



## January 2026 at a Glance

- Jan 4 - Worship @ 9:45,**  
Adult Sunday School @ 10:50am
- Jan 7 -** Lost & Found @ 1pm, Choir @ 6pm
- Jan 8 -** Esther Circle @ 10am, R&R @ 6pm
- Jan 10 -** Lost & Found @ 10am
- Jan 11 - Worship @ 9:45,**  
UWF Officer Installation @ 9:45am,  
Adult Sunday School @ 10:50am,  
Zoom Bible Study @ 5:30pm
- Jan 13 -** Mary Circle @ 6:30pm
- Jan 14 -** Lost & Found @ 1pm,  
Prayer Time @ 2pm, Choir @ 6pm
- Jan 15 -** Dominoes @ 1pm
- Jan 17 -** Saturday Sisters @ 9:30am
- Jan 18 - Worship @ 9:45,**  
Adult Sunday School @ 10:50am,  
Youth Group @ 2pm
- Jan 19 -** *Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office Closed*
- Jan 20 -** TLC Board @ 5pm, Leadership @ 6pm
- Jan 21 -** Lost & Found @ 1pm, Choir @ 6pm
- Jan 22 -** R&R @ 6pm
- Jan 23 -** Crafting for Christ @ 6pm
- Jan 24 -** Lost & Found @ 10am
- Jan 25 - Worship @ 9:45,**  
Adult Sunday School @ 10:50am,  
Don & Millie's Day,  
Zoom Bible Study @ 5:30pm
- Jan 28 -** UWF Executive Board @ 10am,  
Lost & Found @ 1pm,  
Prayer Time @ 2pm, Choir @ 6pm
- Jan 31 -** Trinity Men @ 8am

Happy New Year! It is time to again welcome in a new year. As we do, I want to share some of my favorite highlights from the past year.

In 2025, Trinity UMC reached out to people in the community through the community Easter Egg Hunt, Back to School night, Trunk or Treat, and the Christmas Party/Cookie walk. We served people through the Lost and Found Clothing pantry. We helped families through Trinity Learning Center. As a church, we had worship on Sundays, Sunday School for adults and children, Sunday night Zoom meetings, and are almost done with the church directory. There have been craft nights, trivia nights, Saturday Sister book club meetings, potlucks, and even a soup cook-off with a new winner of the golden ladle.

Trinity UMC has had groups use the Johnson Community Center. Trinity has hosted family reunions, birthday parties, graduation celebrations, community meetings, Al-anon meetings, AA meetings, Narcotics Anonymous meetings, soccer groups, volleyball groups, community basketball groups, a sorority meeting, crafting groups, and many others that have generously given donations that have helped keep Trinity UMC going.

In the coming year, the goal of Trinity UMC is to be more intentional about connecting with each other. The church directory is almost done. As it is shared, the hope is to create groups that will check in with each other. One of the hardest aspects of life since COVID is loneliness. Trinity UMC wants to work against the feeling of being all alone by helping to provide connections. I hope you will join with the church as we all make these goals a reality in 2026. God did not create us to be alone but created us to need each other. So Happy New Year to each of you. Thank you for making 2025 a wonderful year. Here's to 2026!

—Pastor Tessa

## 2026 Pledge Cards

Along with the Advent/Christmas Offering letter you should have received a pledge card for 2026. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider your commitment to Trinity Ralston and fill out and return these cards so Leadership Team has a more accurate view of the coming year. As always, your commitment of your time, talents, and gifts during 2025 and the preceding years has been exceptional. Thank you for supporting Trinity Ralston and its ministries!



Pictured:  
counting down to  
the New Year!

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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**

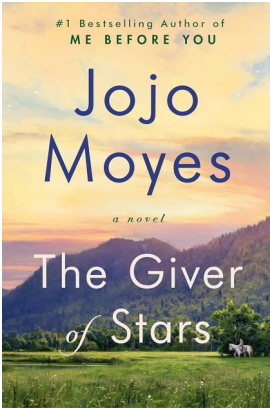
Thank you to everyone who helped this past month with the projects Mission spearheaded: writing and delivering cards and treats to Papillion Manor residents (pictured below), purchasing socks and underwear to hand out this year at Lost and Found, and keeping the Little Free Pantry stocked. After a busy December, in January we will be focusing on collecting non-perishable items for the Little Free Pantry.

*\*The Mission Team will not meet in January.*



**Saturday Sisters Book Club**

The Saturday Sisters Book Club will meet 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.



**Dominoes**



Come play a hand or more of dominoes on Jan 15<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!

**R&R**

R&R meets on January 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7:30pm. Come for an inter-generational time of Reflecting on Christ and Reviving our Faith! Supper begins at 6pm, and everyone is invited!



**Craft for Christ**

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 - 9pm is craft night. Regardless of if you have a project or not, come and enjoy crafting, playing games, snacking, and building community together.

**Leadership Team Highlights**

Offerings as of 12/31/2025:	\$221,538.69
Offerings as of 12/31/2024:	\$204,918.20
Rental Income as of 12/31/2025:	\$34,577.34
Rental Income as of 12/31/2024:	\$26,428.62
• Trinity Learning Center Enrollment: 20	
• 2025 average attendance: 56	

**Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s Cookie Walk/Christmas Festival a success. From everyone who helped bake and provide cookies, to those who set up, to those who were there during the party and sale, and especially Santa...without you all it would not have been possible. TLC made around \$1000 through the sale. Please enjoy a few pictures from the event.



**Ralston Archives**

The Frank and Velma Johnson Ralston Archives will be open Sun, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 3pm. Come and see what’s new!

**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.

