



The FORWARD

MAY

2019

Trinity United Methodist Church
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE.....9:30am
SUNDAY ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.....10:45am
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

Classes follow worship service 10:40-11:30 (Sept—June)

ON THE WEB.....

www.trinityamherst.org

- **Building Use Request**
- **Membership Directory**
- **Events Calendar**

Access the building calendar from the website to be in the know of Trinity events.

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ONLINE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

You now have access to the current membership list via our website. The directory is password protected and can only be viewed by church members. If you would like the password, please call or email the office.

From the Pastor:

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. – 1 John 1:3

Fellowship. As I was reading this 1st chapter of John the other day, the word *fellowship* jumped off the page at me! What an interesting word. It is not a word we commonly use in daily life. It is more of a “churchy” word. What does it mean?

According to Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary fellowship means: (a) companionship, company, associate (vb.); (b) the community of interest, activity, feeling or experience, i.e., a unified body of people of equal rank *sharing* in common interests, goals, and characteristics, etc.; (c) partnership, membership.

Today, we often view fellowship as what we do in a “fellowship” or “social” hall. It’s the place where we have casual conversations and savor coffee and donuts. This is not bad and can contribute to fellowship, but it falls far short of fellowship according to biblical standards.

True church fellowship involves getting together for *spiritual* purposes: for sharing needs, for prayer, for discussing and sharing the Word to encourage, comfort, and edify one another. But it is even more.

In the New Testament, what is shared in common is shared first of all because of a *common relationship* that we all have together in Christ. The Greek word *koinonia* is used in scripture to describe this fellowship of sharing in all things because of our **relationship** in Christ. There is also a sense of **partnership** in ministry in our Christian fellowship. There is a feeling of **companionship** as we labor together for the Lord. And, there is the idea of **stewardship** together of all God has gifted us with, including talents, resources, and even our salvation.

Fellowship in Christ! What an amazing gift God has given us! It draws us closer to Christ, and closer to one another.

During May, our next series of sermons will be looking at the ancient teachings of our Church as expressed in the Apostle’s Creed and where those beliefs come from in Scripture. It is important to know what we believe as Christians, and why.

5/5 - “I Believe in God” (Hebrews 11:1-3, 29-40)

5/12 - “I Believe in Jesus Christ” (Acts 1:1-11)

5/19 - “I Believe in the Holy Spirit” (Acts 8:9-24)

5/26 - “I Believe in the Church and the Communion of Saints” (Acts 11:19-26)

~ Pastor Jean

Trinity Travel Club

The Trinity Travel Club looking at some possibilities for future trips and would like to know which ones you might be interested in:

Oct. 9 & 10 a train trip through the Adirondacks during peak foliage season! We would drive to Utica to catch the train, stopping in Seneca Falls along the way to visit the women's rights museum. After spending the night in Utica we would catch the train @ 9am. The train goes to Old Forge, where we would have 4 hours to shop & visit the area, then hop back on the train back to Utica. We would drive home that evening. **Trains are booking fast so we need to know ASAP if you are interested in this one! Cost will be \$300.**

Late Nov. trip to Lancaster, PA Sight & Sound Theater for their Christmas program. \$300 includes transportation, show, hotel and most meals.

April 2020 trip to Lancaster, PA Sight & Sound Theater to see their new production, "Esther". \$300 includes transportation, show, hotel and most meals.

Please contact Pastor Jean 716-946-4380 or Holly 716-930-4661 for more information.

Missions and Outreach:

The Team is very happy with the direction of our **free community meals**. We’ve had lots of generous donations of food and finances from our church family, and we have plenty of volunteers to help cook, set up, serve and clean after each meal. Each meal has averaged 35-50 attendees, with a mix of church members and neighborhood residents. All being very appreciative and because of developing relationships, many have been asking about our church. We are always grateful and could use donations of canned spaghetti sauce, gravy, pasta and rice. Our next community meal is **Wednesday, May 8th at 5:30 pm** and we are looking for donations of ground beef. Look for our sign-up sheets during Worship service for ways you can help, or contact Pastor Jean directly.

Being a site for the **mobile food pantry** has also been successful. Approximately 50-60 people are coming to receive food from the WNTY Food Bank the 3rd Monday of each month. Our May pantry is scheduled for **May 20**. If you would like to help, come to the church around 9:45 am.

The Pastor’s Office is being transformed to accommodate mission supplies. We have a few emergency food items and clothing available in case anyone is in need. We are looking for a larger more permanent place within the building for these mission items. If you have anything you would like to donate please contact the Pastor or Office Manager (716-835-7711).

UMW NEWS

A thank you to all who participated in our Salad Bar Luncheon. We had a great crowd who all left well fed. Our entertainer, Michael Farrow, played the keyboard while singing classics from the sixties which had many of us humming and singing along to some old favorites.

This month, on **Thursday, May 23rd** at 7:00 PM we are hosting a Fun Night in the Trinity Cafe. Everyone is welcome to try their hand at Train Dominoes. There will be snacks and dessert. This event is open to the Trinity church family along with all our UMW ladies and their friends.

The District is sponsoring a mini retreat on **Saturday, May 4th** at Batavia First UMC entitled Health With A Twist: Body, Mind, and Spirit consisting of various workshops and a healthy, but tasty lunch. The cost of \$20 for this Day Apart includes a folder full of handouts plus a set of prayer beads. If you are interested in attending please see Ellen Klock.

We are currently planning an outing for July starting with lunch, then touring the delights of the Niagara Region. More details will be forthcoming.

Thank you all for your support of the various missions which the UMW sponsors. This year we will be making shoe boxes for the **Red Bird Mission**, an organization which is a part of the United Methodist Church located in the Appalachian region of Kentucky. We will be handing out clear plastic boxes for you to fill which we will be collecting for pick up in November. Look for a list of suggested items to purchase. These are similar to the Christmas shoe boxes we have made in the past. More information about Red Bird Mission is below.

I am still collecting pill bottles, with the next drop off the beginning of June. This is an easy mission, the most difficult part removing the labels. If they are too sticky to get off, don't fret - simply cross out your name and the name of the prescription so they are unreadable. These bottles are sent to a sterilizing plant and then shipped to third world countries for them to use to dispense medications to their people.

~ Respectfully submitted by Ellen Klock

May Events:

- Wednesday - May 1 @ 10:30, Beechwood Service Guild - Program with Don Weaver
- Saturday - May 4 from 9:30-3:00, District Event: Batavia First UMC - Health With A Twist
- Wednesday - May 8 @ 10:00, Rebecca Circle - Hostesses: Kathy McKenzie with help from Marion Dymond
- Monday - May 20 @ 9:45, Mobile Food Pantry
- Monday - May 20 @ 6:30, Friendship Circle - Hostess: Eileen Franke, Patti Voght - Devotion and Dessert (please note time change)
- Thursday - May 23 @ 7:00, Train Dominoes at Trinity Cafe - ALL Welcome

The **RED BIRD MISSION** in Beverly, KY, has provided ministries in the Appalachian Mountains region since 1921. Today, the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission strives to meet these needs through ministry in 5 areas: Education, Health & Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement. There are two different style of shoes boxes that we will be filling: adult and children.

ADULT (*please indicate for MALE or FEMALE*) items needed include comb/brush, shampoo, hand lotion, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, chap stick, mittens, disposable razors, shaving cream, scarves, hats and mittens/gloves, nail care supplies, and socks.

CHILDREN (*please indicated for BOY or GIRL w/age group of 2-4; 5-9 or 10-14 reflected*) items needed include 2 or 3 toy items, 2 or 3 school items, child's toothbrush/toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, comb/brush, chap stick, scarves, hats and mittens/gloves, small flashlights, bookmarks, wristbands, etc. Christian themed trinkets are also appreciated.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING AS OUR PROCEDURE HAS CHANGED:

- We will provide the clear shoeboxes for distribution after services on Sundays or Pastor Jean will have some in her office.
- We will only be collecting COMPLETED shoeboxes on Sunday, November 17 (before Thanksgiving)
- Please purchase full size items. To help items fit in boxes, look for flat bottles of shampoo, lotions, etc, and small round cans of shaving cream.
- Please include \$1 for each shoebox for shipping costs. (Put money in an envelope)

This mission will replace Operation Christmas Child. If you have any questions, please contact Gaylynn Kucskar at 716-691-0345

Donations of shelf stable food items (canned, bottled or boxed) for the local food pantry. A collection is taken the 1st Sunday of every month.

Your donation of bottles and cans goes to our commitment for Shared Ministries.
PLEASE EMPTY AND RINSE BOTTLES AND CANS AND SEPARATE GLASS BOTTLES.
We collect only "REFUNDABLE" bottles and cans. If you prefer to redeem the bottles yourself we will happily accept your \$\$\$ donation. The bin is located by the door of the handicap entrance. Bottles such as Iced Tea, Gatorade, juice etc. are not refundable, and should be recycled as usual. Thanks and keep 'em coming! Your nickels add up!!
DO NOT PUT TRASH/GARBAGE IN RECYCLING BIN.



Things are happening @ TRINITY



RUMMAGE SALE! **Friday May 3 from 7-8:30 PM** **Saturday May 4 from 9-11:30 AM**

You may drop off your gently used treasures at church. We also need your help sorting and pricing items on Thursday evening May 2 from 6-8 PM and all day Friday May 3 beginning at 9 AM until the sale begins. Please contact Edie Weaver at 716-812-6073 with any questions

Kids Fun Night happens on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month (September thru June). Activities include games, crafts, snacks, music, stories and more. All kids in Kindergarten and up are welcome! May 10th, May 24th, June 14th.

Adult Bible Studies

Sundays 10:45 am

Mondays 7:00 pm

Wednesdays 10:00 am Women of the Bible (except during community luncheons)

Wednesdays 7:00 pm Book of Genesis (except during community dinners)

Praise Team

Our praise team singers help to lead the congregation in learning and singing the contemporary praise music as part of worship. New singers are always welcome to join us. Just come to rehearsals and learn the music. We also provide links so you can listen to songs to help you learn them. Our scheduled rehearsals are May 19th, June 2nd, June 9th and June 23rd in the Pastor's office immediately following worship.

CHURCH LIFE is hosting a "Citizen Preparedness Training Program" presented by the U.S. Army, sponsored by New York State. This program will teach residents about what tools and resources are needed to prepare for any type of disaster, whether natural or man-made. It will also include developing a family emergency plan, stocking up on emergency supplies and even how to handle an active shooter situation. There are 2 trainings scheduled to accommodate as many people as possible. You only need to attend one, but you are more than welcome to attend both. Everyone is encouraged to attend and in the next week a registration sheet will be passed around. There is no cost to attend and light refreshments will be served at both. Each training will be approximately 2 hours or less. For further information, please contact Diane Serra 716-835-7711

DATES: Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30 pm and Wednesday, May 29th at noon

May 25 @ 7:00 pm Storyteller's Café, Saturday hosted by Lorna Czarnota and Jennifer May



June 30 is our next Undie Sundry. Bring in your donation of NEW undergarments of all kinds for men, women and children



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ALWAYS ON SALE AT
TRINITY. See Duane
Mazur to purchase!

COMMITTEE INFORMATION-2019

Trinity Leadership Council:

Chair - Silas Goma
Recording Secretary/Lay Leader - Edie Weaver
Interim Treasurer - Holly Brittain
Lay Member - Ellen Klock
Alternate Lay Member - Carlos Jones
Church Life/TPAC Representative - Diane Serra
Trustee Representative - TBD
Finance Representative - Tom Kucskar
SPRC Representative - Judy Chambos
Music/Worship Representative - Millie Tonner/Judy Chambos
Nominations Representative - Pastor Jean

Trustees:

Bobbie Bleckinger
Ken Voght
Scott Weaver
Bill Wilson
Ken Pache
Alicyn Ringler
Ron Baty
Curtis Glenn
Pastor Jean - Ex Officio
Edie Weaver - Ex Officio

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Sue Teetsel - Chair
Diane Serra

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Tom Kucskar - Chair
Carol Roznak
Mike Tedesco
Lynn Hall
Holly Brittain - Ex Officio
Trustee Ex Officio TBD
Judy Chambos - Ex Officio
Edie Weaver - Ex Officio

Trinity Performing

Arts Center:
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Sue Teetsel
Edie Weaver
Lorna Czarnota
Millie Moeller
Tom Kucskar
Ken Pache
Tina Pache

Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Judy Chambos - Chair
Curtis Glenn
Lorna Czarnota
Julie Chandran
Tina Pache
David Morris
Edie Weaver - Ex Officio

Music/Worship:

Judy Chambos - Co Chair
Millie Tonner - Co Chair
Cristen Gregory - Music Director
Diane Serra
Ellen Klock
Eileen Franke
Sue Teetsel
Ron Baty
Loretta Jones
Ex Officio: Pastor Jean/Edie Weaver

Missions:

Pastor Jean Holly Brittain
Ellen Klock Julie Chandran
Sue White Mindy White
Diane Stone Eileen Franke
Lorna Czarnota
Gaylynn Kucskar
Dale & Kathy McKenzie

Nominations:

Jennifer Henry
Robbie Goma
Loretta Jones
Ellen Klock
Pastor Jean (Chair) - Ex Officio
Edie Weaver - Ex Officio

Children's Ministries:

Edie Weaver - Chair
Holly Brittain
Ellen Klock
Duane Mazur
Tina Pache
Jennifer Henry
Eileen Franke
Christina Annesi

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Diane Serra - Chair
Shirley Bennett
Robbie Goma
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Eileen Franke
Loretta Jones
Diane Stone
Sandy Baty