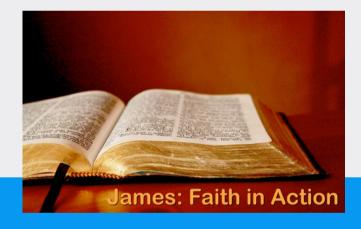
October 2023

Current Sermon Series "James: Faith in Action"

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October 1-Submitting to God (James 4:1-12)
October 8-Patience in Suffering (James 5:7-12)
October 15-Missionary Jane Wise
October 22-The Prayer of Faith (James 5:13-18)



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



Trinity and North Union's Mission

Wow! Lots of exciting things have happened this year, and the best is yet to come! As I reflect and gave God all the praise and glory, I have seen –

At Trinity:

- 1. Our church is growing! Our average attendance is now up by 30 more people.
- 2.Our Children's Ministry is growing! We have tripled in size in our children's attendance.
- 3.Our parking lot is full! We have cars parking on the streets now, because there is no more room in our main parking lot. FYI we do have an extra parking lot (on the corner of Crawford St. and Cherry St.) and handicap parking behind our church (on Crawford St.)
- 4.Our joy and excitement of being part of God's mission is growing! Last Sunday, we had a Missions Sunday to hear the testimonies of people went on mission trips. Afterwards, I have heard many others who now want to participate in mission trips. I love seeing that, and I pray that this joy and excitement would keep growing!

At North Union:

- 1. Our church is very steady and faithful! We are so steady and faithful in doing all of our ministries, missions, and outreach.
- 2. There will be lots of opportunities in the upcoming weeks and months to participate in joint ministries, missions, and outreach Apple Festival, Children's Christmas Program, and Community Outreach in the Spring of 2024.

In the midst of all of our growth and changes, we need to stay grounded in Jesus and in our mission:

- 1.**Become** All of us need to become a disciple of Jesus by being born again and keep growing as a disciple of Jesus.
- 2.**Connect** God has called all of His disciples to connect with one another to worship (Him), grow (in our faith), and serve (others with one another).
- 3. **Make** And as we worship, grow, and serve, our ultimate goal as a church is to make more new disciples of Jesus.
- So, Trinity and North Union exist (and continue to exist) in this community so that we and others can become disciples, connect with other disciples, and make more disciples. Last Sunday, we saw our mission in action as we listened to the wonderful stories. Wouldn't it be awesome at the end of time for all of us to gather together in heaven and each of us taking our turn to share with God and all the inhabitants of heaven many more wonderful stories of how we participated! Amen!

-Pastor David

Pastor David To 419-306-5509 pastordavidto@gmail.com



October Nursery Helpers at Trinity:

October 1st-

8:30am: Hannah Eberle

9:15am: Deb Knodel & Kathy Neal

October 8th-

8:30am: Diane Webb

9:15am: Anna Dunlap & Cindy Gardner

October 15th:

8:30 am: Nursery Not Open 9:15 am: Robin & Phil Farris

October 22nd-

8:30am: Diane Webb

9:15am: Rachelle Bagley & Gracie Price

October 29th-

8:30am: Gracie Price

9:15am: Barb Pendergast & Lisa Stemen

Children's Sunday School at Trinity:

All little ones 2 and under are welcome to stay in the nursery during the Sunday School time so that their parents can go to class more easily. Thank you to the Next Level & Sojourner's Classes for providing the volunteers so that we can do this!

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 is a continuation of what the kids are learning during Children's Church. Each week, they will read the bible story together using a book or a Children's Story Bible. They will also do a craft or activity that was not done in Children's Church.

The Children's Sunday School Class is led by a rotation of teachers.

October's leaders are:

October 1-Rachelle Bagley

October 8-Nancy Eberle

October 15-Doreen Krugh

October 22-Marie Markward

October 29-Nancy Eberle

"It's More Than Just a Story"

Children's Christmas Program

All Children in preschool-grade 5 are invited to participate in our annual Children's Christmas Program. This year's program will be **December 10th** at Trinity during the 9:15 service. This will be the only service that day for both churches.

Rehearsals will be during Children's Church (at both churches) in November. Children are encouraged to be there as often as possible to learn the songs. On Sunday, December 3, we are having a joint rehearsal during Children's Church at the 9:15 service at Trinity. We hope all kids can be there (including North Union kids). There will also be a final dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 9th (time to be determined).



Kid's Ministry News

Trinity's Children's Church:

October's Memory Verses:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight." ~**Proverbs 3:5-6**~
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord," plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." ~Jeremiah 29:11-13~ Focuses of this Month: Abraham & Jacob

October 1-

Bible Story: Abraham, The Covenant Tracker 3 **Leaders:** Nancy Eberle & Marie Markward

October 8th -

Bible Story: Jacob, The Changed Tracker-1 **Leaders:** Amy Prichard & Robin Farris

October 15th-

Bible Story: Leah, The Honored Tracker **Leaders:** Nancy Eberle & Gracie Price

October 22-

Bible Story: Jacob, The Changed Tracker-2

Leaders: Amy & Jay Prichard

October 29th -

Bible Story: Pumpkin Patch Parable **Leaders:** Amy Prichard & Erinn Sellers

North Union's Children's Church:

October's Memory Verse:

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life has gone; a new life has begun!" ~2 Corinthians 5:17~

North Union's Children's Church is using *Top 50 Bible Lessons with God's Amazing Animals*. Each lesson uses animals to teach bible stories and truths in the bible.

October 1st-

Communion Sunday-Children stay in service with Activity Bags

October 8th -

Bible Story: "Amos Fights a Lion" (Amos 3:1-8)

Leader: Vicky Racster

October 15th-

Bible Story: "Daniel in the Lion's Den"

(Daniel 6:1-28)

Leader: Kelly Bartz



October 22nd-

Bible Story: "Jeremiah Speaks of Leopard Spots" (Jeremiah 13:22-23)

Leader: Nancy Eberle

October 29th -

Bible Story: Pumpkin Patch Parable

Leader: Ruth To

During this transition between Children's Ministry Directors:

For any questions about the Children's Programs, please contact Nancy Eberle in the church office.



Trinity and North Union Global Methodist Churches Youth Schedule October 2023

October 4th - 5:30-7:30pm Monster Pizza Outing

Monster Pizza in Decatur, IN; Meet at Trinity; Permission Slips Required

October 11th - 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Trinity

Pumpkin Night

October 18th - 6:00 to 8:00pm at Trinity

Apple Dumpling Making Night (Parents invited to help, too)

October 25th-6:30-8:00 pm

Carving Avocadoes Night

During this transition between Youth's Ministry Directors:

For any questions about the Youth Programs, please continue to contact Ruth To, 614-607-3533, ruthto14@gmail.com



Apple Festival

October 20th and 21st

The Apple festival is October 20th and 21st at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds! Teens and parents are asked to help with this event. We will need donations, helpers to make Apple Dumplings (Oct. 18), and workers during the actual Apple Festival (to serve food.)

This event is how we raise money for our summer trip.

Last year, teens were able to go on the trip for FREE because of this fundraiser.

PLEASE plan on working at least one shift during the Apple Festival.

Sign up at Church or during Youth Group.





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



There will be no 8:00 am service at Trinity on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH.

We will have one combined service at 9:15 am

Combined Worship Service On October 29th, we will only have one service at Trinity. We will NOT have an 8:00 am service that day.

Love Offering on October 15:



A Love Offering will be collected for Jane Wise's Mission work in Democratic Republic of the Congo, Africa on October 15th at both churches.

She will be giving the message and an update of her work that day.



North Union Finance Report September 2023

Offering: \$4840.00

Trinity Finance Report (August 10-September 10)

Income: \$27,916.00

Expenses: \$ 24,120.05



CHILDREN'S COIN COLLECTION

Sunday, October 29th North Union

Save your change and dollar bills to drop into the pumpkin bucket. Instead of the kids collecting candy, they will be collecting money.

All money collected will go to the Sheriff's Auxiliary's Christmas with the Kids Program.





Trinity & North Union Information, Reminders, & Upcoming Events

A Night with Vatroslav Zupanic on October 23, 2023



Trinity Global Methodist Church will host a night with Rev. Vatroslav Zupanic on October 23 at 7pm, and GMC churches in the Van Wert area are invited. The Allegheny West Conference has set our mission priority to be focused in Central/Western Europe to start GMC church plants and ministries. So, this gathering will be a great opportunity for all of us to get to know other GMC churches in our area and get a taste of our missions in Central/Western Europe.

Rev. Vatroslav Zupancic is a pastor and church planter in Croatia who has started a Global Methodist Church plant in his home city of Zagreb. On June 6th, 2022, the Transitional Leadership Council received him and his church as an official Global Methodist pastor and Church. Since the founding of his church, Rev. Zupancic and the leadership have seen progress in their ministry. Through God's miraculous help, they have outgrown the small building that they are renting and now have a new, much bigger building just down the street that they own through the help of another GMC Conference in Slovakia. Thus, they did not have to get a loan from the bank.

Now we pray for additional help. The building they have acquired needs much renovation. They need new plaster, replacement of windows, a new heating and ventilation system, a new room for children's ministry, the kitchen, and storage for technical and liturgical equipment for the worship place. Their church membership is doing all that they can for the project, but they need help. The anticipated expenses are around 17,000 Euros, which is around the same amount in US dollars. Our church might be interested in hearing more about this dynamic ministry and faith vision for his country. And you might be interested in supporting their church renovation project. Rev. Zupancic is a man of deep faith and encouragement. He loves the Lord, stands firm on God's Word, and has passion to evangelize all people through the Wesleyan holiness tradition. In a recent article he wrote about his commitment to living and teaching biblical truth. "The real unity of the Church can come only through the faithfulness to biblical truth once delivered to those who believe," he affirmed.

Please join us on October 23 at 7pm here at Trinity GMC to hear from Rev. Zupancic and learn more about what God is doing in Croatia.



Trinity will have a speaker from PLC to explain the Langdyn House and their **1 of 100** fundraiser on October 29 during the 9:15 service. We will take a **Love Offering** during the service and hope to raise \$1,000.

CONTACT THE PLC HEALTH CLINIC AT 419-238-9177 TO BECOME ONE OF 100 OR USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER





Our members and friends who are home-bound:

Ruth Frysinger Jane Harter 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 Dolores Keysor

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 family & friends of **Jack Frysinger Jr**.at his death.



Recent Prayer Concerns:

Deb Frysinger - health concerns Linda Kramer-hip surgery Jimmy Bayman-stroke (nephew of the Shinns) Phil Scott-hip surgery (Steve Harter's Brother in law)

Gamma Perez-Visa issues for his returning to the United States

Jan Adams-health issues Shirley Jarvis-tests

Prayer Concern Updates:

• **Rick Eberle Jr-**he is not a carrier of the BRCA1 gene. He and his children do not have an increased chance of cancer.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Bob Harter-cancer
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

Church Office Administrator 419-238-9541

trinitychurchofvanwert@gmail.com or northunionchurchofvanwert@gmail.com



Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays:

- **1-**John Blake Jordan Ludwig
- **2-**Anna Dunlap Kerri Kiracofe Brianna Ebel Sylvia Alexander Kim Dawson lovce Hessel
- **3-**Kevin Myers Kathy Neal Richard Eberle Sr.
- **4-**Jacob Druckemiller
- **6-**Rex Davis Jeremiah Reynolds
- 8-Lois Schoonover
- **11-**Sue Price Rich Cooper
- **12-**Ryan Hart
- 14-Kiersten Druckemiller
- **15-**lason Mosier
- **16-**Sandra Shepherd
- **17-**Mason Krugh Lana Carey

- **18-**Dean Endsley Camryn Nouza Esther Wheeler
- **19-**Randy Gardner Matthew Hoghe
- **20-**Phil Farris Rhonda Whitacre
- **21-**Ron Mengerink Jacob Woodard
- **22-**Rose Ann Purk Kayden Calayo
- **23-**Deb Sealscott loy Short
- **25-**Amy Prichard Kimberly Campbell
- **26-**Maria Bagley Colton Short
- 27-Michelle Miller
- **28-**Nancy Bowersock Gary Clay Cindy Lamb
- **31-**Danny Dunlap

October Anniversaries:

- 6-Jason & Katie Mosier
- 10-Kevin & Danielle Longstreth
- **15-**Randy & Betty Myers Brad & Amanda Newbauer
- **27-**Tim & Colleen Hoghe Larry & Ellen Dove



Please contact the church office if you know of a birthday or anniversary that needs added, deleted, or edited on our list.

We love sharing the good news of weddings, babies & grandbabies. Please let us know so we can share your good news.







Trinity's Food Pantry Focus

The Focus for October is Personal Hygiene Items

(shampoo/conditioner, bath soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine products, disposable razors/shaving cream)

Thank you for your donations in August!

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













Cooperative Ministries Pickle Sales October 20-21 at the Apple Festival



Two community outreaches that are managed by the Cooperative Ministries are the food pantry and the Bread and Bowl meals. Although various groups provide the food for the weekly meals, the Co-op furnishes the plates, bowls, cups, silverware, napkins, etc. Each year, the Co-op sells Sechler's pickles at the Apple Festival as a fundraiser. When you purchase some pickles, you're getting something you can enjoy, but you're also helping the Co-op to continue supporting these weekly meals for those in need.

PLC Health Clinic Coffee & Donuts/Open House 215 N. Market St. Thursday, October 26, 8-10 am



We are excited to introduce something new! We'd love to get to know our community more and allow our community to get to know us! Come join us once a month for coffee, donuts, and getting to know more about our organization! We love sharing about our amazing ministry, and this is a great opportunity for you to see our center and get your questions answered about the PLC and all the progress being made on

The Langdyn House Maternity Home!

Mission News

Tim, Beth, and Matt Burden Father Son Gospel Mission



The vision of FSGM is to renew, encourage, and strengthen the Church, both in the USA and in other countries (primarily Cuba, Mexico, and Haiti) by mobilizing short-term mission teams from local churches to build relationships and make disciples that transform lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We do this through adventures of faith, practical serving, preaching and teaching conferences, training events, and handling financial support for those missions with whom we are in relationship. We had a very busy summer, and we are now

looking forward to 5 Cuba mission trips during the remainder of 2023:

October 4-8 Pastor Tim and Beth – marriage conference

October 24-November 1 Pastor Tim – "seminario" teaching

November 1-7 Axis Church (Nashville, TN) team led by Daniel and Rachel (Burden) Foster

December 8-14 St. Paul Church (Findlay, OH) team led by Pastor Scott Fleming

December 27-January 5 Compass Church (Muncie, IN) team led by Pastor Jason and Vicki Rice

Please pray for God's provision and protection in all these mission trips and teams.

Amy Bromberg Cru/Athletes in Action - Fairborn, OH



The fall semester of campus ministry has begun, and students are back on campus! I am excited to share with you that I have accepted an Associate Regional Role with Athletes in Action. What does this mean? I will continue leading the 937 Team (AIA staff who work with universities in the 937 area code) as a Local Team Leader with Jared Wellman (80% of my ministry time), and with our Regional Director Matt Hardy, I'm going to begin helping coach the Chicago, Northern Illinois University, and Michigan State AIA Staff Teams (20% of my ministry time). These teams have incredible people and some young staff to develop too. I can't wait to visit their campuses and pour into their leaders! Each of our campuses has the vision of trusting God for a Christ-follower on every team so that everyone knows someone

who truly follows Jesus Christ. We get there by inviting athletes into discipleship and sharing their faith. I am very humbled and fortunate to get an inside scoop of what God's doing in the Great Lakes Region!

Mission Committee Donation to YWCA "Scarf Bombing 2023"



On Friday, September 8, members of the Mission Committee dropped off 131 packets of winter wear (hats, gloves/mittens, & scarves) for the YWCA of Van Wert County Scarf Bombing 2023 event to be held in November (date TBA).

Many thanks to the those who donated items, prepped bags and crocheted scarves for the packets. Special thanks to Carol Hennis for all the crocheting that she did! Each packet included cards about our church and how many Jesus loves the recipient.

Brian, Beth, and Rebecca Schwartz Wycliffe Bible Translators – the Philippines



Scripture is crucially important in every culture. It is God's Word, and He reveals Himself to people through it. My (Beth's) stay in Obo Manobo land for two weeks with Ruth Ryser (a Swiss friend and supporter) and Rebecca was one of the most memorable moments in our OM ministry. We were able to see how God is building strong churches through evangelism, students engaging with the translated Scripture in the OM schools, and hearing story after story how they guard themselves against false teachings. God continues to display His love and faithfulness to them, even as they face poverty daily. Pastor Gabong, along with the 28 pastors, expressed their joy in sharing God's Word from the translated Scriptures using their audio Bibles and two-way hand-held radios. People are hearing it and turning to Christ, following Him with

repentant hearts. Many said that hearing God's Word in their heart language is like hearing God Himself. Today, in that language area and beyond the mountains, over two thousand Obo Manobos are listening to God's transforming words.

Summer is always a busy time at Faith International Academy. However, this summer was exceptionally busy due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the most part, life has returned to normal, but this was the first time since the summer of 2019 that routine maintenance could be done. Non-essential repairs had become critical repairs, and the need to successfully get as many of these repairs done as possible put an enormous amount of pressure on Brian. Unfortunately, only 100 of the 259 projects were able to be completed. Under normal circumstances, Brian would be happy for these accomplishments, but there are many more critical repairs that will need to be done on Saturdays and school breaks when students are not on campus.

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, Mission Committee Chairperson or anyone on the Missions Committee. Mary's contact information is 567-259-7912 or jacollins1@frontier.com.

Giving to Missions at North Union

We have a special offering for Missions throughout the year, typically whenever there is a 5th Sunday. Upcoming special offerings are:

- October 15-Love Offering for Jane Wise
- October 29-Collection for Sheriff Auxiliary Christmas with the Kid's Program
- In December, we will participate in the "Give-a-Christmas" donation of Christmas presents for area children.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	2	3 10:00 am Staff Meeting 10:45 am Trinity Worship & Music Meeting 3:45-5:00 pm Kids' Club 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	Youth Group- 5:30-7:30 pm- Monster Pizza	7:00 pm Bible Study ® Trinity	6 10:00 am Trinity's Mission Committee	7
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