



The people of The United Methodist Church

AUGUST 2017

Yesterday at the Jasper County fair, I thought of James Herriot and his books about a country British veterinary surgeon. His books, including *All Creatures Great and Small*, are full of good humor and charming stories.

Herriot clearly isn't the only one to love God's creatures. People obviously have gone to a great deal of time to prepare and present their animals, from cats to cows and bunnies to beef, at the fair.

A favorite hymn is "All Things Bright and Beautiful," words by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848. The hymn is used to celebrate God's goodness in giving us such a varied and wonderful creation. "All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all."

Around February, sometimes the Christian spirit can sink a little bit with the grey skies, the snow, and the length of winter. But July, with the beautiful growth of flowers, crops, and the joy of summer gatherings, revives the human spirit, I think. Our affirmation that "God is good, all the time" rings a little louder this time of the year.

But winter or summer, fall or autumn, we serve a mighty God, rich in his gifts and love to his children. Thanks be to the Lord of creation and to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor John



August 6 (Communion)

Scripture: Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 3:1-5

Sermon: "Sabbath Keeping"

August 13

Scripture: Matthew 5:31-32

Sermon: "I Do"

August 20

Scripture: Genesis 9:5-6; Psalm 139:13-16; Matthew 5:21-24

Sermon: "Request for Life"

August 27

Scripture: Amos 2:4-7; Exodus 20:17

Sermon: "Respect of Others"



BAPTISM &/OR MEMBERSHIP

Baptism is the Christian step for expressing our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and being initiated into the family of God. Membership is the Christian step of identifying with Christ's church, in our case a United Methodist Church. If you would like information about either of these steps, please feel free to call the office or see Pastor John.

Saturday, August 5th at 7:00 a.m. Pastor John will be the speaker at the Men's Breakfast at the First Christian Church.



Sunday School
Kick-Off
Sunday, August 6, at
9:15 a.m.

To kick-off the new Sunday School year, we will hold Sunday School on the Lawn for 2 yr olds-5th grade. Jr and Sr High Youth are invited to join the fun. The hour will consist of hands-on learning opportunities to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.



Summer Sunday School Schedule

August

6th - Sunday School Kick-off

13th - Lesson

20th - Service Sunday (assist with BBQ Chicken Dinner)

27th - Breakfast – K-5th grade serving breakfast



Bar-B-Q Chicken is coming

Trinity is excited to be able to bring our Bar-B-Q chicken dinner to you again this summer. On Sunday, August 20, 2017, we are closing down Angelica Street (the street along the side of Trinity) and cooking chicken. We will be offering our full menu of chicken, Emily's baked beans, homemade slaw or applesauce, roll and dessert. We will also have just chicken halves for sale (\$5.00). We will be serving from 9:00 a.m. to

1:00 p.m. You can take carry-out or if you would like to eat at the church, you are welcome to come in the fellowship hall to dine with others. There will be no outside dining set up. Tickets are the same as last year: \$9.00 adults, \$6.00 children. This is a whole church project, headed up by the choir and friends. There will be sign-up sheets soon in the bulletin. We need everyone's help to make this project work. Can't you already smell that delicious chicken? YUM!

Helen Teach also served us faithfully as our choir pianist. After retiring this past year, Mrs. Earnest worked as both our director and pianist. We are therefore also looking for someone to serve in this position as well.



Both positions receive a modest stipend.



WOMEN OF JOY

Women of Joy will be held in Indianapolis, August 11-12, 2017. A 2 day event for women that will motivate and inspire everyone. Speakers include Lisa Harper, Angela Thomas-Pharr and a concert by Natalie Grant. Cost will be roughly \$160/person which includes lodging and conference registration. Please contact Tammy Culp at the church office if you are interested.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, September 6th at 12:00 noon for a luncheon and business meeting to follow. All women of the church are welcome to come and join us. Bring a covered dish to share.

Administrative Council will meet on Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30 p.m. with our FCJ Coach Jack Hartman. All council members are encouraged to attend.

FALL STUDIES



It's not too early to start thinking about getting involved in study of God's Word. This fall there are several opportunities:

Reach for the Moon Preschool Academy



Our inquiry based approach to learning has been quite rewarding. Our Christian lessons contribute to the lifelong building of positive character traits that make our hearts happy. Please call Barb

at our church office if you are interested in learning about how your child can join us this fall (219-866-7271). There are a few spots left! Enroll today!

- + Monday evenings (September-May) – Romans
- + Thursday evenings (September-April) - Aha and gods at War by Kyle Idleman
- + Men's study - watch for more information.
- + SEEK Adult Study: "Anxious For Nothing" by Max Lucado.

ENDOWMENT FUND REQUESTS



The Endowment Fund has limited income to disburse for church projects. Please submit your requests by August 31, 2017. Request forms are available in the church office and should be returned to Barb. Our purpose is to give away money and fund worthy projects!



The
Endowment Fund
Needed: Choir Director & Pianist

Trinity will need a choir director for this next choir season. Claudia Earnest, after serving us faithfully and well for several years, will be stepping aside. If

you, or someone you know, is interested in serving in this way, please have them contact the church office (866-7271) to apply.

SEEK **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!** **SEEK KICK-OFF**

September 13, 2017
5:45-7:30 p.m.
At BAZZ'S ROLLER RINK!
INVITE A FRIEND!
THANK YOU



Dear Trinity UMC,

Thank you so much for your kind and generous donations. It is greatly appreciated, and will help out so many of our clients.

Thanks You Again,
The Crisis Center Staff



Dear Trinity,

We just want to say a huge "THANK YOU" to the service group who came to our house last Sunday, June 25th. The young men and the "moms" who accompanied them were a pleasure to have around. We appreciated each and every one of you more than you know.



In God's Love,
Dick & Ruth Bremer

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for helping me go to Pine Creek Church Camp again this year! Jesus is my light unto my path and light unto my feet!



Thank you,
Levi Knoth



Trinity United Methodist Women,
Thank you ladies for the food you made for our "Dad" Jim Amsler Service. It was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jim Amsler Family
Marvin – Don - Cathy



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Travis and Lauryn Brandenburg on the birth of a son, Elijah Thomas Brandenburg, who was born July 3, 2017.

Dear Trinity United Methodist Church Family,



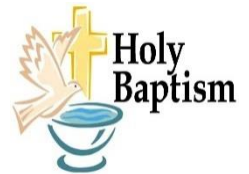
I wanted to thank everyone for their support all these years. I'm truly blessed to have such a caring and supportive church that takes so much pride in its youth. Thank you for the card and bookmark, and the Family

Express gift card will help to cover some of my gas or any snacks I need on my commute.

Thank you,
Evan Brandenburg

BAPTISM

On Sunday, July 9, 2017, during the 8:00 a.m. worship service the children of Elijah and Melissa Barton Albrecht were baptized:



Grayson Phillip Albrecht
Olivia Marie Albrecht

Congratulations to this young family.



Sympathy is expressed by the members and friends of Trinity to the following families:

Dear Trinity United Methodist Women,



Thank you so much for this scholarship! The church is a huge part of my life and it has helped me build a strong relationship with God. I love going on youth group mission trips and attending SEEK and Sunday services. I can't wait to go to Indiana State and get involved in a church there so I can keep building my relationship with God. Thanks again! I will put this money towards my education to become a PT.

God Bless,
Ryne Webb

- † Sympathy to Mary Fisher and family at the death of her son, Melvin Fisher, who died June 27, 2017.
- † Sympathy to the family and friends of Bill Casey who died July 5, 2017.
- † Sympathy to the family and friends of Dale E. Griffin who died July 8, 2017.
- † Sympathy to Jarod & Lori Barber and family at the death of Lori's mother, Connie Amsler-Minix, who died July 13, 2017.
- † Sympathy to the family and friends of Jack Eldridge who died July 17, 2017.



Dear Trinity Family,
We wanted to let you all know how much we appreciate the thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls, food, and the lovely prayer blanket.

What a blessing it is to belong to Trinity.

Many Thanks!
Jay & Terri Phegley



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, Lindsay Gilmore, Beth Korniak, Julieann Mercado, Opal Rayburn, Andrea VanMeter, Pat Wright
- August 3 Betty Clouse
- August 5 Pat Hook, Ava Morrill
- August 6 Virginia Carter
- August 7 Levi Knoth
- August 8 George Roy
- August 9 Hannah Harper, Madison Klingler
- August 10 Larry Hunter
- August 11 Cathy Streitmatter
- August 13 Tatum Cahill
- August 14 Steve Beaver, Ben Hunter, Janet Hunter
- August 15 Linda Gebhart, Carrie Graf, Myron Hitchings, Julie Hoffman, Lindsey Preston, Fred Spangler
- August 16 Kathie Hostetter
- August 17 Rod Klingler
- August 18 Anna Bretzinger, 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 Gutwein, Mark Querry
- August 25 Ardis Swartz, Katie Zehme
- August 27 Alice Smith
- August 28 Keith Nelson, Ruth Paulsen
- August 29 Pat Dunfee
- August 30 Jane Cox, Ken DeHaan



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

These anniversaries are in our computer. If your anniversary is 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 (17)
- August 8 Bill & Chris Risner (47)
- August 10 Bob & Gail Brenneman (43)
Ken & Jodi Hickman (26)
- August 13 Dennis & Elly Morros (34)
- August 14 Mike & Diane Lyons
- August 16 Ed & Beckie Courtright (37)
- August 17 Randy & Marie DeWees (32)
Kevin & Brandee Moore (21)
- August 18 Matt & Barb Robertson (27)
Scott & Debbie VanMeter
- August 19 Randy & Lisa Black (45)
- August 21 Larry & Deb Graf (35)
- August 24 Randy & Joan Raff (43)
- August 25 George & Louise Roy
- August 26 Mike & Rebekah Weems (28)
- August 28 Robert & Peggy Gratner
Robert & Sally Wuerthner (62)



Military Personnel

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