

# The Chimes

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

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*from Pastor Megan*

Dear Children of God,

I read an article by Nadia Bolz-Weber last night that really struck a cord with me... the language might offend some, so I won't share the whole article here, but the premise is that we are over working our emotional fuse boxes. Our psyches were just not developed to "hold, feel and respond to everything coming at them right now." I definitely feel this in my spirit. Unfortunately, when fuses are overloaded they stop working. As I thought about that imagery I realized that much of the divisiveness, the anger, the frustrations that many are feeling is a direct result of being overloaded. To switch to a different metaphor, when we are carrying too much, it is difficult not to get frustrated with those who don't seem to see all that we are carrying. We can't carry one another's burdens effectively if our arms are already full.

Thinking about that I struggled a little with the next worship series we have planned, "Doers of the Word." This series is based on James and on the surface could be seen as a call to add more "doing" to already overworked people. It could be interpreted in sort of a works righteousness way in that you have to do and be certain things in order to earn salvation. Rest assured, that is not the message of this series or in the book of James. We don't earn salvation with our acts of piety, our faith our commitment to Christ changes us, transforms our hearts and our living so that all that we are and all that we do is a reflection of our faith.

This "Doers of the Word" series is a call to examine how our faith informs our living and to challenge us to live, to do, to be a people, a community who lives differently because of Christ. In part, we are asking in this series, "You've been saved or claimed by Christ, so what? How will your life be different, look different, act different because of that primary relationship? What influence does faith have on your actions?"

Consequently, our worship this month will be focused on relationships, prayers of healing of broken covenants, confession of letting our anger get in the way of service, and prayers of intercession for those who are suffering in our communities. I invite us all to consider how we open ourselves to the world around us in ways that impact our communities for the better? How might our faith transform us to grow as a community who acts justly, loves mercy and walks humbly with God. We invite you to join us in person each Sunday at 10:30am or online through our website or at 1150 WIMA on Sunday's.

### Worship Plan for August & September

August 22 ~ Virtues of Discipleship: Confidence ~ Back to School Celebration  
August 29 ~ Worship in the Park & Lunch: One in Christ with Iglesia Cristiana Voz de Gozo  
September 5 ~ Doers of the Word: Making Distinctions ~ James 2:1-10, 14-17  
September 12 ~ Doers of the Word: Taming the Tongue ~ James 3:1-12  
September 19 ~ Doers of the Word: Root of Conflict ~ James 3:13-4:3, 4:7-8a  
September 26 ~ Doers of the Word: Power of Prayer ~ James 5:13-20

### ***Worship in the Park***

August 29th, we will have a combined worship service with Iglesia Cristiana Voz de Gozo in Trinity Park at 10:00 a.m. We will enjoy a light lunch following the service. Everything will be provided. We will have water, if you prefer to bring your own drink, please do. Be sure to stick around for lunch and fellowship together.

### ***New Connections***

We strive to be a place where everyone belongs, but it can sometimes be difficult to make those first connections. If you are interested in joining a small group, becoming a member, or simply exploring ways to become more involved, please contact the church office and we will be planning a gathering in September.



*It's a Girl!*

Congratulation to Lauren Mills and Kevin Ochs on the birth of Charlotte Grace Ochs on August 8. Charlotte's proud grandparents are Bart & Jennifer Mills. Great grandma is Pat Mills.

Youth Sunday School will be starting again on Sunday, October 3. Hope to see you there!

**Church Office** hours August 26-31, 2021 will be 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

### *Trinity Family News & Notes . . .*

#### *September Anniversaries 50 years +*

Paul & Susie Shin ~ September 7 ~ 63 years

#### *September Birthdays 90 +*

Jean Wright ~ September 14 ~ 92 years  
Pat Mills ~ September 29 ~ 92 years

#### *Hospitalized since last Chimes*

Bob Brause, Larry Hone, Gwen Lawrence, Ann Mulder

#### *Trinity expresses our deepest sympathy to...*

To the family and friends of Miriam Hone. Mim died on July 29. Among her survivors is her husband, Larry.

To the family and friends of Adria Sanders. Adria died on July 30. Among her survivors is her husband, Andy.

To Tom & Sonnie McColloch on the death of their granddaughter, Emma Klausing. Emma died on August 3.

#### *Note of Thanks*

Thank you so much for gifts and for being a part of the family! God bless you all!

*Payton*

# Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - September 2021

**All events and activities listed are subject to change.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> Family Promise Week 7:30 AM To Go Breakfast 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Radio Broadcast 1:00 PM Hispanic Worship 4:30 PM Youth Group	<b>30</b> Family Promise Week 6:30 AM Monday Morning Men ~ Zoom 10:00 AM Monday Morning Women 5:30 PM Bible Study	<b>31</b> Family Promise Week	<b>1</b> Family Promise Week 6:30 AM Wed. Bible Study 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen 4:00 PM TOPS	<b>2</b> Family Promise Week	<b>3</b> Family Promise Week 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship	<b>4</b> Family Promise Week
<b>5</b> 7:30 AM To Go Breakfast 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Radio Broadcast 1:00 PM Hispanic Worship	<b>6</b> Church Office Closed	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30 AM Wed. Bible Study 4:00 PM TOPS	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 7:30 AM To Go Breakfast 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Radio Broadcast 1:00 PM Hispanic Worship 4:30 PM Youth Group	<b>13</b> 6:30 AM Monday Morning Men ~ Zoom 10:00 AM Monday Morning Women 3:00 PM Primrose Worship 5:30 PM Bible Study	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM CCCC Board	<b>15</b> 6:30 AM Wed. Bible Study 4:00 PM TOPS 6:30 PM Servant Leadership Board	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 AM Literary Ladies 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 7:30 AM To Go Breakfast 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Radio Broadcast 1:00 PM Hispanic Worship 4:30 PM Youth Group	<b>20</b> 6:30 AM Monday Morning Men ~ Zoom 10:00 AM Monday Morning Women 5:30 PM Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 AM Wed. Bible Study 4:00 PM TOPS 7:00 PM Japan Committee	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship	<b>25</b>
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We are hosting an **Installation Service** for Rev. Amy Haines as Northwest Plains District Superintendent on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Guest Preacher will be Bishop Gregory V. Palmer. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate along with Rev. Haines and her family during this service! If you would like to help with hospitality (greeting people etc.), please call the church office.

**Family Promise** is in need of the following supplies. We are collecting these items through August 29 in a bin in the narthex:

Air Mattresses  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Hair Brushes  
Bus Passes

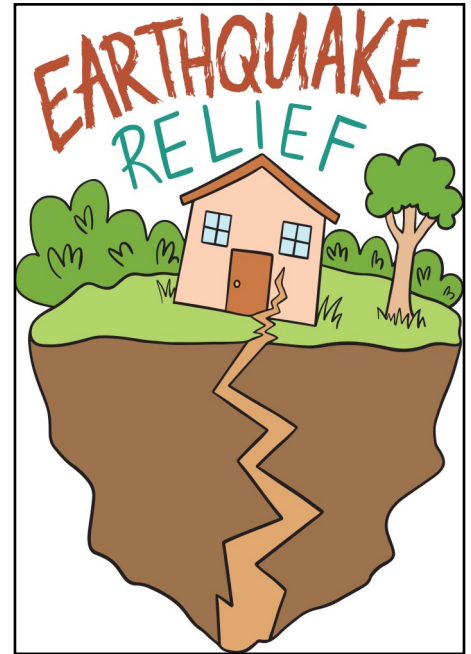
Big Black Trash Bags  
Bath Towels & Wash Rags  
Deodorant  
Shampoo & Conditioner

## Church Budget Status

	Monthly		Year to Date	
July 2021	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income	\$ 26,794.17	\$ 29,548.90	\$ 187,552.00	\$ 231,328.71
Expenses	\$ 30,447.67	\$ 27,324.25	\$ 213,129.00	\$ 201,245.13
Difference +/-	- \$ 3,653.50	\$2,224.55	- \$ 25,577.00	\$ 30,083.58

Matthew 23: Ministries is responding to the massive earthquake that struck southwest Haiti on Saturday, August 14. Matthew 25 is requesting donations of the following types of items in response to the Haiti Earthquake.

- Monetary donations: Send checks to the church. Make them out to Trinity UMC and we will send the donations together.
- Cases of bottled water (12- and 24- count)
- Personal care products: Antibacterial soap, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, lotion etc.
- Cleaning supplies: Laundry detergents, general cleaner, sponges, bleach (powdered form is preferred), mops, scrub brushes, buckets, rubber gloves etc.
- Paper products: Toilet paper, paper towels etc.
- Baby and infant supplies: Diapers, wipes, diaper rash ointment, babywash, baby shampoo, baby lotion etc.
- First-aid items: Bandages, gauze, pads, first aid tape, antiseptic creams, hydrogen peroxide, alcohol, latex gloves, instant cold packs etc.



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### ***Servant Leadership Board Update***

First of all we want to thank you for your continued commitment to Trinity and the Community of Lima over the past 18 months of this pandemic. We are so appreciative to all of you for your adaptability, giving and persistent care for one another. We, as your servant leadership board, have continued to meet sometimes on zoom, sometimes in hybrid meetings and for the first time last night with everyone who attended in person. It has been a challenging time, but we continue to be hopeful that moving forward we are better prepared to grow as a Micah 6:8 congregation as we “act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.” We have been sorting through this pandemic while still adjusting to our new leadership structure and so we wanted to try to catch up on some communication that has been challenging to keep everyone up to date.

First, the purpose of creating the SLB was both to streamline decision making AND free people up to serve in their passions. While we have worked hard at streamlining decision making, we want to grow in the ways people serve in the church. We would love to see more people engaged in ministry- from serving on a Sunday morning, working with children, reaching out to the community to helping on the building and grounds. This switch is to have fewer people focused on important committee work and more people engaged in ministry which is the heart of who we are. The nice thing about making this change is that you don't need to wait to be asked, if you have a ministry idea, bring it to a member of our team or a staff member and we would love to help you make it happen.

Next, there are a number of things up in the air right now around our ministries. We have a number of things that due to safety, ministry priorities, low volunteer commitment, and contractor delays we just don't know when they will resume, whether they will change or how it will look in the future. If you have something you are concerned about, you are always welcome to schedule an appointment to talk with pastor Megan or one of us.

Finally, we also have some work projects that are taking longer than expected. There are a few places where flooring needs replaced, continued sanctuary renovations, a large concrete project outside the church to fix some water issues in the basement are just a few of these projects. As with everything right now we are having trouble finding workers to complete projects. We also are short a part time custodian and expect that this is going to be a difficult position to fill. We appreciate your patience and understanding and encourage everyone to do what we can to keep our building clean in the meantime.

Thank you all!  
Servant Leadership Board

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### Mission Opportunity

The West Ohio Conference is planning to hold the Festival of Sharing on September 18, 2021. You can participate by preparing Hygiene Kits and bringing them to the church office by **September 5**.

Here are the instructions: Place all items in a 1-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure, remove excess air from bag and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the hygiene kit, cartons that have an extended expiration date will be added to hygiene kit shipments just prior to shipment.

- 1 washcloth
- 1 toothbrush (in original package)
- 1 bar of soap (bath size in package)
- 10 standard size Band-Aids®
- 1 wide-tooth
- 1 nail clippers (remove packaging)
- 1 hand towel 15x28 to 16x32

Thank you for your help in preparing Hygiene Kits. They will be used wherever they are needed, in the U.S.A. or around the world. For more information, contact [cwskits.org](http://cwskits.org) or Sharon Wildermuth at 419-999-6461.



### *United Methodist Women*

The Northwest Plains United Methodist Women are planning an in person Fall Annual Day on Saturday, October 9 at 10:00 am in Trinity's Fellowship Hall. Pastor Charlotte Hefner will lead the morning session on "Hope." Following lunch, Janis Kleine will share an update on Toledo's Friendly Center, a United Methodist Mission Site. Communion will be offered by Pastor Megan Croy and our new District Superintendent, Rev. Amy Haines. A \$10 registration fee is due by September 30. Please pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center.

The Conference United Methodist Women are holding a hybrid event, in person and live streamed, for their Annual Fall Celebration on October 30 from 10:00-12:00 at Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church. The keynote speaker will be Sung-Ok Lee from the National Office of United Methodist Women. Online registration will open on September 20 at [www.westohioumw.org](http://www.westohioumw.org) There is no charge for this event.

Please contact Sharon Wildermuth for further information at 419-999-6461.