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“In the heart of the city, sharing the heart of Christ.”

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Lima Trinity UMC Weekly

"Each person should give as they have decided in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, because God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7



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Directions: Please complete both sides of this form and return it to the church office at your convenience or bring it to church on November 16th for Consecration Sunday. Thank you.

► Stewardship Campaign Estimate of Giving

Name(s) _____

Telephone 1 _____ Telephone 2 _____

Email 1 _____ Email 2 _____

I/We plan to support the ministries and annual needs of Trinity United Methodist Church in 2026 as follows:

- ☐ Per Week \$ _____
- ☐ Per Month \$ _____
- ☐ Per Year \$ _____
- ☐ Other \$ _____

► 2026 Capital Campaign Estimate of Giving – Educational Wing Boiler Replacement

In addition to my/our 2026 Stewardship Campaign gift, I/we plan to support the capital needs of the church to replace the Educational Wing boiler. This boiler provides heat for the church offices, chapel, parlor, and the Educational Wing. Every weekday, the Educational Wing houses the Creative Center for Child Care, which provides a safe, nurturing, and learning space for 120 children, from infants to age 12.

I/We plan to support the boiler replacement for the Educational Wing with a:

- ☐ One-year total gift of \$ _____ payable in 2026 as follows:
- ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi-Annually ☐ One Annual Payment

or

- ☐ Two-year total gift of \$ _____ payable in 2026 and 2027 as follows:
- ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi-Annually ☐ Two Annual Payments

► Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

Please mark the ministries below for which you want to volunteer in 2026. If completing this form as a couple, please enter the name beside each checked box.

Hospitality and Care

- ☐ Care Team (call or visit members)
- ☐ Hospitality (food, drinks, set-up, serve for Sunday mornings, funerals or special events)
- ☐ Social Media Team
- ☐ Roll Up Your Sleeves (paint, clean, etc.)
- ☐ Organizational Task Force

Worship

- ☐ Greeter
- ☐ Usher
- ☐ Communion Server
- ☐ Attendance Recorder
- ☐ Liturgist
- ☐ Chancel Choir
- ☐ Special Music (vocal and/or instrumental)
- ☐ Special Instrumental Music
- ☐ Primrose Service (2nd and 4th Mondays at 3:00 p.m.)

Discipleship

- ☐ Help with children or Youth Ministry
- ☐ Lead a retreat

Mission and Justice

- ☐ Breakfast (prepare and serve food, clean up, lead music)
- ☐ Provide meals for Family Promise (one week a year)
- ☐ Our Daily Bread (serve 1st Monday of the month)
- ☐ CUP (Churches United Pantry – volunteer to help with food pantry and food distribution one or more days a week)
- ☐ Habitat for Humanity
- ☐ Center for Peace and Reconciliation

Other

Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - November 2025

*All events and activities listed are subject to change please visit our website for updated monthly calendar. *

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship 12pm Radio Broadcast 1pm Hispanic Worship	27 6:30am MMMen	28 1:30pm Lima Music Academy	29 7am Men's Bible Study 11:30am Soup Kitchen 4pm TOPS CCCC Trunk or Treat	30 11am Staff Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	31 6pm Wedding Rehearsal 7pm Hispanic Worship	1 3:30pm Non-Member Wedding
2 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship All Saints 12pm Radio Broadcast 1pm Hispanic Worship	3 6:30am MMMen 10am MMWWomen	4 1:30pm Lima Music Academy	5 7am Men's Bible Study 11:30am Soup Kitchen 4pm TOPS	6 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	7 7pm Hispanic Worship	8
9 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship 12pm Radio Broadcast 1pm Hispanic Worship	10 6:30am MMMen 10am MMWWomen 3pm Primrose Worship	11 1:30pm Lima Music Academy	12 7am Men's Bible Study 4pm TOPS 5:30pm Finance Meeting	13 6pm Worship Team Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	14 10am Literary Ladies 7pm Hispanic Worship	15 9am Fear+Less - Zoom
16 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Consecration Sunday 12pm Radio Broadcast 1pm Hispanic Worship	17 6:30am MMMen 10am MMWWomen	18 1:30pm Lima Music Academy	19 7am Men's Bible Study 4pm TOPS 6:30pm SLB Meeting + Charge Conference	20 11am Staff Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	21 7pm Hispanic Worship	22 9am Fear+Less - Shawnee UMC
23 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Procession of the Harvest Hanging of the Greens 12pm Radio Broadcast 1pm Hispanic Worship	24 6:30am MMMen 10am MMWWomen 3pm Primrose Worship	25 1:30pm Lima Music Academy	26 7am Men's Bible Study 4pm TOPS	27 Happy Thanksgiving Office & CCCC Closed	28 7pm Hispanic Worship Office & CCCC Closed	29

Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - December 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship First Sunday in Advent 12pm Radio Broadcast 1pm Hispanic Worship	1 6:30am MMMen 10am MMWWomen	2 1:30pm Lima Music Academy	3 7am Men's Bible Study 11:30am Soup Kitchen 4pm TOPS	4 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	5 7pm Hispanic Worship	6
7 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Choir Cantata 12pm Radio Broadcast 1pm Hispanic Worship	8 6:30am MMMen 10am MMWWomen 3pm Primrose Worship	9 1:30pm Lima Music Academy	10 7am Men's Bible Study 4pm TOPS 5:30pm Finance Meeting 7pm CCCC Program	11 6pm Worship Team Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	12 7pm Hispanic Worship	13
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21 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship 12pm Radio Broadcast 1pm Hispanic Worship 2pm Christmas Caroling	22 6:30am MMMen 10am MMWWomen 3pm Primrose Worship CCCC Closed until Jan. 5th	23 1:30pm Lima Music Academy	24 7am Men's Bible Study 4pm TOPS	25 Merry Christmas!	26 7pm Hispanic Worship	27
28 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship 12pm Radio Broadcast 1pm Hispanic Worship	29 6:30am MMMen 10am MMWWomen	30 1:30pm Lima Music Academy	31 7am Men's Bible Study 11:30am Soup Kitchen 4pm TOPS	1 Happy New Year!	2 7pm Hispanic Worship	3

Trinity Family News and Notes . . .

Free Store

We are now accepting clean Fall and Winter clothing for men and women. (Please save summer for next year). We especially need men's jeans, long sleeve shirts, tees, socks, hats, gloves, coats ,shoes, and backpacks. Blankets, sleeping bags, towels, and sheets are also needed. Small toiletries, such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.

- Thank you



C.U.P. has asked for member churches to donate hygiene items. There is a box in the narthex area to place donations.

November - deodorant

December - toothpaste / toothbrushes



New Group!

Our new card playing group will meet on the 2nd Friday of every month at 1pm starting in November. This group is a collaboration between Shawnee UMC and Trinity UMC - however feel free to invite other friends! For our first get together, we will gather at Shawnee UMC in the Solid Rock Cafe on Friday, November 14 @ 1pm. Bring your favorite card games and a snack to share, if you'd like! Please see Pastor Lori Wright with questions.

Nov. and Dec. 90+



Keiko Hahn Dec. 2nd - 95 yrs.

Pat Harrod Dec. 21st - 96 yrs.



Nov. and Dec. Anniversary 50+

Brent & Sally Allen - Nov. 9th - 51 yrs.

Hello Trinity Family,

I was pleasantly surprised when the Assistant Pastor Lori Wright visited me with a jar of candies and lovely cards! It is wonderful to know the Trinity Family remembered me although I haven't attended the church for years. God bless you all and THANK YOU!

Keiko Hahn

November 23rd

Instead of the Succoth Booth this year, Pastor Jim plans to have a Procession of the Harvest. We invite the congregation to bring donations for C.U.P. The office will distribute a list of needed items in November.

After worship service we will be having our annual Hanging of the Greens to decorate the church for the holiday season. Volunteers that can stay and help would be much appreciated.

Highlights from Trinity's Sept. and Oct. Servant Leadership Board Meetings

FINANCE REPORT

1. Budget Report

A. Receipts & Expenditures: Overall, numbers are good and trust fund balances are up about 8% from last year.

2. Credit Card Usage Policy: The Finance team is developed this policy for use by Trinity staff. It included a statement of understanding to be signed by all staff members who receive a church credit card.

3. The Endowment Committee met and all is good. No major changes were made and monies acquired are being re-invested and earning at about a 4% rate.

4. The Stewardship Committee are working on a two-fold project—the annual stewardship campaign and a capital campaign to raise money for the boiler in the education wing.

TRUSTEES REPORT

1. The three parking lots—Trinity church, Grace House, and Trinity Park--have been patched, sealed and striped.

2. Brick work on the south side of the church is in progress.

3. Work to repair water leakages at the parsonage is to begin soon.

4. The alley light has been fixed!

5. The boiler in the original church structure was repaired, but there was another leak, which is to be re-repaired.

PERSONNEL REPORT

1. Clergy Appreciation was Oct. 12. Jim Bowlus presented gifts to Pastor Jim and Lori.

MINISTRY UPDATES: Center for Creative Childcare (CCCC)

Director, Christina Vorhes, and Assistant Director, Deidra Lambert, shared the following:

☐ There are 10 classrooms from infant through age 12, which includes an after-school program.

☐ Nearly every classroom is at capacity and those that are not are due mostly to staffing shortages.

☐ There are about 100 children in the CCCC right now. Though licensed for 146, 120 is a more realistic number for capacity.

☐ Costs of daycare has gotten extremely high, especially the food costs, so self-pay parents are charged a lower fee to help with managing household costs. Many of the fees, however, are obtained from Job & Family Services for those parents receiving subsidies.

☐ Daycare workers are among the class of workers who provide such important and essential services yet are not paid accordingly, especially as they deal with more and more children with special needs and issues. It is a difficult job but still a very rewarding one, too! The longevity of the CCCC's daycare staff attests to this as many of the staff have been employed at the CCCC for more than 10 years, some even more than 20 years!

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Fear+Less Conversations provided by the UM Conference are taking place amongst the Lima-area United Methodist Churches. All are encouraged to attend!

A. Developed through the Lilly Foundation, this program is to assist congregations to look beyond their walls into the communities to understand the possibilities and potentials for ministry, outreach and growth.

B. The following U.M. congregations will be conducting these workshops as a collective: Cairo, Elida St. Paul, Forest Park, Shawnee, Trinity and Westside.

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Dear Trinity Church,

Many thanks to all members for the signed cards and gifts; they bring many joys but also show our loving Lord's work!

Dear Trinity,

How blessed I was to receive several gifts from my church family during the spring and summer. Each gift delivered by someone or several - to my home, how wonderful is that! A special gift of friends sharing their time with me!

I enjoyed my pansy plant, cookie, and the 'Holy Week Devotional' brought to me by Pam & Vickye Laless, and my gift of my book by Joyce Meyer and flower vase delivered to me by Valerie Thompson. Blessings to all!

Carol Brown

Thank you to Buddy White and his wife who came by and visited, I sure enjoyed them. Thank you for the gift.

God bless all!

Carol Wilkerson

Thank you to everyone who donated Hygiene Kits for the Festival of Sharing in September. We sent in 17 kits and money to cover the processing fees for a total value of \$289.00.

We would like to thank everyone who made cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry. We received 48 dozen from Trinity members and 3,483 dozen altogether for the Kairos weekend at the Allen Oakwood Correctional Institution this weekend. We also ask for prayers from the congregation for the success of the ministry.

Michael & Sharon Wildermuth

Poinsettia Order Form

The church office is still waiting on pricing from Town & Country. If you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia please feel free to call the office in a week or two for pricing.

Highlights from Trinity's SLB Continued

C. The remaining scheduled workshops are as follows: November 15, 9A-Noon, Zoom

*November 22, 9A-Noon, Shawnee UMC

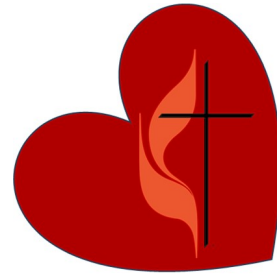
D. At the end of the workshop, each congregation will be awarded \$1500 towards a new outreach program. The clergy of these churches hope to combine the funds of all 6 churches into one large fund for a program that can benefit the whole of the collective.

2. Trinity Charge Conference to be held November. (See details below.)

Next SLB Meeting: November, 19 @ 6:30P in Conference Room 2. Charge Conference to follow at 7:00P in parlor. All are welcome and needed!!!

The Chimes

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In other words....

I have said repeatedly that I have nine stamps in my passport – Nicaragua, Nicaragua, Nicaragua, Nicaragua X 9, Nicaragua... It is not to say I have not been anywhere else. Jami and I visited Canada a year before Canada started to stamp passports. In three trips to Cuba, I have found that Cuba does not stamp passports. The primary reason, because of US relations with the country. It is not just that they do not stamp US passport, Cuba does not stamp any passports so that you will not have a problem in entering the US, regardless of your passport's origin. That will all change as I travel to Turkey this month; I will at least gain a Turkish stamp (and likely a French and German stamp as we connect through those airports coming and going respectively).

Identity, that is what having a passport is all about. Confirming your identity; your country of origin, the places you have been, it is all displayed within your passport.

The Kingdom of God does not hand out passports. And so, we have to find other ways to identify ourselves as a citizen of the Kingdom of God. I believe that one of the first and most prominent means of declaring that identity is in knowing how easy it is to falsify those kinds of documents. Anyone can try and wear a piece of jewelry, or a t-shirt with a clever saying on it that sounds Christian. But if you are relying upon those kinds of symbols to declare your faith, than you are probably missing the point that faith is defined as an unknowable, unprovable force. And so, it is only through our actions that we can guarantee our identity as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Faith must be acted out, over and over and over again. In ways that are consistent and constant; so that others who have faith will recognize the faith being demonstrated. It is probably about as counterintuitive as a country seen to be the enemy of most, offering hospitality to all by not recording the ongoing record of your visit in your passport. Go figure!

And look forward to announcements for Pastor Em and I to share of our journey and adventures in following in the footsteps of Paul when we get back. We will be visiting all of the Seven Cities named in the Revelation as well as a number of the places Paul visited and preached during the time of Acts.

See ya in church!

Pastor Jim