

Trinity Wesleyan

Community Church

2017 Annual Report

A Note from Pastor Andrew Walker

God has called His churches to bring Him glory, make disciples, and serve. It is with that passion and desire that I get up every day and serve, because I know what God has intended His church to be. It's exciting to think where we have been and where we are going, but our focus must continually be on Jesus and not on what we want and what we like. God wants us to be a part of something bigger and better. God has a ministry for you in His church and a mission for you in the world. Although it has been an incredible and exciting year at TWC, the enemy has certainly been trying to work overtime as we continue to push out of our comfort zones that we have been accustomed to.

Our core values at TWC are simple yet have enormous implications on how we live our lives: *Encounter, Equip, & Engage.*

Encounter God through our worship.

Equip people through authentic discipleship.

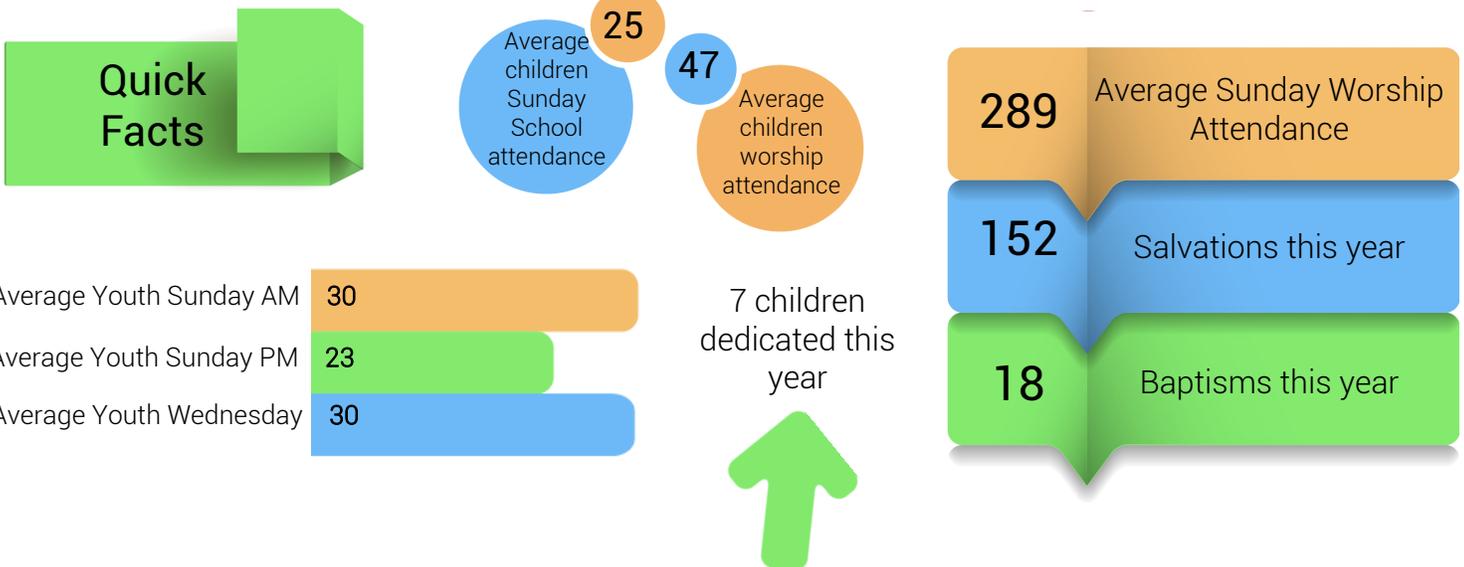
Engage the community.

TWC's culture has changed. New people are accepting Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior--152 this year! People are being baptized--18 this year! And families are dedicating their children to the Lord--7 this year! New ministries are being created and new people are getting involved in existing ministries. We have celebrated worshiping with over 300 people on numerous occasions this year, along with a peak Sunday morning attendance of 396. We are growing and we praise God for what he is doing in our midst. Here are some other brief highlights from the year:

- We are genuinely encountering God in worship on Sunday morning.
- Our War Room (prayer room) has grown and we are encountering God.
- Our Outreach Team is continually working on being more outwardly focused during events to engage the community. (Meet Up and Eat Up, Christmas Parade, YMCA Day, Ministry Fair, MIS Weekend)
- Life Groups are beginning to stretch themselves by embracing our core value of engaging the community.
- New families are joining TWC.
- Our LBA now engages in worship before our monthly meetings.
- We have created new character requirements for both the LBA and Worship Team.
- We have had numerous women's/men's events
- We have upgraded technology for the church database, church app, and online giving.

This year I met with my mentors often who have helped me considerably with the transitions here at TWC. I have also met with 319 people either in my office, hospital visits, or their homes. This year we have been laying the foundation for where we are going in the years to come. God certainly has been doing incredible things here. I can't wait to see what is to come!

Pray Big Go Big,
Pastor Andy



Extreme Kidz

I am so thankful that God led me to Trinity last year. In that time, I've developed relationships with kids and parents through events, times spent one-on-one with kids, Sunday morning and Wednesday night activities and connecting with God's Garden daycare on Tuesdays.

New curriculum (Orange Curriculum) has been implemented and is being used on Sunday morning during worship time for ages 2 to 5th grade. Over 60 volunteers rotate from check-in to nursery to 5th graders through out the year! This year, nearly ten new volunteers stepped up to lead and assist in classes. We have an average of 26 children attend during Sunday school and 40 attend during worship hour. When I first began Wednesday evenings in August, our average attendance was 4, and now the average is 14.

I am so thankful to be a part of Trinity Wesleyan Church as the Children's ministry continues to grow and seek God in all we do.
Pastor Julie Moore

Journey Youth

- In July of last year, we had 60 students at Bridge of Life and we knocked out 12 projects in 5 days.
- We had 40 students at our all-nighter event in January.
- As we launched the school year, we had 62 students at the Fall Bash and 30 of them were new attendees.
- We had 5 brand new faces at our spring break events.
- We currently have 8 students actively serving in ministries of our church.
- We had a night of fun and relationship-building with a guys and girls night.

It has been a great year and I can't wait to see what God is going to do in the coming year! Thank you for the opportunity to serve your teens and your families!

Pastor Justin Callicutt

Life Groups

Since I was a young boy I have had a love for people, education, and my Lord. When I first began having the discussion with Pastor Andy about taking on a leadership role with TWC's Life Groups, I began having ideas flood into my mind. I have attend Trinity since 1999 and have been involved in Life Groups from the beginning. "Church" at Trinity is an amazing Spirit-filled experience, but my Life Group is where I grow, am challenged by others who are experiencing life with me. I believe in Life Groups and have seen first hand the impact they can have on one's spiritual journey. I have led a Life Group on a couple of occasions over the years and know the challenges that come with that leadership role. I see myself being a support for our group leaders, encouraging the congregation to get involved in a group, and to be a liaison between the Pastoral staff, board and the Life Groups. I am excited to see how the Lord will use me in this role and will give Him the glory for all the exciting things he will continue to do at and through Trinity Wesleyan Church.

George Gogol, Director of Life Groups

Since I was a young boy I have had a love for people,

There have been lots of exciting

updates around Trinity! Here are some of the projects we've tackled.

- Finished showers and remodeling in back rooms upstairs behind the baptistry.
- Updated the furnace.
- Updated fixtures in some classrooms.
- Remodeled worship stage by removing choir stairs, re-painted and put down new carpet.
- Foyer project.



Building and Grounds

Kids Hope at Trinity Wesleyan Church has acquired a new director this year, Lexie Heiler.

Kids Hope

- The program has added 3 new children with a total of 12 kids being mentored.
 - Two new mentors have joined and 10 have returned from last year.
 - Relationships with Paragon Charter Academy are growing.
- On several occasions, staff at Paragon have shown how grateful they are to have Trinity in the school helping encourage the Kids Hope students. Many of the mentors have expressed the growth that they have seen in their students this year. I am excited to see what is in store for Kids Hope at Trinity Wesleyan Church next year.

Thank you,

Lexie Heiler, Kids Hope USA Director

World Impact

God continues to pour out His blessings financially through Faith Promise giving. This past year in Missions:

- Our missions budget began to include monthly support of Youth Haven Ranch
- In May, we met, interviewed and began to support Luke & Kyla Paraventi and family, Global Partners missionaries to the Czech Republic.
- Drs. Romy and Linda Caringal visited Trinity in July and updated us on the various Global Partners ministries in Asia and their work to stop human trafficking.
- February included updates on these ministries: Global Partners ministries from Chad McCallum; how God is using Ned and Marlene McGrady in the lives of missionaries; God's work all over Jackson via Wendy Wight and Together We Can Make a Difference; and new information on the work of Youth Haven Ranch from Lars Carlson.
- From funds raised through the Mulligans for Missions golf outing, we were able to support Michaela and Kassie Martin as they ministered in Haiti last summer and Kimmy Berry as she ministered in Cuba during March.

Ruth Berryhill, Chair



Senior Adult & Congregational Pastor Vaughn Jensen

Praise the Lord for another year to work in His vineyard; praise the Lord for good health to be able to continue to serve Him here at Trinity. I could wish for nothing better.

Senior Adults—May through April, the seniors met together for lunch every second Wednesday at 1 PM for a time of fellowship at Steaks Eatery. In December we

meet at the church. Our average attendance was 27.

Visitation—I made 189 calls upon those in the hospital, nursing homes and assisted living; also 228 other contacts among our church family for a total of 417. This has always been a passion of mine throughout my ministry, reading scripture, praying and bringing words of encouragement to those who are shut-in.

Prayer Chain—Judy Burkhart, along with the office staff, Pastor Andy and Sally Martin pitched in together to send over 400 prayer requests, updates and praise reports from our church family. Thanks to everyone for this vital church ministry.

Flowers—Elaine Jensen and Tammy Putnam (when Elaine was in Florida), were responsible for sending flowers to those in the hospital and to those who lost loved ones. A big thank you to both.

Funeral Luncheons—The team of Pat Schultz and Wanda Inman headed up this ministry, along with others who came alongside to help. We wish to thank each of them for their willingness to serve, along with those who provided food for each occasion.

Follow-up Meals—I understand that many small groups shared in this ministry of providing meals for those who were in need after coming home from the hospital. Again, thanks to each one who made this happen.

Serving Him with gladness and excitement.

Pastor Vaughn

This year the TWC Worship Ministry has worked diligently to create efficiencies by advancing the use of technology. Our priority remains welcoming the presence of the Holy Spirit into the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. I have had the privilege to witness tremendous growth over the last year with the incredible servants that God has blessed this church with. The talent on stage and in the Tech Booth any given Sunday is quite remarkable. We are blessed at Trinity! Over the last year we have:

- Shifted all planning functions into a web based platform to manage volunteers and schedules.
- Shifted all music into the web based platform, which has realized administrative savings as staff no longer are responsible for pulling, filing, photocopying, making/breaking down books each week.
- Increased volunteers serving in this ministry. We now have more than 20 individuals serving God with their musical gifts on the worship team.
- Hosted luncheon with Worship Team Volunteers to learn their perspective of opportunities for improvement.
- Bi-weekly meetings with Lead Pastor and Tech Team Lead to explore opportunities for improvement.
- Implemented a Worship ministry volunteer commitment form.
- Moved the team to in-ear monitors, which reduces the risk of feedback and allows the audio technicians to mix the sound without "extra" noise.
- Trustees remodeled the stage by removing the choir stairs allowing greater use of the stage and refreshed stage area with paint and carpet.
- Incorporated "stage design" as another tool God can use to engage attendees in worship. Pam Taylor...You are incredible!
- Elizabeth Knoblauch attended 1 ½ day conference for worship leaders in Howell, MI.
- Instituted Corporate Prayer Time at 8:45a.m.
- Added new laser video projectors, replaced the lighting board

Elizabeth Knoblauch, Worship Director

Worship

Trinity Women

Trinity Women hosted several events this past year to help engage women who attend Trinity as well as connect with women in the community. It is an honor to serve women in this way and encourage them in their spiritual growth.

- September 24th, 2016 "When Women Worship". This was a special night of worship, prayer, scripture and fellowship.
- September 2016, we also held an event to benefit "Free the Girls". Free the Girls is an organization that helps provide job opportunities for girls/women rescued from sex trafficking in developing countries. We helped collect bras to donate.
- October 21st, 2016 "Chicago Shopping Trip". We chartered a bus and invited women to take a day trip to Chicago for sightseeing or shopping.
- November 2016 – A Silent Auction Fundraiser was held to help with expenses for Trinity Women. We also had a Bake Sale.
- March 2017 Trinity Women/Hospitality Team – Ladies Pallet Party
- March 2017 Soup, Salad and Surprises Event. We had a Saturday afternoon lunch with Soup, Salad, Rolls and Dessert. Devotional, singing and also make up over 100 care packages for residents at Countryside Care Home for Easter. We also hand delivered these to residents prior to Easter.
- Women's Expo – We had a booth at the Women's Expo this year in March and we were able to introduce women to upcoming events at Trinity and pray with women.
- April 2017 – We had pizza dinner and traveled to Lansing to see a Chonda Pierce movie together.
- May 2017 – We had our Ladies Tea Event, our theme was Fairy Garden and we shared a devotional about the flowers God's Garden and how much we all matter to Him. We served lunch/dessert and had special music by the Oswald Family and Mardi Martin. We also had a special fairy ballet dance provided by Gloria Groves and her friend.

Sheryl McCormick & Stephanie Groves, Directors

Hospitality & Connections



This brand new ministry has taken off to a great start! Improvements to make our church more homey and comfortable have been received very well and I feel like Guests and Members alike appreciate and enjoy them. I have over 40 active volunteers. We have had 33 documented Guests with 16 of those becoming Regular Attendees! Praise God! To encourage connectivity within Trinity we have had a pizza party, potlucks, and a pallet party, that were a great times of fellowship. Movie nights were great reaching 419 new faces! Two excellent branches of this ministry have started with Outreach and a Cookie Ministry. More awesome events and opportunities will come in this new year and I can't wait to see how God will work through these and His church! Praying God's blessings on you all,
Tammy Putnam

We served over 1300 people in 2016!

Food Pantry



The need for food assistance in our community continues to be great. With recent reductions in government help and the announcement of even more reductions to come we expect the need to grow more. We have a wonderful volunteer team of folks that are extremely dedicated to making our pantry run smoothly. They are truly Christ's love in action. They enjoy working together and are like a family. They adapt without complaint to the remodeling project.

I have felt at times that I am getting to old to do this but I enjoy this opportunity to serve too much to quit. Pastor Andy, the office staff and our volunteers are amazing. I feel that this is a great way for our church to show love to the people of Jackson County.
Rod Johnston

War Room

The past year, we've repainted

the war room and created a chalkboard wall that is being used for prayer requests. 87 names have been written down on the walls to be prayed for as a part of #twcwhosyourone. Since February, there have been 32 new prayer warrior volunteers! We are excited to see how this ministry will grow.

Jenna Taylor and Beth Morse

Notes

There have been

Technology

some awesome upgrades with the technology at TWC, making things easier and more accessible to people in our congregation and Jackson.

- New, updated website with easier navigation.
- 450+ people receive TWC News every week.
- 180+ Trinity app downloads.
- Helped set up online giving through Kindrid.

I love helping people connect with the church and God in an exciting, accessible way.

Allie Baldwin

