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

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

Why pass the plate?

Churches learned a great deal because of the pandemic. One thing was that passing the offering plate isn't the only effective way for people to financially support the ministries of the church. Many of us have opted to use online alternatives.

Even so, the act of passing the offering plates during worship has a deeper meaning. It is a tangible expression of love and gratitude for the blessings and care from God. From a theological standpoint, it is one of the oldest biblical traditions as well. Our monetary gifts are sacrificial offerings of that which sustains our lives. Whether the first fruits of a harvest or the first check/ACH from our income, giving our tithes and offerings is an act of worship. During COVID, most churches stopped passing the plate, as did Trinity UMC. But thankfully, the pandemic is over, and our church is going to resume the tradition of receiving an offering during worship. Whether you place something in the plate or not, you'll be touching it and be reminded of God's generosity to you.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

P.S. That means we're going to need folks at each service to get the plates started around, so be prepared!

Missions Committee

Our final total of donations for the Lord's Cupboard is \$3,545. Thank you to everyone who gave to this important cause! In the church hallway is our giving tree for ingathering kit items. Each ornament on the tree has a list of items to be purchased and brought to the church by September 1st. Please take one or more ornaments and write your name on the sheet beside the number that matches your ornament. There are envelopes for cash donations as well. Please write "ingathering" on the memo of your check.

We need help cutting fabric and sewing the student kit bags. When a child receives a student kit, which includes school items, they keep the cloth bag to use every school day. If you can assist with this project, please call the church office.

Our next committee meeting will be August 6th at 5pm.

Jayne Cassidy



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paper newsletter by U.S. mail?

If so, please call the church office at 515-573-3519.

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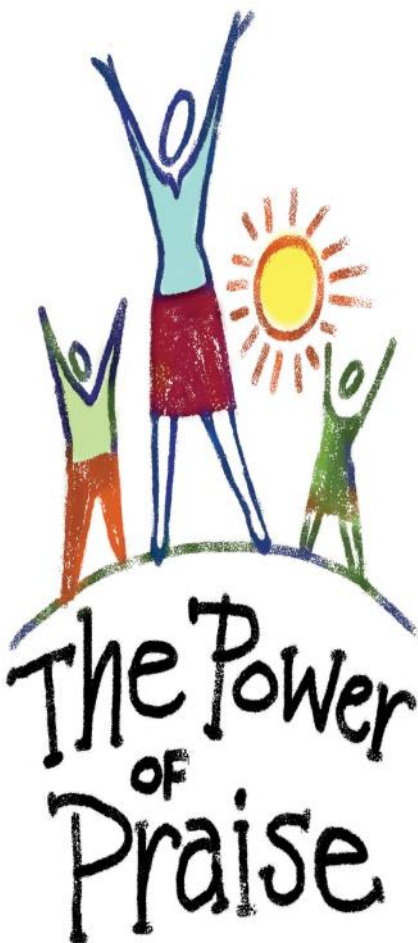
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PRAYER LIST

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

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.



August Birthdays

- | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Michelle Crimmins | 10 Jake Pingel | 22 Dennis Smith |
| 1 Kylie Soppeland | 11 Greg Bock | 24 Michelle Koester |
| 2 Kenzie Flot | 11 Angie Totten | 25 Bradley Kintigh |
| 2 Rich Higgins | 12 Jacob Berg | 25 Bert Zahrobsky |
| 2 Doug Kilian | 12 AvaMarie Kirby | 26 Phil Hansen |
| 3 Kandis Fryar | 13 Adam Dubois | 26 Shane McKim |
| 3 Jayme Parks | 13 Katelyn Reedy | 26 Lyle Oberhelman |
| 4 Dennie Friederichs | 13 Rylee Smith | 27 Mandy Beckman |
| 4 Lynette Peterson | 14 Jacob Laird | 27 Quinton Bock |
| 4 Tim Stuhrenberg | 14 Bryce Rogers | 27 Lila Heatherington |
| 6 Marvin Berg | 15 Roger Netz | 27 Frank Kockorsky |
| 7 Jessica Peterson | 17 Michael Herrington | 27 Stephen Peters |
| 7 Paisley Smith | 18 Mickie Messerly | 28 Randy Lohmeier |
| 8 Nicholas Schelle | 18 Ashley Miller | 28 Allan Wicklein |
| 8 Carston Smith | 19 Jeff Johnson | 29 Jackie Brown |
| 9 Zachary Bradford | 19 Brooke Roe | 29 Sarah Paukert |
| 9 Lowell Cornwell | 20 Conner Brown | 29 Linnie Pratt |
| 9 Beth Murman | 20 Dee Cummins-Thiele | 31 Ron Blomker |
| 9 Carla Van Alstine Schreier | 20 Cliff Perkins | 31 Aaron Campbell |
| 10 JoAnn Beall | 20 Olivia Trevino | 31 Tom Marks |
| 10 Diane McIntyre | 21 Shawn Roberts, Jr. | 31 Jake Schreier |

August Anniversaries

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5 Marta & Steve Paukert | 13 Jason & Staci Laird |
| 7 Harvey & Karen Hilpiper | 14 Marvin & Sharon Berg |
| 7 Rick & Helen Thompson | 17 Dennie & Jan Friederichs |
| 7 Kendall & Roberta Seil | 19 Jim & Sheryl Ainslie |
| 8 Stephen & Susan Peters | 19 Justin & Angela Piper |
| 9 Paul & Diane Larson | 22 Cory & Brielle Alexander |
| 10 Greg & Becca Bock | 26 Glenn & Jenni Yenger |
| 12 Roger & Arlene Summers | 27 David & Kathy Messerly |



Finance Committee:

In June we brought in \$15,110 in general offerings and paid out \$21,873 in general operating expenses. YTD our giving is down \$13,489 from the same time last year but our operating expenses are also down \$10,859 from the same period last year. For the first six months of the year, we are short \$27,022 from general giving to pay our operating expenses. The summer is generally even slower. We are requesting \$25,000 from money that is for General Ministry that we have invested at the Iowa United Methodist Foundation, but we'd prefer not to tap into that for operating shortfalls. We have a pretty tight budget with mainly wages and the usual operating expenses, but no real amount budgeted extra for things that we could do or use to grow our ministry. We encourage all to continue to think of Trinity with their time, talent, and treasures as we continue to serve God, grow our programs, and reach out to those that aren't being served.

Kraig Barber





DENVER MISSION TRIP PURPOSE!

Highlights from Laura August 2024

By the time you read this newsletter the eleven of us will have returned home from a week of serving at Denver's Open-Door

Ministries. To ready ourselves we raised \$7000, studied specific Bible passages, and completed several "homeless" challenges. One example was to spend only \$3.50 to feed yourself a meal by going to the grocery store or a fast-food restaurant. What could you buy? Did the meal satisfy your hunger? Meet your nutritional needs? If this has your curiosity piqued you will want to hear our report during worship tentatively August 10 and 11. Thanks for your prayers and for supporting ALL the fundraising efforts. Pictured below is Desserts for a Dollar @ Lunch on Central.



(L to R) Janelle, Jarrod, Eli, Jake, Brek, Kira, Teagan, Laura, Ella. (Not pictured: Hannah, Matthew and Lonnie.)

VBS # 3 AUGUST 15

The last "On Location" VBS for the summer is August 15. Let's "Zip-line" over to Twin Lakes Bible Camp for a Day of Fun in the SUN and SON! Try your skill at carpetball, ga ga ball and 9 square. Bring a swim suit so you can "slide" into the lake. **Space is limited.** Register by the NOON on Wednesday, August 14th.



WED. NIGHT YOUTH GROUP & BIBLE STUDY

continues through August. Pictured is a Summer Olympic game, "Cup Stacking" without hands! This challenge requires problem solving, good communication and teamwork to complete it

the quickest. A topical Bible study goes with each Olympic game. Middle school youth meet from 6:30 – 7:45 pm. High school youth meet from 8- 9:30 pm. **There will NO youth group on August 28th.** All are welcome. Invite a friend!!



HIGHLIGHTS of VBS #2

STINGRAYS, NINJA'S and SNO CONES, OH MY!



More than a dozen children participated in Trinity's 2nd "On Location" VBS at the Webster County Fair on July 18th. Nature Nick's animal adventure introduced us to some unusual animals and birds that God created for us to care for and enjoy. Tess was able to bottle feed a quokka. Teddy got to show his grandpa's

goat Lilly as part of the Clover Kid's program and everyone had a chance to touch a stingray. There were free sno cones to sample along with lessons on water conservation. Some of our group trained with Ken the Fire Ninja while others cooled off at the Kid Zone's foam party. It was a great day to celebrate being a kid!



WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT

July 28- Aug 2: Denver Mission Trip
Aug 10 & 11: Youth Lead Worship
Aug 7,14 & 21: Wed. Youth Group & Bible Study
Aug 15: Last "On Location" Vacation Bible School
Aug 24 & 25: Worship with Backpack Blessing
September TBD: JAM, MORE JAM, STOP & GO SUPPERS and more.



AN OMAHA “SNAP CHAT” STORY



Here is the story of our first middle school Mission Trip to ... Omaha! This article is an abbreviated version of the presentation recently shared in worship. In a mere fifty-eight hours our group of 10 completed much volunteering as the hands and feet of Jesus for the working poor and homeless. *Christ for the City International* offers a 3-day

event called “Urban Plunge” for youth groups from all over the country. We left Fort Dodge on Friday, July 5, with a full gas tank, sack lunches, and a desire to see the World’s Largest Popcorn Ball in Sac City, Iowa. With extra time to sight see in Omaha we accepted the “bobbing” photo challenge by taking a picture of the

group with one foot in Nebraska at the same time with the other foot in Iowa on the Bob Kearny Pedestrian Bridge. Our first “mission” began at 5p at the Open Door Mission. This ministry serves 3 meals daily to men, women, infants, and children who are

without a home or living in a nearby shelter. With a welcoming smile and/or a warm greeting we met each person right where they were, offering choices of salads, pizza, and dessert! Because the crowd was less than usual for a Friday night, Chef Adam invited our group to fill a plate and eat too. We were hungry and grateful for the meal. It was delicious! Pictured above Zoey, Phoenix and Maiya asking each guest, salad? yogurt? grapes?



food pantry where families could shop for free food, clothing, and counseling services. This ministry is dependent on donations from the community and local businesses so you never know what will be available.



We discovered there were only 8 cans of tomato sauce available, so we used some of our trip funds to buy 6 cases of spaghetti sauce from a

nearby Aldi. Each family was then able to select a box of pasta and a jar of sauce for the week. Casey didn’t know his height was going to be his “hidden” talent. With assistance he climbed into several huge cardboard crates and handed out the donated items from the bottom. We were able to serve 90 families in 2 hours.

Pictured - Casey, Phoenix, Haleigh, Paisley, Lorelei, Maiya, Erika, and Zoey, sitting.

After lunch we went back to Open Door Ministries to serve in their Thrift Store. Our job was to



“reset” the store after families had shopped for home items, clothes and non-perishable food. It was overwhelming at first until we worked together to sort and reorganize the store one aisle at a time! We paused for this picture while applying Jesus’ words to this experience. “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ (Matthew 24:40) **Everywhere we volunteered we saw evidence of God’s Love through serving others. It was hard work but very rewarding.**

Sunday morning, we had a short worship service before going to the Henry Doorley Zoo. By 4pm we were ready to go home, but we made one last stop for ice cream before arriving in Fort Dodge at 8:30 p.m. We can’t adequately **express our thanks to all who supported us with prayers and financial gifts.** We are looking forward to where God will send us next year.

Saturday morning came quickly as we had to leave at 8:15 a.m. to arrive at Heartland Hope, a neighborhood

Lay Leader:

Many Committee members attended an onboarding dinner and meeting, led by Ryan Christenson and Pastor Bobbie, this past Sunday evening and what a blessed time it was!

It was such a great time of conversation and food as we learned more about Pastor and she learned more about our church leadership. The Holy Spirit was definitely amidst the room as we layed hands together with her and ended in prayer to bless the new beginnings.

After this and the many small group meetings that have been held; we are ready to move forward with enthusiasm into reviving our ministries, committees, laity, missions and develop /re-engage ourselves for God's work and our church mission. It is such an exciting time.

What stood out for me at this meeting is her obvious happiness to be with us. She's excited; looking forward to helping us become stronger, more fruitful and effective in our ministries. When asked what her first impressions of our church has been – she responded with: *"I can tell ya love each other and ya love God! You're committed to your church!"*

We are aren't we? It's a wonderful place to be – any time, all the time! We are blessed as a church with members, family and friends supporting it. Invite everyone you know, including past members – to join us!

Ephesians 3:14-21 For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Dear Lord, we thank you for our new Pastor and ask for your blessings upon her as she leads us into new beginnings and helps us navigate through our ministries. We pray for our church and community as we hope to continue fulfilling your plans, for your people, all for your glory! Help us to be what you want us to be and do what you ask us to do, all in your name! Amen.

With His Love, always,
Peggy Barkhaus



Confirmation Begins Soon!

Calling all 2024-25 Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Graders! If you are or know of a student entering these grades in the fall, please call the church office and let us know. Pastor Bobbie will be leading confirmation after school on Wednesdays when JAM is in session.

Confirmation at Trinity UMC is a 2-year process of learning what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Students will also learn the joys and responsibilities of church membership in the United Methodist Church. Our group will participate in Bible lessons, games, service projects, and social events.



Dear Beloveds,

My heart is full. It sounds cheesy, but my heart really is full of joy and hope and anticipation for how the Holy Spirit is going to move among us. Whether in meetings or worship or informal conversations in and around the office, I can clearly see that the people of this congregation love God and each other. And you have welcomed Alice and me as though we're family. Thank you. Our ministry committees/boards have a solid foundation of good work and committed volunteers. My goal is to work with our Lay Leadership Development Committee to strengthen them with an influx of new people so that nobody experiences burn-out and we are blessed with a variety of ideas. That committee had their first meeting with me last week and these are some areas we want to focus on:

Offer people an opportunity to discover their spiritual gifts. By doing this, we will increase the likelihood that they will find an area of service that matches what they have to offer with the ministry needs of the church. It also results in happy, satisfied volunteers.

Host a ministry fair at times that are convenient for both Saturday evening and Sunday morning worshippers. A ministry fair is simply a time when people can learn what our various committees/boards do and meet people who are already involved.

Provide volunteer job descriptions *before* people are plugged into a ministry area. Nobody likes not knowing what is expected of them and we want to make sure people know how much time will be required in a particular ministry area.

Offer a volunteer orientation for everyone serving in any capacity on a committee/board. This orientation will include everything from how to work within a budget to how to publicize a ministry's events.

Create a method of monitoring how volunteers (especially new ones) are doing. Do they have questions? Need help?

Schedule a celebration of volunteer work by thanking them and offering opportunities to share their experiences.

Members of the Lay Leadership Development are few at this time so the first order of business we have is to invite more people to serve in this area. After prayerful consideration, we're making those calls. Please keep us in your prayers.

In addition to praying for the members of Lay Leadership would you also consider putting your name in the hat, so to speak, for service to the church? We have several openings, but we won't be satisfied with just filling those openings with "warm bodies." We'd like to have people who genuinely want to offer their abilities to make our ministries fruitful. Please contact me and I'll help you find the perfect fit.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Bobbie Maltas

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DID YOU KNOW?

We have a variety of ministry committees that provide our congregation with opportunities to be faithful and fruitful Christian disciples. Many people have no idea how much prayer, thought, planning, and work goes in to creating a worshipful atmosphere on Saturdays and Sundays or making sure we have the financial resources we need to offer JAM to our kiddos. And those are just two examples.

This is the time of year that the Lay Leadership Committees in United Methodist Churches focus their time and attention on identifying church members to serve on committees in the coming year. You can read the pastor's article to learn more about what the Lay Leadership Committee does. And here are descriptions of our committees. Read the descriptions and identify where you might serve.

Finance Committee: To identify, perfect, and manage the finance system for the church. The finance system is the processes of raising, managing, and disbursing the finances so that the emission and vision of the congregation can be achieved.

Board of Trustees: To supervise and maintain all property belonging to our congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective. The Trustees receive and administer all gifts made to the congregation, make certain that all trust funds are invested properly, maintain adequate insurance coverage, and work in conjunction with the pastor for all use of the church buildings and grounds.

Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee: To work as a team within the congregation to build strong communication among all appointed clergy, staff, and laity and hold all parties accountable for the local church's mission and vision. To mentor new candidates for ministry.

Worship Committee: To work with the pastor and music leaders to ensure that our congregation provides opportunities for worship that will help the congregation experience its relationship with God and will live more faithfully as a Christian community.

Missions Committee: To strengthen, develop and renew our congregation and the community by working with mission partners. To alleviate human suffering and provide support ministries for the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of people.

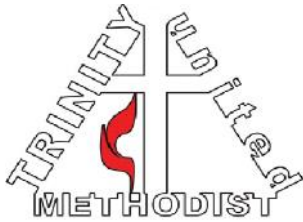
Outreach Committee: To develop a plan for an overall evangelism strategy and system that reaches out to people, welcomes them into the congregation, relates them to God, and equips and empowers them for ministry.

At the heart of all Christian ministry is Christ's outreaching love. Christian ministry is the expression of the mind and mission of Christ by a community of Christians that demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship. All Christians are called through their baptism to this ministry of servanthood in the world to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.

Prayerfully consider showing love to God and neighbor by serving on one of our church committees. If you're unable to find a ministry area that works, please contact Pastor Bobbie for guidance.

August 2024

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:30am Trinity Bible Study	2 9:00am RSVF BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	3 5:30pm Worship - Casual
4 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream	5 9:00am RSVF BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	6 9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:00pm Missions Committee Meeting	7 10:00am Coffee with Friends 6:30pm Middle School Youth Group 8:00pm High School Youth Group	8 8:30am Trinity Bible Study	9 9:00am RSVF BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	10 5:30pm Youth Lead Worship - Casual	
11 9:30am Youth Lead Worship - Blended / Livestream	12 9:00am RSVF BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	13 9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:30pm FD Quilters Guild	14 10:00am Coffee with Friends 6:30pm Middle School Youth Group 8:00pm High School Youth Group	15 VBS 8:30am Trinity Bible Study	16 9:00am RSVF BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	17 Blood Pressure Checks 5:30pm Worship - Casual	
18 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream	19 9:00am RSVF BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	20 Newsletter Articles DUE 9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:30pm Finance Committee 6:45pm Administrative Council	21 10:00am Coffee with Friends 6:30pm Middle School Youth Group 8:00pm High School Youth Group	22 8:30am Trinity Bible Study	23 9:00am RSVF BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	24 Backpack Blessing 5:30pm Worship - Casual	
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August

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
32	2 Thess	Lev 2-27	1 Chron 1-4	Ps 93-95	Prov 16	Dan 1-6	John 3-4
33	1 Tim 1-3	Num 1-4	1 Chron 5-9	Ps 96-98	Prov 17-18	Dan 7-12	John 5-6
34	1 Tim 4-6	Num 5-8	1 Chron 10-14	Ps 99-101	Prov 19	Hosea 1-7	John 7-9
35	2 Tim 1-2	Num 9-12	1 Chron 15-19	Ps 102-104	Prov 20-21	Hosea 8-14	John 10-12
36	2 Tim 3-4	Num 13-16	1 Chron 20-24	Ps 105-107	Prov 22	Joel	John 13-15