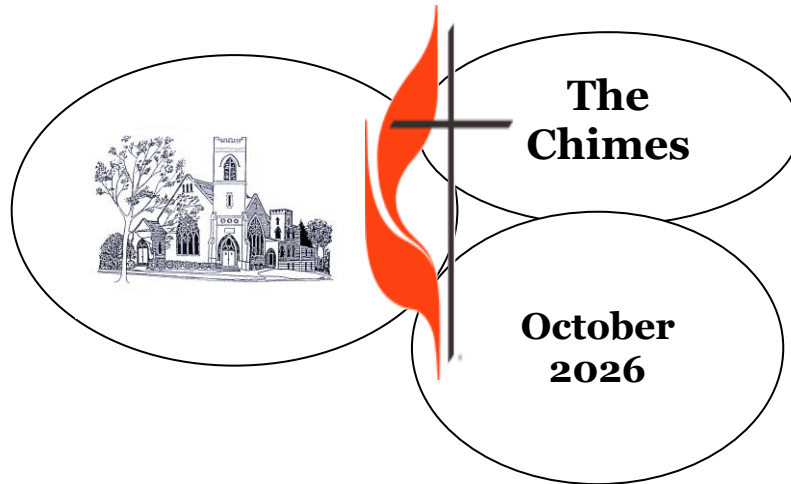


Trinity United Methodist Church
75 East High Street
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Sunday, October 4th





Pastor's Pen

October is the month for Laity Sunday (October 18th). Laity Sunday is not just a "vacation" for the pastor, it is an opportunity for the laity to lead all aspects and parts of the service including, of course, the message. Sometimes I come to the Laity Sunday service. Sometimes Denise and I go to Wooster and attend church with my parents (and so take a vacation Sunday). Laity Sunday helps us remember that the church has a pastor/minister (clergy person) but we are all in ministry as we serve the Lord together, living for Christ as we love our neighbors and serve inside and outside the church. So let us all consider our ministry as important in the overall ministry of the church, the Body of Christ. The clergy have their role, but so does the Laity.



Also in October will be Church Conference this year again at Sunbury United Methodist Church on Sunday 10/18 3:00 p.m. Church



Conference is the annual gathering to do and approve the new year's business. We will be meeting with various other churches from our District (West Plains). If you haven't ever attended

Church Conference you are welcome to come and be apart of the "business" of the church which is casting votes to approve reports and plans for the next year, 2027. We will be led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Kelly Brown. The meeting also includes opening worship and a message from Rev. Brown.

May God bless Laity Sunday under the leadership of our Lay Leader, Vince Brown. And may God bless Church Conference on that same day. Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeff



World Communion Sunday -

We will celebrate communion on World Communion Sunday, 10/4 during the worship service.



Church Conference – will be held on Sunday, 10/18 at 3:00 p.m. at Sunbury UMC.

Wednesday, October 21st 5:00-6:45 pm

Chicken & Cheesy Potatoes.

Meals Include: vegetable, choice of salad, roll, dessert and drink. Dinners are \$12.00 per person. Children 10 & under free. Carry out available. Thank you everyone for your help and support!



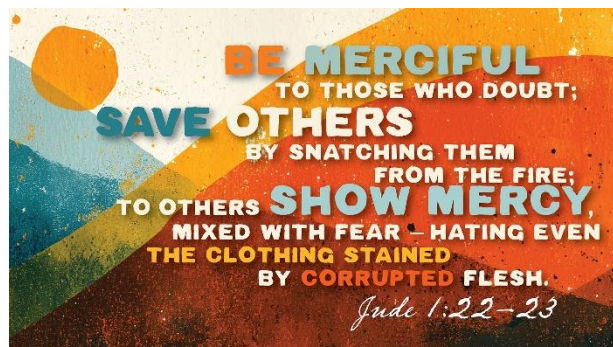
After-Church Luncheon

Craving apple dumplings? Here is your chance to enjoy one! Because of time and labor constraints, United Women in Faith has modified its usual apple dumpling sale. **The United Women In Faith will serve lunch after church on Sunday, October 18.**

The menu will include turkey casserole, salad, a vegetable, and apple dumplings with ice cream for dessert. The luncheon will be offered for a **free will donation**. Proceeds will support our mission pledge, as the apple dumpling sale is one of our major fundraisers.

If extra apple dumplings are available, they will be sold after the luncheon. We hope you can join us!

UWF Church Luncheon – Della



PRAYER CONCERNS

Trinity members and friends
who have been in our prayers
the past month.....



New Prayer Concerns: Gary Begeman, Barb Brewer, Linda Caudill, Steve Dabney, Roxanna Kreider, Bob Palmer

Ongoing Prayer: Sue Barnett, Tom Beckett, Mariann Biddle-Merrick-Park, Dorothy Blanton, Marcia Cooper, Steve Dabney, Dave Decker, Tim Fuller, Denny Hill, Charlotte Loren, Jan Maxwell, Hannah McMurray, Sue Nichols, Leonard Pollock, Ken Riser, Drue Robins, Dan Stryker, Dan Vitte, Cathy Voisin, Kelly Jo Wright, Stewart Wright, Unspoken Requests, Civilians serving overseas.

Military: Curt Belohlavek, Troy Hill & all other military personnel around the world

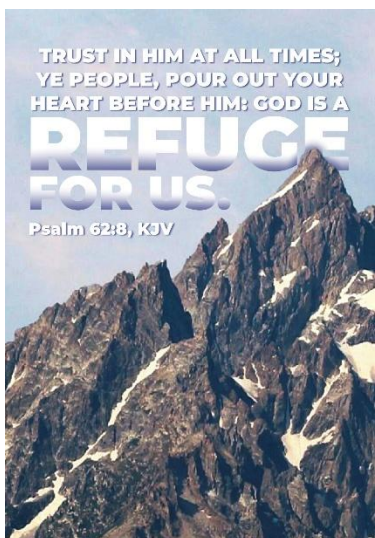
Nursing Home Residents & Shut-Ins:

Bill Brucker, Jane Brucker, Mary Dianne George, Don & Marilyn Rhodebeck, Juanita Piercy, Suzy Piercy, Jim Seckel, Esther Sterritt, Pat Tolbert, Bob Willeke, Laurie Young

Missionaries: Sara Flores [Ecuador], Willie Berman [Mexico]

Our Trinity Family wishes to extend prayers to the following families in the loss of a loved one this past month: Nola Clinger, Jim Curts, Rick Harter

TRINITY ATTENDANCE DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	10:00 AM
9/06/2026	-	64
9/13/2026	39	71
9/20/2026	36	75
9/27/2026		



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY AT SAMES & COOK 2:00 - 3:00 pm

I Hear the Voices and That's a Good Thing!

by James W. Moore



All of us are guided by the voice of people in our lives - grandparents, parents, teachers, pastors, friends. Their words are woven into our life's fabric and influence how we live and the choices we make.

As Christians, we are blessed also to hear the amazing voices who lived centuries ago, the voices found in Scripture.

I Hear Voices and That's a Good Thing! celebrates the voices of the Bible who continue, every day, to strengthen and encourage us when we not only hear but listen to them.

This study is on Tuesdays from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Come and join us!

Oct. 6: *I Hear the Voice of Jesus Saying, "Let your Light Shine"*

Oct. 13: No Bible Study

Oct. 20: *I Hear the Voice of Abraham Saying, "Let There Be No Strife Between You & Me."*

Oct. 27: *I Hear the Voice of Joseph Saying, "You Meant Evil Against Me, but God Meant It for Good"*

Children's Bibles

On Sunday, 9/13, Trinity presented Bibles to our 3rd and up children.



Baptism

On Sunday, 9/20 Sarah Kuhn was baptized during the worship service.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS



"People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'" Luke 18:15-17 (NIV)

We must think as little children as we appreciate all the blessings that we receive each day and enjoy all that we are given. The Lord is so generous with all of us and we just have to listen and obey his commandments. Someday we will be able to enter the Kingdom of God and leave all our troubles behind here on earth. I hope all of you are looking forward to it as much as I am.

We had a meeting on September 14th at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Barb Brewer was scheduled to present the Annual Pledge Service for us, but due to her recent surgery, we are rescheduling her presentation for a later date. Thank you to Anne Cotton for stepping in at the last minute to do a devotion for us. Please keep Barb in your prayers for a speedy and complete recovery.

We are NOT having our annual Apple Dumpling Sale this month as planned, but instead we are having an After-Church Luncheon on October 18th. For dessert, Apple Dumplings will be served. This should be a busy Sunday for us, as it is Laity Sunday and Charge Conference in the Afternoon.

HAPPY FALL TO EVERYONE!!

Noni Wheeler

President - Trinity United Women In Faith



God is faithful in every season.

Missions/Cardington Food Pantry Needs

Please continue helping us make donations to the Cardington Food Pantry. The following are the requested items for April - June:

October 2026

Instant Potatoes
Hamburger Helper
Boxes of pudding

November 2026

Box of Hot Chocolate
Pie mix
Sugar

December 2026

Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup
Noodles

Anytime

White Sugar
Brown Sugar
Salt & Pepper

These main staple items in our homes are considered luxuries for those in need.

Monetary donations are always accepted as well. The pantry is always looking for volunteers if you have the time you would like to devote to this worthy outreach in our county.

Please reach out to the Missions Committee with any suggestions you have for service projects or organizations to support



Staff Parish

We continue to look for Candidates for the Nursery Coordinator and Youth Director. Please let us know of anyone who is interested in either of these positions.

The SPRC Committee met with a District Representative, Jeremy Barr, and Pastor Jeff to approve Jeremy's candidacy for the Ministry on Monday, September 21st. Congratulations to Jeremy. All of us in the church family wish him success and God's blessings on this wonderful endeavor.

Noni Wheeler

SPRC Chairperson



Trinity Team 200

Here's a THEN AND NOW observation.

Then: "There be a majority of the trustees appointed a committee of the said church to keep order in time of divine service." This is quoted from a list of rules and regulations passed in 1847 and included in a story of Trinity published in the local paper of March 17, 1939.



Now: Trustees are busy caring for our church building and its contents. Perhaps the ushers are feeling responsible for keeping order. If so, they must be doing an excellent job.

Other news: Many have contributed a recipe (or more) to be placed in the 200th birthday cookbook. They are telling us they will still accept a few recipes until the end of September. The group is planning to have copies of the cookbook available for purchase by November or December of 2027.

Does this give anyone ideas for Christmas gifts next year?

In the meantime, remember the words of our founder, John Wesley:

Do no harm.

Do good.

Stay in love with God.

Blessings,
Anne Cotton and Barb Brewer
Church Historians

Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale begins:

Thursday, Oct. 8th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10th 9:00 a.m. – noon.

Donate your unused treasures to the annual Fall Rummage Sale.

Donations will be accepted from Monday, 9/28 through Tuesday, 10/6.



We are in need of your help to price, set up, tear down and work the sale. Please let Nonnie Hamilton or Dave Knechtly know if you are able to help in anyway.

Luther and the Bible

Reformation Day is celebrated by many Protestant churches on October 31. It commemorates the Reformation and honors leaders such as Martin Luther, whose courage and conviction helped shape church history.



Luther's life was threatened because he spoke out against practices he believed did not reflect the true mission of the Church. Forced into hiding, he found refuge at Wartburg Castle as the guest of the ruler of Saxony.

While there, Luther took on an enormous task: translating the Bible from the original languages into German. This was no simple project. At the time, Germany was made up of many regional dialects, making communication difficult from one area to another.

Luther wanted ordinary people to clearly understand God's Word. To make sure his translation used everyday language, he is said to have listened carefully to common speech, even consulting the castle's butcher for familiar expressions and wording.

Luther's translation became a tremendous gift to the German people. Not only did it place Scripture into the hands of everyday readers, but the language he used also helped unify the many German dialects. In that sense, Martin Luther is often considered one of the fathers of the modern German language.



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Because of our Child Protection Policy, we need 2 people in the nursery during the Sunday school hour and during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please contact the church office if you are able to help during either of these times at trinityumc@redbird.net or 419-947-6040. There are also sign-up sheets in the nursery. Thanks to all those who volunteered in the nursery: Tom Cotton, Marlene Lancaster, Cheryl Young, Deb Knechtly and Theresa Walsh.

2026 Altar Flowers Sign up Calendar.

The Altar flower sign-up sheet for 2026 is hanging up and is located in the hall next to the workroom. Make sure you write who is purchasing the flowers and who they are "In Memory of" or "In Honor of". **The cost of the flowers is \$35.** Please mark "Altar Flowers" in memo line of your check made out to Trinity UMC. The church office orders flowers for anyone who has signed up the week before the Sunday they are for. **If you decide to get them yourself at another florist, please let the church office know in advance.** Thank you!



\$ REIMBURSEMENT VOUCHERS

If you make any authorized purchases for the church, please return the **original receipt** and a completed Voucher to the church office within **one month** of the purchase. This will insure that you receive your reimbursement on time and it also helps the church keep its accounts up to date and accurate. Blank Vouchers are available in the church office.



YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD,
I will be joyful
IN GOD MY SAVIOR.
HABAKKUK 3:18, NIV

SPECIAL EVENTS AND USE OF FACILITIES

We are fortunate to have a facility that is busy through the year. If you plan to hold a special event, work session or other function in the church, **please make sure to check availability of date and time with the church office** as far in advance as possible. A Building Use form may need to be completed and returned for approval and signature by the Trustee Committee. The forms are available in the church office or may be emailed by the office at your request. Your cooperation in this process helps everyone coordinate use of the facility. Thank you!



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Trinity is part of the Kroger Community Rewards program. Just by using your Kroger plus card when you shop at Kroger, they will make a donation to our church. Our most recent check was **\$114.76**. To sign up go online at www.kroger.com/community and register your Kroger Plus Card. You will need to enter Trinity's number **#RH570** and your email address.

Thank you for supporting this program and Trinity UMC!



BE *patient*
AND
stand firm,
BECAUSE THE LORD'S
COMING IS NEAR.
JAMES 5:8, NIV

GOD'S SERVANTS – October 2026



October 2026	10:00 am Greeters	10:00 am Call to Worship Readers	10:00 am Scripture Readers
4	Allen & Alberta Stojkovic	Robin Brucker	Robin Brucker
11	Dave & Laura Burrus	Vince Brown	Marilyn Dabney
18	Mike & Marlene Lancaster	Nancy Reed	Joel Seckel
25	Jill Richardson & Mary Hill	Jim Patterson	Cheryl Young

October 2026	10:00 am Nursery Volunteers	Altar Flowers (\$35.00)
4	Volunteers Needed	Theresa Walsh
11	Volunteers Needed	Dennis Richardson
18	Volunteers Needed	Vince Brown
25	Volunteers Needed	Greg & Rona Young & Bruce and Cheryl Young



Dear friend, God may send you some valuable gifts wrapped in unattractive paper. But do not worry about the wrappings, for you can be sure that inside he has hidden treasures of love, kindness and wisdom. If we will simply take what he sends and trust him for the blessings inside, we will learn the meaning of the secrets of his providence, even in times of darkness.

~ A.B. Simpson

10:00 am Ushers: Dennis Richardson, Denny Hill, Glenn Hayes



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