

Let God's word...

The Good News



November/December 2018

...Rule Our Hearts and Guide Our Footsteps.

All Saint's Day Service of Remembrance November 11, 2018



We will be having an All Saints Day Service of Remembrance on Sunday November 12 during our regular worship service. If you would like us to include a loved one in the service, please fill out one of our forms at the worship service on November 5th and

place it in the offering plate, or contact the church office and provide the following information: **Their Name, Year of Passing, Your Name and Your Relationship to the loved one.** Please notify the church office by **Wednesday, November 7th** so we can include them in a special bulletin insert and the worship service.



Christmas Eve Worship Services

We will be holding our Christmas Eve Worship Services on Monday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Trinity UMC, and 7:00 p.m. at the Green River UMC. We invite you and all your family and friends to come and worship with us on this holy night. Come and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with us.

Church Office Closures

The Church Office will be closed on the following days:

- Thanksgiving Holiday: November 22 and 23, 2018
- Christmas Holiday: December 24, 25 and 26, 2018
- New Years Eve Holiday: December 31, 2018 and January 1, 2019

Hanging of the Greens

We will decorate the church for the holidays on Sunday, November 25. Watch for more details in the bulletin.



November Birthdays

11/6 Sam Bolander
11/8 Katie Gillispie
11/16 Lori Putnam
11/27 Judy Fowler
11/29 Nick Laffoon

December Birthdays

12/7 Karen Beaupre
12/8 Julie Gripp Fleming
12/12 Larry Cole
12/15 Wendy Brown
12/19 Rita Taber
12/26 Betty Schierling
12/27 Denese Gotthardt
12/30 Valerie Black
12/31 Bonnie Martin

Acolytes

11/4 Eloise Ingram & Lori Putman
11/11 Kathy Coffman & Eva
11/18 Karen Beaupre & Eloise Ingram
11/25 Linda Armstrong & Ruth Smock

12/2 Bob & Pam Gauley
12/9 Kathy Coffman, Kari & Eva
12/16 Terry Moore & Jill Mueller
12/23 Linda Armstrong & Ruth Smock
12/30 Deb & Gary Howe

Bell Ringer

John Wilson

Ushers

Willy Mallder
Fred Flickinger
John Wilson
Louise Colby-Dean

Greeters

11/4 Jill Mueller & Terry Moore
11/11 Sally Fuhr
11/18 Linda Armstrong & Betty Laffoon
11/25 Barbara Warren, Louise Colby-Dean
12/2 Jill Mueller & Terry Moore
12/9 Janet, Rita and Betty K.
12/16 Sandy Mallder & Barb Mallder
12/23 Kari Nicoletto & Terry Kniger
12/30 Deb & Gary Howe



Coffee Helpers

11/4 Karen Beaupre, Eloise & Lori Putman
11/11 Sandy & Barb Mallder
11/18 Terry M, Jill M & Ruth Smock
11/25 Linda A, Betty L, & Ruth Smock

12/2 Bob & Pam Gauley
12/9 Dave & Terry Tighe, Barb Mallder
12/16 Kari Nicoletto, Sandy & Barb M.
12/23 Linda A, Betty L, & Ruth Smock
12/30 Deb & Gary Howe

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.

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.

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.



Attendance & Offerings

Sept. 2	53	\$2,731
Sept. 9	46	\$1,830
Sept. 16	58	\$2,320
Sept. 23	64	\$1,421
Sept. 30	58	\$ 906
Oct. 7	48	\$2,601
Oct. 14	64	\$2,368
Oct. 21	58	\$2,007
Oct. 28	53	\$ 930

Pastors Hours

Tuesdays 8:30 – 12:00

Wednesdays 1st & 3rd 10:30 – 2:30

2nd & 4th 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.

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.

*** Monthly Meetings ***

***The Nurture Committee** meets Thursdays, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6 at 5:30 pm.

* **The Pastor/Parish committee** meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 6 pm.

***Men's Club** will meet Mondays, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17 at 6:30 pm.

***The Methodist Women** meetings are Tuesdays, Nov. 27 and Dec. 18 at 6 pm.

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

***The Church Council** will meet Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 6 pm.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all the people who work so tirelessly to help everything run smoothly at the church and help make both the church and grounds into a welcoming place for worship and fellowship. I want to send out a special thanks to Gary Smith, who painted the cross and flame logo outside the church, and also installed kick plates on all of our doors.

Men's Group Meeting!

The Trinity UMC Men's Group meeting will be on Monday, November 19th at 6:30 pm. And the meeting in December will be on December 17th at 6:30 p.m. Men of the Church, I'm inviting you to drop on in and let's see what we can come up with as men of faith.

Church Women United

Church Women United World Community Day is November 2nd at St. Ambrose Parish Center. Registration starts at 9 am. See Barb Mallder for reservations by Sunday October 28th. Cost of lunch is \$6.

Church Charge Conference Coming on November 18th

Our Church Charge Conference for 2018 will be held on Sunday, November 18th, 6:30 pm at Moline Bethel Wesley UMC. This year we are joining together with 5 other churches together in one night of fellowship and church business. You are invited to attend and be a part of formalizing our church plans for 2019.

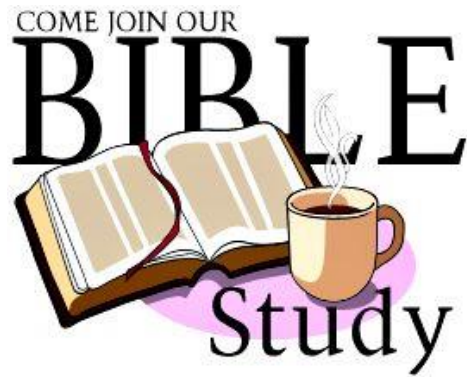
Liturgists

Nov. 4 Julie Derrer
Nov. 11 Karen Beaupre
Nov. 18 Barbara Warren
Nov. 25 Pam Versluys

Dec. 2 Katie Gillispie
Dec. 9 Terry Moore/Jill Mueller
Dec. 16 Julie Derrer
Dec. 23 Karen Beaupre
Dec. 30 Barbara Warren

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!



Bible Study on “Hope” continues in November 2018

Our bible study on “Hope” continues on Tuesday nights at 5:30 pm through November 6th. On November 13th, we will have a social gathering with food and fellowship for the Bible Study group.

Celebration of Successful Mission Outreach Opportunities

Milan Christian Food Pantry, the River Bend Food Bank, United Methodist Committee on Relief, Milan Christian Assistance Fund, Local Milan Elementary School Supplies and the Pregnancy Resource Center, among others.

We continue to reach out to those around us and assisting those in need. So far this year we have supported both quite a number of local and national mission activities. Through your generous support and our fund raising activities, we have raised over \$3,000 in support of mission efforts so far this year. I look forward to our continued efforts to reach out to those in need as we share the blessings given to us by God.

Daily Church Prayer Warrior Team News

We have a group of individuals who are taking part of a daily prayer team to support the church, the pastor, the congregation, and the community. This month I’m asking that the members pray for our 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.

Homebound and Hospital Visitation

We have an active ministry effort to visit those members who are homebound and not able to come to the regular worship services here at the church. We want to provide pastoral and church congregational care to those who need it and desire home or hospital visitation, but we need you to help let us know when it is desired or needed. The pastor also strives to visit those people who are going into the hospital for surgery or who have been hospitalized for severe illness.

In all cases, we can’t visit or send out prayer requests if we don’t know when people are in the hospital/rehab facilities, so we need your help. If you would like to be added to our visitation team ministry and receive visits at home, please contact the church office at (309) 787-1362 or Pastor Jon at (309) 337-1988 and we will be sure and add you to the list.

If you know you are going to the hospital for a procedure or have been admitted due to illness and would like a visit from the pastor, please contact the church office at (309) 787-1362 or Pastor Jon at (309) 337-1988 and he will do his best to come and provide pastoral care.

Mission Focus for November and December

Each month we're going to focus on a mission area to support that provides services or programs to people in need. Some of these programs will be local, but we will also select some programs or organizations from outside our area, or even country. This will help us remember that God is worldwide! Our Christmas Eve Worship Service Offerings will all be going to mission efforts.

Look for more information in the church bulletins for our mission focus in November and December.



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.

Help us Balance the 2018 Budget!

With all of the construction and facility upgrades we have accomplished over the last 18 months, we have had some expenses over and above what we planned for the budget. Among these is the added utility costs we incurred as a result of installing air conditioning throughout the church and sanctuary. We have brought these costs down as we learned the best way to meet the needs of the congregations and conserve where we can, but we find ourselves roughly \$4200 over budget for the year. While we currently have enough in our reserve fund to cover these expenses, I would like for us to be able to balance the 2018 budget and restore our reserve for an unexpected emergency in the future.

I'm humbly requesting that we all see if we can't find a way to increase our giving just a bit to help us get back on track. We still have the Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings ahead, and you'll find special envelopes for those attached to the calendar, but I wanted everyone to understand where we stand as a church financially as 2018 ends.

Treasurers Report

– For Period Ending September 30, 2018 –

Submitted by Linda Armstrong

I am working on the Treasurer's report and will publish it on the bulletin board in the Narthex sometime in November. There will be copies available for you to take at that time. I apologize for the delay.



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.