

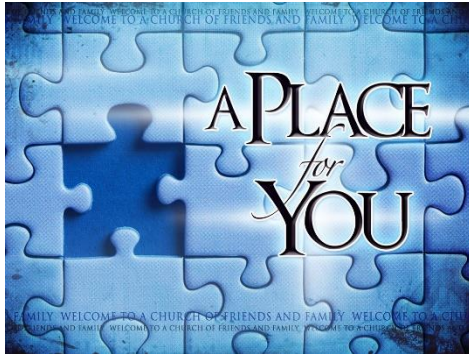
Let God's Word...

The Good News



Aug/Sept 2021

...Rule Our Hearts and Guide Our Footsteps.

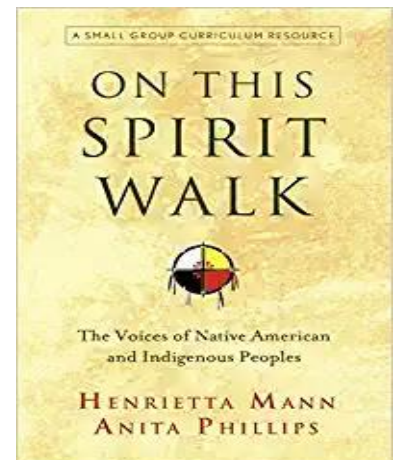


Joining the Church

If you are not a member, and would like to officially join our family you can do this in a couple of different ways. Mark the box on the attendance pad stating you would like to join the church or let Pastor Lisa know. We have just the place for you to fit in.

New Bible Study coming September 7th

A new bible study class "On this Spirit Walk" will begin on Tuesday, September 7th and run for 10 weeks. Please signup by Monday, August 23rd so books may be ordered. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board, or you can call, text or email Pastor Lisa.



Upcoming Meetings

The Church Finance Committee meets Wednesday, August 18 at 5 pm,
Church Council meets Wednesday, August 18 at 6 pm.
The Nurture Committee will meet Monday, August 16 at 5 pm.

Pastor Lisa Wiedman's information

Cell phone 217-898-8403 Email pastorllisa@gmail.com

Sunday



School Class

The adult Sunday school class is held after Coffee time in the church office. You can join in person or by Zoom. We will start the 8 am class sometime in September. It is wonderful to have the Zoom option for Sunday school classes as well as church.

New Sound System in Sanctuary

The new sound system was installed by Finn AV & IT Solutions in July. The sound quality is so much better. New wireless microphones were also purchased. The purchase was made possible by using memorial donations.

Pastor Jon Warren will be visiting.

Pastor Jon retired from Trinity and Green River in December. He has purchased a plaque for his home office with the retirement collections from both churches. Pastor Jon would like everyone to sign the plaque. He will be at Trinity on Sunday, August 8th after worship service and Green River on August 15th after worship service.

Knitting Group

The knitting and crocheting group have their weekly gatherings on Wednesdays, 9-10 am in Fellowship Hall. The group is making afghans and scarfs. Please use the front doors when you enter the building.



Wesley Foundation Golf Tournament

Come join the WIU Wesley Foundation Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 28 at 8 am, at Harry Mussatto Golf Course in Macomb. Teams of 4 and \$75 per person. Online registration at <https://igrc-reg.brtapp.com/WIUWFGolf>

Nurture news

A big thank-you to Julie Derrer, Pam Pearson, and Janet Smithson who helped send 39 cards to church members who have not yet returned to church, letting them know we miss them and encouraging them to come back to church. Pastor Lisa's business card was included with the personal notes.

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 has been updated and is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Sending cards to them at any time is also encouraged.

We will continue to host Bingo at Heritage Woods every other month. Our next visit is planned for August 19, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to join us, please let us know. Any items you would like to donate for prizes would also be gratefully accepted by anyone on the nurture committee. A list of possible items for donation has been posted on the bulletin board.

The handbell choir will be starting again in late August or early September. We are always looking for new members.

We hope to have an ice cream social sometime in early September. We need to coordinate schedules before confirming the date. We will be asking for donations of pies, ice cream, toppings, and money for meat. Matt Harrison has volunteered to cook the meat and other volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Pennies for missions collections will start again the second Sunday during worship.

Facebook needs to be updated with events, scriptures, Sunday School and worship times and other pertinent information. No prayer list information will be posted on Facebook, for privacy reasons, but detailed prayer information will continue to be sent to our prayer warriors.

We are looking for volunteers to help with communion preparation the first Sunday of each month. We are going to be using disposable cups, so the job is much easier. Please let the church office or someone on the Nurture committee know if you are willing to be part of that committee.

If you have any ideas for community outreach or mission opportunities, please let someone on the nurture committee know. We praise God for our wonderful, supportive and hard-working church family.



All Church Worship will be In Person, FM Radio Drive In OR Zoom

You will still be able to listen to the service via FM Radio in the parking lot or by Zoom. You can also watch the sermon on our facebook page. You can find us at Milan Trinity UMC.

Zoom worship is at www.zoom.us. Call in number for regular phones is 312-626-6799.

Meeting ID: 4862226765, Password 331506

ONWARD

TOGETHER

Finance News

Treasurers Report – For Period Ending mid-July, 2021– Submitted by Linda Armstrong Lindy

Message: As of mid-July, TUMC is solvent. Our apportionments are paid-up, in fact, all of our bills are paid. The financial highlights of 2021 include our purchase of the parsonage in Rock Island. There have been some repairs required, plus we have some rental costs from before the purchase of the parsonage. Also there have been moving costs associated with the moving of the new minister. We have also purchased a new sound system and some new microphones to use in the sanctuary. This has allowed an increase in the clarity of our Sunday worship hour.

The Financial committee along with the Church Council, has approved the purchase of a computer tablet to improve the Zoom experience. We are hoping that this purchase will be made in the next month so that our Zoom users can be even more engaged in our church service. We know that the Zoom experience has been spotty and this is the problem we are trying to solve.

The Financial committee along with the Church Council, approved the withdrawal of funds from a CD. These funds will be used to pay the house payments for 2021, the property taxes from 2020 for our new parsonage, and some funds to replenish the Trustees account, which has been depleted by all of the costs of setting up, repairing, and updating the new parsonage.

In the next newsletter, we will provide an updated list of the income and expenses for the year.

In our next Finance meeting we will be working on the 2022 budget.



In the one of the first churches I served, I had a lady in her 90's who greeted people when they arrived and handed out bulletins. When Edna wasn't there, everyone missed her. Yes, some one always stepped up and covered for her, but it wasn't Edna. She was in one of our church council meetings, she told us she was useless and couldn't do anything. That was so far from the truth. She was the first-person people saw when they came into this small country church, she was the first smile they saw, she was the first person who always asked how they were doing. She was a very important part of the life of that congregation. I had someone tell me that when they came to church it felt like a big bear hug just being there. Edna was the one who made them feel that way.

There are many ways to serve the church. In the past I have been told "I don't know how" or "There isn't a job for me". It doesn't matter how old or how young you are,

there is something you can do. Below you will find a list of the ways you can serve within the church, and we need people in all of these, I know there is something here you can do. I would ask you think about each of these and pray to see where God is leading you within the life of our church.

Liturgist, Acolyte, Usher, Greeter, Bell Ringer, Hospitality for fellowship, Communion Steward, Card Ministry, Visitation Ministry, Technology Ministry and so many other ways. We need each and every one of our church family all working together. There are signup sheets on the board for some of these, and if there isn't please contact me by call, text or email.



We are facing another surge of COVID-19. This virus continues to mutate. I will continue to post the metrics on the church FB page as well as share any new information on the daily call-em-all. Currently there is no change in the way we are doing things on Sunday, as there is marked increase in the cases in Rock Island County. I will continue to monitor this. If there are changes, I will share those with you immediately.

I will request that if you have not been vaccinated, please consider doing so and if you chose or unable (due to health concerns) to please wear a mask when around others. This is not mandatory, but voluntary.

This is the latest (as of July 28) guidance on the surge, on the Delta variant, of COVID-19 from the conference. This was written by Rev Curtis Brown in the conference office.

Part of my work is helping to interpret public health recommendations to the 800+ United Methodist Churches in central and southern Illinois, so even though I'm not an epidemiologist I try to keep on what's going on in public health.

Illinois Dept of Public Health has joined the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in recommending that fully vaccinated people wear masks when indoors in public spaces in areas of substantial or high risk of COVID-19. This is in addition to the ongoing recommendation that unvaccinated people wear a mask when indoors in public spaces.

There seem to be two major reasons for this increased caution:

- (1) The Delta variant is proving to be more pervasive and pernicious than originally predicted.
- (2) The number of people who could be vaccinated but have chosen not to do so is much higher than originally predicted.

Vaccinations continue to be our most important and effective tool against this pandemic. Vaccinations substantially lower the personal risk of getting COVID-19, lower the risk of spreading the virus to others, lower the risk of getting a severe case, lower the risk of hospitalization, and lower the risk of death from COVID-19. The greater percentage of people who get vaccinated dramatically decreases the possibility of viral spread within a community and decreases the probability of further mutation and adaptation of even more deadly variants. If you are not yet vaccinated, please take the time to do so or schedule an appointment with your health care provider to talk over your vaccination concerns. There is a lot of misinformation, so verify it with a trusted medical professional. There are a lot of people, including every child under the age of 12, who cannot get vaccinated, and they are counting on all of us to do everything in our power to keep them as safe as possible. With this pandemic, the only way out is through. Hoping for the best is not a great strategy at this point. Please act compassionately and carefully.



Birthdays

Trinity- 8/6 Colleen Harmon, 8/11 Kathy Lake,
8/12 Darrell Flickinger, 9/2 Dorothy Kissell, 9/12 Duane Dark,
9/14 Jill Mueller, 9/27 Bob Gauley, 9/30 Marillyn Wilson

Green River- 8/2 Jim Geuns, 8/12 Angie Golightly
9/6 Rosemary Woodbury, 9/28 Roy Snell

Anniversaries

Trinity- 8/22 Pam & Bob Gauley, 8/31 Deedee & Duane Dark, 9/14 Julie & Dan Eastman
Green River-9/12 Angie & Jeff Golightly, 9/22 Linda & Roy Snell

Food Pantry News

Thank you, Trinity for supporting the Milan Christian Food Pantry. Your donations have kept the pantry moving forward and helped a huge number of families in the Milan area. Trinity's donations for May \$85, June \$120 and July \$35.

Our next week to work is Monday, August 2, 8:30-11 am and Thursday, August 5, 2:30-6 pm. In September, Thursday the 9, 2:30 – 6. We are usually shorthanded on Thursdays. Invite a friend to come and work with you!

Mailing Offerings

For Trinity UMC, use the church address at:

Trinity UMC 300 2nd Avenue West Milan, IL 61264

For Green River UMC, use:

Green River UMC 125 Division Street Colona, IL 61241

Your continued giving has enabled us to stay current on our expenses and benevolences at both churches. Thank you to everyone who has given. Your tithes and gifts allow us to continue to do God's work and ministry.

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Trinity Facebook Page

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