

FEBRUARY Trinity Tidings - 2018

Statement of Purpose

"Trinity United Methodist Church is a community of Christians who worship God, proclaim to all people the love of Jesus Christ, and nurture growth through innovative programs of worship, fellowship, service, education and mission."



WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Please remember that if Chesaning schools are closed for the day or students are sent home early due to bad weather, all scheduled meetings at the church will be cancelled that day also. *Worship services are not part of this policy.*

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT by Roni Newman & Connie Murdoch

"What difference does it make when 2,000 United Methodists come to town?" Rev. Marsha Wooley, conference chairperson, asked. The answer is, "A lot." The pile of personal items care items—overflowed the 20 baskets at the foot of the stage. These items were to help with the start-up of Safe Harbor, a new homeless shelter in Traverse City. The dollars brought to Annual Conference 2017 also overflowed baskets passed during Opening Worship on Thursday: the total at the end of June 2 was \$56,626. The cash ingathering was to be distributed as follows: \$25,701 for Haiti Hot Lunch Program; \$23,450 for Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village in Africa; \$4,130 to Michigan Area Task Force; and \$2,345 to the Detroit Conference Liberia Task Force. "Your abundance blesses this place," Marsha concluded.

LIBRARY NEWS

Christmas may be over, but the story is never out of date. The library now has a copy of Two from Galilee, by Marjorie Holmes. This novel is the story of Mary and Joseph as it has never been told before. This is "...a compassionate, emotional novel of divine love." Check it out! The library committee will meet February 5th.

The youth are hosting a **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** (souperbowl.org). All money that is donated will go directly to CAER. Souper bowl of caring is an organization that allows groups to raise funds for their community. Soup will be served after 10:30 worship through to 1 pm. Please come to support the youth in their efforts to help tackle hunger in our community.

CALLING ALL PREVIOUS ACOLYTES

Acolytes who served Trinity United Methodist Church 2010 – 2017. We are updating our Acolyte plaques and want to honor you for serving the church during this time. If you served as an Acolyte during this time, 2010 – 2017, please contact Maureen Lerner, 989-845-4610 or email: mlerner114@hotmail.com; or contact the church office by February 25, 2018. Please include your name and the year (s) served (if possible). Thank you!



Sunday Schedule

8 am	Early Worship
9 am	Trinity Café
9 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday
9 am – 3 pm
Friday – 8:30 am – 2:30 pm



CHURCH PROJECT

The Trustees have suggested that we need to establish a goal in order to replace our asphalt parking lot as soon as possible. We have approximately \$20,000 on hand at the present time for that purpose.

Recently we had quotes from one company that came to \$100,000. This would replace the large parking, the driveway at the kitchen area parsonage, and to pave the area at the south end of the Sunday school wing that is now gravel. For more details on this plan talk to any Trustee or see plan in the office.

It is proposed that we establish a goal to do this in 5 years' time. In order to kind of kick this off, the Trustees would like to challenge the congregation to participate in a contest to weekly watch the bulletin for the report on the Parking Lot Fund and if the report says that we have \$19,587.23, to make sure that the next week loses the .23 cents. Of course that can happen if you put .77 cents or \$1.77 or \$2.77 or whatever you can in an envelope marked Parking Lot Fund.

Once we get rid of the (Cent) deal we could make sure that the dollar amount is always rounded off. Do you get the idea?

If we trust in God and do whatever we can to realize enough funds for this project I'm sure we will realize our goal, perhaps sooner than we think is possible.

We thank God for helping us realize the \$118,000 for the new roof and the \$20,000 for the new Windows. We also thank Him for the 3.5 Million dollar facility that we call our Church home. It takes a lot of faith to keep this 50 year old place going.

MY HOW TIME DOES FLY

The Church School with about 150-170 in attendance meets every Sunday morning at 9:15 am, except in the summer months. There are twelve classes in session each Sunday. Morning Worship is scheduled for 10:30 am and usually brings from 250-300 persons together. The average attendance year round is about 260. Trinity has a strong musical program, with Mrs. Wm. Morse and Paul Williams as organists; and Mrs. Hilton Muntz and Mrs. Wendell Wilcox as choir directors. The Epworth Choir, consisting of children in grades four through eight, handles all the music in the service held on the third Sunday of the month. It has been acclaimed an outstanding choir. The choirs at Trinity are often accompanied by guitars played by Bill Wesley; Lyle Stanley and Tracy Schwandt, and Hilton Muntz. Once in a while, the sweet notes of a harmonica, played by Lyle Schwandt, are added to the accompaniment.

Most Trinity folks like to talk about Children's Message given by the minister. He comes to the top of the chancel steps and sits down and invites boys and girls to come and join him. Then, using some object, he directs their attention to some needed truth. Quite often, some object is given to the children by courtesy of the United Methodist Women.

On Sunday evening, two Youth Fellowships meet. The Junior High UMYF recently elected Robin Schultz as President. Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Deitzel are the counselors for this group. Mr. & Mrs. Tom Larner are counselors for the Senior High UMYF of which Alan Darling is the President. When both of these groups are in the building, there are about 40-50 youth involved.

United Methodist Women is the new name for what many know of as Women's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Lee Oliver is the President of this organization that meets once each month and has three circles that also meet every month. UMW has many activities, including the Showboat Dinners every July. Paul Williams is the President of the United Methodist Men that meet for breakfast the first Sunday of every month. Many of the activities of this group relate to property care and improvement.

Two other activities of the church deserve special mention. One is the Day Camp that has been held in June the past two years. This is a modern version of the Daily Vacation Bible School. The other is the church library that has been developed largely under the leadership of Mrs. Diane Barrett and Mrs. Florine Ames, with two or three faithful helpers.

(Excerpt from an article written by Rev. Walter T. Ratcliffe, April 1973)

