

JULY / AUGUST 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."

Sunday Schedule

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

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
8 am – 2 pm



If you are interested in a Bible Study / have questions, please contact Erin Sincissen at the church, 845-3157

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July / August Newsletter are combined for the summer months....we will be back in September!

SUMMER VACATION

As you make your summer plans for travel and recreation, be sure to remember that our church does not go on vacation. We're open every Sunday for worship. If you're in town, be sure to join your friends and family for one of the morning services. If you are traveling, join our brothers and sisters in Christ at a church where you are.

And a special reminder – Whether you are visiting sunny, sandy shores, hauling the golf bag over grassy hills or traveling to distant sights, the expenses of our church continue through the summer months. We work together in our commitment to support our **ministry. God's blessing as you enjoy the summer.**

IN APPRECIATION

Our "Thank Yous" go out to all the women of the church that participated in the Women's Sunday Service. Regrets that the 8:00 ushers were not listed. They were Melissa Bublitz, Tonya Kanine, Darlene Smith and Kay Suppes.

A special "Thank You" to: Chris Mishler - video interviews; Rod Kuhl and Jeff Ervin - media/sound support; Nancy Perkins - worship coordination. "It (surely) takes a church!"

Kudos from the Planning Committee: Nancy Lerner, Odile Perry, Janene Rider, Carole Spencer, Tina Sutton and Dianne Stanuszek.

FOOD BANK OF EASTERN MICHIGAN

The March Against Hunger Campaign raised \$102,301 in the Central Region and over \$400,000 total. Trinity once again participated in the hunger campaign and will receive an additional 10% of your donations made to our Food Distribution account during the months of March & April. Thank you to all who have supported this ministry and continue to do so.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT by Connie Murdoch and Roni Newman



Jantz Black (*Conference Music Director and Director of Music Ministries at Midland 1st*) donned a red sweater and welcomed Annual Conference members to a beautiful day in the neighborhood on Friday morning. Sharing childhood experiences and Rogers' quotes Jantz concluded, "There are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes. Thank God for the wisdom of Mr. Rogers."

METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

The former UMW Morning Circle will now be called "The Wilma Jane Morning Circle", in memory of Winnie Wesley.

We will start on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:15 am. Beginning in September, we will be studying 2nd Peter. We will also be sewing some bags for hygiene products which will be included in our November Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Stories from a book called "*Operation Christmas Child: A Story of Simple Gifts*" by Franklin Graham and Donna Lee Toney will be read.

We welcome interested ladies to any of our meetings. For questions, call Mary Lou Higdon, 989.643.2201
P.S. Hope to see you in September!

2018 CAER CART NEEDS

JULY	SNACKS (POPCORN / TRAIL MIX)
AUGUST	TOOTHPASTE
SEPTEMBER	HAMBURGER / TUNA HELPER
OCTOBER	PASTA
NOVEMBER	CAKE MIX / FROSTING
DECEMBER	DIAPERS



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT TRINITY

Monday, August 6 from 12 – 6 pm

Trinity will be hosting a blood drive Monday, August 6 from 12-6 pm in our fellowship hall. We are working along with LCI (formerly Hehr) and Chesaning Nursing Care and are asking for volunteers to help at the drive during the day.

Volunteer positions will include: Greeter/registration; canteen; unloaders and loaders.

The Red Cross is also asking for blood donors on this day. Requirements for Whole Blood Donation: Donation frequency: Every 56 days* / You must be in good health and feeling well / You must be at least 16 years old / You must weigh at least 110 lbs.



If you would like to volunteer to help out or would like to schedule an appointment to donate blood, please contact Nancy in the church office, 845.3157

MY HOW TIME DOES FLY (article from the 61st Annual Chesaning Showboat Program 2002)



Church has been serving up Showboat dinners for half-century – Chesaning Showboat is an event rich in tradition, none more delicious than the home-style dinners they have been serving up at Trinity United Methodist Church for the past 50 years.

For sixty-one years the Shiawassee Queen has churned around the bend to deliver a boat-full of fun and entertainment. Since 1952 Trinity has prepared thousands of dinners and raised more than \$10,000 annually to use for mission programs and church improvements. Unlike other productions Showboat is an all-volunteer effort that sees the entire community get involved in one way or another.

“When Showboat started 61 years ago people came to see the spectacular show, but there were not very many places where they could eat, “ explains Winnie Wesley who has

worked at all 50 dinners since 1952. “So, the women of Chesaning Methodist and Robinson Churches decided to do something about it.”

Beginning in 1952 the two churches started serving dinners during Showboat Week. It was only three nights back then. The Chesaning ladies prepared dinners one night while the Robinson ladies did a second and the Ladies of the WSGW circle handled the third. Ham was served one night, chicken another and beef the third, according to Wesley.

As the dinners continued to grow they found that the roast beef was received best. “So 50 years later we are still serving roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cole slaw, pickles, pickled red beets and homemade pie along with beverages,” says Wesley.

“I was a school girl and my mother, Lillian Cowan, was a charter member of the dinner committee back then.”

“I can remember peeling hundreds of potatoes and mashing them by hand, “Wesley recalls.

The Chesaning Methodist Church was in a prime location for Showboat audiences. Located at the corner of Front and Pearl Streets it was right on the rout to Showboat Park.

“I remember it got so congested people had to exit through the furnace room,” Wesley remembers.

The “Family Style” dinners were made from scratch in those days. Ladies from the church peeled the potatoes, mashed them, and sliced more than 500 pounds of cabbage for the coleslaw that is marinated in sugar and vinegar dressing. “It is one of our specialties,” Wesley says with pride.

Even the pies were homemade for many years. Now some come from the ovens of Montrose Orchards.

“No one goes away hungry,” vows Wesley. Several people still attend Trinity United Methodist Church and remember the first years of getting used to serving 200 people at a time. “Now it is not unusual to serve 600 or 700 people a night, in a matter of three hours,” Wesley adds.

“There are jobs for all ages, starting at the age of 12,” Wesley notes.

A nursery is provided for those who want to work but have small children.

“We don’t turn anyone away who is willing to help with this big week of serving,” Wesley says. It takes nearly 100 volunteer workers nightly to prepare, serve and clean-up from the dinners. Some of those volunteers do double duty, heading to Showboat Park to work after serving meals at church.

“With this year being our 50th we will be doing some special surprises for each group that comes to dinner,” promises Wesley.

Each year between 100 and 150 walk-ins are served nightly.

The success of Trinity’s dinners spawned others including the popular Family Style Chicken dinners at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The local Kiwanis Club and Lions Club also host dinners held at the Showboat Park pavilion. Much of the traffic for the church dinners comes from bus touring groups who make their reservations in early spring.

Reservations can be made by calling the Church office after 11 am; or call and leave a message at 989-845-3157 and someone will return your call. Walk-ins are welcome if the dinners are not booked up, but reservations are still suggested.

The Methodist women also hold a Bazaar and Attic Treasures sale from 2-7 pm throughout Showboat week.



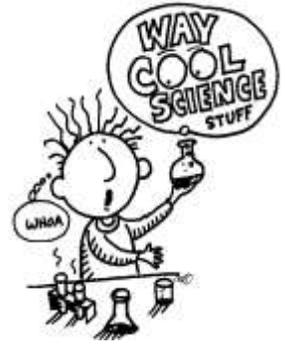
Celebration to be held Saturday, October 20th /
be sure to watch for more information

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Science Donations

The science room for VBS is in need of a few items to be donated. Please look around your home, do not feel that the item needs to be brand new.

These items include: small crosses, small magnet letters, small animal shapes, One Diaper genie bag, Plastic or Dixie cups, empty pop cans, egg cartons (Styrofoam or cardboard), wax coated boxes, cardboard tubes (toilet paper or paper towel), plastic food storage (like left over from lunch meat), fabric scraps, twist ties, rags, milk cartons (paper).

There will be a box labeled VBS Science in the Narthex to receive the materials.



Our next sewing day will be **Tuesday, July 10 from 9 am - noon**. We will plan on meeting the second Tuesday of each month from 9 am – noon.

Please see Tina Sutton if you have any questions.

What is Days For Girls Ministry? It's a sewing project to create reusable sanitary pads. Young girls in Haiti, Liberia and all over areas of Africa have to put their lives on hold during their monthly menstrual periods. They often have to use moss, leaves and straw to pad their underwear during this very private time every month. And those are the lucky girls. Others don't even have underwear. These girls have to stay home. They watch the lives of other girls and boys go on. If a girl has her period during the exams at school she has to miss these tests and repeat that year. You can understand why after so many years of struggling to get ahead just to have to keep repeating years of school makes these girls just quit.

ATTENTION ALL TRINITY FOLKS!

The Historical Committee is asking for your help in making a collage to display during our 50th anniversary celebration (Oct. 20). We are asking for photos you may have over the years that include activities, events, mission trips, etc. (Roast beef dinners, Pancake Suppers, Steak Dinners, Bazaar, VBS, camping)

There are so many things that our church members have been involved with over the past 50 years and it would be great to see it all on display.

PLEASE NOTE – if you drop off a photo, **be sure to write your name on the back** so that it can be returned to you. (please drop photos off in the church office or to any member of the Historical Committee – Pastor Tim, Wayne Suppes, Dianne Stanuszek, Chris Mishler)



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