

The FORWARD

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30am

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PASTOR OFFICE HOURS

Tue - 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Wed - Thur 1:00-6:00 pm

Meetings and Special Events

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Wed 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thur - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fri - Sun OFFICE CLOSED

The office is also closed on all legal/federal holidays.

FROM THE PASTOR

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. – Acts 2:1-4

On May 23, 2021, the Church will celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Why is this day special to us? It is the day that the Holy Spirit was first poured out with great power on the disciples! These followers of Jesus who were still confused and afraid to carry out the mission he had assigned them, were gathered in an upper room. They were praying and waiting for the power Jesus had promised to send to them.

It had been ten days since they watched Jesus ascend into heaven, after telling them to wait in Jerusalem for the power he would send. I can imagine that ten days seemed like a long time to wait and pray. But his followers had seen Jesus perform miracles. And they had seen him resurrected from the grave. So they did not doubt that he would send this special gift to them.

Even though they were expecting to see God's power, they still must have been amazed when the room was filled with a sound like a violent wind. Then tongues of fire appeared above their heads, and they felt the rush of the Holy Spirit falling on them! Suddenly they were able to speak in different tongues or languages, and they hurried out into the street to share the Good News of Jesus Christ! There were people from all over the world in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost. And each of them heard the disciples speaking in their own native language. From this day forward, the disciples would no longer fear sharing about Jesus. They would go boldly into all the world to further the Kingdom of God.

The power of the Holy Spirit is still available to us as Christians today. In fact, the Spirit is essential to the ministry we do in Jesus' name. We rely on the Spirit to inspire us, direct us, empower us, and protect us as we do God's work. And we can never have too much of the Spirit in our lives. If you want to be a follower of Jesus, and go where he wants you to go, to do what he wants you to do, then you must have the Holy Spirit's power. How do we get this power? By asking! Asking for God to forgive your sins, asking for Jesus to be in your heart, and asking for the Holy Spirit to be your advocate, friend, and guide.

We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and so does our church. So I invite you to spend some time in prayer, asking the Spirit to enter into your heart, and to enter into the life of our church in a fuller way. With the Spirit's power, we will be able to do amazing things, transforming the world in Jesus' name, to the glory of God!
- *Pastor Jean*

MAY SERMONS "AUTHENTIC FAITH"

May 2 – #1 Authentic Faith #8 – "Persevering" - Daniel 8

May 9 (Mother's Day) – #2 Authentic Faith #9 – "Repentance" - Daniel 9

May 16 – #3 Authentic Faith #10 – "Trusting God" - Daniel 10

May 23 – #4 (Pentecost) Authentic Faith #11 – "Expect Trouble" - Daniel 11

May 30 – #5 Authentic Faith #12 – "Awake to Life" - Daniel 12

You can watch our online services on our Facebook page:
Amherst Trinity United Methodist Church at this link:
www.facebook.com/groups/1867243083578145/

**Are you unable to attend worship for any reason?
Would you or someone else like to receive Holy Communion?**

If any of our home-bound members would like Communion brought to them. Please let Pastor Jean know by leaving a message on the church phone, or sending her an e-mail at pastorjeane@juno.com and she will call to set up a day and time.

MISSIONS

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 6:30pm on Facebook at “Amherst Trinity United Methodist Church” page. We have been live-streaming our Bible study on Facebook, with Holly and Pastor Jean leading the discussion. We have a couple more weeks of our Bible study on the Parables of Jesus, and what he would say to us if he were here today in person. Then we will be shifting to a new study in the Book of Acts. We are wondering if there are a few others who would like to join us in person at this point? We would follow safety protocols such as spacing and masks, and suggesting everyone be vaccinated if possible. And we will still live-stream the study on Facebook for others who can't be with us in person. Please contact Pastor Jean if you are interested in joining us.

BLESSING BOX

The Blessing Box is getting lots of use! People who can, are leaving off canned goods and other non-perishable food, as well as personal care items and even pet food. People who are in need can stop by, any time of the day or night, to pick up items. Popular items are peanut butter, jelly, soup, spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned meat, canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, drink boxes, personal size potato chips, hand soap, feminine hygiene products, dish soap, laundry soap. **NO PERISHABLES PLEASE.** So give a little, take a little, as you can! Thank you.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS

May 5th & 19th at 5-6pm, take out only. Continually serving about 80 people, twice a month. for our friends and neighbors. We have been blessed by generous donations and willing servants to prepare good home-cooked meals. Many thanks to everyone who helps!

FUNDRAISER HAM DINNERS

May 14th. \$10 for ham, sweet potatoes, veggie, applesauce, roll & butter, and dessert. Take-out only, serving 4-6pm. We appreciate your continued support to help fund our missions.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The mobile food pantry truck arrives at Trinity UMC on the 4th Monday each month : **May 24th.** Volunteers are needed to help set up at around 12:30pm. We serve the public from 1:30-3:00 pm.

PLEASE PRAY

Our shut-ins, those who are ill, those who are grieving, all who need financial help, the lonely, the mentally ill, those who are lost, children, youth, teachers, parents and grandparents need our prayers. Pray for our church to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to be led to do even greater ministry for the Lord. Pray for our world, that nations may live in peace. If you have specific requests, please contact the Pastor.

UMW UPDATE

Have you gotten your vaccination yet? Many of us at Trinity are now fully vaccinated and some have been venturing back to church on Sundays. While we are still wearing masks, it is so wonderful to see some familiar faces who have been MIA this past year. Despite opportunities to use Zoom as a tool to keep us connected, it's just not the same as face-to-face encounters.

As the world starts to open up a little (at least in our small corner), the UMW has explored more creative ways to interact while still keeping safe. The District sponsored an outdoor Gift Day at Grand Island UMC with the recipients of our donations opening their trunks and the participants sitting in their cars tuned to FM 100.3. After an opportunity for fellowship and prayer, we listened to our speaker, Karen Wehn, talk about Climate Justice and what we can do as individuals to be a part of the solution (not the problem). Education is the key as there is a lot of disinformation out there. If you are interested I can share some resources which will certainly open your eyes.

Along with the environment, our District group has been having discussions on the topic "So You Want to Know About Race" with a follow up workshop to be held on Zoom sometime in June. Once again, these interactions with diverse members of our community have been illuminating, especially since the current social climate involving the actions of certain police officers has been front and center on the national news. There's a lot going on in our own community in response to this issue which I can share with anyone who wants to be better informed.

Here at Trinity, our food ministry is still going strong. The Mobile Food Pantry served 87 households with 193 family members and the take out Community Dinners continue to be popular. Hopefully you are participating in the monthly ham dinner fundraiser (only \$10 for a plentiful portion). It's always nice to have a meal which someone else has lovingly prepared, along with an inspirational message from our pastor.

Friendship Circle is going to try to meet outdoors in May on the fourth Monday (**Please note the date change to May 24th at 6:30**). We are hoping Shirley Circle can also find an outdoor locale for a get together in the near future since it's been so long since we've been able to meet as a group. Watch for more details.

Looking to the future, if we continue on this path, we will surely find that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow where lives the joy and happiness that comes from true friendship. Until that time, let us keep one another in our thoughts and prayers.

May God Bless.

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



May 12 Danielle Tedesco
May 13 Elizabeth Klock
May 19 Addilyn Lawton
Mike Tedesco
May 21 Robert Chandran
May 28 Duane Mazur
May 31 Irv Tesmer



May 17 Carol & Paul Rosnak
May 28 Margaret & Grant Pittorf