

The Chimes

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

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from Pastor Megan

When Evan was 18 months old, I began looking for a daycare. When talking to the daycare staff where he ended up, the director shared some important ways they like to partner with parents. She shared how it was important that we talk to, read and engage with our young children even before they can talk. To me that seemed obvious, but she shared that some parents didn't realize that adults talking is crucial to their toddlers' language development. Each time I read my son a story afterwards, I was mindful of the ways these stories would influence his life. As his story listening slowly turned to his memorizing "what happened next" which turned into his own sounding out words which eventually turned into his devouring story after story, I couldn't help but recognize how the act of storytelling, whether from real life, myth or some exaggerated retold tale, has shaped and will continue to shape who he is and how he understands and responds to the world around him.

Christian literature is filled with stories of God's relationship with humanity. Stories about a messed up family trying to figure out how to live with one another and what to do with the hurt that they did to one another. Stories about a young nation trying to find its place in the world. Stories about suffering and comfort, betrayal and love, anger and hope. Stories about a man who taught new ways of understanding God by telling stories. Stories about a man who lived and died and lived again, and in doing so, changed the way we read all the stories that came before and shaped the stories that have been told since.

Our stories, those we hear, those we read, those we tell, and those that we experience matter. Our faith is formed, shaped and communicated through the art of storytelling. How our stories interact with God's story informs how we live our faith on a daily basis. This month we will explore the stories of our faith and the stories of those in our community and how they integrate with God's story. Join us as we worship, study and celebrate together.

Megan

Worship Plan for October

Sunday, October 3 ~ (World Communion Sunday): Our Stories Matter: Remember

Let us remember the stories that helped us live in wholeness with God as we honor one another's stories. Luke 22:1-23 will encourage us to remember the beginnings of our sacrament of Holy Communion and encourage us to embrace one another as children of God.

Sunday, October 10 ~ Our Stories Matter: Release

Deuteronomy 15:1-11 and Matthew 19:16-22 will help us release the pain and guilt that comes with carrying the weight of some of life's "heavier" stories. As we release our hurts, habits and hang ups that keep us from living in wholeness with God we will practice release both internally and with one another.

Sunday, October 17 ~ Our Stories Matter: Reimagine

Leviticus 19:9-10, 25:8-12 and Mark 12:38-44 show us examples of how the Biblical story imagined a new life, a new world for us over and over. Join us as we imagine new ways of being church, of restoring hope and of living our faith.

Sunday, October 24 ~ (Commitment Sunday): Our Stories Matter: Restore

It's not always easy to see ourselves out of tragedy, pain, or disagreements. John 21:1-19 and Genesis 33:17 show us how we can be restored and restored through reconciliation even after being hurt.

Trinity Family News & Notes . . .

October Anniversaries 50 years +

Dave & Bev Beery ~ October 16 ~ 56 years
Jim & Arlene Robertson ~ October 24 ~ 51 years

October Birthdays 90 +

Larry Hone ~ October 16 ~ 95 years
Frank Cooley ~ October 23 ~ 91 years

Hospitalized since last Chimes

Pat Harrod, Larry Hone, Gayleen Rhinock, Carolyn Snider

Trinity expresses our deepest sympathy to...

To the family and friends of Donna Jean Kohler. D.J. died on August 24.

To the family and friends of Betty Hunsicker. Betty died on September 1.

To Jami and David Dellifield and family on the death of Jami's dad, Gary Cavinee on September 11.

To Phil & Diana Heath and family on the death of Phil's brother-in-law, Bob.

To Kim & Jeff Wright and family on the death of Kim's brother-in-law, Bill Faine. Bill died on September 18.

Note of Thanks

The family of Adria Lynn Sanders thanks each and every one of you for your generosity and support during this difficult time. There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love and support you have extended to our family. It is greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten.

Thank you to everyone who donated Hygiene Kits. Through your generosity we were able to provide 19 kits to the Festival of Sharing.

Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - October 2021

All events and activities listed are subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 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	27 6:30 AM Monday Morning Men ~ Zoom 10:00 AM Monday Morning Women 5:30 PM Bible Study	28	29 6:30 AM Wednesday Bible Study 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen 4:00 PM TOPS	30 5:30 PM Girl Scouts	1 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship	2
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Church Budget Status

	Monthly		Year to Date	
August 2021	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income	\$ 26,794.17	\$ 35,186.87	\$ 214,346.00	\$ 266,515.58
Expenses	\$ 30,447.67	\$ 26,494.79	\$ 243,576.00	\$ 227,739.92
Difference + / -	- \$ 3,653.50	\$ 8,692.08	- \$ 29,230.00	\$ 38,775.66



October is staff recognition month for us! We will be treating our staff to a special luncheon during the month. Our staff has continued to work hard to be innovative and keep us connected during these past months. We are thankful and grateful to each and every one of them! Individually you might want to let them know of your appreciation by saying a word, sending a text, email or card. Thank you staff of Trinity United Methodist Church!! We don't say it often enough but....YOU ARE APPRECIATED MORE THAN YOU KNOW!!!

We have received a donation of a complete drum set in very good shape. Anyone interested in making some noise, you may have it! Contact Pastor John at 419-303-4776.

Church Office hours October 1-8, and October 15, 2021 will be 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 7 is All Saints Day. We will be honoring our loved ones who have passed in the last year, as of September 22. If you have a name that you would like to have read, please call 419-227-0800 or email officetumc301@gmail. That day's service is the planning stages.

New Address....

Larry Hone
Greencastle Family Care
28062 E. Greenmeadows Circle
Farmington, Hills, MI 48334

A NOTE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM...

First of all, we want to celebrate and express our gratitude to all of you for your continued generosity. We are blown away at the way that your giving has continued to grow and support the ministries of the church and our missions throughout the community and the world.

As we look forward to 2022 we want to be sure to celebrate the many ways that we have continued and even grown in the ways that we have supported mission and ministry as we continue to grow into a Micah 6:8 congregation that acts justly, loves mercy and walks humbly with God.

During the month of October we will be extending the worship series "Our Stories Matter" to remember, release, reimagine and restore our stories when it comes to money and other resources. There will be a companion resource of a journal that you can take home and then week 3 we will have an opportunity to gather in a small group (in person or online). We will have a Zoom study opportunity on Monday, October 18 (time TBD) and an in person meeting on Tuesday, October 19th at 6:30pm. If you are interested in either opportunity or simply the companion study guide, please contact the church office to register and pick up your study guide the first week in October.

Commitment Sunday will be Sunday, October 24th and we encourage you to bring or mail in your stewardship commitment card by that date.



Prayers from Many Hearts: "An Interfaith Celebration"

Wednesday, September 29
6:00 p.m.

Faurot Park Shelterhouse #1
(at the top of the hill on Cole Street)

To offer prayers from different traditions to peace and health for the world, our nation and community.

SAVE THE DATE...

All ages Pumpkin Carving and Movie night! You are invited to Trinity Park on Saturday, October 23rd from 7:00-10:00 p.m. for an evening of pumpkin carving and family friendly Halloween fun. When the sun goes down we will have a drive in movie that you can watch from your car or the lawn! Invite friends- more details to come soon!



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United Methodist Women

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Northwest Plains United Methodist Women have made the decision to change the in-person event of October 9 to a Zoom meeting only. Here are the details for this free event:

NWP UMW Fall Annual Virtual Day
Saturday, October 9, 10:00 a.m. until noon
KeyTopic: HOPE, led by Pastor Charlotte Hefner
Toledo's Friendly Center update by Janis Kleine

Please register to receive the Zoom connection with Barbara Coats at bacoats1212@yahoo.com or by calling 419-423-1771 by October 1.

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 is now open at www.westohioumw.org There is no charge for this event.

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