

### December 2025 at a Glance

**Dec 3** - Lost & Found @ 1pm, Choir @ 6pm  
**Dec 5** - Crafting for Christ @ 6pm  
**Dec 6** - Christmas Festival @ 10am  
**Dec 7** - Choir @ 9am, **Worship @ 9:45**,  
Adult Sunday School @ 10:50am  
**Dec 9** - Mary Circle Potluck @ 6:30pm  
**Dec 10** - Lost & Found @ 1pm, Prayer Time @ 2pm,  
Choir @ 6pm  
**Dec 11** - Esther Circle at Farmhouse Cafe @ 11am,  
R&R @ 6pm  
**Dec 13** - Lost & Found @ 10am  
**Dec 14** - Choir @ 9am, **Worship @ 9:45**,  
Adult Sunday School @ 10:50am,  
Sunday Night Bible Study @ 5:30pm  
**Dec 16** - Leadership Team @ 6pm  
**Dec 17** - Lost & Found @ 1pm, Choir @ 6pm  
**Dec 18** - Dominoes @ 1pm  
**Dec 21** - **Worship @ 9:45**,  
Adult Sunday School @ 10:50am  
**Dec 24** - **Christmas Eve Worship @ 5pm & 7pm**  
**Dec 25** - *Christmas Day - Office Closed*  
**Dec 26** - *Office Closed*  
**Dec 27** - Lost & Found @ 10am  
**Dec 28** - **Worship @ 9:45**,  
Adult Sunday School @ 10:50am,  
Don & Millie's Sunday,  
Sunday Night Bible Study @ 5:30pm  
**Dec 31** - New Year's Eve Party @ 7pm

It is a season of traditions. Trinity Ralston has traditions too. One of the traditions is an Advent offering. Each year, the church picks different ministries to support. This year, the church is inviting you to support the Lost and Found ministry by donating money to purchase socks and underwear. These will be given out in January and February to shoppers. I know in our family, socks and underwear can be found in stockings. The hope is to offer this gift to the shoppers at Lost & Found this year.

You are also welcome to give to our church mission shares that we pay to the conference. 11% of the money Trinity receives in donations each year is given to help with missions beyond the local church. This includes camping ministries, campus ministries, administrative support for churches, African University, and so much more. If you want to make sure Trinity keeps paying 100% of this, please feel free to give.

Finally, the church has a pastor emergency fund that supports people who need emergency financial help. The biggest gift we give is gas money, which often helps people keep jobs that provide for their livelihoods. This fund also allows us to help by providing a safety net, so we can get people to places that can provide more help and support than is available here at Trinity.

Thank you for giving to these important ministries and continuing this tradition here at Trinity Ralston UMC. I hope you enjoy all of the traditions, new and old, at Trinity this Advent season as hearts and lives prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Blessings! Pastor Tessa

### Christmas Festival/Cookie Walk

Spread the word! Trinity UMC and TLC are having a party and everyone is invited! Saturday, December 6th is our annual Christmas Festival/Cookie Walk. From 10:30am-1pm you can come and enjoy fun, Christmas-themed activities. Some of what will be available includes: a cookie walk (proceeds to support TLC), a hot cocoa bar, photos with Santa, and more. Tell your family and friends!

For those helping to make cookies, we will have baggies that you can use to package your items. Please bring your cookies to the church on Friday, December 5th. Make sure they are clearly labeled as to the kind of cookie they are along with any important dietary information such as "contains



### Christmas Eve Services

Celebrate Christmas Eve with the message of Christ's birth told through scripture, song, and candlelight. Join us at either 5pm or 7pm!

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Sunday Worship: 9:45am in person + online

Pastor: Rev Tessa Zehring

TLC Director: Megan Greise Media Director/Worship Leader: Matthew Hindley Choir Director: Chris King

Accompanist: Caleb Silcott Office Manager: Lowell Schlenker

Mission Notes



Thank you to everyone who donated food items (pictured) to Living Hope so they can provide Thanksgiving Meals to their community. We can't thank you enough for your generosity!

In December, Missions will once again ask for your help in writing Christmas cards to the residents of Papillion Manor. Once the cards are ready, R&R will be delivering them.

Also, there is a Tree of Warmth in the Narthex where the Mission boat is usually found. There will be tags on the tree with different sizes of underwear or socks listed on them. Please take a tag (or more), purchase the requested item(s), and then bring the item back. These articles of clothing will then be given out through Lost & Found.

We will continue to collect non-perishable food items through December to help keep the Little Free Pantry stocked.

*\*There is no Mission Team/Lost & Found meeting in December.*

Poinsettia Orders

Each year, Trinity orders poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. If you would like to purchase one in memory or honor of a loved one, order forms will be available in the coming weeks.

Craft for Christ

Crafting for Christ will meet on Fri, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm with a primary focus this month on setting up for the Christmas Festival. They would love your help!

R&R

The next R&R is on December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm. Come for an inter-generational time of Reflecting on Christ and Reviving our Faith! Supper begins at 6pm! We will be talking about Advent.



Dominoes

Come play a hand or more of dominoes on Dec 18<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!

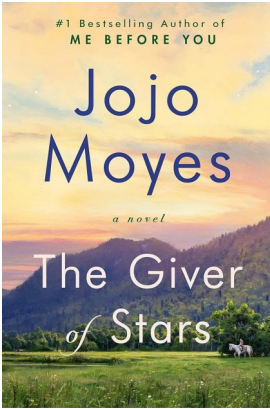


Happy Birthday!

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

The Saturday Sisters Book Club will take a break for December, but will return on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in Room 205. The selection is an historical fiction novel, *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. Inspired by Eleanor Roosevelt's push for literacy in rural America, three women form the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky, traveling through rugged and often dangerous terrain to bring books and knowledge to isolated communities in the Appalachian Mountains. You are welcome to join us for discussion.



Sunday Night Bible Study

Sunday Night Bible Study will be meet on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm over Zoom with the book *With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God* by Skye Jethani. This study explores ways we live our lives for, under, over, from, and with God and how each of these ways are revealed in our lives. Come explore what it means to be a Christian and have faith.

Choir Cantata

The choir will be sharing a selection of Christmas music on Sun, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> during the worship service @ 9:45am. They have been hard at work learning this music, and are eager to share it with all of you. Come and hear!

Leadership Team Highlights

Offerings as of 11/30/2025:	\$207,462.69
Offerings as of 11/30/2024:	\$184,558.10
Rental Income as of 11/30/2025:	\$31,232.24
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• Trinity Learning Center Enrollment: 20	
• 2025 average attendance: 55	

All Church Christmas Pageant

Mark your calendars! Sun, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> during worship @ 9:45am will be the All Church Christmas Pageant. Who's playing what? No one's sure just yet, and that's half the fun! Come, worship, and hear the Christmas message.

Office Closings

The church office will be closed on Dec 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas.

New Year's Eve Party

Game Night at Trinity - Dec 31<sup>st</sup> from 7-11pm. Bring games and snacks to share, and come ready to play games as we ring in the New Year.