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of Jesus Christ
for the
transformation
of the world.*



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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year to Date

06/30/2017

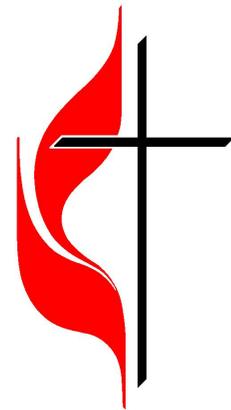
2017 Receipts– General fund	\$ 109,080.60	
2017 Budgeted Bills paid to date	<u>\$ 128,404.25</u>	
	\$ (19,323.65)	Additional 2017 receipts needed-to date– if all 2017 Budgeted Ministry is to be carried out.

Additional responsibilities:

2017 Annual Apportionments	\$ 30,843.48
Trinity UMC General expenses	<u>\$ 1,568.56</u>
	\$ 32,412.04

Sanctuary renovation loan balance:	\$ 120,491.58
Sanctuary long term loan payment:	\$ 1,427.86 per month
(Maturity on loan June 5, 2029)	

Loan payments are made from the Building and Maintenance Fund income



There are other non-planned incomes such as memorials, bequests, and various givings designated for special needs and purposes. They will be noted in another manner in our newsletter and an appropriate “Thank You” given. A complete copy of the financials can be looked at or made at the office.

AUGUST—2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Quilters meet	2	3 6:30 Praise Team practice	4	5 Communion
6 Communion	7	8 6pm— Admin. Council mtg Quilters meet	9 10am— Coffee with Friends at Friendship Haven	10 5:30 pm UMW Program w/Charles Clayton 6:30 PT	11	12
13 2pm— Sunday Before Dark 6pm— 4-H	14 9 am— Retired Teachers meet. Bake and Craft Sale	15 Quilters meet Bake and Craft Sale	16	17 9 am— UMW Church cleaning 6:30 PT	18	19
20 All Church Potluck and Carnival	21	22 6:30p:m Trustees meeting Quilters meet	23 9:15am— Ruth Circle 5 pm- Rachel Circle	24 6:30 Praise Team practice	25	26
27	28 6-8 pm— Charge Conference Training ** See below	29 Quilters meet	30 6:30 pm First Trinity Singers practice	31 6:30 Praise Team practice		

*** 8/28 Race: The Power of and Illusion— 8:45 am-3:45 pm Reservations required. Contact Rita Carter, ritaac@mchsi.com or 515-979- 0605 by Aug. 18 for reservations

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Saturdays—5:30 pm

Sundays— 10:00 am

ADDAMS' SHADOW

by Dr. B.

Nearly everyone has heard of that early social worker, Jane Addams (1860-1935). She was arguably the founder of the settlement house movement in the United States, after she had visited London and was inspired by the burgeoning experiment there. In 1889, she started Hull House as a kindergarten and a place to nurture infants and children. Addams had a companion on her 21-month tour of Europe, and that was Ellen Starr (1859-1940).

Starr and Addams attended the Rockford Female Seminary, which eventually became an accredited college for women. Although Starr is considered to be a social worker like Addams, there were some dimensions to her endeavors that were different. She enjoyed the arts, and after two years from the beginning of Hull House, she constructed an addition called the Butler Art Gallery as well as commenced a school for arts and crafts.

Furthermore, Starr understood that Addams and she could not do everything on their own. They needed to collaborate with other people and organizations in order to assist Chicago residents in becoming full participants in society as citizens. She used arts and crafts to promote public education and involvement in the body politic. In 1894, she worked with the Chicago Woman's Club to establish the Chicago Public School Art Society.



Starr believed that the desire for self-aggrandizement and the pursuit of wealth, conducive to the Industrial Age, wreaked havoc upon the people and fostered individualism rather than communalism. Consequently, she opposed child labor laws and the mistreatment of those in the workforce. Proactive in these efforts, she was even arrested on one occasion for supporting a strike by restaurant employees.

She enjoyed the teaching profession and was an early advocate of lifelong learning. She spent some time in Britain to learn bookbinding. When she returned, she taught the skill to children and adults. For those who were disadvantaged by discriminatory practices and lived in the slums of Chicago, she developed literacy programs, book discussions, and explorations of famous poets.

Many sought to discredit Starr for her social activism. They rumored that Addams and Starr were lovers, rather than roommates. Addams' sexual orientation has been the subject of much discussion. Eventually, she developed an intense relationship with one of Starr's students, a Mary Rozet Smith, and they eventually did cohabit. As we know, people often engage in ad hominem attacks about an individual's personal life in order to try to divert attention from the work that person is doing with which those critics disagree. It is a ploy that we should always recognize as we judge a person's endeavors rightly.

What is notable about Starr is that she had a spiritual side. In the 1880s, she became part of the Episcopal Church; and in the 1890s, she engaged in the praxis of praying about social issues and subsequently participating in social justice causes. She also had a thing, so to speak, for the Roman Catholic Church, especially when their social concern became more demonstrable to her. However, she sort of developed a love/hate relationship with that institution, since they were not always pleased with her reformist efforts.

Unfortunately, failed spinal surgery in 1929 rendered Starr paralyzed from the waist down. Two years later, Starr entered a convent where she was attended by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, and where she eventually died in 1940. Whereas Jane Addams received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931, Ellen Starr could be pleased that she had been a partner with Addams in social reform for over forty years!

SUNDAY FUNDAY!!

August 20th

10:00 Worship Service

Potluck following the service

Family friendly fun and games following the potluck

Join the festivities as we look forward to the upcoming school year. Bring your family, friends and neighbors!! Guaranteed a good time!!

Youth Group Volunteers

We are looking for people to volunteer to help with our middle school after school youth group. This group meets on Wednesdays from 3:30—5:00 pm on regular scheduled weeks, and 1:30—3:00 on early out weeks. We have a large number of kids coming and need extra people to help supervise. If you would be interested, please give me a call, text or email

Rachel: 515-408-1197 rbell206@gmail.com

Sunday School Teachers

We have an amazing group of Sunday School teachers who have been so dedicated throughout the years. We are always looking for more volunteers to help teach, thus giving teachers a chance for some “time off” throughout the year. If you would like to join this group in helping to shape the spiritual lives of our children, please let me know. You can call, text or email me at:

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FILL A SACK FOR THE LORD’S CUPBOARD

The Lord’s Cupboard is running low. You can help out by picking up a sack in the Narthex on August 5th or 6th and filling it up. Please returned the filled bags by August 13th.

“ANGEL TREE” IN AUGUST

One Of Trinity’s mission projects is providing kits for UMCOR. It is that time of year again when we look for the Christmas tree in the Narthex of the church, in the middle of the summer, and take an angel home with you.

Each angel has a list of supplies needed to make up the kits that will be sent to these organizations at the Thanksgiving Ingathering. There will also be angels with supplies needed for Trinity’s Christian Education program.

Please be generous. If everyone takes an angel off the tree, and brings it back with the list of items, we will have plenty of supplies to make the kits to give at the Ingathering. If you are not able to shop, envelopes for cash donations will also be available on the “Angel Tree”.

Please place the ‘angel’ and the ‘items’ in a ziplock bag and put them in the box under the tree by Sunday, September 10th. Cash or check donations should either be placed in the offering plate or brought into the church office.

Thank you!

From Mark and RaeAnne Marner:

Dear Trinity Family —

We wanted to update everyone as to the status of the Trinity Caring Ministry Team. First of all, as you know Pastor Ron will be moving to the Des Moines area later this year. We wanted to thank him for his leadership in getting the program going and giving all of us guidance and inspiration. Best wishes in the future, Ron.

Our team is active and growing. We feel very fortunate to be able to help spread the love of Jesus to other members of our congregation in need. However, we know there are unmet needs out there and we will continue to seek these out.

If you know of people who you think may benefit from our services, please contact Dr. B, or Holly at the office or RaeAnne (570-4242) or Mark (571-1770). We would be delighted to have additional team members as well, so feel free to contact any of us if you feel called by this wonderful opportunity to serve God here on earth.

Many thanks, and God bless,

Mark and RaeAnne Marner



Gene Joseph Boland
Gladys Long
Ilene Smith
Rowena Bastian
Shane Corey
Lloyd Corey
Carol Corey
Joe Lennon
Craig Christensen
Doris Ross
Harold Jones
Deb Shelton
Linda Pingel
The famly of Frances Netz

Prayers requests are updated on a regular basis. Please let us know if there is anyone you would like added. Thank you and have a blessed month!

All members of our congregation

Service Men & Women

TUMC College Students

Give a call

Card Shower

Glen Thompson is celebrating his 95th birthday on August 18th. His daughter, Gayle Reed, is holding a card shower for him. If you would like to wish Glen a “Happy Birthday”, you can send him a card at:

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Trinity Singers

Practices will resume for the Trinity Singers on Wednesday, August 30th at 6:30 pm. Any and all who love to sing are invited to come!

New members are ALWAYS welcome!!



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