

The Chimes

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

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from Pastor Jim

In Other Words ...

Roughly two weeks before the move... and everyone keeps asking, "Are you ready, are you all packed?" My stock answer is, "Sure, why not?" Are we ever really ready to move?

Now mind you, I am saying this as an itinerate United Methodist pastor who has made 8 moves in twenty years. We have gotten good at it. We have bought our own set of furniture dollies (large and small), appliance hand truck, and maintain a supply of packing boxes from one move to the next. But none of that actually gets the boxes packed. None of that fills out the change of address forms. None of that finds the new doctor, dentist, veterinarian, pharmacy, dry cleaner, etc.

It is a process.

Along with that process is the process of saying goodbye to the congregation you have served (the process you all are facing with Pastor Megan), and preparing the task of learning all the new names and faces in the new congregation. So please bear with us and know that it will take a little bit of time. I certainly get that it has been a while since you all have been through this process; after all, Pastor Megan came to you as a known entity.

Thankfully, we do have a process for all of this (after all Methodists have a method for everything!). In West Ohio, the program is called Starting Well. Like many other events and programs of the church, it has been a while since we have used it due to the interruption of all things during COVID-19. But this year, the Annual Conference is re-instituting the process for the first time since 2019.

Over the course of the next several weeks, we will begin the exercises, the discussions, and the process the Starting Well program suggests. But here is the thing I want to make sure we all understand: the program tends to focus upon the relationship of starting our relationships well; the relationship between the congregation and the newly arrived pastor.

HOWEVER . . . Ministry does not stop to allow that process to take place. So, there is a thought that the real nature of the program should be Continuing Well. It is because there are vital ministries that Trinity UMC of Lima provides to the community that cannot wait for us all to meet. They need to continue to serve those people that need those services most. Things like Sunday Morning Breakfast, the program being launched to provide a Freedom School-type experience for kids in Lima, the work of the Peace and Reconciliation Center. I am looking forward to helping and participating in all of these (and others that I might have missed) despite the need to learn new things and meet new people along the way.

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Current Readings of the Pastor

Until We Recon, by Danielle Sered,

The New Press, (New York/London), 2019

C.U.P.

The C.U.P. Board has created a calendar for member churches to donate hygiene items. In July, we are asked to donate deodorant. 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.

The **Church Office** and **CCCC** will be closed on Monday, July 3rd through Wednesday July 5th in observance of Independence Day.

Trinity Family News & Notes . . .

June Birthdays 90 +

June Anniversaries 50 +

Betty Bushong ~ July 14th ~ 96 years
Bob Snider ~ July 20th ~ 92 years
Beverly Bilon ~ July 31st ~ 95 years

Harry and Ann Kim ~ July 4th ~ 53 years

Hospitalized since last Chimes

Toni Flint Jean Wright Shirley Wolford

Notes of Thanks

Trinity United Methodist Church,

Brothers and sisters we sincerely thank you for your gracious generosity toward Habitat! We wanted to sincerely thank you because you are all helping turn our prayers into a reality. God bless everyone in this parish. We pray our unity in Christ remains strong forever.

The Honigfords (Habitat partner family)

Dear Trinity Family,

Thanks for the charger and gift card! I will make great use of these gifts at Ohio State.

Alex Honigford

Wow, I am overwhelmed and humbled by the love shown to me as I retire. When I started the job at Trinity, I had no idea that the Trinity family would become my family. We have been through many trials and tribulations together. Saying thank you seems so inadequate but thank you for 33 years of memories. Goodbyes are super hard for me, I'll just say till we meet again....

Beth Hardesty

Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - July 2023

All events and activities listed are subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship	26 Youth Mission Trip 6:30am Monday Morning Men~Zoom	27 Youth Mission Trip 2:30pm Lima Music Academy	28 Youth Mission Trip 7:00am Wednesday Bible Study 4:00pm TOPS 7:00pm Japan Committee	29 Youth Mission Trip 5:30pm Bible Study	30 Youth Mission Trip 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	1
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United Women in Faith

We were happy to be able to give Special Mission Recognition Pins to the following recipients:

For 2020, Bonnie Snyder. For 2021, Michael Ley and Kyle Ley. For 2022, Donelda Conrad.

The United Women in Faith would like to thank these folks and the many others who give of themselves in a variety of ways to support the mission work of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Another way to be in mission is to help make hygiene kits for the Festival of Sharing which will be held in September. Instructions can be found at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please bring completed kits to the church office by September 17th. For more information, please contact Sharon Wildermuth at 419-999-6461

Church Budget Status

	<i>Monthly</i>		<i>Year to Date</i>	
May 2023	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>
<i>Income</i>	\$ 25,435.00	\$ 14,239.38	\$ 127,175.00	\$ 100,359.47
<i>Expenses</i>	\$ 32,600.00	\$ 32,185.10	\$ 163,000.00	\$ 173,076.08
<i>Difference +/-</i>	- \$ 7,165.00	- \$ 17,945.72	- \$ 35,825.00	- \$ 72,716.61



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Sunday, July 2nd :
The Summons, Mark 1:16-20

Sunday, July 9th :
Rejoice for Jerusalem, Isaiah 66:10-16

Sunday, July 16th :
Pentecost Revisited, Acts 2:1-21

Sunday, July 23rd :
58 Trips, Psalm 139

Sunday, July 30th :
Growth in God, Colossians 2:16-19

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I am hoping that everyone in the congregation will do their part to help as well:

- Wear your name tags during the month of July to help Jami and I to learn your names.
- Take part in the various activities that we will undoubtedly set up along the way to build community and relationship with one another.
- Please feel free to stop by the office anytime (I will be there Tuesdays through Fridays, 9am-4pm, unless things pull me away) to just sit and chat and share in your hopes and dreams for Trinity UMC.

In these ways we can all ensure that before we even begin Starting Well, that we will have started well. After all, that is what we are called to do, in being Christians, in being the Church. To (be and) make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. **See ya in church!**

Pastor Jim