

# The Chimes

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

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*from Pastor Megan*

As I shared last month, I have been granted a six week renewal leave from May 25- July 5. First of all, I want to thank you for your graciousness for working with me to make this happen. While a renewal leave is something that pastors are encouraged to do, I recognize that it is not something that has happened often in your tradition, nor is it something that everyone is able to do. I am especially thankful for our staff for all that they have been willing to do to make this possible and I pray that you also will recognize their efforts and make sure that they also take some needed breaks in the coming weeks and beyond.

What this means is that Pastor John Foster will become lead pastor during this time. He will work with the rest of the staff, the Servant Leadership Board and all of you to meet the needs of the congregation. However, he will also need your help. It is important that you communicate what is needed, continue to support him as he recovers from his surgery and in general care for one another. Kyle, David and Dean will also be taking more responsibilities in worship and our office (Beth and Mary) and custodial staff (Rob and Jerri) will be filling in some gaps as well. Please continue to support them as we all are partners in ministry.

Last month's newsletter shared some information from the conference about what renewal leave is and why it is important for pastors in general. Today I want to share from a little more personal perspective. The truth is that I have felt myself moving toward burn out. However, in further reflection I have realized that my weariness isn't about the work of ministry, my love for each of you or my commitment to live out God's call on my life. I really do love the work of ministry- even the hard stuff. Calling people to check in, working with a youth to share her faith, doing somersaults with children on the church lawn, visiting in the hospitals, teaching about God's inclusive love, working with community leaders to develop a Center for peace and reconciliation, partnering with staff and other volunteers to host an outdoor movie night, diversity training, hugs from daycare kids, dreaming of ways to include all in worship, funerals, baptisms, weddings, sitting with people in tragedy, hiring staff for a summer literacy program, counsel people and lead Bible studies are just some of things that I "get to" do in ministry. Many of the situations I carry with me 24/7 I can't share with you and the more I carry, the less effectively I can continue in ministry without doing something to replenish my spirit.

My weariness is coming from somewhere deeper and might be something that many of you have felt or are even feeling now. I have realized that in holding space for so many different opinions, gifts, diverse experiences, and needs I have started to lose my sense of self. I have come to realize that my ministry among you is less than it could be because I am not living my best self.

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And so I plan to use this time to replenish, refresh and renew so that together we can move forward. I will be starting each day with a devotion from the Center for Action and Contemplation. If any of you would be interested in receiving those daily devotions, you can sign up for free here: <https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations/>. I will be engaging in different worship experiences as well as connect with my friends, family and rediscovering some hobbies. It is my hope that while I am gone, you, too, will find ways to renew your souls as well.

A few goals that I believe will help our life together...

Look for the gifts that your friends, coworkers, and even enemies bring to the table. See the divine in your neighbor.

Have coffee with someone with a different viewpoint not to change their mind, but in order to gain a deeper understanding of their view.

Carve out time for sabbath- what is something that brings you joy in God's love?

Thank you again for your gracious gift in giving me this time. I will leave you with a verse that has helped me in the last few months from Isaiah 40:31

*Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength;  
They will mount up with wings like eagles,  
They will run and not get tired,  
They will walk and not become weary.*

Let us be renewed by Christ as we dare to dance again into this next season.

### **Graduation Party**

The Trinity family is invited to help Charlie Schneider celebrate his graduation from Bath High School, on Sunday, June 13 from 2:00—5:00 p.m. at Lauer Historical Farm, 800 Roush Rd.

### **Church Office News**

Church office hours the week of June 21 will be 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

## *Trinity Family News & Notes . . .*

### *June & July Anniversaries 50 years +*

Chuck & Judy Bowers ~ June 6 ~ 51 years  
Ron & Linda Davis ~ June 21 ~ 64 years  
Tom & Paula Riegle ~ June 27 ~ 51 years  
Harry & Ann Kim ~ July 4 ~ 51 years

### *Trinity expresses our deepest sympathy to...*

To Connie Copus-Huffman and family on the death of her dad, Robert Youtsey, Sr. Robert died on May 6.

### *June & July Birthdays 90 +*

Audrey Roethlisberger ~ June 28 ~ 98 years  
Betty Bushong ~ July 14 ~ 94 years  
Bob Snider ~ July 20 ~ 90 years  
Beverly Bilon ~ July 31 ~ 93 years

### *Hospitalized since last Chimes*

Barb Booth, Carol Brown, Pat Morris, Jeff Reed, Carla Roush

# Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - June 2021

**All events and activities listed are subject to change.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 7:30 AM To Go Breakfast 10:30 AM Kids Zone 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Radio Broadcast 1:00 PM Hispanic Worship 4:30 PM Youth Group	<b>31</b> Church Office Closed	<b>1</b> 7:00 PM Emotions Anon	<b>2</b> 6:30 AM Wednesday Bible Study 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen 4:00 PM TOPS	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship	<b>5</b>
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There will be a Memorial Service at 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 14 for Margaret "Peg" Wise in the Committal Chapel at Memorial Park Cemetery. The family requests patriotic attire be worn.

We are planning more outdoor drive in movie nights during the summer. Please check future emails, letters and announcements during Sunday Worship for dates and movies.



## Church Budget Status

	Monthly		Year to Date	
April 2021	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income	\$ 26,794.17	\$ 42,432.97	\$ 107,172.00	\$ 169,499.19
Expenses	\$ 30,447.67	\$ 34,589.83	\$ 121,788.00	\$ 118,647.63
Difference +/-	- \$ 3,653.50	\$ 7,843.14	- \$ 14,616.00	\$ 50,851.56

## A message from Servant Leadership Board about COVID

Over the last 19 months here at Trinity we have tried to stay consistent with a few priorities as we have navigated the pandemic.

Continue to love God and neighbor through worship, relationships and feeding the hungry.

Recognize that it is important to follow Christ's example to protect the most vulnerable.

Work to grow as a Micah 6:8 congregation to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.



Holding these priorities alongside denominational and government guidance we have tried to balance keeping one another safe while continuing to worship God and care for and serve one another and the community. As we move into the next phase of loosening some of the protocols, we hope to continue to treat everyone with love and respect. The truth is, while we all have been navigating this pandemic, we are not all in the same boat. Some people are more vulnerable than others. Some people are anxious about getting sick. Some people have trouble wearing masks for long periods of time. Some people have lost loved ones to COVID. Some people have had COVID and recovered easily. Some people have lost precious time with those dear to them because of restrictions. Some people have had emotional trauma due to this past year. Some people have appreciated the time away from other people. Some people have not been hugged in over a year. Some have resisted masks all along. Some will continue to wear masks for years. I pray that as we move forward, we will continue to honor and respect each person's story and can continue to love one another wherever they are.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> Servant Leadership Board adopted the following policies...

We will continue to require masks inside Trinity as we had been until June 2<sup>nd</sup>. However, once in a small group meeting, if everyone in the room has been vaccinated and agrees they are comfortable removing masks they can while properly distanced.

Beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup> masks will be optional. It is, however, still recommended for those who are not vaccinated. Masks will still be available at the doors and it is still asked that you stay home if you are sick or have been around someone with symptoms.

We will maintain the distancing in the sanctuary and in other small groups for now. This will allow those not comfortable being in crowds to choose seats knowing others will not be directly in front of or behind.

Livestreaming worship will continue.

We are not yet ready, but working towards bringing back 8:30am worship, inside breakfast, Family Promise, choir, funeral meals, weekly communion and hospitality. We will be working with people in these ministries to put together plans and resume them later this summer or fall.

Specifically regarding 8:30am worship it will be revisited after Pastor Megan returns from renewal leave in July as it is too much to put on an already lean staff and AV team. Those interested in helping get this going in July or August should let the office know so that we know who is interested.

Thank you again for your continued graciousness as we navigate this next step in ministry together.

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### U. M. W. News



Currently the Trinity United Methodist Women are not meeting in person, but there is a variety of ways to stay connected and involved.

**Mission u** ~ This year the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women are excited to offer 3 spiritual growth selections: *Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom* (June), *Pushout* (July), and *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* (August). Mission u will be online again in 2021 using Zoom Meetings. You will need a working e-mail address, and a computer or other electronic device with microphone, speakers, and internet access. Please go to [westohioumw.org](http://westohioumw.org) for more information, to order books and register.

### Free Store News

We opened the free store to shoppers this past weekend. Unfortunately, we didn't have the big turn out that we expected. We hope to have a few more opportunities for our shoppers this summer, and "hopefully" reopen on a regular Sunday morning schedule in the fall. We will now accept donations of small household items, towels and bedding. We are in need of men's jeans and shoes. (Sorry, we are holding off on women's and children's clothing until fall)!! Donations of these specified items may be left in front of the Free Store doors. If you have any questions please contact Penny, 419-303-4748. Thank you !

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### Mission Opportunity

The West Ohio Conference is planning to hold the Festival of Sharing on September 18, 2021. You can participate by preparing Hygiene Kits and bringing them to the church office by September 5.

Here are the instructions: Place all items in a 1-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure, remove excess air from bag and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the hygiene kit, cartons that have an extended expiration date will be added to hygiene kit shipments just prior to shipment.

- 1 washcloth
- 1 toothbrush (in original package)
- 1 bar of soap (bath size in package)
- 10 standard size Band-Aids®
- 1 wide-tooth comb (remove packaging)
- 1 nail clippers (remove packaging)
- 1 hand towel 15x28 to 16x32 (no fingertip, bath, or microfiber towels)

Thank you for your help in preparing Hygiene Kits. They will be used wherever they are needed, in the U.S.A. or around the world. For more information, contact [cwskits.org](http://cwskits.org) or Sharon Wildermuth at 419-999-6461.



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There will not be an issue of The Chimes in June.  
This issue includes both June and July activities.



Parents, please watch for details regarding mission trip that will be sent out.

Swim party at Reeds. Date to be determined

Youth Group is meeting at Shawnee U.M.C. on Sundays from 4:30- 6:00 p.m. No Youth Group on May 30.

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**Congratulations to our Graduates....**

Sarah Clymer	Shawnee High School
Ian Dellifield	Ada High School
Paige Evans	University of Cincinnati
(Granddaughter of Phil & Diana Heath)	
Colin Hilliard	Medina High School
(Grandson of Norene Parish)	
Payton Mikesell	Bath High School
Charlie Schneider	Bath High School