The Chimes

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from Pastor Megan

Last newsletter I challenged all of us to commit to change out of a survival mindset into one where we seek to thrive. How's it going? Did you create any goals for yourself? I started off strong making some changes in my schedule and setting up much needed doctor appointments. I have begun working with the Servant Leadership Board on a vision for the next 5 years and we are ready to build a strategic plan to work towards that vision. Part of that vision is centered around relationships and I am looking forward to working together to discover new ways to worship, study, pray and serve together as we build relationships both inside and outside the church walls. As all this was happening though I had a setback. Post COVID low energy and some hand pain got in the way and I have struggled to move forward with these goals as fully as I had hoped.

When we have set backs in life it is easy to get discouraged. Whether it is health concerns, broken relationships, having bad weather for an important day, making a mistake, being criticized, it can be difficult to pick up and start again. Proverbs 13:12 says "Hope deferred makes the heart sick" and I think that truth gets overlooked and dismissed too often. When setbacks cause us to lose hope, we often find ourselves stuck in a rut- sometimes even a pit- that is difficult to climb out of.

While we all have our own journeys with the ups and downs of life, I thought I'd share a few insights I've learned that might help someone else's heart heal this season.

1. Ask for help: As one of your youth, Rachel, shared a few weeks ago, sometimes the strongest thing we can do is admit that we need one another. Going to God through prayer, studying scripture, going to a doctor or therapist, calling a friend are all ways that we can reach out. Sharing what is going on reminds us that we are not alone and can help us see a way out.
2. Select where you can spend your energy and time carefully: Watching my dad lose strength through ALS I remember noticing how he started to choose to spend his limited energy in specific ways and I realized that we all need to do that to an extent. Whether it is health, season in life, family obligations, or something else recognizing that we have limited time and energy can help us prioritize healthy choices, passion filled activities, meaningful relationships and caring for others in ways that are life giving.
3. Look and think outside your own situation: Sometimes we get so stuck in our setback that we have a hard time seeing our way out of it. While it is important to care for ourselves, sometimes when we focus on loving others, when we immerse ourselves in helping someone else it becomes easier to find purpose and hope.

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Trinity Family News & Notes . . .

October Birthdays 90 +

Shirley Wolford ~ October 5 ~ 90 years
Frank Cooley ~ October 23 ~ 92 years

August & September Anniversaries 50 +

Jim & Arlene Robertson ~ October 24 ~ 52 years

Hospitalized since last Chimes

Jim Booth, Bob Brause, Marilyn Haller, Jim Pace

Trinity expresses our deepest sympathy to...

To the family & friends of Linda Davis. Linda died on August 16. Among her survivors is her husband, Ron.

To Marcia Webb and family on the death of her stepmom, Janet Rossfeld. Janet died on August 27.

To Dick & Mary Lane and family on the death of their daughter-in-law, Jody Lane. Jody died on September 5.

Notes of Thanks

Many thanks to Pastor Megan and Pastor John for your visits while I was in the hospital. And thanks to all for your cards and prayers.

Dave Baker

Dear Trinity Family,
Thank you so much for everything you have done for me. I would also like to thank you for the scholarship and Starbucks gift card. Both of those will definitely help me in college. Thank you again for everything.

Best Wishes,
Paige Bartels

We would like to extend our deep appreciation to our Trinity Church Family for all of the prayers, cards and words of sympathy and support after the death of my brother, Emil R. White. Your expressions of love and hope have meant so much to us in this time of loss.

Sincerely,
Buddy & Janet White

To my Church Family,
Just a note to say thanks so much for all the visits, calls and food. Thank you to Pastor John and Bev.

Carol Wilkerson

Dear Trinity Family,
I give thanks every day for my church family that has been so supportive of me and my family throughout the time of Jim's illness and passing. I have been blessed over the past months with the love and support of my children, friends and neighbors. All the prayers, cards, hospital visits, hugs, phone calls and texts have been a comfort to us all.

I would also like to give a special thank you to Pastor Megan and Pastor John for the prayers and visits while Jim was hospitalized and for the beautiful memorial service celebrating Jim's life.

Sheri Leaman and family

After Worship in Faurot Park a set of silverware was found. If you lost a set, it is in the church office.

The church office will be closed Monday, October 17—Friday, October 21.

Welcome to Shara Halverson our new evening custodian. Shara will be here from 3-10:30 p.m. most evenings and has extensive cleaning experience (she even considers cleaning her passion). Be sure to introduce yourself if you see her around.

Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - October 2022

All events and activities listed are subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Family Promise Week 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship 4:30pm Youth Group	**26** Family Promise Week 6:30am Monday Morning Men~Zoom 10:00am Monday Morning Women 5:30pm Bible Study	**27** Family Promise Week 4:30pm Lima Music Academy	**28** Family Promise Week 7:00am Wednesday Bible Study 4:00pm TOPS 6:00pm Suicide Support Group	**29** Family Promise Week	**30** Family Promise Week 7:00pm Hispanic Worship	**1** Family Promise Week
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9 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship 4:30pm Youth Group	**10** 6:30am Monday Morning Men~Zoom 10:00am Monday Morning Women 3:00pm Primrose Worship 5:30pm Bible Study	**11** 4:30pm Lima Music Academy 6:30pm CCCC Board	**12** 7:00am Wednesday Bible Study 4:00pm TOPS 6:00pm Suicide Support Group	**13** 7:00pm Crossroads Vigil 7:45pm Choir 6:30p.m AWE	**14** 7:00pm Hispanic Worship	**15**
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Church Budget Status

	Monthly		Year to Date	
August 2022	***Budget***	***Actual***	***Budget***	***Actual***
Income	**$ 26,551.00**	**$ 13,798.52**	**$ 212,408.00**	**$ 186,099.82**
Expenses	**$ 29,735.00**	**$ 27,907.49**	**$ 239,680.00**	**$ 229,850.81**
Difference + / -	**- $ 3,184.00**	**-$ 14,108.97**	**- $ 27,272.00**	**- $ 43,750.99**

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Not all of these work every time and perhaps you have your own practices and mindsets that have been helpful to you. As I was writing down those insights, reminders to myself, I realized that they can be applicable to us as a congregation as well. Over the coming weeks and months your Servant Leadership Board will be rolling out a vision and strategic plan for how we believe Lima Trinity can move forward in our mission to "make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world". To do this we will need to rely on God and one another and so we will be asking everyone to consider how they can help live out our membership vows of offering our prayers, presence, gifts service and witness. We will also need to be intentional about where and how we spend our energy. And finally we need to look beyond our own perspectives and knowledge base. We can learn from others, build relationships with those outside our walls and serve our community with purpose and hope.

Pastor Megan

The Trinity family is invited to an Open House to celebrate Shirley Wolford's 90th birthday on Sunday, October 2 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the Bath Township House.

AWE gatherings for October...
October 5~Purple Feet Thankful Thirsty Thursday
October 13 ~Cooking in Fellowship Hall
October 19~Artspace
October 27~Soothing Sounds in the Parlor
All start at 6:30 p.m. and end around 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 6 is **All Saints Day**. We will be honoring our loved ones who have passed in the last year, as of September 22. If you have a name that you would like to have read, please call 419-227-0800 or email officetumc301@gmail.

BUILDING UPDATE

Great news! The elevator modernization is almost complete… by the time you receive this newsletter we are hoping that we only have 1-2 more weeks before it will be back up and running. In addition, keep your eyes open for our new sign in the next few weeks.

With the move of Family Promise to West Side United Methodist Church that freed up that portion of that building to be used for emerging ministry needs… we are looking to freshen the space up with paint and other projects so that it can be used for peace and justice ministries- stay tuned for more information, but if you would like to help with painting or other projects contact Pastor John.

United Women in Faith

Thanks to all who assembled Hygiene Kits for the Festival of Sharing. The total value of our 32 kits along with money for processing was $544.00! Thanks for helping with this mission project.

The West Ohio Conference United Women in Faith will hold their 2022 Annual Celebration virtually on Saturday, October 1 from 10am to noon. The theme is "Who Can We Be Together?" There is no cost for this virtual meeting, but registration is needed for the Zoom link. Please register at: westohioumw.org

The Northwest Plains District United Women in Faith will host an in-person Fall Annual Day on Saturday, October 22 from 10am to noon at St. Mark's UMC located at 800 S. Main Street in Findlay, Ohio. The speaker will be Jami Nathan, the Coordinator of the All-In Community Training and Ministries for the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. She will share information about an important prison ministry called Hope Letters. This event is free, but please register with Charlotte Kain by October 17. Her email is charchargram8@gmail.com and her phone number is 419-721-9126. Flyers are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

Free Store

We are in need of the following items: Blankets, sheets, bath towels, hand towels& washcloths, men's tee shirts, socks, underwear, belts and jeans .

In the next month or so we will be looking for women's and men's jackets & coats (if you want to start checking your closets)! For any questions contact Penny@ 419-303-4738.

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Join us in worship each Sunday morning at 8:00am for breakfast or 10:30am in the sanctuary and let us together see what God can continue to do in our lives and in our community as we become challenged to look beyond survival and recognize it's time to thrive as a community committed to act justly, love mercy, and walk humble with God.

Sunday, October 2
World Communion Sunday "Mustard Seed Faith"

Sunday, October 9
Beyond Survival: Hope Filled Vision

Sunday, October 16
Beyond Survival: Get Up and Go

Sunday, October 23
Beyond Survival: Sharing and Caring

Sunday, October 30
Celebration Sunday: It's Time to Thrive

Sunday, November 6
All Saints Sunday