

Let God's word...

The Good News



May/June 2018

...Rule Our Hearts and Guide Our Footsteps.



Celebrating Mother's and Father's Day!

We will be celebrating Mother's Day on May 13th and Father's Day on June 17th. Come and help us celebrate our Mothers and Fathers on their special day.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**



Help Make our Church Yard Beautiful

A Church yard cleanup day is set for Saturday, May 5, 9 – 11 am. We need your help in getting mulch down, bushes trimmed, weeds pulled, etc. With many helpers we will be done quickly. Any questions please see Pam Versluys.

Emergency Contact List

We are updating our emergency contact information sheet. If you have not provided emergency contact information to the church office or it has changed in the last five years, please let us know as soon as possible. You can call or email the church office, leave the information on Jody's desk or put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Thanks for your help in updating this list and making it possible for the church to contact the correct person in case of an emergency.

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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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May Birthdays

5/2 Virginia Horton
5/9 Marlis Eiland
5/11 Marlene Deffenbaugh
5/12 Betty Stripe
5/14 Betty Laffoon
5/15 Fred Flickinger
5/16 Linda McNeal
5/22 John Wilson
5/23 Vivian JWilker
5/25 Barb Mallder
5/29 Virginia Gross

June Birthdays

6/7 Tammy Gauley
6/7 Barbara Warren

Anniversaries

5/23 Cece & John Wilson

Acolytes

5/6 Irma Gripp & Kari Nicoletto
5/13 Deb & Gary Howe
5/20 Linda Armstrong & Ruth Smock
5/27 Pam & Bob Gauley

6/3 Deb & Gary Howe
6/10 Terry Moore & Jill Mueller
6/17 Linda Armstrong & Ruth Smock
6/24 Betty Blaser & Pam Versluys

Ushers

Willy Mallder
Fred Flickinger
John Wilson
Louise Colby-Dean

Bell Ringer

John Wilson

Greeters

5/6 Irma & Jim Gripp
5/13 Betty Laffoon & Linda Armstrong
5/20 Sandy Mallder & Betty Laffoon
5/27 Deb & Gary Howe

6/3 Karen Beaupre & Eloise Ingram
6/10 Barb Downs & Barb Lee
6/17 Janet Smithson & Rita Taber
6/24 Deb & Gary Howe



Coffee Helpers

5/6 Karen Beaupre & Eloise Ingram
5/13 Deb & Gary Howe
5/20 Linda, Betty Laffoon, & Ruth Smock
5/27 Pam & Bob Gauley

6/3 Deb & Gary Howe
6/10 Kari Nicoletto & Barb Mallder
6/17 Linda, Betty Laffoon & Ruth Smock
6/24 Sandy Mallder & Barb Mallder

* **Monthly Meetings** *

***The Nurture Committee** meets Thursdays, May 3 & June at 5:30 pm.

* **The Pastor/Parish committee** meeting is Thursday, May 31 at 6 pm.

***Men's Club** will meet Mondays, May 21 & June 18 at 6:30 pm.

***The Methodist Women** meetings are Tuesdays, May 22 & June 26 at 6 pm.

***The Finance Committee** will meet Wednesday, May 23 at 5:00 pm.

***The Church Council** will meet Wednesday, May 16 at 6 pm.

Liturgists

May 6 Larry Cole

May 13 Julie Derrer

May 20 Karen Beaupre

May 29 Barbara Warren

June 3 Fred Flickinger

June 10 Pam Versluys

June 17 Julie Derrer

June 24 Karen Beaupre

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!

Over the last two months we have installed a new sprayer and faucet for the kitchen sink, installed a new hot water heater for the kitchen, repaired the walls and restored the tuck pointing above the main entry doors, and painted the hallway and narthex entryway.

Items we still have in work: We still need to order and install new doors in the fellowship hall to replace the current doors, and the need to replace the floors in the nursery, Pre-school rooms and Choir room due to tiles coming up off the floor has become evident.

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

March 4	51	\$3,434
March 11	44	\$1,738
March 18	50	\$1,736
March 25	43	\$ 888
April 1	71	\$5,424
April 8	58	\$1,691
April 15	53	\$1,098
April 22	53	\$2,333
April 29	67	\$1,173

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.

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.

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.

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.



Continuing Tuesday Bible Study – Spiritual Gifts

We have 6 more weeks to go in our bible study on “Spiritual Gifts”. 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!

Pennies for Missions

The April and May pennies collection will go to Q.C. Closet 2 Closet. They are located at 2613 5th Avenue, Rock Island. This group collects clothes and accessories for pre-teens and teens that are in foster care or homeless.

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.

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!

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.

Nurture Committee News

The Nurture committee visitation teams now have log books for recording information about their visits to our special friends and hospital patients. We, with United Methodist Women's Fellowship members help, took Easter baskets to everyone in late March. Thank-you so much for your generous donations to fill those Easter baskets. We have new mission opportunities under consideration. A sewing circle has been suggested. Anyone interested in being part of that should let a Nurture committee member know. Also, if you would be willing to help in the nursery during worship and/or would like to take part in a skit to fill in when Pastor Jon is taking a class, please let us know. If you have any other suggestions for small groups or event participation, we would love to hear them. Our April 26 Bingo event was a lot of fun! Please pray about ideas for community outreach and mission projects and thank-you for all your wonderful support.

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.



Blood Drive at TUMC

TUMC will host a Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, July 12. Information will be posted in the bulletin.

Enchilada Sales

The enchilada sale went very well this year. Enchilada sales were \$1,009. This is pure profit as all ingredients were donated. Thanks again to all of the workers who gave of the time and talents to cook and assemble the enchiladas, thanks to all of those parties who donated ingredients, thanks to those parties who bought enchiladas, and thanks to those who prayed for our success. This endeavor helps with the 2018 budget.



Our financial status is good for this year. We have all bills paid and it looks to be a successful year for us.

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 support new versions of our required software, our website, and new computers when we need them.