



Weekly Update

October 7, 2026

When People Become Words

So, what's on my mind?

I recently came across an article about things that are named after people. I found it fascinating. There are apparently all kinds of everyday words and things that we use without ever stopping to think about where they came from.

Take German chocolate cake, for example. You might assume it originated in Germany. Nope. It was named after Samuel German, an American baker who developed a type of sweet baking chocolate. Or take the word dunce. It comes from John Duns Scotus, a medieval theologian whose followers were mocked as being overly rigid or slow-witted. And then there's the gardenia, named after Alexander Garden, a Scottish-born American botanist. Even those wonderfully old-fashioned garments we call "bloomers" were named after Amelia Bloomer, who advocated for women's dress reform. Who knew there were so many people hiding inside our vocabulary?

The more I thought about it, I realized that the Bible has its own collection of people whose names have become part of everyday language. If someone betrays a friend, we call them a Judas. If someone describes a woman as manipulative, immoral, or destructive, they might call her a Jezebel. If someone does something particularly courageous or self-sacrificing for a stranger, we call them a Good Samaritan.

We can turn people into labels remarkably quickly. But Jesus had a different way of looking at people. Jesus saw people as more than the worst thing they had done, more than the mistake they had made, more than the reputation they had acquired, and more than the label other people had given them.

That's one reason I find the story of Peter so encouraging. Peter denied Jesus three times. If anyone could've been permanently defined by one terrible moment, it would have been Peter. But Jesus didn't write Peter off. After the resurrection, Jesus sought him out, restored him, and gave him a new opportunity to serve. Peter's story reminds us that our worst moment doesn't have to be the final word.

So, the next time you hear someone described as a "Judas" or a "Jezebel," take a moment to remember that you're talking about a real person whose name belongs to a real story, and that every person is more complicated than the label we give them. And the next time you eat a piece of German chocolate cake, you can impress your friends by telling them that Samuel German is hiding in your dessert.



May God hold you,

Rev. Chris Hester

In Our Prayers



Members In Need of Prayer

Pat Abernathy
Emily Haynes
Sue Morris
Ruth Sosebee
Patti Whelchel



Homebound

Billie Rae Bright
Jane Crumley



Rehab/Assisted Living

Emily Gailey
Iantha Garrett
Victor Hale
Marshall & Bobbylea
Pennington
Sheila Stanley



In Sympathy

The Family of Carol Hembree
The Family of Shirley Gunter
(Alicia Brown's Mother)
The Family of Brian Allison



Friends & Family of the Church

David Bennett
Health Concerns
Sandy Chandler's Brother

Tamora Black
Cancer-Judy Glover

George Blankenship
Stroke-Mary Anna Wicker's BIL

Gary Bull
Cancer-Ben Corley

Danny Chappell
Tess Wagner's Nephew

Morris Crumley
Stroke & Pneumonia
Mildred Rider's Nephew

Steven Eaton
Medical Tests
Lee Ann Eaton's Brother

Allison Ellis
Patti Pirkle's Daughter

Heidi Ferguson
Melissa Hollifield

Dudley Hartel
Stroke-Dave Wicker's BIL

Dan Havrilak
Tumor-Lee Ann Eaton

Nancy Hill
Stroke

Gail Jarrard
Injuries from a fall

Troy Livingston
Pancreatic Cancer

Megan Lower
Colon Cancer-Hillary Truelove

Martha Patrick
Cancer-Mary Dyer's Sister

Josephine Payne
Stroke Rehab-Judy Glover

Sawyer Sistrunk
Brain Cancer

Joyce Thomas
Brain Bleed-Ira Frank

David Truelove
Leukemia

Margarette Wiley
Colon Cancer

Prayer requests will remain on this list for one month, unless updated/or extended through the church office.

Bold indicates a new name or updated info.

*Indicates recently hospitalized or surgery

Please keep us updated on the condition of these for whom we are praying.



Make a Note

Each Week at TUMC






10 am
Sunday School

11 am
Worship

5 pm
Youth

Unless otherwise noted

Ladies YOGA

TUESDAYS | 12:45 PM

in TRINITY HALL

All Ladies Welcome!



AA Meetings

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
6 pm

Looking for a Deeper Connection in Your Faith?

Join a Small Group

Share, Support & Grow in Christ

Contact Pastor Chris

SATURDAY

Morning

PRAYER

— 9 AM —

Mark Your Calendars

10/7	Dinner Church
10/11	Men's Breakfast
10/12	Columbus Day TUMC Office Closed
10/21	Food Distribution
10/25	Fall Festival
11/1	Daylight Savings Ends Men's Breakfast All Saints Sunday
11/4	Dinner Church
11/8	Day of Service
11/11	Veteran's Day
11/15	Children's Friendsgiving
11/18	Food Distribution
11/21	Christmas Market & BBQ
11/26	Thanksgiving Day
11/29	Hanging of the Greens

Featured Activities



MEN'S BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 11

8:30 AM | TRINITY HALL

ALL MEN AND BOYS WELCOME!



Dinner Church

The Table

TUMC Mission Ministry

October 7, 2026
6 pm

Good food. Good people. Everyone welcome.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

FOOD ♥ NEIGHBORS ♥ HOPE

UNLOAD 1:00 PM

SORTING 4:15 PM

DISTRIBUTION 5:30 PM

Special Items

Oct 21 Canned Soups

Help stock brighter tomorrows!

Trinity United Methodist Church
Neighbors Helping Neighbors
5622 Clarks Bridge Rd, Clermont, GA



TRINITY UMC

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

It's All Under Control

A study by Jennifer Dukes Lee

LET GO OF CONTROL
FIND FREEDOM
TRUST GOD IN EVERY SEASON
LEARN A SIMPLER WAY

Every Other Wednesday
Sept 23 – Nov 18, 2026 | 6:30 PM
QUARLES BUILDING

Special Events



Fall FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 25

4PM - 6PM

Trinity United Methodist Church
5622 Clarks Bridge Rd, Clermont, GA
www.trinityclermont.org

GAMES
FOOD
BOUNCE HOUSE
PRIZE/CAKE WALK
TRUNK OR TREAT



Faith In Action Changes Lives

DAY OF SERVICE

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Join us for a day of hands-on service as we care for our neighbors and our community.

BETTER NEIGHBORS BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

WE'LL SHARE BREAKFAST
WORK ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS
ASSIST OUR ELDERLY MEMBERS
COMPLETE WORK PROJECTS AROUND THE CHURCH

A Stronger Community Together



OPERATION Christmas Child

SHOEBOXES SEND HOPE AROUND THE WORLD

SHOEBOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY NOV 1

COLLECTION SUNDAYS
NOV 15 & NOV 22



SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Market

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Trinity United Methodist Church
5622 Clarks Bridge Rd, Clermont, GA 30527
www.trinityclermont.org

Offerings

Weekly Budget Receipts

Date	General Fund	Budget Need
10/4	\$5,982	\$6,315 per week
10/11		
10/18		
10/25		

2026 Financial Summary

	Sept 2026	Sept 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
General Fund	\$54,363	\$50,662	\$283,601	\$254,187
Expenses	\$24,893	\$21,294	\$240,164	\$210,439
Capital Fund	Balance on September 30: \$145,462.45			

THANK YOU  FOR GIVING



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JOIN LIST
to
(833) 599-6087
to receive messages
about TUMC Activities

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Email List





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Volunteers

	October 11	October 18	October 25
Media	Angie Glove Jax Smith	Brooks Corley Laura Corley	Jim Haynes Jax Smith
Greeter	Shirley Smith	Elaine Ferguson	Lisa Warwick
Usher	Wayne Frank Joe Thomas	Brooks Corley Sam Smith	Chris Hollifield Derek Satterfield
Nursery	Anna Black Cheryl Matthews	Jordan Dean Jill Lee	Hillary Truelove Cindy West
Acolytes	Cate Thomas		Adalyn Giles
Counters for October	Cindy Campbell & Sarah Rushton		

If you are unable to serve on the indicated Sunday, please contact your team leader

Media
Laura Corley

Nursery
Hillary Truelove

Greeter
Shirley Gailey

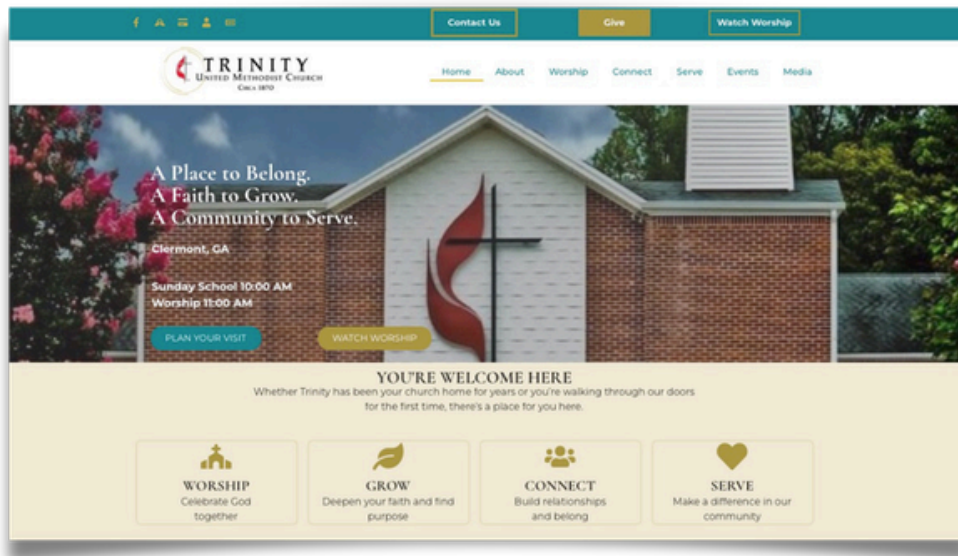
Acolyte
Chris Hester

Ushers
Jim Gailey

Counters
Chris Hollifield

Take a Look at our Updated Website

www.trinityclermont.org



Join Us in Reading Through the Bible in 2026

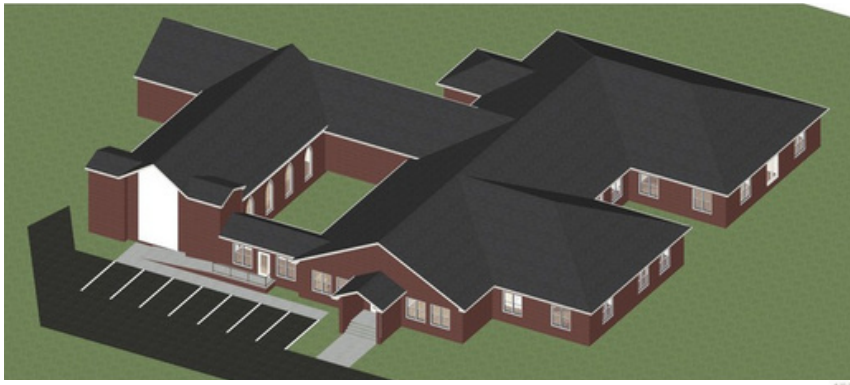


October 2026



Sunday Gospels	Monday Epistles	Tuesday The Law	Wednesday History	Thursday Psalms	Friday Poetry	Saturday Prophecy
				1 Ps 117-118	2 Proverbs 28	3 Jonah
4 Acts 3-4	5 Hebrews 5-7	6 Numb 29-32	7 2 Chron 11-15	8 Psalms 119	9 Proverbs 29-30	10 Micah
11 Acts 5-6	12 Hebrews 8-10	13 Numb 33-36	14 2 Chron 16-20	15 Ps 120-121	16 Proverbs 31	17 Nahum
18 Acts 7-8	19 Hebrews 11-13	20 Deut 1-3	21 2 Chron 21-24	22 Ps 122-124	23 Eccl 1-2	24 Habakkuk
25 Acts 9-10	26 James 1-3	27 Deut 4-6	28 2 Chron 25-28	29 Ps 125-127	30 Eccl 3-4	31 Zephaniah

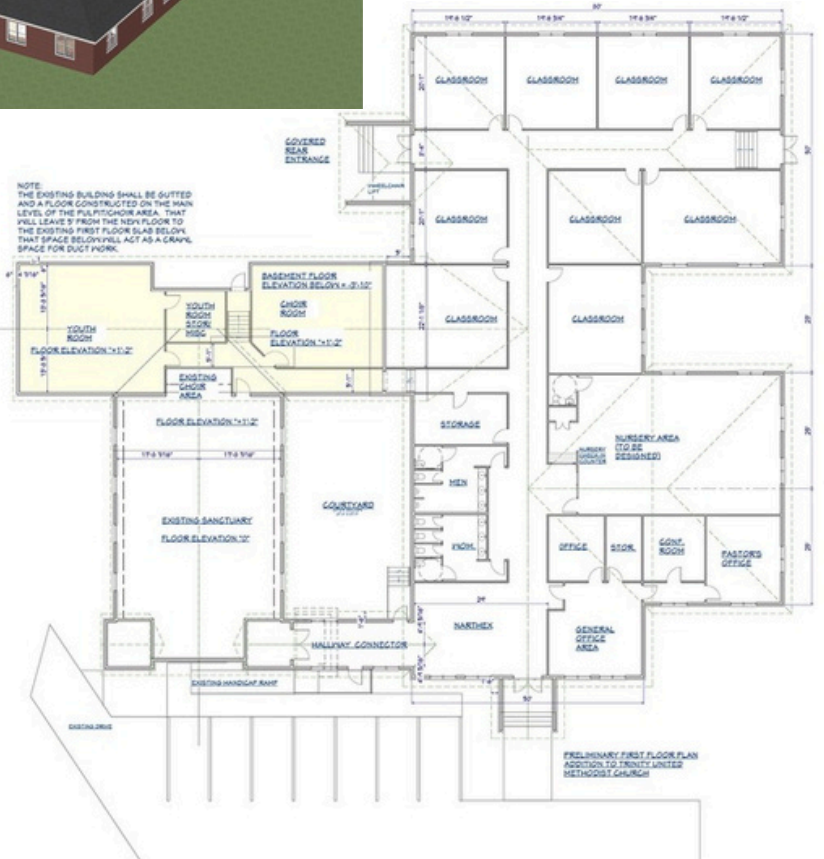
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. - Psalms 119:105



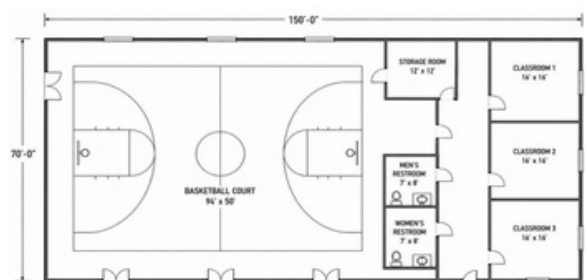
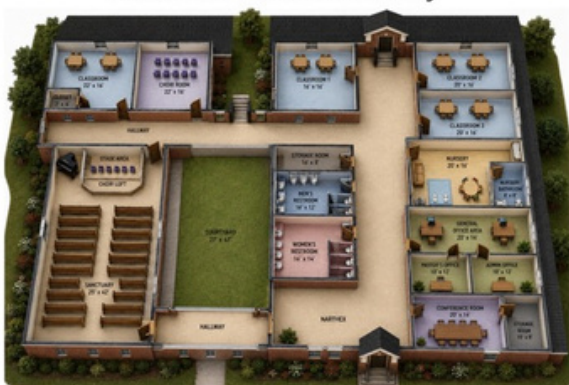
A Vision for the Future

We have received some very good feedback on the building project. One of the things we have heard expressed is the desire to have a Family Life Center. A set of drawings was created to give us an idea of how that would work on our property. These new drawings are in the back of the church, along with the original architect renderings. Please take a minute to fill out the survey letting us know how your thoughts on these concepts or if you have another suggestion for us to consider. Printed surveys are available in the back of the Sanctuary or scan the QR code and fill in the form.

TUMC Building Committee



Covered Portico/Driveway



Covered Portico



