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The people of The United Methodist Church

**August, 2019**

**Fresh Expressions**  
**A New Kind of Methodist Church**  
**for People Not in Church**

A wave of new Methodist churches is emerging to reach unchurched and dechurched people who live in a culture that is increasingly nonreligious and multireligious.

The Fresh Expressions movement began in the United Kingdom, where it ignited over 3,000 new faith communities. Bishop Kenneth Carter (Florida Conference) and Pastor Audrey Warren (of Miami) share this movement with us.

Fresh Expressions is a six week study. Each chapter includes two plans for group conversation and Bible study. Books are available for \$15.00

Pastor John would like Sunday School Classes and small groups to consider using this material. If you would like to be a part of a study group using this material, please give the church office a call (866-7271).

Pastor John



**CONFIRMATION CLASS**  
**(7<sup>th</sup> grade and up)**  
**2019-2020**

Organizational Meeting for Parents and Youth

Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:15 a.m.

@ Pastor's John's office

Confirmation Class expectations:

- 13 class sessions
- Meeting with mentor to do assignments
- Participation in class
- Church attendance

\*\* Please RSVP if your youth is interested in participating.



**August 4 (Communion)**

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-11

Sermon: "The Same Dress"

**August 11**

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Sermon: "The Status Quo"

**August 18**

Scripture: Isaiah 5:1-7

Sermon: "Grape Shatter"

**August 25**

Scripture: Luke 13:10-17

Message: "The Narrow Door"



**Summer Schedule**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**(K-5<sup>TH</sup> Grade)**

Hello from Sunday School at TUMC! Please see our summer schedule below:

August 4.....Back to School Celebration

August 11....Sunday School Lesson

August 18....Service Project Day

August 25....Reward Day (Jack Warehouse)



**Annual Chicken**  
**Bar-B-Q is coming**

Trinity is excited to be able to bring our Bar-B-Q Chicken Dinner to you again this summer. On Saturday, August 17, 2019, serving from 4-7 p.m. at Brookside Park. Proceeds will go to help with the cost of waterproofing the old part of our building.

We will be offering our full menu of chicken, Emily's baked beans, homemade slaw or applesauce, roll and dessert. We will be serving from 4-7 p.m. You can take carry-out or if you would like to eat at the park, you are welcome to come and dine with others. Tickets will be \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children. This is a whole church project and we need everyone's help to make this project work. Please watch for sign-up sheets in the bulletin. Can't you already smell that delicious chicken. YUM!



## SEEK Kick-Off

Join us Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 at Bazz's Roller Rink in Rensselaer for our back-to-school SEEK Kick-off! Bring the kids for a night of skating and invite your friends! A meal will also be provided at the rink during that time! We look forward to seeing everyone as we get ready to start another fun-filled SEEK year!



## Fall/Winter SEEK Schedule

Each night we will have a meal for the family beginning at 5:45 p.m. followed by

the SEEK program for our elementary students, Youth Group for Jr & Sr High, and a bible study for the adults! (Nursery care is also available). Pick-up for children will be at 7:30 p.m.

September 4, 11, 18, 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 20

(No SEEK on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving holiday)

December 4

This year's Christmas program will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. followed by a meal for those in attendance. (Please note: there will be no adult bible study this night).

REMINDER: Cancellations due to weather will directly correlate with the schools operating schedule. If school is cancelled on a Wednesday, there will be no SEEK that evening. Text messages will be sent out via the Remind app about cancellations as well.

Information will be available soon about how to pre-register your child or teenager online for SEEK and youth group. (Will be posted on our Facebook page and in the bulletin soon). Registration is just our way to collect any necessary medical information (allergies, illnesses, etc.) that we need to be aware of as well as emergency contact information. Registration **MUST** be completed in order for anyone under 18 to participate in SEEK/Youth nights and activities. If you are unable to pre-register, there will be computers available to do so when you drop your child off on September 4<sup>th</sup>! Assistance will be provided with the computers for anyone that needs it.

## SEEK and Youth Group Announcements



If you would like to receive announcements via text message for SEEK, Jr High, or Sr High, please sign up for messages through our Remind program. Messages sent out will include cancellations due to weather as well as general announcements and other important info. To enroll, text the following code pertaining to your child to the number 81010

Senior High youth group info code: @tumysr

Junior High youth group info code: @tumyjr

SEEK info code: @seektr

If you are unsure how to do this or would like to have Dannielle add you directly, please contact her with your cell phone information and she will add you to the group(s) you need.



## How Your Dollars Work

- \$ 1 = 100 pennies
- 88 pennies out of every dollar you give stays here at Trinity where it supports such things as building maintenance, Sunday School, Wednesday evening programming, our local ministry efforts, and staff.
- 2 pennies support our District ministry.
- 4 cents supports the work of the General church.
- 6 cents supports our Indiana Conference core ministries and administrative oversight.
- 100% of any mission giving goes to where you designated it.

Thank you for your support of Trinity and our Connectional ministry.



Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation will start school on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

## THANK YOU



Thank you to the volunteers who served at the Good Samaritan Food Pantry during the month of July representing Trinity:

Carla Anderson, Dorthy Bachelder, Sharon DeWees, Brenda Green, Scott Green, Jim Hoffman, Levi Knoth, Ben Olson, Vicki Robinson, JoAnn Shook, Susan Smith, Barb Streitmatter, Bev Webb, Peyton Webb, and Connie Yallaly.

Dear United Methodist Women,

Thank you for the monetary donation. It will help to get some items I will need for college. Hope you all have a blessed day.



Sincerely,  
Bryce Powell



Trinity United  
Methodist Church

The family of Chase  
Wireman would like to

thank you for prayers, love, and support you have shown to us in this time. Your kind words and stories of him have shown us what a blessing you were to him and our whole family. We appreciate your continued thoughts and prayers.

Brett & April Wireman



Just a note to let you know I had a wonderful relaxing vacation on my Alaskan Cruise in July. Many thanks to the following

people for serving in the church office while I was gone: JoAnn Shook, Susan Smith, Vicki Robinson, Bev Webb, Betty Staddon. Special thanks to Pastor John and Ron Robinson to seeing that everyone was able to get into the church office each morning. Praise God for his wonderful protection and guidance each day of new experiences.

Barb Klingler

## UPDATE ON WATERPROOFING



Everdry is almost complete with their work. We are excited that this will end the water coming into the church basement when it rains. The total cost of this project was \$44,788. We have received donations of \$28,851.40 so far. If you would like to donate to this project, please earmark your donations to Flooding Project. Thank you for your support.



With  
Deepest  
Sympathy...

Sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of the following:

- † Sympathy to Brett & April Wireman and family at the death of their son, Chase.
- † Sympathy to the family and friends of Alice Hoffman.
- † Sympathy to the family and friends of A. Ruth Wiles who died July 5, 2019.

### *The Joyful Heart*

*Thank the Lord for little things*

*For they can surely grow*

*Into the greatest treasures*

*That you may ever know.*

*Don't covet worldly riches*

*That may not be for you,*

*Nor overlook the special gifts*

*That God has given you.*

*Let "giving" outweigh "getting"*

*On your scale of happiness,*

*And your joyful heart will bask*

*In the glow of Godliness.*

*Author: Catherine Janssen Irwin*

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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



These birthdays are in our computer. If your birthday is in August and not listed, please call the church office (866-7271) so we can get the information. Thank you!

- August 2 ..... Ruth Bremer, Lindsey Gilmore, Beth Korniak, Julieann Mercado, Opal Rayburn, Andrea VanMeter, Pat Wright
- August 3 ..... Betty Clouse
- August 4 ..... Kail Lapsley
- August 5 ..... Pat Hook, Ava Morrill
- August 6 ..... Ginny Carter
- August 7 ..... Levi Knoth
- August 8 ..... Daniel Beard, Hudson Nesius, George Roy
- August 9 ..... Madison Klingler
- August 10 ..... Larry Hunter
- August 11 ..... Cathy Streitmatter
- August 13 ..... Tatum Cahill
- August 14 ..... Steve Beaver, Ben Hunter, Janet Hunter, Cora Sizemore
- August 15 ..... Linda Gebhart, Carrie Graf, Myron Hitchings, Julie Hoffman, Lindsey Preston
- August 17 ..... Rod Klingler
- August 18 ..... Cole Hesson, Becky Nagel
- August 19 ..... Brooklyn Nagel, Rhiannon Snyder, John Yallaly
- August 20 ..... Carter McClure, Bryan Rodibaugh, Diana Zacher
- August 22 ..... Travis Brandenburg, Sally Wuerthner
- August 23 ..... Chelsea Cook, Mary Morrill, Mark Query
- August 25 ..... Ardis Swartz, Katie Zehme
- August 27 ..... Alice Smith
- August 28 ..... Ruth Paulsen
- August 29 ..... Pat Dunfee
- August 30 ..... Jane Cox, Ken DeHaan



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

These anniversaries are in our computer. If your anniversary in August and not listed, please call the church office (866-7271) so we can get the information. Thank you!

- August 5 ..... Jim & Tammy Wisley (19)
- August 6 ..... John & Judi Davis
- August 8 ..... Bill & Chris Risner (49)
- August 10 ..... Bob & Gail Brenneman (45)  
Ken & Jodi Hickman (28)
- August 13 ..... Dennis & Elly Morros (36)
- August 14 ..... Mike & Diane Lyons
- August 16 ..... Ed & Beckie Courtright (39)
- August 17 ..... Randy & Marie DeWees (34)  
Kevin & Brandee Moore (23)
- August 18 ..... Matt & Barb Robertson (29)  
Scott & Debbie VanMeter
- August 19 ..... Randy & Lisa Black (47)  
Wade & Tiffani Gibson (2)
- August 21 ..... Larry & Deb Graf (37)
- August 22 ..... Dave & Bev Webb (50)
- August 24 ..... Randy & Joan Raff (45)
- August 25 ..... George & Louise Roy
- August 26 ..... Mike & Rebekah Weems (30)
- August 28 ..... Bob & Peggy Gratner  
Bob & Sally Wuerthner (64)

### Military Personnel

Andy Allen, Justin Bednar, Nic Chapman, Patrick Crum, Myles Debshaw, Andy Meyer, Chris Northcutt, Kaitlyn Paulsen Guss, Kevin Raber, Josh Risner, Katie Shearer Patterson, Ian Shepherd, Josh Sorba, Dr. Wakefield.