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This book club meets the 3rd Friday of each month at 10am in conference room 1 here at Trinity UMC! The next meeting is February 16th with Bonnie Snyder leading the discussion over 'All My Knotted-Up Life: A Memoir' by Beth Moore. This group is led by Kim Wright and they enjoy seeing new faces and receiving new viewpoints in their monthly book discussions! If you enjoy reading, I highly encourage you to stop in and meet everyone!

- March 15th - 'Lessons in Chemistry' by Bonnie Garmus
- April 19th - 'Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War' by Nathaniel Philbrick
- May 17th - 'All My Knotted-Up Life: A Memoir by Beth Moore
- June 14th - gathering for 2024-2025 book selection

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies . . . The man who never reads lives only one." - George R.R. Martin

Trinity Family News & Notes . . .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March Birthdays 90+

Ralph Hubbell 92 - March 8th

Free Store....is in need of blankets, sheets, towels and personal hygiene items. (the small sample/ hotel sizes work best). Men's winter clothing, along with hats and gloves.



Reverend John Medaugh, who was pastor of Lima Grace for several years, will turn 90 on March 19, and is hosting a celebration on Saturday, March 16, in the Meyer Community Room at Otterbein SeniorLife in St. Marys, Ohio, from 2-4pm. Friends are invited to attend.

Trinity won 3 grants at the Bishop's GO Awards! Congratulations to The Center Of Peace And Reconciliation, Lima Music Academy, and Freedom Schools!



March Anniversaries 50+



Bob and Fran Johns 62 years - March 30th

C.U.P.

The C.U.P. Board has created a calendar for member churches to donate hygiene items. In March, we're asked to donate shampoo. There is a box in the narthex area to place donations.



Trinity members,
We are so grateful for your gifts to the Kairos Prison Ministry. Through your donations, the ministry is able to pursue its mission of ministry to those impacted by incarceration. We hope you understand how much your support of this ministry means to the people with whom we come into contact. Lives are touched and new hope is born.

-Zachary Rice

2024 Spring Spiritual Day



Western Lakes District

Saturday, April 13, 2024, 10AM-12PM

Bellefontaine First United Methodist Church

201 N. Main St., Bellefontaine, OH

"Moving Forward Together"

Speaker: Pastor Charlotte Hefner

Come, Reconnect, Make new friends

Continental breakfast will be served

All women are invited to this FREE event!



Please call Sheila Rowe at 419-230-5361 or email sheilabug100@hotmail.com for reservations by April 8th

Please provide your name, your contact info and your church name

Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - March 2024

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 6:30am MMorning Men~Zoom 10:00am MM Women	27 2:30pm Lima Music Academy 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	28 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Org & Furnishing Meeting 4:00pm TOPS	29 7:30pm Choir Practice	1 7:00pm Hispanic Worship	2
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10 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship	11 6:30am MMorning Men~Zoom 10:00am MM Women 3:00pm Primrose	12 2:30pm Lima Music Academy 6:30pm Flute Rehearsal 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	13 7:00am Men's Bible Study 4:00pm TOPS	14 6:00pm Worship Team Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice	15 10:00am Literary Ladies 7:00pm Hispanic Worship	16
17 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship 3:00pm Lima Area Concert Flute Choir	18 6:30am MMorning Men~Zoom 10:00am MM Women	19 2:30pm Lima Music Academy 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	20 7:00am Men's Bible Study 4:00pm TOPS 6:30pm SLB Meeting	21 7:30pm Choir Practice	22 7:00pm Hispanic Worship	23 1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt @ Trinity Park 
24 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Palm Sunday Worship 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship 	25 6:30am MMorning Men~Zoom 10:00am MM Women	26 2:30pm Lima Music Academy 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study	27 7:00am Men's Bible Study 4:00pm TOPS	28 7:30pm Choir Practice	29 7:00pm Good Friday Service 	30
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Friend of Mental Health (formerly known as) Creative Sanity

A Community education team/performing arts troupe dedicated to raising awareness of mental health issues in the community.

Mission: To serve the needs of survivors of brain disorders through therapeutic and empowering creative expression, and to raise awareness in the community of the importance of mental health through the art of understanding.

Vision Statement: Creative Sanity will consist primarily of people who are survivors of mental illness and brain disorders working to proactively dispel the myths and misconceptions of mental illness through community education workshops, creative expression and the performing arts. The philosophy and practice of this organization shall be that all survivors be encouraged to participate at their own level of functionality, and for this organization to be as all-inclusive as possible. As this organization is of survivors, for survivors and by survivors (and especially about survivors), preference will be given to promoting the abilities, works and talents of those suffering from mental illness, who otherwise have little opportunity to integrate into the community. Through this involvement the survivors will become empowered as they relate their experiences to the community. As those suffering and recovering from mental illness gain acceptance in the community they will not only regain a sense of self-esteem but will be better able to contribute to the community by rising to a higher level of functionality and, through this enhanced understanding, be better suited to pursue opportunities in the competitive job market.

For more information contact Bill Boutin at wboutin@woh.rr.com
 My blog and youtube site: <https://friendofmentalhealth.blogspot.com>
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIs6j3s3MwY4Ib-rb-NhhZw>

March Church Schedule

Attendance Takers Susan Clum & Patty Reed

Usher Tim Gough

Greeters Sally Allen & Bonnie Snyder

Communion Servers (1st Sunday)

Fox-Miller, Deb Myers, Valerie Thompson, & Kim Wright

Liturgist

March 3 Dave Baker

March 10 Beth Bartels

March 17 Randy Bartels

March 24 Bill Cooley

March 31 Matthew Boutin

Mark your calendars!!

March 23rd Easter Egg Hunt 1pm

March 29th Good Friday
Service 7pm

March 24th Palm Sunday
10:30am

March 31st Easter Sunday
10:30am



Please join our Youth Leader Kyle Ley on Saturday, March 23rd, for an Easter egg hunt at Trinity Park starting at 1pm.



Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen non-profit organization will be holding a silent auction on Sunday, March 17th from 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. at the kitchen location; 125 S. Central Avenue. A variety of merchandise, gift-certificates and services donated by local merchants will be available to bid on. Refreshments will be served. Winners will be notified following close of the auction. Proceeds to support the faith-based mission to serve meals to those in need. Inquiries may be directed to Randy Kimpel, Director at 419-224-2086.



Trinity offers a volunteer service for Our Daily Bread the 1st Thursday of every month! The group meets at the soup kitchen between 11 -11:15am and start serving at 11:30am. For things to run smoothly they like to have at least 6 - 7 people on the food line. All you have to do is serve food—there is no prep work, dishes, etc. although I am sure they wouldn't mind if you wanted to assist there as well. This is something you could get involved with to help out your community, meet new people, and share the love of God as you work in his name. Teenagers are also encouraged to get involved. Questions please feel free to reach out to Crystal in the church office.





Highlights from Trinity's February Servant Leadership Board Meeting

Finance Report

- Income and expenses are holding steady.
- Pending Cuban mission trip payments are forthcoming.
- Trinity's current support role with Freedom School is being examined and re-evaluated.
- Quotes for an outside, independent audit are being sought.

Trustee's Report

- Bids are pending for repair of the last water-damaged wall in the basement, for the last of the replacement windows in the parlor and nursery, and for the last of the external stone cleaning on the east and north sides of the church building.
- The Grace House boiler is under repair, and the need for new boilers for both Grace House and the church building was acknowledged though this will not occur any time soon.
- Other projects needing attention include replacement of the accordion doors in the basement CCC rooms and repair of the asphalt in the main parking lot
- Annual inspection of the parsonage will be conducted this Spring.

Personnel Report

- Everyone was reminded that our pastors and office staff are still very new and that we cannot take for granted that they know what needs done or how things are done or have been done at Trinity in the past. All members of our congregation should be encouraged to talk with the staff, share concerns with them, and invite them to meetings and events. The congregation of Trinity along with the staff members are the body of Christ within Trinity and should come together with and for one another to work for the good of all.
- Trinity should be completing soon the required paperwork needed for the hiring of Travis as our full-time night custodian.

Worship Ministry Report

- A worship team has been formed to help with the planning of the worship service. It meets the second Thursday of each month at 6P. All are welcome to join this team in its endeavors or can share ideas and concerns about worship with any of the team members. Current team members include Pastor Jim, David Schneider, Matt Boutin (chair), Becky Boutin, Beth Bartels, Sharon Wildermuth, Michael Wildermuth, and a representative of the AV team.
- The theme for Lent is LOVE: God is Love; Love for All; Love for Family; Commandment to Love; Love of Jesus. In addition to the traditional Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services, a Good Friday Tenebrae and Stations of the Cross service, incorporating readings and music, will take place at 7P on Friday, March 29

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 @ 6:30P in Conference Room 2.

The Chimes



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



In other words,...

Amongst the few items I brought home with me from Cuba, was 49,420 CP, or Cuban Pesos. While we entered the country being told that our American dollars would be no good, we did find that we could use them in a few places. But the money that would be most accepted was Cuban Pesos. I brought home that much because it took us so long to exchange money, I wanted to ensure that I would have a good amount to have for a return trip.

Now what you need to know (because I know you are wondering) is the context of what 49,420 Cuban Pesos is worth. The official exchange rate is 250 / 1 CP / US dollars. We did get a little better in our unofficial exchange process, but not excessively. So, if you have not done the math already, my 49,420 Cuban Pesos are worth roughly \$197.68. But, more context is needed to truly understand what that means.

In Cuba, at a nice restaurant in the resort town of Varadero, that amount I could pay for myself and 19 other people to have the steak and lobster dinner. Now mind you, that is just the dinner, you would still have to buy your own drink and/or appetizer. Here in Lima at Red Lobster (the only restaurant in town that has steak and lobster any night of the week), the same meal will cost \$900 for everyone. Context is everything. The context of Cuba does not correlate with the context of Lima, Ohio. And, these are the things that we are still learning, reflecting upon, and evaluating in what we have learned.

Lastly, the thing you have to understand is the thing you cannot buy for any price in Cuba is a Big Mac. You cannot buy, for any price, a Pepsi Cola. You can buy a knock off, Cuban brand of Coke, but if you want that distinctive taste that is Pepsi, you cannot buy it. You can buy a Big Mac in Moscow, Russia. You can buy a Big Mac in Beijing, China. You can buy a Big Mac in Tehran, Iran. But, you cannot buy a Big Mac anywhere in Cuba.

And so, we are making relationships in Cuba to change their understanding of who we are as Americans and also how we, as Americans, see Cubans. Hopefully, through our efforts, we will continue to normalize the Cuban government's view of the Church. Along the way, we might help build a faith community, offer support to tired healthcare workers, grow some fruits and vegetables that feed hungry people. Those little things that continue to build God's Kingdom in places near and far.

See ya in church!

Pastor Jim