



TRINITY & NORTH UNION NEWSLETTER

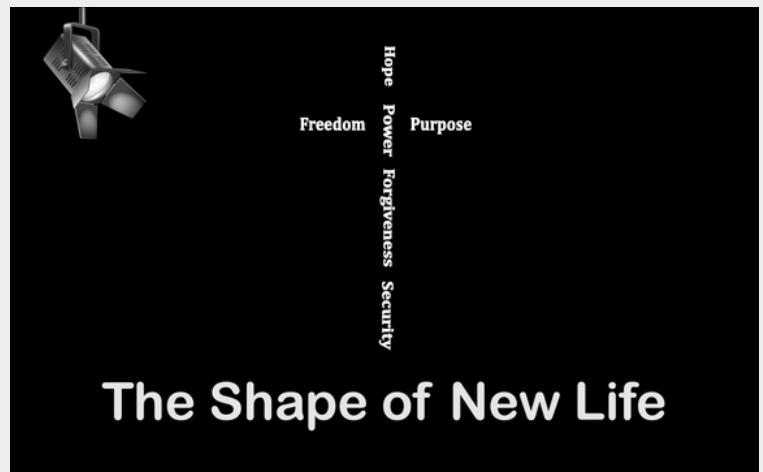
July 2023

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Current Sermon Series *"The Shape of New Life"*

- July 2-"Freedom"-Romans 6:5-14
- July 9-"Security"-Romans 8:31-39
- July 16-"Purpose"-2 Corinthians 5:14-20
- July 23-"Power"-Ephesians 1:18-21



Service Times:

Sundays

- 8:00 Trinity Worship in The Gate (old sanctuary)
- 9:15 Trinity Worship in the Sanctuary and Online Worship
- 10:45 North Union Worship in the Sanctuary

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Don't Stay in the Past

“Come near to God and He will come near to you.” (James 4:8a)

One of the great promises in the Bible is that God will come close to us when we come close to Him. We see that happening time and time again in our lives when we pray, when we sing, when we worship with others at church, when we read Scripture, and when we meet with God in the morning or at night and do our devotions. Yet, there are times when we would think, “God seems distant in my life right now.” Let us consider this illustration that I have heard a pastor say.

A family was walking in a park during a warm summer day when the three-year-old son noticed a swing set. He wanted to be swung on the swing. The father began swinging the boy, and every time he tried to stop, the child started crying. After a while, the rest of the family wanted to move on, but not the three-year-old. Finally, the father had to carry the child off the swing. With the three-year-old still crying, the family walked around a shelter house and saw an in-ground sprinkler park. Water was shooting everywhere from nozzles in the ground. It was a hot day, and the three-year-old quickly forgot about the swing and began running toward the water park.

We get comfortable on the swings. We want to stay there. We know how it works and how much enjoyment we get out of it. However, God wants to move on to the in-ground sprinkler park. So, it's time to move on, but we are still back at the swings. Then we complain about not being close to God. So, the question is are we stuck in the past of what God was doing? Scripture would remind us that God is on the move, and we need to go with Him. “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit” (Galatians 5:26). “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27). “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.”

God is on the move, and He wants to lead us. He invites all of disciples to follow Him and to have faith in Him. So, if we have faith in Him then we will trust Him, believe Him, and therefore follow Him. Next time we don't feel close to God, let us pray, “Father, what's my next step? If you are moving on, how do I catch up?” He is still with you. Maybe He's just around the corner. So, let us come near to God, and He will come near to us. Or in desperate times we can cry out to Him, and He will come back to carry us onward – just like the Good Shepherd who has found His lost sheep and carries His lost sheep home.



Pastor David To

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Kid's Ministry News

July Nursery Helpers at Trinity:

July 2nd-

8:30am: Rachelle Bagley
9:15am: Rachelle Bagley & Nancy Eberle

July 23rd -

8:30am: Ruth To
9:15am: Kathy Neal & Deb Knodel

July 9th -

8:30am: Diane Webb
9:15am: Diane Webb & Maria Bagley

July 30th -

8:30am: Ruth To
9:15am: Anna Dunlap & Cindy Gardner

July 16th

8:30 Nursery Not Open
9:15-Michelle Miller & Jane Schmid

Children's Sunday School at Trinity:

All children in preschool through 4th grade are welcome to join us in Sunday School at Trinity as we continue to grow our faith and friendships.



Children's Sunday School will watch short videos from the Owlegories series this summer. Owlegories teaches kids about God through the amazing things found in nature and revealed in God's word.

July 2nd: Teacher – Rachelle Bagley
Lesson Topic: Owlegories "The Sun"

July 23rd: Teacher – Ruth To
Lesson Topic: Owlegories "The Butterfly"

July 9th: Teacher – Doreen Krugh
Lesson: Owlegories "The Water"

July 30th: Teacher – Ruth To
Lesson Topic: Owlegories "The Ant"

July 16th: Teacher – Ruth To
Lesson: Owlegories "The Seed"



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At the writing of the newsletter (Monday, July 25th)- we have successfully completed day one of VBS! 53 students were in attendance! We are looking forward to a great rest of the week!

Ruth To

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Kid's & Youth Ministry News

Children's Church:

July's Memory Verse:

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

July 2nd -

Bible Story: Jesus' First Miracle

Leaders:

Trinity - Ruth To & Marie Markward

North Union - Ruth To

July 9th -

Bible Story: Prodigal Son

Leaders:

Trinity - Ruth To & Nancy Eberle

North Union - Vicky Racster

July 16th-

Bible Story: Jesus Friend of Sinners

Leaders:

Trinity-Ruth To & Carol Hennis

North Union-Kelly Bartz

July 23rd-

Bible Story: The 10 Lepers

Leaders:

Trinity - Ruth To & Amy Prichard

North Union - Nancy Eberle

July 30th -

Bible Story: Woman at the Well

Leaders:

Trinity - Ruth To & Erinn Sellers

North Union - Nancy Eberle

Youth Mission Trip Follow Up June 11-14, 2023



World Vision

The group of 13 youth and adults traveled to World Vision (just outside of Pittsburg). Over 2 1/2 days, they sorted and prepared 3,334 pairs of shoes to send all over the world. This means that over 3,000 individual will hear about Jesus when receiving these shoes. Great work everyone!





Youth Ministry News

Trinity and North Union Global Methodist Churches

Youth Schedule

July 2023

July 5th - Tin Caps Baseball Game-

Leaving Trinity at 5:30pm

We will text parents when we are leaving Ft Wayne

Ticket price covered

Food/Souvenir money is on your own

Permission Slip Required

Pre-Registration with Ruth required by Sunday, July 2nd for tickets

July 12th - 4pm to 7:30pm - Swimming

Swimming at Delphos Pool

Meet at Trinity at 4pm

Our approx. return time to Trinity is 7:30pm

Permission Slip Required

(Entrance fee, sub, chips, and drink provided)

[Rain Plan: Regular Youth Group from 6:30pm to 8pm at Trinity]

July 19th - 6pm to 7:30pm at Trinity

Pizza and Game Night!

July 26th - 6pm to 8:30pm at North Union Church

Baking Cookies at North Union for the 127 Yard Sale

North Union hosts many vendors and sells food during the 127 Yard Sale.

The teens have been asked to make cookies to sell during the 127 Sale.

North Union Church is located at 4486 US-127, Van Wert, OH 45891

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Trinity & North Union Information, Reminders, Upcoming Events, & Financial Reports

HAPPY
**FATHER'S
DAY**



**A DONATION OF \$200 WAS MADE TO HAVEN OF HOPE
IN HONOR OF ALL THE MEN OF OUR CHURCHES
FOR FATHER'S DAY!**

**North Union
Finance Report
June 2023**

Offering: \$5315.00

**Trinity
Finance Report**

No Report

LIVING HOPE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

TAKING THE MONTH OF JULY OFF FOR VACATIONS

Join them in August in the Sojourner's Room at 8:00 am

"COME AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH AND
CONTINUE TO BREATHE IN THE LIVING HOPE."

FIFTH SUNDAY

Combined Worship Service

On July 30th, we will only have one service at Trinity.

We will NOT have an 8:00 am service that day.



Trinity & North Union Information, Reminders, Upcoming Events

127 YARD SALE WAYS TO HELP:

Donate Food

- Sign up and take a reminder card

Volunteer to Help

- Sign up

Rent a Spot

- Contact Del Free
419-203-1726

Purchase Food



IGNITE VAN WERT

July 27-29



Trinity is providing the dinner & leading worship on Friday, July 28. Donation requests coming soon.



Scan to sign-up

Sign Up to Help @

www.communityrelief.net/volunteer-form.html

(or use QR code)

Questions or Need Help signing Up- See Pastor David





Prayer Concerns

Our members and friends who are home-bound:

Ruth Frysinger Jane Hart Joe Sheldon
Janet & Dale Schaadt

Our members and friends who are in Hearth and Home:

Richard & Carolyn Good Wendy Howell
Delores Myers

Our members and friends who are in Van Crest:

Helen Bowersock Cindy Jones
Dean Froelich Joan Adams

Our members and friends who are in Homestead at Towne Center:

Margaret Evans

Our members and friends who are in Country Inn Enhanced Living Center:

Lois Schoonover

Those Serving Around the World:

Brooks Ludwig-Marines



Recent Prayer Concerns:

Mike & Jill Karcher's great-granddaughter- recently born with health concerns, More testing is being done.

Jim Beard (Jerry Beard's brother)-in OSU Brain & Spinal Hospital

Gary Nihiser-in Wexner Medical Center seeking health issue answers

Prayer Concern Updates:

- Kari Casto's surgery went well. She is still recuperating.
- Betty Hessel is still recovering from her fall.
- Eberle Family-Rick Eberle Sr. cancer is genetic. Praying that others in the family do NOT have the gene. Praying that the doctors will now know what chemo to use to put the cancer into remission

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Joel Frysinger-Health Issues
 Ruth Frysinger-Health Issues
 Noah Girod
 Ed Schlenker-Health Issues
 Rick & Clara Eberle-Health Issues
 Tom Short-Healing
 Delores Myers-Healing
 Anna Dunlap-Healing

Prayer Concerns Information:

To add prayer concerns to our list,

- Contact the church office
- Write it on a Yellow Cards in the pew and put it in the yellow box on "Welcome Table" or Offering Box
- Contact Pastor David

To be added to the Prayer Chain Text List, please contact the church office at the number or emails below.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

July Birthdays:

- 2-Don Chiles
- 4-Krista Stemen
Gene Goings
- 5-Noah Girod
Jordanne Short
Eli Racster
- 7-Tammy Karcher
- 8-CJ Speelman
Beth Saunier
- 9-Ashley Burt
- 10-Jeff Krugh
- 11-Chris Overmyer
- 12-Jay Prichard
Matt Saunier
- 13-Ann Ream
- 15-Roland Yackee
Eddy Casto
- 17-Dave Allen
Christiana Reynolds
Tom Mosier
- 18-Chad Cox
Ruth To
- 19-Nan Rockey
Savannah McLean
- 20-Bristol Evans
- 21-Carter Krugh
Mike Hart
Case Racster
Allison Wortman
- 22-Darcie Price
Erika Racster
- 23-Ruth Girod
- 24-Jesika Woodard
- 25-Courtney Vazquez
Hudson Dennis
Betty Hessel
- 26-Nadia Pardon
Abbey Ream
- 27-Claire Overmyer Hirschy
Elizabeth Short
- 28-Hillary Ludwig
Kinsley Miller
Sara Short
- 29-Rae Frey
Paula Miller
- 30-Tim Short
Cord Benavidez

July Anniversaries:

- 2-Brent & Myrna Hamrick
- 4-Ron & Rhonda Johnson
- 7-Bob & Donna Houser
- 8-Jeff & Mary Collins
Mike & Jill Karcher
- 9-Kurt & Elaine Tomlinson
- 11-Dave & Cindy Lamb
- 14-Rex & Lynn Davis
- 24-Jeff & Leigh Short
- 26-Gene & Lois Goings
- 27-Brad & Pam Knodel
- 29-Dick & Loretta Grove
- 30-Roland & Deb Yackee



Congratulations to:
Savannah (Bigham) & Brandon McLean
 who were married in
 Trinity's Sanctuary on June 3

-and-

Jodi (Childers) & Caleb Girod
 who were married in
 Trinity's Sanctuary on June 17

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Mission News

Trinity's Monthly Food Pantry Focus July-Canned Vegetables

Thank you for your donations in June!

The focus for July is canned vegetables.

Of course, monetary donations, other items, and plastic bags, are always appreciated too!



Special Offering for Missions at North Union on July 30th



On July 30 during worship, North Union will be having a Special Offering. The money collected will be divided between Families of Addicts and The Langdyn House of the PLC Health Clinic.



Please remember to bring extra money with you that day to help support these two wonderful organizations.

Love Offering at Trinity on July 30th



On July 30th, Ralph Roberts will be giving the message and an update on Ukraine. Trinity will taking a "Love Offering" that day as you leave the 9:15 service (there is only one service that day) to help with Ralph's travel expenses and his mission in the Ukraine. North Union is doing a separate special offering that day (see above).





Mission News

Jane Wise

Nuru Ya Mapendo (Love's Light) – DR of the Congo



If you've been following Nuru Ya Mapendo on Facebook in 2023, you've been receiving frequent updates on the construction of Mwangaza School, the second Methodist school in the Kasenga District, DRC. The walls were raised, roof placed, and interior finishing completed within a few months. We're getting ready to pour the floors, and 26 of the 50 school desks have been completed. The school will be ready for use in September 2023! The story of God's hand in building this school is incredible. But there's part of the story that NO ONE has yet heard! Want to know more? Come and hear the story in person as I visit Texas and the Midwest in September and October.

Note from the Missions Committee: Jane will visit Trinity and North Union on October 15. She will preach/share at Trinity's 9:15 service and North Union's 10:45 service. We are looking forward to hearing what God would have Jane share for the morning message and to hearing ministry updates that have taken place since she was here in 2021.

Brian and Beth Schwartz

Wycliffe Bible Translators – the Philippines



For most people, summer means a slower pace, but that is not the case for us. As we write this update, there are fifty-one days until the start of the new school year. That's right; we have started counting down the days. We must admit that Rebecca is not fond of this! Brian is in the midst of many maintenance projects. Due to the limitations during the pandemic, there was little maintenance done. Needless to say, the maintenance list is very overwhelming. Please pray for wisdom and strength for the team to be able to accomplish everything in time for the start of classes on August 2.

Beth continues to work with the Obo Manobo Old Testament translation project. Please pray for an upcoming concert on July 7, Lord willing. Many songs and materials will be debuted. We hope this creates awareness within the Obo Manobo community of the available resources. However, we need God's provision of funds to pay for the concert's sound system, stage lighting, and other items. We expect 300 people to attend.

Thank you for faithfully journeying with us. We are excited about what God is doing! We could not do it without a solid team behind us encouraging us, praying for us, and giving of their resources. Thank you for being a vital member of the team. Together we are giving more people the opportunity to hear the gospel message.

Giving to Missions at Trinity

If you would like to donate to the Missions offering at Trinity, please mark the amount on an offering envelope where it says "Missions" or designate it in the memo section of your check.

If you would like your donation to go to a particular missionary or organization, you can mark that on the back of the envelope.

For a current list of missionaries and organizations, see the Missions Table or look on our website.

If you have questions about Missions at Trinity, please contact Mary Collins at 567-259-7912 or jacollins1@frontier.com



Mission News

PLC Health Clinic The Langdyn House



Executive Director Jody Wannemacher recently completed one year of training to learn how to establish and launch a maternity home in Van Wert County. The home is being established in response to the growing need in the community and surrounding areas to provide safe housing for displaced and homeless pregnant women and mothers of babies. A support plan for clients will include parenting classes, case management, individual counseling, group therapy, family model mealtime fellowship, access to community resources, trade skills/education, Bible study opportunities, life skills, and life coaching. The program is structured to allow the mothers to remain in the home and work through phases until their babies reach 18 months of age and they can hopefully transition to independent living. The PLC is in the process of looking for a house to purchase so that The Langdyn House can begin housing those in need by October of this year.

Trinity Adults Minister in Cuba



As you know, Pastor Tim Burden frequently leads teams that go to Cuba to minister in a variety of ways. He, his wife Beth, and their daughter Rachel's family are currently in Cuba. Three people from Trinity also are or soon will be in Cuba to minister to people there.

Mark Bagley is part of a mission team that left on June 20 and will return June 28.

According to his wife Rachelle, this team has been doing things such as packaging rice and beans and distributing them to people in need, praying with and discipling people, and offering respite care to the parents of disabled children in the area.

Ron and Rhonda Johnson will be part of another mission team that will fly to Cuba on July 5 and return July 13. According to Rhonda, she and Ron will go to Columbus on July 4 to join the rest of the team (the pastor, his wife, and a group of young adults from REAL Church) and then fly to Cuba the following day. This team will be leading three youth conferences in three different cities. They will also be working on a community farm that provides food to needy people in the area. Additionally, they will be delivering staple items, such as beans, rice, and oil, to people experiencing extreme food insecurity and visiting/encouraging pastors and other believers.

Lincolnview Bible Board



Want to get some steps in and shine your light for Jesus?

We Want You!

The Lincolnview Bible Board is in need of walkers for the 2023-2024 school year! As a walker, you will have an opportunity to share your light for Jesus by walking a class of students over to the Bible House and back to school each week. We have been blessed by our walker volunteers over the years because without them, this ministry could not happen.

We are specifically looking for walkers for Tuesday and Wednesday morning. We need 2 walkers that would be willing to walk 2 classes. 4th grade will come over at 8:38 and get back at 9:22, and then 6th grade would come over at 9:43 and get back at 10:27. This would be the same for both days. We also need 1 walker for Monday at 11:41 to 12:25 and then at 12:45 to 1:29 to walk a kindergarten class. If interested, call Deb Mongold at 419-203-8152.

Note: These were the specific needs as of June 19th. If they are filled when you call Deb, you could still volunteer to be a sub because they need to add more people to the sub list.


JULY 2023


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Trinity: 8:00 Worship 9:15 Worship & Online Worship 10:30 Sunday School North Union: 10:45 Worship	3	4 Happy Fourth of July! CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED	5 5:30 PM- Youth Group to Tin Caps Game Meet @ Trinity	6	7	8
9 Trinity: 8:00 Worship 9:15 Worship & Online Worship 10:30 Sunday School North Union: 10:45 Worship	10 7:00 pm Trinity Ad Board Meeting	11 9:00 am Ministry Mtg. 10:00 Staff Mtg. 10:30 Trinity Worship Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm Praise Team	12 4-7:30 pm Youth Group Swimming in Delphos- Meet @ Trinity	13	14	15
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PASSIONATELY, LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESS BOLDLY.**

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North Union Custodian	Brenda DeLong
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