

Let God's Word...

The Good News



March/April 2018

...Rule Our Hearts and Guide Our Footsteps.



UMWF Soup Supper

The **rescheduled** UMWF will be serving a Soup Supper on Saturday, March 17, 5 – 6:30 pm.

The menu includes: chicken noodle, chili and vegetable soups, desserts and beverages. They are accepting a free will offering.

Money raised will help toward their 2018 budget which includes Milan Christian Food Pantry, The Place 2 B, RI Christian Care and Cops With Kids.

Easter Sunday Service 9 am



Lenten Worship Schedule



March 29
Maundy Thursday
Worship
6:00 pm

March 30
Good Friday Worship
6:00 pm

The Enchilada Sale Is On!

We are now taking orders for the Enchilada Sale. An order form is on the back page of this newsletter. More forms are available on the bulletin board. The proceeds of the sale will go to the general fund. Please ask your family and friends if they would like to order. All orders must be placed by Sunday, March 25th.

We need volunteers to work on Friday, April 6, 6:30 pm to cook. And many helpers on Saturday, April 7, 9 am to make the enchiladas. There will be a worker signup sheet on the bulletin board. See Linda Armstrong with questions.

Also look for an ingredient signup sheet to be put on the bulletin board soon.

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Sunday Worship Schedule
8:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Sunday School

Office Hours
Monday – Friday 8:30 – 12:30

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March Birthdays

3/3 Eloise Ingram
3/8 Willy Mallder
3/11 Gary Howe
3/13 Cece Wilson
3/21 Pam Versluys
3/23 Deb Howe
3/29 Betty Blaser

April Birthdays

4/1 Jon Warren
4/11 Emma Ingram
4/17 Kathy Coffman
4/22 Keith Smith

Acolytes

3/4 Kari Nicoletto & Deb Howe
3/11 Kari Nicoletto & Katie Gillispie
3/18 Linda Armstrong & Ruth Smock
3/25 Deb & Gary Howe

4/1 Kari Nicoletto & Willy Mallder
4/8 Deb & Gary Howe
4/15 Linda Armstrong & Ruth Smock
4/22 Karen Beaupre & Eloise Ingram
4/29 Pam & Bob Gauley

Ushers

Willy Mallder
Fred Flickinger
John Wilson
Louise Colby-Dean

Bell Ringer

John Wilson

Greeters

3/4 Linda Armstrong & Betty Laffoon
3/11 Cece & John Wilson
3/18 Jill Mueller & Terry Moore
3/25 Deb & Gary Howe

4/1 Rita Taber & Janet Smithson
4/8 Barb Downs & Barb Lee
4/15 Betty Laffoon & Linda Armstrong
4/22 Deb & Gary Howe
4/29 Pam & Bob Gauley



Coffee Helpers

3/4 Karen Beaupre & Eloise Ingram
3/11 Evelyn Hoover & Cece Wilson
3/18 Linda, Sandy & Ruth
3/25

4/1 Janet Smithson & Rita Taber
4/8 Kari Nicoletto
4/15 Deb & Gary Howe
4/22 Linda, Sandy & Ruth
4/29 Pam & Bob Gauley

*** Monthly Meetings ***

***The Nurture Committee** meets Thursdays, March 1 & April 5 at 5:30 pm.

* **The Pastor/Parish committee** meeting is Thursday, March 8 at 6 pm.

***Men's Club** will meet Mondays, March 19 & April 16 at 6:30 pm.

***The Methodist Women** meetings are Tuesdays, March 27 & April 24 at 6 pm.

***The Finance Committee** will meet Wednesday, March 28 at 5:00 pm.

***The Church Council** will meet Wednesday, April 4 at 6 pm.

Liturgists

3/4 Fred Flickinger

3/11 Pam Versluys

3/18 Julie Derrer

3/25 Karen Beaupre

4/1 Katie Gillispie

4/8 Barbara Warren

4/15 Dan Eastman

4/22 Moore/Mueller

4/29 Pam Versluys

Knitters, crocheters, quilters and crafters!

Come and join our Wednesday Morning Craft Ministry team. We have folks who are making the prayer blankets and shawls, but we want to encourage you to come and join them for an hour of fellowship and service at 9:00 am.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION – Church improvements are underway!

We wanted to take a moment and let people know that a number of Church upgrades and improvements are already underway as a result of the receipt of funds from the Sittig estate. The heating and air conditioning work has been completed, the awnings were installed and the new floor has been installed and is working out wonderfully!

Additional work that has been approved and contracts are being placed for a new sprayer and faucet for the sink in the kitchen, new doors in the fellowship hall to replace the current doors, repairing the walls and tuck pointing above the main entry doors, and painting the hallway and narthex entryway.

We've made quite a difference in our church facilities and they are continuing to be improved over the course of the next several months. We have expended most of the funding that was budgeted and approved for church repairs and upgrades, however. You can see the list of what we've accomplished, what's planned and what we have remaining elsewhere in this newsletter and also on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Attendance & Offerings

January 7	36	\$2,704
January 14	39	\$2,028
January 21	52	\$1,232
January 28	46	\$1,582
February 4	37	\$2,611
February 11	church cancelled	
February 18	52	\$3,583
February 25	49	\$1,463

New Members

If you are interested in becoming a member of this church, or in transferring membership from another church to this church, contact Pastor Jon, or Jody in the Church office.

Let your voice be heard!

Want to be a part of what's going on in the church? Have suggestions or comments about ways we might be able to improve things? Have a concern you'd like to see addressed? I would like to invite you to come and be a part of the committee meetings (**We won't make you become a member! Honest!**) or give us some written comments we can discuss at those meetings if you cannot attend. We do want your voice to be heard. All committee meetings are listed in the newsletter and in the bulletins a week or two before each meeting. You can also send in comments to the Pastor or to Jody and they will make sure they are received by the appropriate people.

One input we received and will be acting on is that future votes will be held by written ballot versus by voice vote or show of hands, and items will be voted on individually instead of all together.

Financial News

Besides the general fund, there are several other funds in the church that are funded by our generous donors. Below is a list of some of our projects and their purpose. If you ever want to donate to any of these funds, just mark your envelope accordingly.

Building Projects: all donations marked 'building projects' are set aside to be used for the next project which takes care of our church property. Everything from lights to flooring to lawn care comes from this fund.

Helping Hands: all donations marked 'helping hands' are set aside to be used to help a person in need. This is also used to help the Milan township which uses the fund to help with personal needs.

Food Pantry: all donations marked 'food pantry' are sent to the Milan Food pantry

Office Supplies: all funds marked 'office supplies' are used to buy supplies for our office. This includes paper, envelopes, ink cartridges, etc.

Computer Software: all donations marked 'computer software' are used to get support new versions of our required software, our website, and new computers when we need them.

Pastors Hours

Pastor Jon's office hours are:

Tuesdays 12:30 – 4:30

Wednesdays 10:30 – 2:30

Thursdays 8:30 – 12:30

Fridays 8:30 – 12:30

Other hours are available by appointment.

If the church office is closed, please leave a message and Pastor Jon or Jody will return your call. If you have an urgent issue, you may call or text Pastor Jon on his cell phone at 309-337-1988.

Daily Church Prayer Warrior Team News

We have a group of individuals who are part of a daily prayer team to support the church, the pastor, the congregation, and the community. In March and April I'm asking that the members pray for our country and its leaders, our greater United Methodist Church, the Trinity United Methodist Church and our community, asking for ways and ideas for us to reach out into the community and help bring people to God for the first time, or to bring back those who have gone astray.

We want you as a Church Prayer Warrior

The Trinity and Green River UMCs have a team of folks who are willing to pray for those in need as the need arises. If you would like to be a member of this Prayer Team, please contact Jody or Pastor Jon so we can add you to the Prayer Team Call-Em-All list. Please let us know if you are willing to pray for any concerns that come in, no matter the source, or if you would prefer to just be a part of those prayer requests for the Trinity UMC church family and friends.

Call-Em-All Telephone Information System

We use the Call-Em-All telephone information system to notify church members with information on events, prayer requests, funerals and other activities. If you are not on the roster to receive these calls at your home or cell phone and would like to be, please call us at the church office at (309) 787-1362 and we'll add you to the list!

Continuing Tuesday Bible Study – Women of the Bible

We have 6 more weeks to go in our bible study on "Women of the Bible". The bible study is at 5:30 pm on Tuesday evenings and anyone is welcome to attend. We had some great bible studies during the course of 2017 and we look forward to continuing that trend in the coming year!



Bonnie Saunders
1/26/1928 - 1/13/2018

Wayne Taber
7/12/1939 - 1/12/2018

Celebration of Successful Mission Outreach Opportunities **Milan Christian Food Pantry and The River Bend Foodbank**

We continue to reach out to those around us and assisting those in need. So far this year we have supported both the Milan Christian Food Pantry and the River Bend Food Bank with our gifts financially, with food items and plastic bags and in volunteering to serve at the pantry. You are helping to make a difference in our community and it shows! It's a great start for the year that I hope we can continue through all of 2018.

Tithing in 2018 – An Opportunity to put God First

We'd like to challenge everyone this year to consider their tithes and gifts to the Church in the coming year and look at the possibility of increasing giving by 1% of your income if you're not currently tithing 10%. God called on the Israelites to give of their first fruits of the harvest, and I am asking you to consider doing the same thing. Our tithes and gifts, and I include myself as a part of this church and community of faith, make it possible for us to reach out and do more for our community in spreading God's work and serving those less fortunate than ourselves. For those whose financial situations preclude tithing, consider other ways in which you might help both your church and those around you. For those already tithing 10% or beyond, I thank you for your faithfulness and ask for your continued support and generosity.

We could also use some support with our planned giving. Having to cancel two services in the last two months has put us in a deficit for our budget needs so far this year, and we've had to dip into our reserves for \$1500 to cover our expenses and Conference apportionments. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated as we continue in our ministry efforts at Trinity UMC.

New Ushers and Liturgists

As part of our worship service each week, we have opportunities for additional ushers, liturgists and assistants for communion. We have a great group of people who are serving in those positions now, but I would like to invite more people to share in these services to the church. If you're interested in the possibility of serving in this way, please drop a note in the offering, drop by the office or give Pastor Jon a call at 309 337-1988.

New Tuesday Bible Study Starting – beginning April 17th, 2018

There will be a new bible study beginning on Tuesday, April 17th. The topic is Spiritual Gifts and will last for eight weeks. The bible study will be offered at 5:30 pm to give more people an opportunity to attend. We had some great bible studies during the course of 2017 and we look forward to continuing that trend in the coming year!

Nurture Committee News

We delivered valentine's to all our Special Friends in February and plan to provide Easter baskets to them in March. A list of our special friends is posted on the bulletin board. Feel free to send any or all of them a card – they love to hear from us.

We had a wonderful time helping with Bingo at Heritage Woods in February and plan to return on March 15. Anyone is free to join us, just let Pastor Jon or Katie Gillispie know you plan to assist. Thanks so much for your generous donations for Bingo and our Easter baskets.

We are planning to have Bingo at church on Thursday, April 26 from 2 to 3 p.m. – open to everyone and only for prizes, no gambling. Please come and bring your friends.

We are still taking clothing to the Wardrobe, so get started on spring cleaning those closets and bring the clothing to church. We are also looking for anyone interested in helping with skits for worship. If you are interested, please let Katie Gillispie know. Our next meeting is March 1 at 5:30. Thanks so much for your prayers and support.