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A Note from Pastor Bobbie

Serving Beyond Trinity

Most of my time and energy is devoted to serving Trinity United Methodist Church, but I also have the privilege of serving our Iowa Annual Conference as Chair of the Board of Global Ministries.

The Board of Global Ministries encourages and supports mission work throughout Iowa and around the world. We work with churches and mission partners to respond to disasters, address hunger and poverty, care for vulnerable people, strengthen global partnerships, and support United Methodist missionaries like Patrick Booth, whom we are introducing in this newsletter. Current areas of emphasis include food security, disaster response, global mission partnerships, and ministries that address human trafficking and other forms of injustice.

As chair, my role is much like leading a committee here at Trinity. I help guide our meetings, keep our various ministry teams moving forward, and work with board members as we discern where God is calling us to serve. It is a privilege to work alongside dedicated volunteers from across Iowa who share a passion for putting Christ's love into action.

While this work takes me beyond the walls of Trinity from time to time, I see it as an extension of our congregation's own commitment to serving our neighbors—both across the street and around the world. Thank you for supporting me in this ministry and for being a church that believes God's mission reaches far beyond our own community.

Church FAMILY PRAYER LIST

Ed & Joanne Becker
Terry Lee
Linda Pingel
Steve Roe
Bill Cunningham
(brother of Jean Warg)
Joann Whittington
Gary Winkler
Cliff & Sharon Perkins
Martina Hanselman
Ryan Bernie
Jim Ainslie
Kay Lomika
Judy Clearwater
Cathy Jones

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.

HOW CAN
we Pray
FOR YOU?

SEEK THE
LORD AND HIS
STRENGTH:
SEEK HIS PRESENCE CONTINUALLY!
1 CHRONICLES 14:11, ESV



Finance Committee News

Church Finance Update

We are grateful to report that our church finances are showing encouraging progress through the first half of the year! Through June, we have received just over \$134,000 in planned offerings and tithes, while our planned expenses have totaled just over \$130,500. These expenses cover the many things that keep our church running, including utilities, maintenance, insurance, staff wages, office expenses, apportionments, and other church needs.

All of our bills are being paid on time, and we have not needed to use our savings this year, other than to help with apportionment payments. Through June, we have paid approximately \$5,150 of the \$17,662 in apportionments due. Our committee will take a summer

break and revisit our apportionment payments when we begin meeting again in September.

Compared with last year, we are in a much stronger position. At this time last year, we had received about \$111,000 in planned offerings and paid approximately \$151,800 in planned expenses. This year, giving has increased while expenses have been lower.

We are so thankful for the continued generosity of our congregation! Your gifts of time, talents, and treasures help make it possible for our church to continue its ministries, programs, and mission. Thank you for your faithful support and for all you do to help our church thrive!



Missions Committee News

Donations Needed for Ingathering Tree

We have our Ingathering Tree set up with paper ornaments and envelopes. Please take one or more ornaments, purchase the kit items listed on it, bring your items and the ornament to church, and place them under the tree. If you take an envelope for cash or checks, just place in an offering place or drop off at the church office. We will accept donations through September 6th.

FYI We will host Ingathering Day again this fall, on the morning of Saturday, November 7th. Please mark your calendars.

If you have garden produce to share, we have a table ready for it with a basket to hold freewill offerings.

Regular weaving sessions are still Mondays and Fridays from 10:00am to 11:00am.

August Mat Weaving Sessions:
Sat., August 8: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Thurs., August 20: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Come join us.
Everyone is welcome!

United Methodist Missionary

Meet Patrick Booth

Patrick Booth is a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as co-director of Project ARK (Advancing Resilient Khmer) in Cambodia. Drawing on his background in counseling and community outreach, Patrick works alongside local leaders and the Methodist Church in Cambodia to help restore hope and opportunity for survivors of human trafficking.

Project ARK addresses one of the root causes of human trafficking—poverty—by providing vocational training in the construction trades, creating sustainable employment,

and building affordable homes for Cambodian families.

Through this ministry, lives are being transformed with dignity, practical skills, and the hope of a brighter future.

Patrick's passion for mission grew out of his own experience of the church's love and support. "The church helped my family financially, socially and emotionally," he says. "Helping others became a way of life." Today, he continues to answer God's call by serving those most in need with compassion and the love of Christ.

New Miracle Ministry

5•2 Ministry: The Miracle Happens in the "Dot"

When we hear the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand, we often focus on the beginning and the end: five loaves, two fish, and a crowd miraculously fed. But I've been thinking about what happened in between.

The miracle happened in the "dot."

Between the giving and the receiving, someone offered what they had. Jesus blessed it. Hands prepared it. People served it. The food was shared. Conversations were born. Community grew. What seemed small became more than enough.

That is the vision behind Trinity's new **5•2 Ministry**.

Each week, volunteers will plan, prepare, and serve meals that nourish far more than hungry stomachs. As children gather to hear stories about Jesus, sing songs, make crafts, and play together, they'll enjoy a meal prepared with love. Our youth will gather around tables to eat before

and after opening God's Word, discovering what it means to follow Christ in everyday life.

Parents and grandparents who have hurried from work won't have to wonder what's for supper or rush through another drive-thru. Instead, they can sit down, share a meal before heading home. Older adults are invited, too—not only for a hot meal but for the gift of fellowship.

Meals have always mattered to Jesus who met people around tables where lives were changed and God's love became tangible. That is our prayer for 5•2 Ministry. We hope to multiply more than food. We hope to multiply hospitality, fellowship, encouragement, compassion, laughter, and faith.

If you would like to help, we'd love to have you join us. Please contact Pastor Bobbie Maltas at bobbie.maltas@iaumc.net or call the church office at 515-573-3519 and send her a message through Mallory. Let's build a team the **5•2 Ministry Team!**



8/3 Kandis Fryar
 8/4 Dennie Friederichs
 8/4 Lynette Peterson
 8/4 Tim Stuhrenberg
 8/6 Marvin Berg
 8/7 Paisley Smith
 8/8 Carston Smith
 8/9 Lowell Cornwell
 8/9 Beth Murman
 8/9 Carla Van Alstine Schreier
 8/10 Diane McIntyre
 8/10 Jake Pingel
 8/12 AvaMarie Kirby
 8/13 Rylee Smith
 8/14 Jacob Laird
 8/15 Roger Netz
 8/20 Dee Cummins-Thiele
 8/20 Cliff Perkins
 8/25 Bert Zahrobsky
 8/27 Mandy Beckman
 8/28 Randy Lohmeier
 8/28 Carolyn Price
 8/29 Linnie Pratt
 8/31 Ron Blomker
 8/31 Tom Marks



8/7 Harvey & Karen Hilpipre
 8/8 Stephen & Susan Peters
 8/9 Paul & Diane Larson
 8/13 Jason & Staci Laird
 8/14 Marvin & Sharon Berg
 8/17 Dennie & Jan Friederichs
 8/19 Jim & Sheryl Ainslie
 8/22 Cory & Brielle Alexander
 8/26 Glenn & Jenni Yenger
 8/27 David & Kathy Messerly



Children & Youth

MINISTRY NEWS



Blast Off! VBS Was Out of This World!

What do Alka-Seltzer, green Jell-O, and Chinese lantern planets have in common?

Vacation Bible School: To Mars and Beyond!



Children, youth, and adults had a wonderful time in July as we explored Daniel's courage and obedience to God in addition to the Good Samaritan's call to love our neighbors.



There was no shortage of energy, laughter, or delicious snacks as we experienced Bible stories through games, science experiments, crafts, music, and worship.

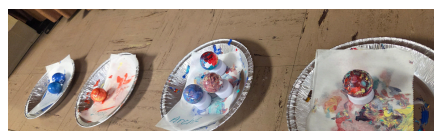
A heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered your time, talents, and enthusiasm to make this year's Vacation Bible School such a success. You helped create a week filled with faith, friendship, and fun for our children.



Mark your calendars—next summer VBS is going BIG! We'll be gathering for a full week of learning, laughter, and growing together in God's love.



Hope you'll join us next summer!



More VBS Photos



August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30am Worship 5:00pm Summer Meal Ministry	27 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 1:00pm RSVP BASE Fitness	28 9:00am Trinity Quilters	29 10:00am Coffee with Friends 8:00pm Youth Gathering	30 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 1:00pm RSVP Base Fitness	31 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	1 5:30pm Worship
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