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TRINITY UMC MISSION – TO SEEK & TO SAVE THE LOST. JOHN 10:11

A PLACE TO... BELONG. BELIEVE. BECOME.

Missions Committee:

On October 5th, we prepared and served an evening meal for the men at the Beacon of Hope, serving approximately 40 men. They expressed their appreciation and thanked us numerous times. After dinner, we had the opportunity to sit and chat with some of them, making for an enjoyable evening and a meaningful ministry for our church. Thank you to everyone who donated food, money, and their time.

Ingathering Day is the morning of November 2nd, when we'll welcome other churches from our district as they bring their ingathering kits for us to unload and load onto the truck. The drivers will be invited into the fellowship hall to register their paperwork and enjoy a cup of coffee or hot chocolate along with some tasty breakfast treats. There will also be display tables and a mat weaving area for them to explore. If you can join us that morning, we have two main shifts: 7:30–9:30 AM and 9:30–11:30 AM. Even if you can only help for an hour, that would be great!

During November & December we will have a display for the Heifer International Project. The quarter tubes will be set out as well.

Carol Etzel has been in contact with nurses at Cooper and Duncombe schools to find out what their current students need. Such as hats, mittens, gloves, snow pants and snow boots. The giving tree will be set up in the church hallway with ornaments for what items can be donated.

Jayne Cassidy

We had Trinity United Methodist Church serving tonight they brought tater tots casserole, bread, rolls salad and different desserts great food and fellowship we are so blessed to have them here they are truly the hands and feet of Jesus thank yo... See more



Saturday Worship– 5:30p
Sunday Worship– 9:30a
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PRAYER LIST

Ed & Joanne Becker
 Don & Elaine Cassady
 Ralph Ewing
 Terry Lee
 Lois Martin
 Katrina O'Brien
 Linda Pingel
 Steve Roe
 Ilene Smith
 Bill Cunningham brother of
 Jean Warg
 Joann Whittington
 Gary Winkler

The Family of Frank Farmer
 The Family of Bill Oberhelman
 The Family of Dr. Paul Brown
 Sharon Perkins
 Nick Salmon
 Martina Hanselman
 Bill Messerly
 Norma Hughett
 Ryan Bernie
 New Parents Ryne & Carlee
 Cokely, and baby Lennon

Please let the office know if you want to be added or removed from this prayer list. We want to respect your privacy, but let our prayer warriors know that you desire inclusion.



November Birthdays

- | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Mary Ann Bousfield | 10 Sam Peters | 22 Vicki Parks |
| 1 Karen Brokaw | 10 Arlene Summers | 22 Craig Stewart |
| 1 Skylar Edgerton | 11 Kimberly McCrady | 24 Rhonda Weins |
| 1 Stacy Hale | 11 Chris Ulrich | 25 Linda Pingel |
| 1 Donald Shelton | 11 Zeyllin Van Alstine | 25 Ciera Van Alstine |
| 1 Nicole Smith | 13 Sam Sonksen | 26 Beth Lind |
| 2 Annalisa Laird | 14 Jeremy Browning | 26 Kelli McCurdy |
| 2 Jane Patterson | 14 Lucas Kuhn | 26 Calvin McIntyre |
| 2 Tasha Shroyer | 15 Deb Harvey | 26 Justin Piper |
| 3 Mike Mericle | 15 Teagan Loots | 26 Marshall Starrett |
| 3 Amber Smith | 15 Mark Marner | 27 Jason Bowles |
| 4 Abbi Caruth | 16 Corey Dill | 27 Allen Habhab |
| 4 Sandra Wills | 17 Brielle Alexander | 28 Brenna Paukert |
| 6 Laura Kilian | 17 Hanna Marks | 29 Paige Lookingbill |
| 6 Dave Laverty | 17 Roger Vander Maten | 30 Riley Chansler |
| 7 Phillip Breeser | 18 Roger Brown | 30 Jerry Jordison |
| 7 Kathy Messerly | 18 Jill Hansen | 30 Brad McIntyre |
| 7 Adam Miller | 18 Katie Kocour | |
| 7 Emily Reese | 18 Alice Galindez | |
| 8 Kourtney Marks | 18 Javion Soppeland | |
| 8 Carole Walrod | 19 Arthur Reese | |
| 9 Jamie Soppeland | 19 Jake Shelton | |
| 10 Maryann Estergaard | 20 Tony Totten | |
| 10 Jamie Kilian | 21 Marlee Richman | |



November Anniversaries

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5 Mat & Samantha Kuhn | 19 Don & Wanda Shelton |
| 11 Marty & Ilene Smith | 20 Mitch & Kathy Sadler |
| 12 Michelle & DeLoy Koester | 28 Richard & Bert Zahrobsky |
| 18 Randy & Karla Berg | 28 Rev & Mrs Ron Kitterman |
| 18 Charles & Karen Schelle | |



Finance Committee:

Year to date income for the General Fund through September has been just a little over \$155,000. As we reflect on what we have contributed this year and what next years' plan will be, consider what Trinity has done for you and how much more it can be when we contribute to the ministry of our church and all the programs going on at Trinity.

Kraig Barber



All Saints/Consecration Weekend

This weekend is All Saints and Consecration weekend at both worship services. We will honor and remember the saints from our church membership who have died since last November. Provide to the church office the full name of your loved one who has died in this past year and we'll call their name as well.

Don't forget to bring your Generosity Campaign Commitment Card this weekend as well. We will offer those commitments to God and consecrate them to the ministry of Jesus Christ. We're having a catered celebration meal following Sunday morning's worship service so plan to stay!

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



:) from Laura

I love to send cards to family and friends and my favorite place to find cards is Dollar Tree. They carry the “Joyfully Yours” line of DaySpring that includes a Bible verse. Yeah! A double Yeah! because some cards are still only 50 cents!

Pictured is a favorite card for

this Fall. It reads, “Have a wonderful Thanksgiving full of God’s goodness and love,” and quotes Psalm 107:1, “Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!” This Fall my goal is to start each day with a list of at least 3 blessings of God’s goodness and love. It is too easy to fall into a bad attitude when something goes wrong if I don’t purposely fill my heart, mind, and spirit with gratitude. Join me in this gratitude practice.

Today, I am thankful for the Trunk or Treat event held October 27th. The confirmation and high school youth took on the challenge of hosting this event. Nine trunks and the church van were transformed into Bible stories or God sayings. With an abundance of energy and excitement each participant was greeted and treated not only to candy but a new way to see a Bible story come to life. It was difficult to pick a favorite. The final trunk was appropriately titled, “Give me S’more Jesus!” The treat was a kit to make your own s’more along. Prayers were also offered for all to desire ‘S’more Jesus’ in their life. You can find pictures of all the trunks on display in the church. (Erika and Paisley pictured)



I’m also thankful for the 4th Annual Painted Pumpkins with a Purpose contest. The 6th through 12th grade students created unique Bible themed pumpkins on display in the south hallway.



Stop by and place your **vote for your favorite pumpkin through 5 pm on November 6th**. Pictured is Zoey at work recreating a scene from “The Nightmare before Christmas” movie. Her pumpkin has 2 scenes and 2 verses. There are 15 more entries.

JAM NEWS! Finally, I’m grateful for the



Jesus & Me elementary kids. We are learning about famous children in the Bible, first through hearing the story, then games, snacks, crafts, songs and ... New this year, Deb Shelton is teaching the stories with science experiments. The group pictured learned how to make tie dye designs with milk, food

coloring and dish soap. The JAM kids so far have met Isaac, Jacob, Esau, Joseph, Moses, Miriam, and Samuel. A fun fact is that each Bible child’s name reveals important information about their story. Do you know what your name means?

COMING SOON...

November 2/3 – Youth volunteer with Ingathering and Consecration Dinner. Sunday night is Rake - n - Run!
Youth group will start at 5 p.m. for both groups.
November 10 Rake -n- Run part 2 (if needed)
November 24 Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day!
November 27th No Wednesday activities!



High School Bible study every Wednesday night from 6:30p – 7:30 pm in the Youth Room. November study starts the life of David; from shepherd to giant slayer to Psalms writer to Israel’s 3rd King! “David was a man after God’s own

Lay Leader Report

September 24th, Pastor Bobbie and I attended our Circuit Meeting, held at Dayton. Our Circuit Includes churches from: Dayton-Harcourt-Farnhamville; First United Church – Somers; Duncombe + Woolstock; Eagle Grove; Epworth UMC Ft. Dodge; First UMC Ft. Dodge; Trinity UMC Ft. Dodge; Goldfield UMC; Gowrie UMC; Our Savior (Manson) + Jolley Community; Stanhope Parish Church + Stratford + Calvary + South Marion; Unity Church of Sac City + Nemaha; Asbury UMC Webster City; Faith UMC Webster City + Kamrar. I think Humboldt, Gilmore City and Livermore are also now a part of it. We apparently have the most involved or active Circuit in our District! On Tuesday, October 22, the circuit pastors and laity met with Rev. Mike Fillmore, who shared insights related to discipleship and strengthening our relationships with God. Stay tuned as we update you next month!

September 25-27th, Pastor and I virtually attended an Onward Leadership conference with several speakers and a lot of inspiration for our future.

October 13th, we attended our Charge Conference at First UMC. That was a great meeting and our reports on-file in the office; see Pastor Bobbie with any questions. TUMC had the largest in attendance! Clap-clap! :) Deb Shelton was our Secretary and thanks to all who attended.

February 27th-March 2nd, I am attending an Upper Room sponsored *Walk to Emmaus* adaptation program called *Face-to-Face* in WDM – for Seniors. It includes 8 journey sessions, 6-7 hrs long that will cover topics on discipleship, mission, grief and end-of-life issues, and a short course on Christianity. It will surely inspire and equip me for more action!

Submitted to Admin Council 10/15/2024

With His Love, always, **Peggy Barkhaus**

Dear Beloveds,

One of my great fascinations is the vastness of the Bible. There are so many faith stories, so many perspectives, so many buried messages of grace. And if we immerse ourselves in it through study and with the power of the Holy Spirit, God uses the Bible to relentlessly bond with us. Read this passage from the Gospel of Luke, but read it from the perspective of the person who is asking, but not sure what to ask; searching, but not knowing where to look, knocking but not sure who will open the door:

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Luke 11:9-13)

I believe in God’s prevenient grace, in other words, the idea that God has already planted seeds of faith and grace in our hearts before we even know who God is or that God loves us. It may take a lifetime or a critical life moment to come to the realization that only God has the power to fill the vacancies in our lives, vacancies that we attempt to fill with all kinds of things. And that’s where I imagine the person who is asking, searching, and knocking is. She longs for meaning, he is grasping for purpose. What the church must be is a sanctuary. A safe place to find meaning and purpose, no matter your age, race, gender or station.


To that end, our Board of Trustees has adopted an updated Safe Sanctuary Policy. Its purpose is to create a holy, safe, and protective community of faith as it particularly addresses the safety of our children and youth at events sponsored by our church. It regulates the ratio of adults to children, offers alternative behavior modification responses, and requires training and criminal background checks for all staff and for anyone who helps with children and youth ministries.

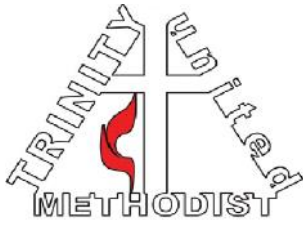
Some get defensive when a policy like this is introduced and implemented because, well, it’s a bother. It is. Still others take offence, viewing it as a lack of trust for staff and volunteers. It is not. *This formal, written policy helps prevent the opportunity for the occurrence and/or the appearance of abuse of children and youth and it helps protect workers from false accusations and/or suspicions.*

The Safe Sanctuary Policy, aside from the facts that it has been a United Methodist Conference requirement for many years and insurance company applications ask if churches have one in place, it provides sanctuary for those who are asking, searching, and knocking. Our updated policy will be implemented over several weeks so I ask that everyone please keep the process in your prayers.

Grace & Peace, **Pastor Bobbie Maltas**

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>Giving Campaign 3 9:30am Worship - Blended / Lwestream- With Billy Wayne 2:00pm ISU Strengthening Families Program 5:00pm Trunk or Treat 6:30pm Middle School Youth Group 7:30pm High School Youth Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am RSYV BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00am Trinity Quilters</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:30pm JAM 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Stop & Go Supper 5:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm High School Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:30am Trinity Bible Study 9:30am Community Bible Study 1:00pm RSYV Base Fitness 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00am RSYV BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom</p>	<p>2</p> <p>All Saints Weekend 7:30am Ingathering Day 5:30pm Worship - Casual All Saints</p>
<p>3</p> <p>All Saints Weekend Daylight-Saving Time Ends 9:30am Worship - Blended / Lwestream All Saints 10:45am Consecration Meal 2:00pm ISU Strengthening Families Program 5:00pm Youth Group: Rake-n-Run</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00am RSYV BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Election Day 9:00am Trinity Quilters 10:00am TWM Planning Meeting 5:00pm Missions Committee Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Accountant Here 10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:30pm JAM 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Stop & Go Supper 5:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm High School Bible Study 7:00pm Brandon Heath Concert</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30am Trinity Bible Study 9:30am Community Bible Study 1:00pm RSYV Base Fitness 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am RSYV BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30pm Worship - Casual</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:30am Worship - Blended / Lwestream 2:00pm ISU Strengthening Families Program 2:00pm Parsonage Open House 5:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day 9:00am RSYV BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:30pm FD Quilters Guild</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:30pm JAM 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Stop & Go Supper 5:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm High School Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30am Trinity Bible Study 9:30am Community Bible Study 1:00pm RSYV Base Fitness 5:00pm Missions Loom 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am RSYV BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Blood Pressure Checks 5:30pm Worship - Casual</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:30am Worship - Blended / Lwestream 2:00pm ISU Strengthening Families Program</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00am RSYV BASE Fitness 9:30am IRSP 10:00am Missions Loom 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am Trinity Quilters 9:30am Finance Committee 6:45pm Administrative Council</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due 9:15am Ruth Circle 10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:30pm JAM - 3rd Grade Bible Presentation 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Mary Circle 5:00pm Stop & Go Supper 6:00pm Ice Bucket Challenge 6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm High School Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30am Trinity Bible Study 9:30am RSYV Base Fitness 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00am RSYV BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Lady Weekend 5:30pm Worship - Casual</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Lady Weekend 9:30am Worship - Blended / Lwestream 10:45am Ice Bucket Challenge 5:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Accountant Here 9:00am RSYV BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Trinity Quilters</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closing at Noon 10:00am Coffee with Friends</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office Closed Thanksgiving Day </p>	<p>29</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30pm Worship - Casual</p>



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November

2024 Bible Reading Plan

	Epistles	The Law	History	Psalms	Poetry	Prophecy	Gospels
Wk.	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
44	James 4-5	Deut 7-9	2 Chron 29-32	Ps 125-127	Eccl 3-4	Zephaniah	Acts 11-12
45	1 Peter 1-3	Deut 10-12	2 Chron 33-36	Ps 128-130	Eccl 5-6	Haggai	Acts 13-14
46	1 Peter 4-5	Deut 13-15	Ezra 1-5	Ps 131-133	Eccl 7-8	Zech 1-7	Acts 15-16
47	2 Peter	Deut 16-19	Ezra 6-10	Ps 134-136	Eccl 9-10	Zech 8-14	Acts 17-18
48	1 John 1-3	Deut 20-22	Neh 1-4	Ps 137-139	Eccl 11-12	Malachi	Acts 19-20
49	1 John 4-5	Deut 23-25	Neh 5-9	Ps 140-142	Song 1-2	Rev 1-6	Acts 21-22