May 2023

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Current Sermon Series "I'm Struggling"

April 30-"I'm Struggling with Worries" (Matthew 6:25-34)
May 7-"I'm Struggling with Obedience" (John 2:1-11)
May 14-"I'm Struggling with Parenting" (Romans 15:13)
May 21-Pastor Tim Burden Preaching
May 28-"I'm Struggling with Fear & Uncertainty"

(Exodus 14:10-18)

"I'm Struggling"

Service Times:

<u>Sundays</u>

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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God Provides!

We have been so busy this year! We transitioned into a new denomination (The Global Methodist Church), chose our new names (Trinity Global Methodist Church and North Union Church), and changed our names on all of our bills (thank you Nancy Eberle for making all those phone calls). The work is not done yet! We are in the process of changing signs to reflect our new names and also in the process of doing some necessary repairs this year. Amid all these exciting changes, God has been moving in our church. We saw one person accept Jesus as her Lord and Savior and eight people join our church on Easter, and we witnessed one baptism this past Sunday. We also had some first-time visitors checking out our church.

Looking back on our journey, I noticed how God has provided for all of our needs. We had big fees to pay for our disaffiliation, but God has provided for both churches for such a time as this. At Trinity, we were gifted some money from Tim Rolsten. At North Union, we had an opportunity to sell part of our land to the state for the possibility of expanding Route 127. Then there was the issue of replacing our roof at Trinity. We saw the need for a metal roof that would eliminate constant maintenance costs due to strong winds in our area. God has provided the money for that as well. Lastly, we needed to spend money on our new signage at Trinity – for our new name on the exterior walls and for a new digital sign. Through the work of the Holy Spirit and your generous donations, we are very close in fundraising all that money. Three expensive back-to-back-to back projects, and three times God has graciously provided. I believe that God has provided for those needs so that we can continue our witness to our community of Van Wert. God is not done with Trinity and North Union. God has big plans for us, and I'm excited to be part of Trinity and North Union!

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." -Philippians 1:6



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May Nursery Helpers at Trinity:

May 7th-

8:30am:

9:15am: Cindy Gardner & Anna Dunlap

April 14th -

8:30am: Diane Web

9:15am: Deb Knodel & Kathy Neal

May 21st -

8:30am: Nursery Not Open

9:15am: Jane Schmid & Gracie Price

May 28th -

8:30am: Rachelle Bagley

9:15am: Rachelle Bagley & TBD

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.

May 7th: Teacher – Rachelle Bagley

Lesson Topic: Jesus in the Only Way!

Scripture: John 14:1-14

May 14th: Teacher – Doreen Krugh

Lesson: Birds & Flowers Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34 May 21st: Teacher – Nancy Eberle

Lesson Topic: The House on a Rock

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27

May 28th: Teacher – Ruth To

Lesson Topic: Jesus Walks on Water

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-36

Kids' Club:

Our last Kids' Club for the school year will be on May 2nd.

This past fall we learned about friendships in the Bible- with the greatest friend being Jesus! This winter/spring we have learned about heroes of the Bible-with the greatest hero of all time being Jesus! Kids' Club has consistently had 12 to 16 kids in attendance each week.

We look forward to starting back up in the fall!

A BIG thank you to Nancy Eberle, Sue Lichtle, Michele Lichtle, Erica Temple, and Rachelle Bagley for being dedicated volunteers throughout this year of Kids' Club.



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Kid's Ministry News

Children's Church:

May's Memory Verses:

May 7th & 14th:

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

May 21st & 28th:

"Pray and never lose hope." Luke 18:1

May 7th -

Bible Story: Parable of the Lost Sheep

Scripture: Luke 15:1-7

Leaders:

Trinity - Ruth To & Nancy Eberle

North Union - Ruth To

May 14th -

Bible Story: Hannah Prays Scripture: 1 Samuel 1

Leaders:

Trinity - Ruth To & Marie Markward

North Union - Ruth To

May 21st -

Bible Story: Parable of the Persistent Widow

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

Leaders:

Trinity – Ruth To & Carol Hennis

North Union - Kelly Bartz

May 28th -

Bible Story: Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2

Leaders:

Trinity – Ruth To & Amy Prichard

North Union – Nancy Eberle



Vacation Bible School June 25-28th (Sun-Wed) 6:30 to 8:15 pm Ages 4 through 5th grade MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! Twists & Turns will be a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. Kids will find that even when they mess up it's never "game over."

Volunteer Sign-ups begin in May

We will need individuals who can walk with the group of kids to the different stations.

We will also need the following station leaders:

Crafts Games

Please sign up in the narthex at both churches starting May 14th or see Ruth To if you are interested in a certain spot before then!



Trinity and North Union Global Methodist Churches Youth Schedule May 2023

May 3rd – 6:30 to 8pm at Trinity Fun with Food!

May 10th – 6:30 to 8:30pm at Trinity*

Ice Cream Taste Test

Permission Slips Required

We will be going to different places around Van Wert

and determining which place in town truly has the best ice cream...

May 17th – 6:30 to 8pm at Trinity Kids' Party Night All the best games...from when you were five!

May 24th – 5:40 to 9:30pm at Crazy Pinz, Ft. Wayne* Bowling & Ice Cream

We will leave Trinity Church Parking lot at 5:40pm and return to Trinity at 9:30pm *Permission Slips Required*

Please wear socks – bowling, shoe rental, and ice cream costs are covered

May 31st – 6:30 to 8pm at the Parsonage Lawn Games & S'mores at Pastor David & Ruth's House Address: 403 E. Crawford St.

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Youth Ministry News

Youth Mission Trip June 11-14, 2023



We will return to World Vision (outside of Pittsburgh, PA) for another year of working with items that will be sent around the world to those in need. We will spend 2½ days working at World Vision's warehouse, and each evening will be full of fun and adventures!

All teens ages 13 through graduating seniors are invited to attend.

The deadline to RSVP for the trip is Sunday, May 14th.
Please see Ruth To for more details or to RSVP.





2023 Graduate Information Needed!



Trinity Graduation Sunday is on May 14th North Union Graduation Sunday is on June 4th



If you wish for your high school or college graduate to be recognized on Graduation Sunday, please send a picture and a summary of their future plans to Ruth at ruthto14@gmail.com. **Information is due by Monday, May 1st**During Graduation Sunday, graduates will be asked to come forward during service to receive a small gift and a prayer.



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

PRETEEN CINCO DE MAYO PARTY



All those in 3rd through 5th grade are invited to attend. Friends welcomed!

May 5, 2023 6-8pm

North Union Church 4486 US-127, Van Wert, OH

Join us for an evening of tacos, games, slime making, and lots of fun!

RSVPs are encouraged and appreciated for adequate supplies & food, but are not necessary to attend.

Questions & RSVP to: Ruth To at 614-607-3353

JOIN A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



CLASSES:

Living Hope - Meets at 8:00am in Sojourner's Room (main hallway, first floor)

J.O.Y. Class - Meets at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall (upstairs)

Sojourners - Meets at 10:30am in Sojourner's Room (main hallway, first floor)

Next Level - Meets at 10:30am in Upstairs Classroom (beside the Fellowship Hall)

Youth Class - Meets at 10:30 am in The Gate (old Sanctuary)

Children's Class - Meets at 10:30 am in Children's classroom (main hallway, first floor)

All classes are open to everyone!

North Union Finance Report April 2023

(as of 4/23/23)

Offering: \$5905.00

Trinity Finance Report March 20-April 20

Income: \$30,660.48

Expenses: \$23,002.45

LIVING HOPE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Starting April 23

Meets at 8:00 am in the Soujouners Room

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



FIFTH SUNDAY

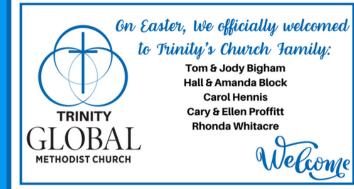
Combined Worship Service

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

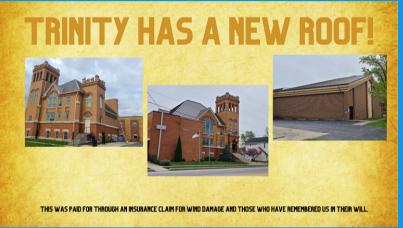
We will NOT have an 8:00 am service that day.



Trinity & North Union Information & Celebrations











\$61,700 GOAL!!!

\$48,000

Trinity is still accepting donations for the new sign and lettering on the exterior walls.

We've raised more than \$52,000 towards our target of \$61,700. This means we're almost 85% of the way there! All donations big and small will us get to the top!

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envelopes with "Church Sign." Make checks out to "Trinity Global Methodist Church"



Here are some additional points to consider:

- The new signage will help to increase the visibility of the church, making it easier for people to join our mission.
- The new signage will also help to create a more welcoming atmosphere for visitors.
- Every donation, no matter how big or small, will make a difference and help bring the church closer to its fundraising goal.
- With the anonymous donor's matching program, your donation will have double the impact, making it an even more meaningful contribution.



Give us much as you can. All donations will be matched. To make a donation, please make your check out to "Trinity Global Methodist Church" and mark your check or envelope with "Church Sign". You may also make a donation online through our website.



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

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 The Gardens at St. Henry:

Georgia Reyman

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

Lois Schoonover

Those Serving Around the World:

Brooks Ludwig-Marines

Our thoughts and prayers are with John Blake and family at the death of his wife, Dottie.

We recently found out that Betty Snyder passed away in December. Please pray for her family.

Recent Prayer Concerns:

Cary Proffitt-Lima Memorial Hospital
Deb Frysinger-health concerns
Delores Myers-wound infection
Wyatt Scott-leg infection
Dorothy Shaffer-injuries from a fall
John Farmer-serious health issues

Prayer Concern Updates:

- Warren Harter's biopsy was benign.
- Rick Eberle Sr is having a scan on May 4 to see the status of his cancer. Please pray for good results.

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.

Nancy Eberle

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays:

- **1-**Emmett Miller T
- 2-Vicky Racster NU
- **3-**Iill Weirrick T
- **4-**Alissa McDonald T Marcus Meyer T
- **5-**Savannah Richardson T
- **6-**Andrea Foster T
- **7-**Robin Farris T Evelynn Angel T Lauren Swander NU
- 10-Cheryl Mendenhall T
- 11-Lynn Davis T
- **12-**Maisee Short NU Lily Burkhart NU
- **14-**David Racster NU Tim Racster NU
- **15-**Brent Hamrick T Dane Ebel T
- **18-**Danielle Longstreth T
- **19-**Cade Chiles T Erica Temple T Nora Longstreth T

- **20-**Ray Ridenour T Asher Block T
- 21-Ron Hessel NU
- **24-**Mark Spieles T
- **25-**Jill Karcher T Orie Weirrick T
- **26-**Mitch Price T Jane Harter T
- **27-**Sue Lichtle T Erinn Sellers T
- **28-**Emma Weirrick T Rose Davis NU Mark Stanley T
- **29-**Loretta Grove T Kaylea Short NU Tanner Short NU
- **30-**Courtney Bartz NU
- **31-**Katie Mosier NU





May Anniversaries:

15-Tom & Diane Bockrath T

16-Spencer & Joy Short NU

20-Butch & Rita Carter T

29-Rich & Tammy Nouza T



Birthdays, Anniversaries, Birth & Death Announcement Info:

We are not sure how accurate the lists are that we are using. Please contact the church office if you know of a birthday or anniversary that needs added or deleted from our list.

Also, we love sharing good news of new babies or grandbabies, please let us know of them so we can let others know. Finally, please let us know of any deaths that you want us to share.

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May is Food Pantry Month at North Union

This Month's Needs are:

Men's Razors, Shaving Cream, Shampoo, Conditioner, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Tissues, Paper Towel, etc. (Things that are taxable)

















Trinity's Monthly Food Pantry Focus May -Boxed/Canned Dinners/Meat

Thank you for your donations in April!

The focus for May will be boxed dinners, canned meat, canned beef stew, canned ravioli or spaghetti.

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

















Haven of Hope Homeless Shelter Current needs:

Disposable plates
Plastic forks
Plastic spoons
Flavor packets for water bottles



If you would like to help with these needs, you can deliver items to the shelter (233 N. Market St. – call first to be sure that someone is there to receive your items 419-605-6717), or you can bring items to Trinity (place them on the table near the Mission Center).

Mission News

Chad Irwin Mission Aviation Fellowship – Nampa, ID



A big chunk of my time over the last year has been the addition of two type-specific flight simulators to the training department. I was able to visit the factory a couple of times to make sure these were the right tools for the job, and MAF eventually put deposits down to make the purchase. As is often the case these days, the delivery date was postponed multiple times over the next 6-8 months. The delays weren't the factory's fault; the pandemic led to an FAA backlog that held up the final certification. Finally, after much anticipation, they arrived mid-January. God's timing is perfect, and the simulators showed up just in time for our annual Instructor Pilot Seminar where they were put to work right away. These new tools will allow us to train our pilots in a much safer and standardized way, allowing us to practice emergencies and other maneuvers that are not safe to do in the actual aircraft. Since January, we've spent many hours

working through scenarios and developing new curriculum which will make these simulators a vital part of what we do here. We praise the Lord for His amazing provision of the funding for these tools.

Scott and Kathy Murphy One Mission Society – Greenwood, IN



TRAVELING ONCE AGAIN ... TO SPAIN! What a joy it was for Scott to travel once again to Spain, our home for 38 years, from March 1-14. Having lived here in the U.S. now for two and a half years, it was great to be back in a country that feels so familiar, yet different now because we no longer live there. Scott has been assigned as the church multiplication facilitator for the Peace and Hope network of churches in Spain, which entails visits once or twice a year, encouraging and facilitating the ministry in any way he can.

ALSO TRAVELING ... TO MEXICO! We have had the privilege of traveling to many places in Europe but never to our neighbor to the south. Kathy will be joining a team with three other women for an OMS-related Dynamic Women in Missions trip to La Piedad, Mexico, April 23 - May 2. They will be training a group of women who have participated in Seed-Sower training (evangelism and disciple-making course) on how to train others in the Seed Sower material. Most of the people at the Nueva Vida (New Life) network we relate to here in Indiana are from Mexico, so it is special to have the opportunity to visit their beautiful country and experience their culture first-hand.

BACK AT HOME Scott really enjoys working with the Global Ministries leadership team in all things administrative and assisting executive director Chris Williams where needed. It is such a privilege to have a part in facilitating the ministries of our missionaries and partners overseas as they seek to reach others for Christ in this spiritually dark world. It is encouraging to see new people coming to Nueva Vida (New Life) Church here in Indianapolis. A daughter church plant is planned for this year. The network itself has grown to over 60 churches with over 3,000 in weekly attendance, not only in the U.S. but in a number of Spanish-speaking countries overseas. The focus is on discipleship, outreach, and leadership development. We thank God for the privilege of being a part of this ministry. Relating to so many Spanish speakers has definitely helped us in our transition from Spain!

PLC Health Clinic Banquet Fundraiser Results



What an unforgettable evening we had at our 8th annual medical banquet fundraiser! We are incredibly blessed to be centered in the most generous, compassionate, and caring community! Your hearts for the work we do is evident, and we appreciate you all so much. Once again, we had a record attendance – over 260 – and exceeded our goal. Over \$98,000 was raised after banquet expenses! We continue to be in awe of how God works through His

people!

At our banquet, we had the opportunity to share our 2022 statistics to give people a chance to see how the funds we receive impact those we serve. Continue to pray for us as we share the love of Christ through the PLCHC ministry.

Patients Served: 285 new patients, 86 pregnancy tests performed, 148 ultrasounds performed, 61 STI tests performed, 13 babies born

Learn and Earn Services: 34 educational patients served, 291 classes attended, 3 dads attending regularly wirh patient, 1235 items provided from our Baby Boutique

Decisions and Spiritual Impact: 322 patients introduced to the gospel message of Jesus, 139 Bible studies held, 2 abortion-minded moms carried and delivered because of our services (and maybe more of which we are unaware)

In-School/Teen Services: 350 BLUE program participants, 673 PINK program participants, 4 teen support patients served

Special Note from Missions Committee: Another big fundraiser for the PLC, the Walk for Life, will take place in September. Trinity will again help to sponsor this event with a donation of \$300 taken from your undesignated mission offering.

YWCA

Summer Food Program



We are busy getting ready for the 28th annual Summer Food Program! This year's program will run from June 5-July 28 (with no program on June 19 or July 4). Program hours are 8:00am-12:00pm. All children will receive breakfast and lunch and participate in daily activities at no cost.

The Summer Food Program will again be held at the Goedde Building and is open to children in Van Wert County, ages 5-12.

Registration forms will be coming home from your child's school soon!

Please contact Betsy Hamman at bhamman@ywcavanwertcounty.org with any questions!

Special Note from Missions Committee: Each year, Trinity helps to sponsor this outreach with a donation of \$500 taken from your undesignated mission offering.

Trinity and North Union are blessed with wonderful people who can always be counted on to help!

THANK YOU TO...

- Everyone who has donated towards the new sign at Trinity.
- Everyone who donated food or candy for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Everyone who helped at the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Everyone who made Trinity & North Union SO beautiful during the Lenten and Easter season.
- Everyone who provided Easter flowers for our churches.
- Everyone who helped us have wonderful breakfasts on Easter Morning.
- Anyone else we might have forgotten.

The week of April 17-21 was VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK!

THANK YOU TO...

All the volunteers who help on Sunday mornings

(Money counters, Greeters & Ushers, Video Camera Operator, Sound Technicians, Computer Technicians, Communion Set Up, Banners & Flowers Setup)

• All the volunteers who help with Children & Youth Ministries

(Children's Church, Kids' Club, Children's Sunday School, Youth Group, VBS, Special events, Nursery, Preteens)

All the volunteers who are on one of our Boards or Committees

(Ad Board, Ad Council, SPRC, Trustees, Worship, Hospitality, Missions, Kitchen Committee, Finance, Liturgical Arts)

All the volunteers who help with our Music

Vocal Choir, Bell Choir, Pianists, 8:00 Worship Musicians, Praise Team, Special Musicians, Musicians for Communion)

• All the volunteers who lead Sunday School/Bible Study

Bible Study, Living Hope, JOY Class, Sojourner's Class, Next Level, Children's Class, Youth Class)







| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|--|-------------------------------|--|----------|
| | 7:00 pm Trinity Ad Board Mtg. | 9:00 am Ministry Mtg. 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 10:45 am Trinity Worship Mtg. 3:45-5:00 pm Kid's Club 7:00 pm Praise Team | 6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group @ Trinity | 7:00 Bible Study ® Trinity | 5 10:00 am Trinity Missions Comm. 6:00-8:00 pm "Cinco De Mayo" Preteen party @ North Union | 6 |
| 7 Trinity: 8:00 Worship 8:00 Living Hope SS 9:15 Worship & Online Worship 10:30 Sunday School for all other classes North Union: 10:45 Worship | 7:00 pm North Union Ad Council Mtg. | 9:00 am Ministry Mtg. 7:00 pm Praise Team | 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Group Meet @ Trinity | 7:00 Bible Study ® Trinity | 12 | 13 |
| MOTHER'S DAY Trinity: Graduation Sunday 8:00 Worship 8:00 Living Hope SS 9:15 Worship & Online Worship 10:30 Sunday School for all other classes North Union: 10:45 Worship | IS | 9:00 am Ministry Mtg. 7:00 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Joint Ad Board Meeting ® Trinity | 6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group ® Trinity | 18 | 14 | 20 |
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| 28 Trinity: 8:00 Worship 8:00 Living Hope SS 9:15 Worship & Online Worship 10:30 Sunday School for all other classes North Union: 10:45 Worship | 24 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed | 30 9:00 am Ministry Mtg. 7:00 pm Praise Team | 3I 6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group @ Parsonage | | | |

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