

Let God's word...

# The Good News



May/June 2019

...Rule Our Hearts and Guide Our Footsteps.

## **Tuesday Night Bible Study on Grace begins on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019!**

We will be starting a ten-week bible study on the Wesleyan Understanding of Grace in May, 2019. We'll begin with a four-week video series on grace, followed by a six-week bible study based on the video series. We meet at 6:00 pm in the church office on Tuesday nights beginning on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to come and join with us in this interesting and informational study.

## **Pancakes with The Pastor!**

**Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 to 10:00 am**

We will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Pancakes with the Pastor" breakfast on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 7:30 to 9:30 am. It will be a time of fellowship and food as we share pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and other drinks together in the fellowship hall. The cost is a free will offering and all proceeds will go towards UMCOR Natural Disaster Relief. Sign-up sheets for food donations and to help out can be found in the narthex outside the sanctuary



beginning May 19th! Come and enjoy!

## **Milan Christian Assistance Alliance Information**

You might not be aware that in addition to the Milan Christian Food Pantry, Trinity UMC is also involved in other mission outreach work with other Milan Christian churches. One of these areas is the Milan Christian Assistance Fund, which is operated in conjunction with Blackhawk Township. Through this ministry program, we are able to consolidate our assistance efforts in one place, increasing accountability as well as providing combined financial support for those in need. Funding is provided through individual church donations and through joint fund raisers like the June 1 Pork Chop Sandwich Fund Raiser coming up. (More information elsewhere.)

We are also looking at the possibility of doing some additional efforts together like a joint blood drive to help show the community we can work together as brothers and sisters in Christ, even as we worship in different ways.

Churches currently involved in the MCAA are First Presbyterian Church, St Ambrose Catholic Church, St. Matthews Lutheran Church, St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Trinity United Methodist Church.

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HAPPY Mother's DAY



## **Celebrating Mother's and Father's Day!**

We will be celebrating Mother's Day on May 12<sup>th</sup> and Father's Day on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Come and help us celebrate our Mothers and Fathers on their special day.

HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY!

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

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**Ushers**  
Willy Mallder  
Fred Flickinger  
John Wilson  
Louise Colby-Dean

**May Birthdays**  
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 Wilker  
5/25 Barb Mallder  
5/29 Virginia Gross

**Greeters**  
5/5 Kari Nicoletto & Terry Krueger  
5/12 Louise Colby Dean & Barb Mallder  
5/19 Jill Mueller & Terry Moore  
5/26 Janet, Rita Taber & Betty Kloster

6/2 Deb & Gary Howe  
6/9 Betty Blaser & Pam Versluys  
6/16 Irma & Jim Gripp  
6/23 Terry Moore & Jill Mueller  
6/30 Kathy Coffman & Kari Nicoletto

**June Birthdays**  
6/7 Barbara Warren

**Anniversaries**  
5/23 Cece & John Wilson

**Bell Ringer**  
John Wilson



**Acolytes**  
5/5 Kari Nicoletto & Willy Mallder  
5/12 Brandon Eiland & Kari Nicoletto  
5/19 Linda Armstrong & Ruth Smock  
5/26 Pam & Bob Gauley

**Coffee Helpers**  
5/5 Linda, Mary Ann & Betty L.  
5/12 Sandy Mallder & Barb Mallder  
5/19 Eloise Ingram & Rose Rath  
5/26 Pam & Bob Gauley

6/2 Deb & Gary Howe  
6/9 Brandon Eiland & Katie Gillispie  
6/16 Ruth Smock & Linda Armstrong  
6/23 Katie Gillispie & Brandon Eiland  
6/30 Barb Downs & Barb Lee

6/2 Deb & Gary Howe  
6/9 Cece Wilson & Barb Mallder  
6/16 Mary Ann, Ruth & Betty L.  
6/23 Dave, Terry & Barb M.  
6/30 Sandy Mallder & Barb Mallder



### **The Enchilada Sale was great!**

The enchilada sale went very well this year. The sale raised \$948 for the General Fund. This is pure profit as all ingredients were donated.

Thanks again to all of the workers who gave of their time and talents to cook and assemble the enchiladas, thanks to all of those who donated ingredients, thanks to all who bought enchiladas, and thanks to all who prayed for our success. This endeavor helps with the 2019 budget.

### **\* Monthly Meetings \***

**\*The Nurture Committee** meets Thursdays, May 9 and June 13 at 5:00 pm.

**\*Men's Club** will meet Mondays, May 20 and June 17 at 6:30 pm.

**\*The Methodist Women** will meet Tuesdays, May 28 and June 25 at 6 pm.

**\*The Finance Committee** will meet Wednesday, June 5 at 5:00 pm.

**\*The Church Council** will meet Wednesday, June 5 at 6 pm.

### **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, and who recently made a variety of different items for our Easter baskets. We want to encourage you to come and join them for an hour of fellowship and service on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am.

### **Church Wedding Assistants Wanted!**

We currently have two weddings booked this year, and one other wedding scheduled in 2020. In the past, we used to have several people who would help out with wedding parties here at the church. They would be available to help out with making sure the basics were all in place to assist the wedding party, be available to help with minor things and know where things were that might be needed in a pinch like extra extension cords, power strips, and even bobby pins and hair spray. If you might be interested in helping out in this way, call us at the church office and let us know!

I know we have had several people do this in the past, and if you would be willing to give us the benefit of your experience in things we might need to have, or to know, it would be appreciated as well!

### **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.

## THANK YOU!!!

We want to take a moment to thank everyone who gives of their time, talents and gifts in supporting the Trinity United Methodist Church and its ministries. Without you, so much of what we accomplish either wouldn't be possible, or would not be done nearly as well. For all of the volunteers who help out in so many ways, we just want to say **THANK YOU!** Your efforts and examples of Christian ministry are definitely noticed and are greatly appreciated.

## Attendance & Offerings

March 3	51	\$3,165
March 10	50	\$2,119
March 17	52	\$1,664
March 24	61	\$1,479
March 31	62	\$1,796
April 7	66	\$3,836
April 14	61	\$1,538
April 21	101	\$2,787

### Liturgists

May 5 Terry Moore & Jill Mueller

May 12 Kari Nicoletto

May 19 Karen Beaupre

May 24 Barbara Warren

June 2 Katie Gillispie

June 9 Terry Moore & Jill Mueller

June 16 Julie Derrer

June 23 Karen Beaupre

June 30 Kari Nicoletto

### 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.

### Mission Outreach Opportunities – Have any ideas? Want to volunteer?

We had an active mission outreach program over the Easter holiday, and we will continue to reach out and support both local programs like the Milan Christian Food Pantry and Pregnancy Resources, regional ministries like Chaddock's Children's home and international efforts through UMCOR. Recently, we had several members who volunteered to serve at the King's Harvest Emergency Shelter in Davenport.

We want to expand our outreach ministries and we'd like your inputs on possible other programs or organizations to reach out to, or opportunities where our members can provide hands and feet as well. If you have a suggestion or volunteer opportunity, please come to a Nurture Committee meeting, give us a call at the Church office or contact Pastor Jon.

**Milan Christian Assistance Fund  
Pork Chop Sandwich  
Dinner & Fund Raiser  
June 1, 2019, 5:00 – 8:00 pm**

Mark your calendars! On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, the Milan Christian Assistance Alliance will be hosting a Pork Chop Sandwich Dinner and Fund Raiser **at the St. Ambrose Catholic Church on 312 1<sup>st</sup> Street West in Milan.** We will be having pork chop and other sandwiches, hot dogs, baked beans, chips and a variety of desserts and beverages. Free will donations are accepted, with a suggested price of \$7.00 per person. All proceeds will go to the Milan Christian Assistance Fund.

This is a joint ministry effort by the five churches in the Milan Christian Assistance Alliance, and all of the member churches congregations are invited and encouraged to attend! Let's help make a difference in our community and enjoy some great food and fellowship at the same time!

Our church will prepare baked beans and enough dessert to feed 50 people. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board soon.

**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!

**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 May and June, I'm asking that the members pray for the Trinity United Methodist Church, our church members 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. Your prayers make a difference and we appreciate your willingness to help pray for others.

**Milan Christian Food Pantry News  
Donations from Trinity**

February \$420 and March \$375

You may include a pantry donation with your regular offering. Just make a note on the offering envelope.

In February we served 297 families, helping 1,012 people including 438 children. In March we served 252 families, helping 793 people including 309 children.

Many thanks to those who donated canned fruit and money for the Easter boxes. We made 50 boxes and our clients were thrilled to receive the Easter meal for their families.

The pantry is participating in the Birdies for Charities. The pantry will receive all donations made to us plus we are guaranteed at least a 5% bonus. Last year we received a 10% bonus! Pledge forms are available on the table in the narthex, also a basket to return the completed forms. You may attach your check to the form or the Golf Classic will send you a bill after the tournament is over. Thanks in advance for your participation.

## **Tithing in 2019 – An Opportunity to put God First**

I'd like to thank all of those who are tithing and faithfully giving of the blessings they have received so that we might continue to do God's work. Not only do your tithes and gifts go towards the needs of the church, but also allow us to support local and national mission outreach efforts, but as part of our apportionments – make us part of a global presence which is making a difference throughout the world! I know that we all have different situations financially, but I would like to encourage everyone, myself included, to help do what we can in helping us grow the church and our outreach into the community.

We're doing pretty well as a congregation so far in 2019, but we have the occasional financial challenge from things like an 80% increase in our insurance premiums this year. Let's all work together in seeing if we can't do just a little bit more as individuals and as a congregation in meeting the financial goals of our church and Conference in support of our work for God.

### **Pastors Hours**

Tuesdays 8:30 – 12:00

Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 – 2:30

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 12:00

Thursdays 8:30 – 12:00

Fridays 8:30 – 12:00

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.

## **Fellowship Hall Rentals are available!**

Do you have a special occasion like a wedding reception, birthday, anniversary or other gathering coming up and wonder how you'll be able to fit everyone in one place? The Trinity UMC Fellowship Hall is available for rent at reasonable rates, and church members get the first 2 hours free! Use of the Fellowship Hall also includes use of the kitchen facilities as well, if needed.

Contact Jody in the church office if you're interested and book your event today!

## **Giving through Estate Planning – Bequests and Memorials**

During the course of 2017 Trinity UMC was the recipient of several generous bequests from past members or people who had been associated with the church. It is heartwarming to know that the church had made such a difference in someone's life that they wanted to remember the church as part of their estate. In the last few months alone, these bequests have made possible the purchase of a new heating and air conditioning system for much of the church, new flooring in the walkways and narthex, added giving for mission activities and other improvements for the church are being planned and implemented as the New Year begins.

We'd like to ask you to consider remembering the Milan Trinity UMC as part of your own estate or memorial planning, to help this church continue to do God's work in the Milan and surrounding communities in the future. If you have any questions, please contact the church office, Pastor Jon Warren, or we can connect you with the estate planning folks at the conference offices.



## Nurture News

There are several upcoming events that you won't want to miss!

National Day of Prayer gathering will be held at the Milan Community Center on May 2 from 12:15 to 12:45. Everyone is encouraged to attend this event, which is being held simultaneously in thousands of places across our country.

May 16 from 1 – 4 p.m. will be game day in our church Fellowship Hall. Please bring friends and family and join us for a fun afternoon.

Our visitation teams are continuing to visit our congregation's special friends. If you would like to help with these visits or have anyone you think should be added to our list, please let someone on the nurture committee know. The list of special friends is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Sending cards to them at any time is also encouraged.

Large print Bibles are available for anyone who needs them. Let Pastor Jon know if Bible study would be easier for you with a large print Bible.

We will continue to host Bingo at Heritage Woods every other month. Our next visit is planned for May 30, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to join us, please let us know.

There are many mission opportunities in our area, like our Food Pantry, blanket mission, King's Harvest, Christian Care, the Wardrobe, monthly Community dinners at Riverside church and many others. If you feel led to help with these or any other opportunities and would like guidance or support, please let the Nurture committee know. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated and we praise God for such a friendly, supportive, loving church family.



## Treasurers Report

For Period Ending March 31, 2019

Submitted by Linda Armstrong

**Message:** As of March 2019, we are on budget with our expenses and our income. Note that this includes the income from the enchilada sale (\$948), the income from the preschool (\$1500.00), and the income from Weight Watchers rental (\$715.00). Please note that in total we have collected 27199.66. This means that almost 12% of our total comes from outside/fund raising.

The Weight Watcher income and the Preschool income is 8% of our income. Last year we had to use \$5000 from the bequests to the church. The finance committee would like to avoid using this money for every-day expenses in 2019, so we will continue to monitor as the year progresses. You can see the income thru March below.

\$22,787.75	General Offering
538.51	Loose Plate
170.90	Sunday School
381.00	Coffee Fund
50.00	Easter Offering
789.00	Weight Watchers
34.50	Copies made
1,500.00	Preschool
948.00	Enchilada Sales
\$27,199.66	Total

