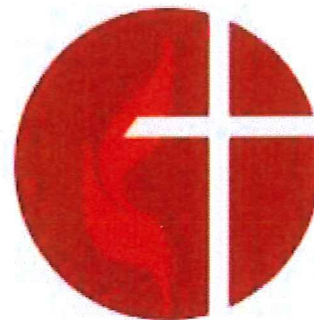


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"In the heart of the city, sharing the heart of Christ."

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from Pastor Megan

Greetings,

As Easter people, we are called to dance our dances of freedom for all the world to see- even in times of great difficulty. During this post-Easter, post-resurrection season we will be focusing on stories from scripture and today that point to the joy of living in the beloved community and extending that fellowship through our witness in the world as we "dare to dance again." I know, I know not everyone wants to dance, but when we talk about dances of faith we mean it both literally and figuratively. The dance that we are focused on this season is the acknowledgement of God's call for each of us and all of us to step out in faith. We will hear from a youth for whom dance has helped her work through some struggles, we will hear stories of dreamers who have dared to step out, speak out and stand up in ways that transformed the world. We will celebrate graduates, baptism and commitments to ministry. We will pray, dance, sing and celebrate the new life we have in Christ. And we will be challenged to dare to dream, dance, and witness to God's love. I hope that you will join us in person or online as we celebrate dances of hope, dances of justice and dances of love this season. This series will end on Sunday, May 23 with a Pentecost celebration.

Worship Plan for May

April 25 ~ "The Dance of Love"

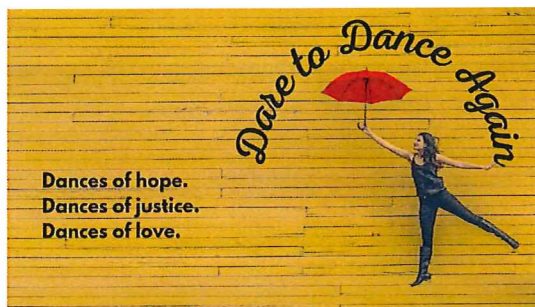
May 2 ~ "Guide My Steps": Celebrating Holy Communion, Ministry Fair after worship

May 9 ~ "Dances of Joy": Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

May 16 ~ "Clap Your Hands:" Celebrating our Graduates

May 23 ~ "Dare to Dance Again": Pentecost Sunday

May 30: Rev. Barry Burns, District Superintendent Preaching



GRADUATION SUNDAY

Graduation Sunday will be May 16th. We would like to recognize anyone who is graduating from high school or college. Please send your graduate's name, school and degree (if applicable) as well as whether or not they will be here to celebrate with us that day. If your graduate is not able to be with us in person, we would love to include a picture with their information if you send one.



U. M. W. News



Currently the Trinity United Methodist Women are not meeting in person, but there are a variety of ways to stay connected and involved.

On May 15, the West Ohio Conference UMW will hold a Virtual Spiritual Growth Retreat via Zoom. Their theme is Emerging into New Life. For the last year, we have been a season caring for ourselves, our families and our communities. We have wrapped ourselves in protective cocoons of warmth and growth. Now, as we emerge back into the world, how are we experiencing new life? How have we transformed during this season, and how might we spread the wings that we have received in this season of growth? The retreat will be lead by Dr. Katelin Hansen, Director of Operations, Community Development 4 All People. The retreat is from 1:00—4:00 p.m. To sign up for a Zoom link go to <https://forms.gle/nq4GHaepPAseYZV97>. For more information contact Sharon Wildermuth at 419-999-6461.

Thanks to your generous donations, we collected \$1,805.00 for our Easter Offering. The offering will go to support the C.U.P. food pantry.

Trinity Family News & Notes . . .

May Anniversaries 50 years +

Bob & Shirley Brause ~ May 16 ~ 62 years
Charles & Charlene Dille ~ May 24 ~ 57 years

Hospitalized since last Chimes

Wilma Davis, Pastor John

Trinity expresses our deepest sympathy to...

To Tom & Paula Riegle and family on the death of Tom's mom, Gertrude Riegle. Gertrude died on March 22.

To Connie Copus-Huffman and family on the death of her sister, Patricia Pulfer. Patricia died on April 1.

To Steve & Marilyn Haller and family on the death of Steve's sister, Christine Zofkie. Christine died on April 9.

To the family and friends of Miriam Bandy. Miriam died on April 13.

Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - May 2021

All events and activities listed are subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 7:30 AM To Go Breakfast 8:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Kids Zone 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Radio Broadcast 1:00 PM Hispanic Worship 4:30 PM Youth Group	26 10:00 AM Monday Morning Women 5:30 PM Bible Study	27 7:00 PM Emotions Anon	28 6:30 AM Wednesday Morning Men 4:00 PM TOPS 7:00 PM Japan Committee	29	30 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship	1
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Church Budget Status

March 2021	Monthly		Year to Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income	\$ 26,794.17	\$ 33,140.37	\$ 80,379.00	\$ 127,066.22
Expenses	\$ 30,447.67	\$ 26,002.35	\$ 91,341.00	\$ 84,057.80
Difference +/-	-\$ 3,653.50	\$ 7,138.02	-\$ 10,962.00	\$ 43,008.42

Pastor Megan will be on Renewal Leave from May 25-July 5. This is rescheduled from the leave she was supposed to take in 2020. During this time preaching and pastoral care will be covered by our current staff, our District superintendent and a nearby retired pastor depending on Pastor John's recovery from his recent surgery. We will share more specific information about who to contact for what in our next Chimes. The servant leadership board will also be taking this time to work with the congregation on building ministry teams to work alongside the staff to grow in our ability to live as a Micha 6:8 congregation called to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. Our goal is to invest time in a more distributed leadership so that we can multiply our ministry and better engage with the diverse community of which we are apart.

Information about Renewal Leave from the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church:

What Is Renewal Leave?

A renewal leave is a planned time to move outside the normal demands of pastoral leadership in order to make space for God to bring renewal. It's the renewal that is needed for moving forward in life and ministry with increased health spiritually, physically, emotionally, and as a visionary spiritual leader. The specifics will look as different as the individual pastors. However, being renewed is the focus. Ultimately, it's being renewed in the sense of God's calling, being renewed in energy, and being renewed in God's grace.

Some find this guide helpful for ongoing renewal:

- practice renewal one day a week
- one week a year
- one to six months every four to six years

Why Do Pastors Need Renewal Leave?

As the leader goes, so goes the church! If the pastor is physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausted, the church will suffer. Thus, Renewal Leave is not just time off. Renewal leave is an investment – An investment in yourself; An investment in the church; An investment in the Kingdom of God! Here are just a few statistics to help you understand why this investment is so important...

- 90% of pastors feel fatigued and worn out every week
- 91% of pastors experience some form of burnout
- 70% of pastors fight depression
- 80% of pastors believe that ministry negatively affects their families
- 80% of seminary and Bible school graduates who enter ministry will leave the ministry within the first five years



Now accepting donations for youth mission trip in June.

Youth Sunday is May 16.

Youth Group is meeting at Shawnee U.M.C. on Sundays from 4:30- 6:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help with Trinity Kid Zone over summer. Lesson plans are provided.

Each Sunday, children are invited to join their families at the beginning of worship and then head to "Trinity KidZone" for special activities



FREE STORE SHOPPING DAY

Saturday, May 15
9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

Trinity U.M. Fellowship Hall
301 W. Market St.
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Shop for: Household Items
Men's Clothing
Women's Clothing
Children's Clothing

There will be a limit of 20 people in at a time.
MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES!
(Age 3 & Up)

HAND SANITIZER MUST BE USED TO ENTER!
(Provided)

We are taking these precautions for everyone's health and safety required by the church and the Allen County Health Dept.





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DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Trinity Park
Friday, April 30, 2021
8:00 p.m.

