



# TRINITY & NORTH UNION NEWSLETTER

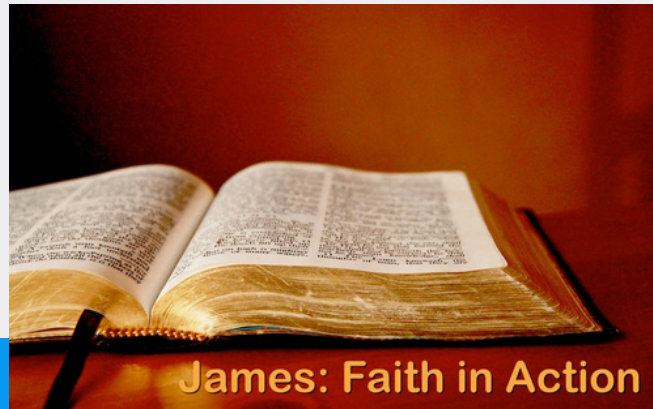
September 2023

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## Current Sermon Series "James: Faith in Action"

- September 3-Faith and Deeds (James 2:14-26)
- September 10-Taming the Tongue (James 3:1-12)
- September 17-Two Kinds of Wisdom (James 3:13-18)
- September 24-Mission Sunday
- 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:

### 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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## 6 Tips for Welcoming New Guests at Our Church

We have had a lot of new guests come to Trinity in August! When compared to July, our attendance has increased by 32 people! This is an exciting time to welcome and invite our guests to be part of our church, and as we do so, here are 6 tips for being more welcoming at both Trinity & North Union:

### **1. Park far away**

Every time we go to a new place, like to a restaurant or store we have not been to before, don't we dread the parking the most? We can see where the entrance is, but if we can't even park and get out of our cars, we give up and move on. It is very intimidating to go to a new church and try to find a good parking spot. To be a good host (if we are able), let us park further away from the main entrance to allow closer parking for our guests and for those who can't walk far.

### **2. Say hi but don't talk too long**

It is overwhelming being in a new place and seeing new people. If we are the guests, and we are stopped 10 times to give our whole life story, that's too much. One to two minutes of talking is sufficient. If the guests want to talk more, that's fine.

### **3. Ask if you can help them**

Our new guests are lost at times and don't know where to go or what to do. If you see someone who looks puzzled, ask if you can help them. Maybe they're looking for the restrooms, coffee, or the children's area. Ask if you can help them, and then....

### **4. Walk them to where they need to go**

Instead of giving directions or pointing to where they need to go, offer to walk them there. Walk them to the bathroom, to the coffee area, to the children's area, to a pew to get ready for service, etc.

### **5. Sit somewhere else**

If you walk into the sanctuary and see someone sitting where you usually sit, sit somewhere else. You can sit beside them, beside a friend, or somewhere new. The worst thing you can do to upset our guests is to tell them that they are sitting in your seat. It's not your seat. It belongs to God who owns this whole world. So, we share His building, His sanctuary, and His pews with each other and with our guests.

### **6. Invite them to come back**

As we leave the worship service and see our guests before they exit, invite them to come back. Tell them that it was so wonderful to see them this morning and to please come back next Sunday. Invite them to sit with you next time if they want. That way, they would feel more comfortable coming back because they would be sitting with someone who just became their friend!

-Pastor David

**Pastor David To**

**419-306-5509**

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# Kid's Ministry News

## September Nursery Helpers at Trinity:

### September 3rd-

8:30am: Clara & Hannah Eberle  
9:15am: Deb Knodel & Kathy Neal

### September 10th-

8:30am: Diane Webb  
9:15am: Diane Webb & Robin Farris

### September 17th-

8:30am: Nursery Not Open  
9:15am: Rachele Bagley & Gracie Price

### September 24th-

8:30am: Ruth To  
9:15am: Cheryl Gehres & Gracie Price

## Children's Sunday School at Trinity:

**We are excited to announce that we are now having the nursery open during Sunday School!!!**

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 now 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.

### September's leaders are:

September 3-**Rachele Bagley**  
September 10-**Doreen Krugh**  
September 17-**Nancy Eberle**  
September 24-**Marie Markward**

## Trinity's Children's Church:

### September's Memory Verses:

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" ~Romans 3:23~

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." ~Romans 6:23~

### Focuses of this Month: Noah & Abraham

#### September 3rd-

**Bible Story:** Noah, the Tracker Who Walked with God

**Leaders:** Amy Prichard & Ruth To

#### September 10th -

**Bible Story:** Abraham, The Covenant Tracker, part 1

**Leaders:** Amy Prichard & Jane Schmid

#### September 17th-

**Bible Story:** Abraham, The Covenant Tracker 2

**Leaders:** Nancy Eberle & Robin Farris

#### September 24th -

**Bible Story:** Abraham, The Covenant Tracker 3

**Leaders:** Nancy Eberle & Jane Schmid



# Kid's Ministry News

## North Union's Children's Church:

### September's Memory Verses:

"The Lord will do what he says" ~Isaiah 38:7~

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.

#### September 3rd-

**Activity:** "End of Summer Funday"

**Leader:** Ruth To

#### September 10th -

**Bible Story:** The Flood Ends (Genesis 8:1-19)

**Leader:** Vicky Racster

#### September 17th-

**Bible Story:** Isaiah Prophecies of the Messiah"  
(Isaiah 11:1-10)

**Leader:** Kelly Bartz

#### September 24th -

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

**Leader:** Nancy Eberle

**Children's Church Leader Needed  
at North Union**



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Matthew 9:14

First or Last Sunday of each month  
(starting in October)

All plans and supplies provided.

Please prayerfully consider spending  
time with our Children and Sharing  
the Love of Christ with them!

For more information or to sign up-  
Contact Pastor David or Nancy Eberle

### During this transition between Children's Ministry Directors:

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



**Join us every Tuesday from  
3:45-5:00 starting September 25  
At Trinity Global Methodist Church  
Grades: K-5  
Snacks, Games, Crafts,  
Bible Stories, and LOTS of FUN!**

**This Year's Theme:  
"The Fruit of the Spirit"**

**To register your child, grandchild, neighbor, friend:**

**Contact Nancy Eberle, Fill-out a registration form, or  
sign-up online at our websites.**





# Youth Ministry News

**Trinity and North Union Global Methodist Churches**

## **Youth Schedule**

### **September 2023**

**September 6th – 6:30-8:00pm at Trinity**

Ice Cream Sundaes & Game Night

**September 13th – 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Trinity**

Challenge Night

**September 20th – 6:30 to 8:00pm at Trinity**

Name Brand vs. Off Brand Night

**September 27th–No Youth Group**

Van Wert Homecoming Parade

**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](mailto:ruthto14@gmail.com)



**Children Ministries Director  
Youth Ministries Director**

See next page for job descriptions!



# Job Postings

## **Children Ministries Director**

Trinity Global Methodist Church and North Union Church are excited to announce that we have relaunched our churches and therefore relaunched our children's ministry with a new children's area and a new curriculum. Our churches are seeking an individual who can take the growing children's ministries to a new level of excellence. The Children Ministries Director will plan, organize, and lead the children's ministries that includes full programming on Sunday mornings, a one day a week after-school kids club, and other special activities with the help of the children's ministries committee and a group of volunteers. (Church policy dictates that the director must be 5 years older than high school graduates.)

### **We are looking for the right candidate:**

- \*Who has a deep, personal relationship with Christ.
- \*Who possess a contagious passion for seeing kids and their families come to know and follow Jesus.
- \*Who is a leader with skills to lead passionately and professionally.
- \*Who has an understanding that the volunteers are vital to the Children's Ministries.
- \*Who has an understanding of keeping all children and their families safe.
- \*Who has organization skills to manage all administrative tasks for the Children Ministries.

**Job Type:** Part-Time Salary (20 Hours Minimum)

**Pay:** \$15,600 - \$17,680

**Please send resumes to Pastor David** – [pastordavidto@gmail.com](mailto:pastordavidto@gmail.com)

## **Youth Ministries Director**

Trinity Global Methodist and North Union Church are excited to announce that we have relaunched our churches and therefore relaunched our youth ministries. Our churches are seeking an individual who can lead and grow the youth ministry to a new level of excellence. The Youth Ministries Director will plan, organize, and lead the youth ministries that includes full programming on Wednesday nights, Youth Sunday School on Sunday mornings, Youth Mission Trips, and other special activities with the help of a youth ministries committee and a group of volunteers. (Church policy dictates that the director must be 5 years older than high school graduates)

### **We are looking for the right candidate:**

- \*Who has a deep, personal relationship with Christ.
- \*Who possess a contagious passion for seeing teens and their families come to know and follow Jesus.
- \*Who is a leader with skills to lead passionately and professionally.
- \*Who has an understanding that the volunteers are vital to the Youth Ministries.
- \*Who has an understanding of keeping all teens and their families safe.
- \*Who has organization skills to manage all administrative tasks for the Youth Ministries.

**Job Type:** Part-Time Salary (20 Hours Minimum)

**Pay:** \$15,600 - \$17,680

**Please send resumes to Pastor David** – [pastordavidto@gmail.com](mailto:pastordavidto@gmail.com)





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

*On August 27th, We officially welcomed 10 new members to Trinity's Church Family:*



**TRINITY GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH**

Misty Bennett  
Rick Carlton  
Steve Harter  
Delores Keysor  
Kathy Neal  
Gamaliel Perez & Sheila Banos  
Chris Service  
Jim & Kris Snyder

*Welcome*

**North Union Finance Report**  
**August 2023**  
(July 30-August 27)

Offering: \$2990.00

**Trinity Finance Report**

No Report



**THANK YOU!!!**

All together both churches collected 130+ items for Van Wert County CERT!!!  
**THANK YOU!!!**




**HAPPY LABOR DAY**

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPT. 4 IN HONOR OF LABOR DAY

**Join us!**

**The CHOSEN Bible Study**

Season 2 Episode 3 is where we left off if you need to catch up.

**Thursdays at 7:00 pm**  
**Restarting September 14**  
**at Trinity**





# North Union 127 Yard Sale Update



**Thank you to everyone who prayed, donated food, volunteered, shopped, purchased food, or was a vendor!**

**All together we raised \$4868.50!!!  
This money will be distributed to local agencies later this year!**



**This was written by a lady from Alabama and was posted on our 127 Yard Sale Facebook Site:**

Our first time to Ohio...WOW!!! This was our first stop from Alabama...  
What a blessing you were!!

From hospitality; Clean restrooms; awesome cookies and brownies; to our first great finds!! Thanks to all who had a part.

We'll see you next year.  
We bragged Ohio the whole way back to Alabama!





# Prayer Concerns

## **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  
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

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Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat Iler's friends and family at her death.

Pat was a previous member of Trinity.

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## **Recent Prayer Concerns:**

**Jack Frysinger Jr.**-cancer

**Sue & Gracie Price**-surgery

**Rex Dolby**-cataract surgery

**Dave Allen**-back issues

**Betty Hessel**-serious health issues

## **Prayer Concern Updates:**

- **Rhonda Johnson and Terri Schlenker**-both had shoulder surgery in July. They are both slowly recuperating and going through physical therapy.

## **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

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**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**

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northunionchurchofvanwert@gmail.com**



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## September Birthdays:

- 1-Tammy Nouza
- 2-Lane Mosier
- 4-Brittany Whelan  
Mary Chiles  
Sawyer Krugh  
Rhonda Johnson
- 5-Dick Good
- 7-Gage Chiles
- 9-Rick Eberle Jr.  
Hannah Eberle  
Ethan Druckemiller
- 10-Anthony Tomlinson  
Grady Longstreth  
Kaylee Davis
- 11-Danielle Miller
- 13-Paul Kitchings
- 14-Libby Gardner
- 15-Chaise Carter  
Whitleigh Mosier
- 15-Chaise Carter  
Whitleigh Mosier
- 16-Brian Davis  
Jim Snyder  
Sandy Amundson
- 19-Jim Breese  
Glenn Sanders
- 20-Jill Evans
- 21-Tim Hoghe  
Brittany High
- 22-Rene Schmersal  
Kevon Richardson  
Ron Johnson
- 23-Leigha Casto
- 26-Jerri Thomas
- 27-Angela Stemen
- 28-Larry Bowersock
- 29-Carolyn Good

## September Anniversaries:

- 1-Steven & Erika Racster
- 11-Ed & Lacy McLachlan
- 28-Jim & Sue Price
- 29-Josh & Morgan Ream



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.



# Mission News

## Trinity's Monthly Food Pantry Focus

### The Focus for September is Breakfast Items

(hot/cold cereal, granola/cereal bars, and toaster pastries)

Thank you for your donations in August!

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





# Mission News

## YWCA's "Scarf Bombing" and Wassenberg's "Warm Up the Ridge"

Earlier this year, we started collecting winter wear for these two fall events – hats, gloves, and scarves to be distributed in local parks and coats to be taken to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.



As the hats, gloves, and scarves were donated, Carol Hennis began to make sets and to label them for children/youth and adults. Since there were more hats and gloves than scarves, she also began to crochet scarves to complete many of the sets. She ended up making 111 scarves to complete 131 sets of winter wear! Because the Missions Committee feels that this is a generous donation from our church, we will not be collecting any more items for this outreach. The committee will be placing information about our church in each of the bags, and then everything will be delivered to the YWCA to be distributed at their event in November. Thank you to everyone who donated items, to Diane Shinn and Nancy Eberle for preparing notes and information to be inserted in each bag, and a special thank you to Carol for all the beautiful scarves she made!



We will still be collecting new and gently used coats for children/youth and adults in September and October. Then they will be given to the people who will be taking the coats to South Dakota. You can place coats on the table by the Mission Center at Trinity.

## PLC Health Clinic's Walk for Life



Our annual Walk for Life will take place Sunday, September 17 at 2 pm at Franklin Park. This year's theme is "LOVE THEM BOTH." One of our biggest goals at the PLC Health Clinic is to make sure the women we serve know that we will walk beside them, love them, serve them, empower them, and equip them to be the best mothers they can be. We want to love and protect the lives of their babies, but we also want to love and serve the

mothers in the best ways possible. We are called to LOVE THEM BOTH, and that's what we strive to do every single day in the work we do. This is our biggest fundraiser, so please consider helping us by either walking or sponsoring a walker.

**Note:** Walker sponsor forms are available at the Mission Center at Trinity. If you plan to walk, please sign the paper beside the forms so that people who want to sponsor a walker can offer to sponsor you. Walker sponsor forms are also at North Union on the information stand.

## Love INC (In the Name of Christ) Call Center Coordinator



Laura Saylor started as a volunteer on the very first day Love INC opened. Volunteering led to her position of Call Center Coordinator, which she held until just recently. Her husband, Mike, who pastored Redeemer Lutheran Church in Convoy, accepted a new pastorate in Kalamazoo, MI, which meant that Laura would need to resign her position with Love INC and look forward to God providing new ways for her to serve.

Love INC has welcomed Lynnette Holdgreve to its staff as the new Call Center Coordinator. She says, "It's an honor to work at Love INC and to serve the Van Wert community. Matthew 25:40 says, 'Truly I say to you, whatever you do for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' This verse is a reminder to me that we are to be the hands and feet of Jesus. When we serve others, we are serving Him. I am happy to have a chance to love and serve at Love INC."





## Steve and Bonnie Aldrich

### One Challenge International Ministries – Colorado Springs, CO



As we celebrate our fifty years with the mission (1973-2023), we are grateful to the Lord of the Harvest for calling us and sending us into the world. Our family has been blessed serving as missionaries first in Colombia, South America, and then to the world. When we joined the mission in 1973, it was known as Overseas Crusades. Although our name has changed since, our calling and our commitment to the Great Commission remains ever steadfast and strong! Throughout our fifty years, just like you, we have faced many obstacles to ministry – health challenges; loss of family members, friends, and mission colleagues; as well as stage of life and ministry transitions. As we pray about the future, we are focused on leaving a legacy. There will be no buildings with our names on them. There will be no scholarship programs to honor our alma maters. There will be no foundations that bear our names. Our legacy is in the lives that have been transformed by the power of the Gospel and the lives that have been impacted by our global ministries. Our global partners and certified trainers are well-positioned to continue to invest in the next generation of global leaders in their respective countries. Their calling and their commitment is the same as ours. Our legacy will continue well beyond our lifetimes.

## Jessica Hall

### Cru/Bridges International – Michigan State University



As we begin another school year, we would love to have you pray with us and for us!  
Pray...

...for protection over the physical and spiritual health of our campus and for wisdom for the university leaders as they make decisions.

...that Bridges would be a blessing to our campus, especially in the international community and that we would find favor with different people groups and see diversity in our movement.

...that students who were part of Bridges last year would continue to be involved and invite their friends to join, too.

...for Jessica as she continues to find the balance between ministry on campus and ministry at home.

...for Stu as he continues in engineering, that he'd be an encouragement to his co-workers and have opportunities to share Christ.

...for Lainey and Benjamin as they begin another school year and Micah as he adjusts to his siblings returning to school.

### Questions about Missions or Giving to Missions:

**At Trinity**-Contact Mary Collins, Missions Committee Chairman or any member of the Missions Committee. Mary's contact info is 567-259-7912 or jacollins1@frontier.com

**At North Union**-Contact any member of the Ad Council. We are also in need of someone to head the Missions Committee at North Union. If you are interested, see Pastor David or Kelly Bartz.



# SEPTEMBER 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 <u>Trinity:</u> 8:00 Worship 8:00 Living Hope SS 9:15 Worship & Online Worship 10:30 Sunday School for all other classes  <u>North Union:</u> 10:45 Worship	4  <b>Labor Day</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	5  10:00 am Staff Meeting  10:45 am Trinity Worship & Music Committee Meeting  7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	6  6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group @ Trinity	7	8  10:00 am Trinity Missions Committee Meeting	9
10 <u>Trinity:</u> 8:00 Worship 8:00 Living Hope SS 9:15 Worship & Online Worship 10:30 Sunday School for all other classes  <u>North Union:</u> 10:45 Worship	11  6:30 pm SPRC @ North Union	12	13  6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group @ Trinity	14  7:00 pm Bible Study @ Trinity	15	16
17 <u>Trinity:</u> 8:00 Worship 8:00 Living Hope SS 9:15 Worship & Online Worship 10:30 Sunday School for all other classes  <u>North Union:</u> 10:45 Worship	18  7:00 pm Trinity Ad Board	19	20  6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group @ Trinity	21  7:00 pm Bible Study @ Trinity	22	23
24 <u>Trinity:</u> 8:00 Worship 8:00 Living Hope SS 9:15 Worship & Online Worship 10:30 Sunday School for all other classes  <u>North Union:</u> 10:45 Worship	25  7:00 pm North Union Ad Council	26	27  <b>No Youth Group</b>	28  7:00 pm Bible Study @ Trinity	29	30  9:00 am Ribbon Cutting for Trinity 10:00 am Oil Change Service Project and Open House at Trinity



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**MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST WHO WORSHIP  
PASSIONATELY, LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESS BOLDLY.**

**Our Staff**

Senior Pastor	Rev. David To
Office Administrator	Nancy Eberle
Financial Accounts Manager	Whitney Sealscott
Trinity Custodian	Terri Schlenker
North Union Custodian	Brenda DeLong
Trinity Worship Coordinator	Amanda Block
Trinity Sound Technician	Matt Saunier
Trinity Choir & Handbell Director	Erica Clay
Trinity Piano Coordinator	Melissa Clay

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