

The Chimes

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



from Pastor Jim....

One of the things that they say about moving so much, is that it is a good way to get rid of clutter. Well, yes and no. It is a good way to get rid of clutter, if you actually take the time to get rid of the clutter. We did that with this move. About a month before the move, we rented a big construction-sized bin and threw all sorts of stuff away.

We got rid of bookshelves that were falling apart. We got rid of a 10-foot-long church pew that we could not think of where it might fit in the new parsonage. We got rid of an old chair with the spring that stretched out and was no longer comfortable to sit in. We got rid of two beds worth of mattresses and box frames that we had replaced during the pandemic (when no one would take away the old mattresses). We got rid of a stand-up dresser that we had used from the time we first got married (35 years!).

We made a purge of it. And yet, we still filled up two moving vans full of stuff to bring to Lima! Goodness!

But that is what we need to do now and again. Go through and take stock of the things that clutter up our lives and get rid of some stuff. Otherwise, it is stuff that we will carry around for years (35 years in the case of that one dresser).

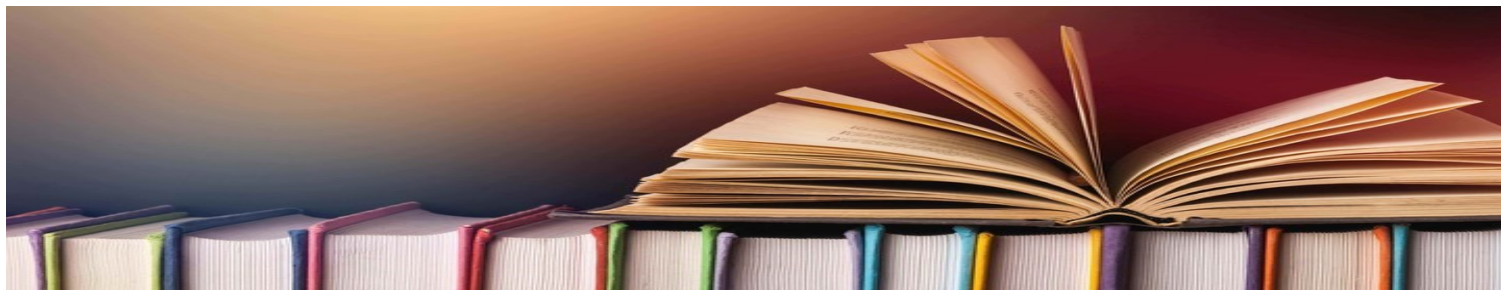
We need to do the same thing in our spiritual lives. I know you all know that concept. We talk about it very directly during Lent each year. Occasionally we might even make mention of it as we come forward each month for communion. We might even touch upon the concept as part of our stewardship rituals. But here is the thing you really need to know – *It really is an all day, any day, every day kind of thing to do.*

It is a private thing; a reflective thing. Sometimes it is about our actions and how they align or do not align with the ways of Jesus. Sometimes it is about actual stuff. Things accumulated that have little or no real meaning, but show that we follow too much in our own selfish desires rather than the sacrifices we should make. Sometimes it is about the way we spend our time (a resource just as precious and treasured as money), that shows where our true allegiances and priorities in life reside. Sometimes it is the people in our lives, how we interact with them, and whether those relationships reflect the image of Christ and how he related in the world. Always, it is something we must choose to actively consider and then act upon in light of what we find. And in that way, we become more like Jesus and we become better disciples.

See ya in church!

Pastor Jim

**Current Readings of the Pastor
Blue Like Jazz, by Donald Miller, Thomas Nelson Inc,
(Nashville), 2003**



Trinity Family News & Notes . . .



Lima Senior's Back to School Celebration and school supply giveaway for 2023-2024 has come to a close. Our congregation donated so many supplies and donated \$850.00 for continued shopping.

July Attendance

July 2nd ~ 73

July 9th ~ 75

July 16th ~ 55

July 23rd ~ 68

United Women in Faith News



United Women in Faith

The latest version of the Northwest Plains United Women in Faith Newsletter can be found at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy or contact Sharon Wildermuth to receive a copy via email.

Everyone is encouraged to help make Hygiene Kits for the Festival of Sharing. Last year Trinity donated 32 kits. Please find instructions at the Welcome Center and bring completed kits to the church office by September 17.

For more information please contact Sharon Wildermuth at 419-999-6461.

August Church Schedule

Liturgists

Aug 6th ~ Sheila Rowe

Aug 13th ~ Dave Baker

Aug 20th ~ Beth Bartels

Aug 27th ~ Randy Bartels

Usher Pam Laules

Greeters Vickye Laules & Polly McConnell

Attendance Takers Brian Clymer & Linda Fox-Miller

Communion Servers (1st Sunday) Diana Heath, Pat Morris, Beth Bartels

C.U.P.

The C.U.P. Board has created a calendar for member churches to donate hygiene items. In August, we are asked to donate toothbrushes and toothpaste. 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 & toiletries.



August Anniversaries 50 +

John and Ann Mulder ~ Aug 8th ~ 53 years
Barry and Dorothy Allen ~ Aug 9th ~ 57 years
Dick and Deb Schroeder ~ Aug 19th ~ 56 years
Phil and Diana Heath ~ Aug 24th ~ 55 years
Dick and Cheryl Fullmer ~ Aug 25th ~ 50 years
Mike and Cindy Hahn ~ Aug 29th ~ 54 years

Notes of Thanks

I would like to sincerely thank everyone at Trinity for my graduation gift of a charger, the scholarship and the support all of you have given me over the years. I will remember it and put it to good use at Ohio Wesleyan.

With Love,

Evan

Thanks Lori for the home visit. It was very much appreciated.

Shirley Wolford

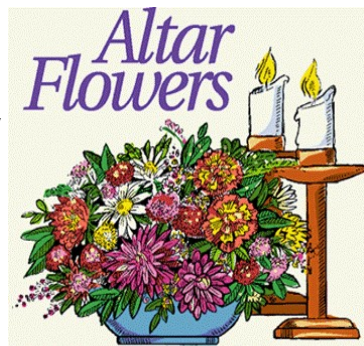
Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - August 2023

All events and activities listed are subject to change.

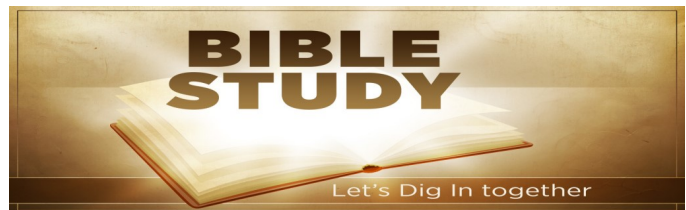
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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August 13th
Richard Lane Family

August 20th
Valerie Thompson



Pastor's Bible Study ~ Tuesday's at 6:00 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.



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> |
| Income | \$ 25,435.00 | \$ 35,274.47 | \$ 152,610.00 | \$ 135,633.94 |
| Expenses | \$ 32,600.00 | \$ 34,343.75 | \$ 195,600.00 | \$ 207,419.83 |
| Difference +/- | - \$ 7,165.00 | \$ 930.72 | - \$ 42,990.00 | - \$ 71,785.89 |



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is welcome here.

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Power of  YOU

Pastor
Rev. Jim Nathan

**Director of
Caring and Discipleship Ministry**
John Foster

**Director of
Student and Family Ministries**
Kyle Ley

Director of Music
David Schneider

Church Accompanist
Dean Altstaetter

**Director of
The Center for Creative Child Care**
Christina Vorhes

Church Secretary
Crystal Hunnaman

Come Worship Online or In Person @10:30 am

August 6th
Matthew 14:13-21
You Feed Them

August 13th
Matthew 14:22-33
You Walk Out Here

August 20th
Matthew 15:21-28
Your Faith....

August 27th
Matthew 16:13-20
Your Witness

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