



Sunday, May 31st, 2026
Trinity Sunday

Welcome and Invitations

***Call to Worship:**

Susan Gassaway

On this Trinity Sunday, we come to praise the Triune God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We Praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

We come to wade into the depths of the divine mystery of God, the One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

We seek an ever-deepening faith in God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

We come to witness the interconnectedness of the Triune God, to marvel at the divine dance of partnership and cooperation.

We receive the invitation to join the divine dance of God who created, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Come, let us worship the Triune God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

***Hymn of Praise:**

UMH 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord Almighty

Prayer Request/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

***Songs of Praise**

Praise Band

Stand In Your Love
Ancient Words

*** Offering/Offertory**

Jill Mansfield

Children's Medley



***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Scripture:**

Matthew 13: 1-9 & 18-23(NIV)

Susan Gassaway

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

***Children's Moment**

Brenda Davidson

***Sermon**

Why Some Seeds Never Grow

Carl Farl

***Hymn of Reflection**

In The Garden

UMH 314

***Affirmation of Faith**

UMH 885

A Modern Affirmation

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and
universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:*

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,**



and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

***Closing Song**

Holy Water

Praise Band

***Sending Forth**

***Postlude**



Announcements and Information

Coming Up This Week At Epworth UMC	
Sunday, May 31st: "Boiler Room" Prayer Gathering <i>West Wing/Chapel</i>	4:00pm
TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND: FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD: FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Bible Discussion Group <i>East Wing/Library</i>	5:00pm - 6:00pm
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal <i>West Wing/2nd Floor/Choir Room</i>	6:00pm - 7:00pm
THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH: FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP	8:30am-9:00am
SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:00am-10:00am
WORSHIP	10:15am-11:30am
"BOILER ROOM" PRAYER GROUP	4:00pm-5:00pm
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<i>Birthdays</i>	
June 3rd	
Jackson Alexander	
Preslee Alexander	
June 4th	
Quinn Ehrlich	
June 5th	
Naomi Dean	
June 7th	
Lisa Ketchum	
Rosemary McNatt	



PLEASE PRAY FOR

U.S. Military	Darleen Harrison	Larry & Sara Jacobson
Law Enforcement	Jim & Rita Roles	Jeanie Bledsoe
First Responders	Donna Bingaman	Megan Colvin
Naomi Dean	Marsha Alexander	Yuvanah James
Roy Flugge	Lou Parrish	Jim & Stella Allen
Shirley Hays	Lilly Watson	Kerry Caywood
Savannah Logue	Harlei Claphan	Bruce Storms

Euella Spoonemore - Mother of Debbie Clark
Eric Little - Nephew of Suzan Colvin
Jason Little-Nephew of Suzan Colvin
Toni Clive - Sister of Jeanne Mather
David Watson - Father of Benjamin Watson
Barbara Taylor - Mother of Rev. Steve Taylor
John Holdeman - Brother of Jeanne Mather
Jeanice McDonald - Sister of Janice Smith
Cindy Blevins - Friend of Brenda Davidson
Terry & Kristy Fancher - Friends of Tim Brauer
Sarah McGovern-Daughter of Judy Jernigan
Twila Long - Sister-In Law of Susan Gearhart
Ann Barrows - Mother of Liz Taylor
Doug Schrock -Friend of Larry Wasson & Doug Cooper
Jay & Tobi Gregory- Friends of Bruce & Sharon Storms

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Mornings:

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. "Boiler Room" Prayer Group



New Sermon Series Begins In June!

This Summer, I will be doing a sermon series on the parables of Jesus. We will deep dive into selected parables for 7 Weeks.

- June 7-The Good Samaritan
- June 14th- The Hidden Treasure
- June 21st-The Lost Sheep
- June 28th- The Mustard Seed
- July 5th-The Talents
- July 12th- The Prodigal Son
- July 19th- The Wise and Foolish Builders



All Church Potluck Birthday Party

June 14th - Right after church service

We will need each group or class to decorate 2 round tables with *centerpieces only*. Each group or class will need to provide *one cake*. Tables will be available to decorate on June 9th. Please have tables decorated *before* Sunday, June 14th.

1. Pilgrimage Class- January & June
2. Mustard Seed- February & July
3. Pairs & Spares- March & August
4. Kids Class- April & September
5. Music Ensemble- May & November
6. UMW- October & December

UMW will be hosting the event. If you have any questions, get with Sharla or Joyce Witte or Sharon Johnson.

