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"In the heart of the city, sharing the heart of Christ."

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from Pastor Megan

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity UMC,

As I thought about what exactly to say in my last Chimes article to you, I have had a stream of memories racing through my mind. In January of 2015 I was scheduled to meet with Rev. David Harris about moving to Trinity as the associate pastor. A few days before we were supposed to meet my dad took a turn and instead we stood together at Kobacker House in Columbus, Ohio laughing, crying and praying with dad before he passed. The next week consisted of a funeral, my son's birthday and my introduction to Trinity's SPRC. It is hard to believe that it has been more than 8 years since that week. There have been many more weeks with similar highs and lows. Weddings and funerals, spaghetti dinners and weekly breakfasts, renovations and repairs, baptisms and hospital visits, mission trips and worship... I could go on and on.

And from the day I first moved here in 1978, much has changed. When we moved back to Lima in 1993, I had changed and so had this congregation. When we arrived in Lima in 2015, my son was a Peter Pan hat wearing 5th grader and now he is graduating high school. We've been through a pandemic of which we are still feeling the effects. Change is a part of faith and we will be talking about what it means to be formed and reformed in faith over the next month in worship. But for today, I thought I'd look back a little and re-share a few of the ways that the people of Lima Trinity shaped my early faith... I mentioned these things in my first sermon here, and I think that they can both remind us of the consistent foundation that the Church can offer as well as challenge us to reshape how we can continue to build on this foundation.

First, this is the place where I first learned that I am a beloved child of God. I learned that Jesus loves me. Through Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and just the way that various members of the congregation cared for and loved me, I have been blessed with an understanding of God's love that has never wavered. Not to say I haven't had questions for God along the way, but I have never doubted God's love for me.

Secondly, I learned that God loves everyone. God's love is not reserved for me or even for people who look and act like me. That all people are God's children and therefore beloved. And although I have not always succeeded in loving others as Jesus loves me, it is a key value that I strive to live up to.

Next, the people of Lima Trinity United Methodist Church taught me that it is not just Ok, but that it is important to ask questions, to keep learning, to continually grow in my faith and discipleship. It was in youth group here where I was given the freedom to express doubts and differences of opinions and at the end of the day we always knew that we were still a part of the same faith family deeply loved by God and each other.

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Pastor's Bible Study ~ Tuesday's at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Join us as we ask questions, learn and discuss the scriptures for the upcoming week's worship. Attend weekly, or once in awhile—all are welcome.



United
Women
in Faith

Mission u reflects the theology of The United Methodist Church and the practice of joining personal holiness with social holiness. Through worship, in-depth study, music, prayer, sharing and exploring, we invite you to grow with us in understanding the mission of the church.

Mission u is sponsored by West Ohio United Women in Faith and West Ohio Conference. It is open to all. Mission u will be held in person on June 16-18 at Bergamo Center near Dayton, OH. There will be curriculum for both adults and youth. Registration deadline is June 1, 2023. In July, there will be virtual sessions via zoom. The study book will be "Living the Kin-dom" by Riva Tabelisma and can be purchased at www.umwmissionresources.org.

For more information go to <https://www.westohioumw.org/mission-u> or contact Sharon Wildermuth at 419-999-6461. Flyers can be found at Trinity's welcome center.

The **Church Office** and **C.C.C.C.** will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

C.U.P.

The C.U.P. Board has created a calendar for member churches to donate hygiene items. In June, we are asked to donate soap or body wash. There is a box in the narthex area to place donations in.



Free Store

We are accepting donations of spring and summer men's and women's clothing. (Please hold onto the winter clothing for next fall.) Men's jeans and clothing are in demand, along with linens, small household items and toiletries.



Trinity Family News & Notes . . .

June Birthdays 90 +

Judy Seebach—June 4th—90 years
Martha Morrissey—June 25th—91 years
Jack Pugh—June 30th—90 years

June Anniversaries 50 +

Chuck & Judy Bowers—June 6th—53 years
Howard & Karen Foltz—June 23rd—50 years
Tom & Paula Riegle—June 27th—53 years

Hospitalized since last Chimes

Dick Fullmer, Marilyn Haller

Notes of Thanks

Thank you for the lovely card I received from you ! I was so impressed that Elwood, Bill, Pat, Bonnie, Mike and Sharon, Phil and Diana, and so many others signed the card! It's wonderful to belong to the Trinity family!

Thank you for thinking of me!
Keiko Hahn

Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - June 2023

All events and activities listed are subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship	29 Church Office Closed	30 2:30pm Lima Music Academy	31 7:00am Wednesday Bible Study 11:30am Soup Kitchen 4:00pm TOPS	1 5:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm AWE	2 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	3
4 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship	5 6:30am Monday Morning Men~Zoom	6 2:30pm Lima Music Academy	7 7:00am Wednesday Bible Study 11:30am Soup Kitchen 4:00pm TOPS	8 5:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm AWE	9 10:00am Literary Ladies 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	10 Boroff Wedding
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And finally all of this is still true even when we mess up. The power of Jesus' life, death and resurrection is most profound through grace. Nothing we can do or say separates us from the love of God. In seminary I learned a lot about the theological term of grace that helped me to grow in my faith, but here, I discovered, in practice, what it meant to be forgiven and loved when I messed up.

And while ministry today looks very different than ministry in 1995, I have watched my son learn these same values. I want to thank you for being his village as he grew up the same way that you were my village as I grew up many years before. As Patty Reed said this past Sunday, I have spent 17 years of my life (and an additional 7 where my parents still lived here) in Lima and at Trinity United Methodist Church. I know that many of you have been here longer, but as an itinerant pastor and a preacher's kid, it is rare to be able to say that you have been connected to the same church for half of your life. I am grateful that Lima Trinity UMC has been my home for so much of my life because I am grateful for each of you.

In Christ's Love,
Megan

Church Budget Status				
	<i>Monthly</i>		<i>Year to Date</i>	
April 2023	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Income	\$ 25,435.00	\$ 13,329.41	\$ 101,740.00	\$ 86,120.09
Expenses	\$ 32,600.00	\$ 31,707.37	\$ 130,400.00	\$ 140,890.98
Difference +/-	- \$ 7,165.00	- \$ 18,377.96	- \$ 28,660.00	- \$ 54,770.89



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June Worship Series: Re-Shaped: We know deep down that life is impossible without change—that change is inevitable. But oh my, the evolutionary resistance to change can be debilitating. In fact, we have inherited this natural tendency to feel apprehension about change from our ancestors who had to be suspicious of difference in order to survive. But this part of our psyche can cause us, and others, no end of frustration and fear. And it can keep our communities stuck in a way that prevents us from our joy and our passion for ministry. In this series we will take a deep dive into scripture and the world around us to explore the inner work we can do in order to embrace healthy change and let it “animate us” toward new possibilities is the work we must do in our day.

Sunday, June 4th :

Re-Shaped: We Were Made for This, Jeremiah 18:1-6, Holy Communion

Sunday, June 11th :

Re-Shaped: Inside Out, Colossians 3:1-15

Sunday, June 18th :

Re-Shaped: Everything Changes, John 12:20-26, Megan Last Sunday

Sunday, June 25th :

Re-shaped: Be En-Couraged, Beth being recognized