



Lima Senior's Celebration and school supply giveaway, with help from all of the sponsors, donated a total of **900 book bags** to children in our community!

Lima Sister Cities presents:

'Love Story' **戦争花嫁** *'Enemy Soldier'*

Japanese War Bride
Movie

Saturday, October 14
3-5 pm

Japanese Audio with English Subtitles
Lima Senior High School Auditorium
1 Spartan Way, Lima, OH 45801

Donations accepted at door.

Biography of a woman with terrifying memories of WWII and suffering, who had to face discrimination in from both countries in order to find the Joy of

PEACE 和 & LOVE 愛

From 2023 TBS (Tokyo Broadcasting System) documentary Festival Selection

Keiko Yamada, from Yokohama, Japan, met & married Frank Hahn from Lima, Ohio, while working under General MacArthur's command in 1951. They came to US to live where she met both acceptance & prejudice & where they raised a family. Keiko is dedicated to promoting peace and has won many awards for her leadership.

www.LimaSisterCities.com
Sandra Liechty LSCA Vice President 419-303-4505

Hello everyone! This is your church secretary, Crystal, here at Trinity with a small announcement. Trinity has been hosting the Japan committee meetings for quite some time as well as an exchange program at least once that I, who is still extremely new, am aware of. I thought I would let everyone know that they have decided to change locations at this time. I have been talking with Keiko Hahn for a few days now and she is quite the lovely lady and thought I would put in some words she shared with me:

"I just like people. Trinity has been in my life since I came to the US in 1951. At that time, Dr. Ira Jones was the pastor, and he told the congregation and my in-laws about Japan, and its people and culture before I came, as he was a missionary in Kyushu, Japan at one time. That helped me a lot even before I came to Lima. My in-laws and the congregation were so kind, and treated me with respect. I'll never forget the kindness of the people Trinity has been my church since 1951."

Lima Sister Cities Association is going to show Keiko's biography movie at Lima Senior High on Saturday, October 14th.

No alter flowers for the month of September. If you are interested in having an arrangement for Sunday worship in your name or in memory of anyone please contact the church office or sign up in the welcome center. Each centerpiece is \$35.00 and you are more than welcome to take your arrangement home with you after the service.

Notes of Thanks

I want to thank Pastor Jim and Lori for their visit. I really appreciated their company and their prayers.

Shirley Wolford

To Reverend Foster, Reverend Nathan, and the entire congregation:

Thank you all so much for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits over the duration of Jim's illnesses and a beautiful funeral and luncheon. It means so much to have such a wonderful church family in times like this.

Barb Pace and Family

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. There are two upcoming meetings planned. The Conference United Women in Faith will gather at King Avenue UMC in Columbus on October 14 from 10:00-noon. The District Fall Annual Day will be held on October 28 from 10:00-noon at St. Andrew's UMC in Findlay. All women are welcome!

There is still time to make Hygiene Kits for the Festival of Sharing. 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.

September Birthdays 90+

Jean Wright ~ September 14th ~ 94
Kenneth Justus ~ September 17th ~ 90
Pat Mills ~ September 29th ~ 94



There are sign up sheets located in the entry way for **Cookies for Kairos**. These will be due by September 10th. If you have any questions please talk to John Foster.

The Center for Peace and Rehabilitation will host another community storytelling evening, featuring The Stories of Immigrants and their Journeys to Citizenship. I hope you will join us for this informative evening, Wednesday, September 13th at 7pm.

September Anniversaries 50 +



Paul and Susie Shin ~ 65 years ~ September 7th
Rick and Barb Cheney ~ 51 years ~ September 9th

C.U.P.

The C.U.P. Board has created a calendar for member churches to donate hygiene items. In September, we are asked to donate toilet paper. 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.



Stories of Immigrants and their Journeys toward Citizenship

HEAR FROM PANELISTS FROM GUATAMALA AND MEXICO

SEPTEMBER 13
7-8:30PM



Saturday, Sept. 30, 12-6p.m. Multicultural Expo at Pangles Pavilion. We will be hosting a booth and are looking for volunteers to staff it. You can sign up here: <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/dB6G8Qkd>



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REFRESHMENTS

<https://www.facebook.com/PEACECenterLima>

Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - September 2023

All events and activities listed are subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 7:30am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Radio Broadcast 1:00pm Hispanic Worship	28 6:30am Monday Morning Men~Zoom	29 2:30pm Lima Music Academy 6:00pm Pastor Led Bible Study	30 7:00am Men's Bible Study 11:30am Soup Kitchen 4:00pm TOPS 5:30pm Closed Women's Bible Study	31	1 7:00pm Hispanic Worship	2
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September Church Schedule

Liturgists

September 3rd ~ Matt Boutin
September 10th ~ Linda Fox-Miller
September 17th ~ Dick Fullmer
September 24th ~ John Mulder

Usher Tim Gough

Greeters Sally Allen and Bonnie Snyder

August Attendance

August 6th ~ 58
August 13th ~ 56
August 20th ~ 74
August 27th ~

Attendance Takers Susan Clum and Patty Reed

Communion Servers (1st Sunday)

Linda Fox-Miller, Deb Myers, Valerie Thompson

Welcome back Chancel Choir!!

We are resuming choir rehearsals beginning Thursday, September 7th at 7:45pm. We will meet in the choir room on the Fellowship Hall level of the church. Any new members wishing to join can contact David Schneider at 567-825-8596



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.

The Chimes

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



from Pastor Jim...

My passport has nine stamps in it; Nicaragua, Nicaragua, Nicaragua, Nicaragua, Nicaragua, Nicaragua, Nicaragua, Nicaragua, and Nicaragua. I took a transcultural trip in 2005 and I loved the product so much, I bought the company (or in this case the ministry). After a chance encounter with Cheryl Avery, Executive Director of Project Chacocente, we took a tour of her ministry field; the Managua city dump. Over 200 families made their home inside the dump. Another 2000 people would come and go into the dump on a daily basis to 'work' the dump (which is a polite way to say scavenge). The dump had its own sense of economy. People would scavenge for anything of value. Others would buy those things; glass, rubber, metal. Package them up and transport them back out of the dump to sell at recycling centers for a profit. Three months later, I was President of the US Board of Directors that helped raised the money to fund Project Chacocente.

Project Chacocente is a community of ten families relocated from the dump to a property outside of Masaya, Nicaragua. Assuming the families sent their kids to school. Took classes in finances, community building, hygiene, and to learn a trade. Shared the work in and around the community and on the community farm land. Do all this for five years... Then they were promised clear title to the land and home where they lived. Over time, we built our own school. Invited people in the surrounding community beyond Chacocent to send their kids to our school as well. We saw the Spanish Royal family (humiliated by the collection of videos of the dump conditions) purchase the dump and rehabilitate it to proper standards. After a water crisis, we received funding for our own well. We saw graduates of our school head off to colleges and universities. There are lots of stories to tell!

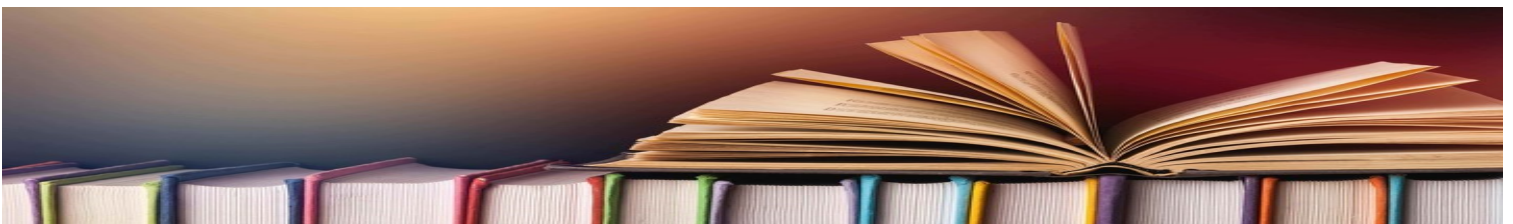
After the 2019 uprisings in Nicaragua and the subsequent governmental crack down, many US ministries were seized and the property confiscated. Project Chacocente was seized in 2021. The residents were allowed to keep their land, but we lost the school. Most of the families that were left, did make their income by working in the school in one capacity or another. It is hard to say if the government allowed them to keep working in those capacities.

But hear this – the time spent in Nicaragua was not in vain. Everything we built, every relationship made, every student we connected with; we did so with prayer. We did so invoking God's good blessings. We did so as a witness in the moment to the Kingdom of God and in the ongoing nature of God's Kingdom, which reigns regardless of the political climate.

See ya in church!

Pastor Jim

Current Readings of the Pastor
Blue Like Jazz, by Donald Miller, Thomas Nelson Inc,
(Nashville), 2003
Bridges Out of Poverty, by Ruby K. Payne, Philip E De-
Vol, Terie





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Church Secretary

Crystal Hunnaman

Come Worship Online or In Person @10:30 am

September 3rd

Exodus 3:1-15
Some Truth

September 10th

Exodus 12:1-14
The First Passover

September 17th

Service led by
Jami Nathan

September 24th

Exodus 14:10-31
Through The Red Sea

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