in honor of Independence Day.

**Fountain Dedication**

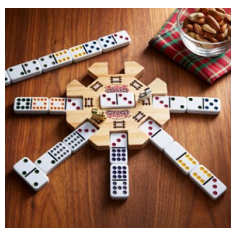
You are cordially invited to the LaDonna Raye Johnson Fountain Dedication Ceremony. It will take place Sat, July 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am at Independence Square, 77<sup>th</sup> & Main Street.



## Mission Notes

The Mission Team is helping with this year's 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> activities, so there will be no meeting this month. They will next meet on Mon, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm. You are encouraged to help stock the Little Free Pantry during July. Here's a poem to remind you of this ministry.

*Our little free pantry is a lot like old Mother Hubbard's,  
Because each are showing pretty empty cupboards.  
When we open those doors we don't want to cry,  
So if you're out shopping and willing to buy,  
Shelf stable foods like soups, canned veggies, and pastas are great,  
Or snack foods, cereals, peanut butter and items as a child you ate.  
We know everybody's budget can be tight,  
So just do as much as feels comfortably right.  
An item here and there will surely help do,  
Neighbors helping neighbors is nothing new.*



## Dominoes

Come play a hand or more of dominoes on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 3pm. Light refreshments provided. Trinity invites all in the community to fellowship together for an afternoon of fun. All are welcome!

## Crafting for Christ

Crafting for Christ meets Fri, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 9pm. Regardless of if you have a project or not, come and enjoy crafting, playing games, snacking, and building community together.

## Men's Group on July 25<sup>th</sup>

The Trinity Men meet the last Saturday of each month at 8am. They invite anyone interested to join them.

## Youth Group

Youth Group will not meet during the month of July. Youth Group is open to anyone in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Come and join in the fun when they next meet on Sun, Aug 16<sup>th</sup>!

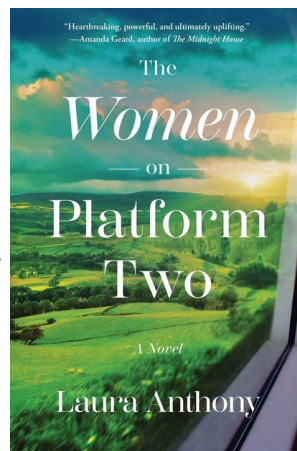


## Happy Birthday!

Would you like us to share your birthday with the church? Submit when your birthday is to the church office, and we will share it the week before it happens.

## Saturday Sisters Book Club

Saturday Sisters Book Club will meet on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in room 205. Our selection this month is *The Women on Platform Two* by Laura Anthony. This novel is a little-known true story that takes place in Dublin Ireland in the 1970s. All forms of contraception have been strictly forbidden, but a group of women will risk everything to change that. You are welcome to join us for fellowship and discussion.



**Trinity  
Learning  
Center**

## TLC Q&A on July 19<sup>th</sup>

In April, Gloria Louch, from the TLC Board shared about TLC during worship. The board would now like

to open up a time of conversation about this important ministry of the church. On July 19<sup>th</sup>, a question and answer session will be held in Fellowship Hall following worship.

If you want to share your question early, please feel free to share with Megan Greise (director) or any board member: Bill Dwyer, Deb Sedrel, Carrie Winkleman, Gloria Louch, Keith Hamel, and Robin Knudtson. You can

## The Enneagram: A Christian Perspective

A study of the book *The Enneagram: A Christian Perspective* by Richard Rohr and Andreas Ebert meets on July 5<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to join on Sunday mornings to talk about this great resource that has helped people grow into who God has called them to be.

## 2025 Financial Audit

Thank you to Liz Larson and Bob Campbell for doing the audit of TUMC and TLC's financial records for 2025. They did not find any significant issues. If you would like to see the results of the audit, it is available in the church office, or by contacting Bob Campbell.

## Ralston Archives

The Frank and Velma Johnson Ralston Archives will be open Fri, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4 - 6:30pm. Come and see what's new!