

## Trinity United Methodist Church

Worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

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## Trinity Tidings



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October/November 2023

Grace & Peace to you from our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ:

The Message Bible translation puts the Apostle Paul's words in Romans 14:2-4 this way: *"For instance, a person who has been around for a while might well be convinced that he can eat anything on the table, while another, with a different background, might assume he should only be a vegetarian and eat accordingly. But since both are guests at Christ's table, wouldn't it be terribly rude if they fell to criticizing what the other ate or didn't eat? God, after all, invited them both to the table. Do you have any business crossing people off the guest list or interfering with God's welcome? If there are corrections to be made or manners to be learned, God can handle that without your help."*

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup> we are going to explore the three General Rules John Wesley had for his Methodist Societies. In 2007, Bishop Rueben P. Job wrote a little book called Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living. Our three messages for the second half of October will be based on his work. In the final paragraph of the preface, Job writes *"This way of living was given to John Wesley in a time much like our own. He took this blueprint, fleshed it out, taught it, and practiced it."* I believe that in a world that can feel like it is in chaos and spinning out of control, these simple rules for living continue to be a guidepost for our we should walk with Christ & others in this life.

In the Apostle Paul's time, there appears to have been a deep argument about what different specific rules people had to follow. What are the proper dietary restrictions for Christians? Paul states that these specific, legalistic rules are not needed for followers of Christ. If some believe in eating anything, great. If some believe in eating only vegetables, awesome. No one should pass judgement either way. Instead, live to the Lord and die

to the Lord. Wesley's rules get to the heart of how we should live. Not as ones deciding who gets to be at the table of God but instead as ones who seek to do no harm, do good and stay in love with our Creator. In this way, we do not pass judgement on our sister or brother but instead, hold ourselves "accountable to God." (Romans 14:12b NRSV)

As one looking forward to our welcoming journey with Christ this October  
~ Pastor Ryan



**OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Linda Acker, Roger and Kay Bowser, Tanna Byler, Steve Chelobovic, Lorie Davis, Bud Evans, Doris Ferry, Mike Galbraith, Ione Hammaker, Jeff Hetrick, Jeanie Hopf, Norm Hostetter, Ruth Imler, Pastor Evie Madison, Barbara Mingle, Bob & Doris Musselman, Barry & Connie Musselman, Dee Rodland, Gary Shank, Katlyn Wren Somogyi, Bob & Dorothy VanNatta, Claudia Weise

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**Charge Conference**

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

TUMC Sanctuary

\*Everyone is welcome to attend.

\*ALL members have a voice and a vote.



**Anniversaries:**  
**October**  
No Anniversaries

**November**  
17. Don & Amy Knisely

**Birthdates:**  
**October**  
1. Alexia Finochio  
4. Neil Gartland  
7. Barb Edmundson  
8. Jeanne Evans  
17. Kate Muthler  
18. Rebekah Dick, Tanner Ebersole  
22. Judy Bowers  
23. Macie Smith  
25. Jacob Muthler

**November**  
5. Ruth Adams  
9. Melanie Goins

Please let Lisa know when your anniversary or birthdate is or if your information is incorrect so she can update her files.

Email: [tumcsecretary@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:tumcsecretary@atlanticbbn.net) or Call: (814)224-2815 ext. 102



### LADIES COFFEE & CONVERSATION

(WILL MEET EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY AT 9:30 AM.)

OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT THE VAULT IN ROARING SPRING

WE ARE INVITING ALL THE WOMEN OF TUMC TO JOIN US.

The Women's Fellowship Picnic/Auction was well attended this year despite the cold & rain. 12 ladies raised \$704 to donate to a charity of their choice. We hope that you can join us at the next women's fellowship meeting on October 3 at 6:00.

Men's Fellowship will be meeting October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. All men of TUMC are welcome.

\*Your spouse is invited to join also.



### Join the Prayer Chain Group

No need to make any calls

No special talents needed

You only need to pray!

If you would like to be added to our prayer group, simply call the church office (814)224-2815 and

Lisa will add you to the list.

If you would like us to pray for someone please call our coordinator, Sally Weicht at (814)224-4774.

### World Communion Sunday

**Sunday, October 1:** World Communion Sunday Theme with focus on the Church Universal & Our Work at Trinity UMC (Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 & Philippians 2:1-13)

Launching point for October 1, 2023 Sermon from

"This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion":

"Holy Communion is the communion of the church—the gathered community of the faithful, both local and universal. While deeply meaningful to the individuals participating, the sacrament is much more than a personal event. The first person pronouns throughout the ritual are consistently plural—we, us, our. First Corinthians 10:17 explains that 'because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.' 'A Service of Word and Table I' uses this text as an explicit statement of Christian unity in the body of Christ (UMH; page 11). The sharing and bonding experienced at the Table exemplify the nature of the church and model the world as God would have it be."



### October 2023 Sermon Topics

**Sunday, October 8:** Rev. Charles Baughman preaching

**Sunday, October 15:** Three Simple Rules ~ "Do No Harm"

(Matthew 21:33-46 & Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20)

**Sunday, October 22:** Three Simple Rules ~ "Do Good"

(Matthew 22:15-22 & 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)

**Sunday, October 29:** Three Simple Rules ~ "Stay in Love With God"

(Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Matthew 22:34-46)

## A Time for the Young at Heart Presenter in Worship Oct. & Nov. 2023 Schedule

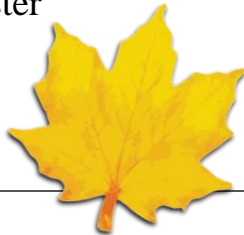


Oct 8: Doug Mingle  
Oct 15: Kate Muthler  
Oct 22: Pastor Ryan  
Oct 29: Misty Gephart  
Nov 5: Doug Mingle  
Nov 12: Pastor Ryan  
Nov 19: Kate Muthler  
Nov 26: Pastor Ryan

\*If you would like to be added to this list let Pastor Ryan or Kate Muthler know.

### 2023/2024 Trinity Tidings Newsletter

Dec/Jan: Advent/Christmas/New Year/Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord  
Feb/Mar: Ash Wed/Lent/Palm Sunday/Holy Week/Easter  
Apr/May: Spring/Ascension/Confirmation/Pentecost  
June/July: Summer/Summer Lunch  
Aug/Sep: End of Summer/Beginning of School Year



### Pastor's Bible Study – Wednesdays @ 10:30am

Fall/Winter 2023

Wednesday, October 4: Ruth Chapter 3  
Wednesday, October 11: Ruth Chapter 4  
Wednesday, October 25: James Chapter 1  
Wednesday, November 1: James Chapter 2  
Wednesday, November 22: James Chapter 3  
Wednesday, November 29: James Chapter 4  
Wednesday, December 6: James Chapter 5  
Wednesday, December 13: Christmas Story  
All are welcome to attend!



### Youth Sunday School 2023-2024

Meeting Every Sunday at 10:45am

(No Sunday School December 24 & 31, 2023 and March 24 & 31, 2024)

### Confirmation Class

Class will meet in October on the 1st & the 22nd and November 12th  
from 5pm to 7pm with dinner as part of the lesson time.

### Angel Tree 2023

Our phone registration will begin October 23rd. If you know of a family in the Spring Cove, Williamsburg, Northern Bedford or Claysburg School District that is need of help with Christmas gifts for children ages 0-18, please have them call 224-2815 Ext. 102. The last day to register will be November 20th. (No calls will be taken after the set date)

The Angels will appear on the tree at the Roaring Spring True Value Store the week of Thanksgiving. We ask that members of the church & the community stop in and pick an angel from the tree. We ask that you buy 3 gifts on the Angel's list and return the items to the store by December 9th. We will then distribute gifts to the parents on December 14th from 6-7 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church.

### Thanksgiving Meal: Thursday, November 23

11:00 – 1:00

We need all hands on deck to prepare for this feast. We will need to prepare the pies and stuffing balls before Thanksgiving Day. Volunteers will be needed the morning of to prep, cook, serve, and clean.

\*Be sure to watch for the list to donate items for this great event.





### Children & Youth Sunday School for December 2023

Children & Youth will join for Sunday School in December as we learn together the “Ridiculously Interesting Christmas Lessons” while practicing for our Christmas Pageant which will be part of our December 24, 2023 9:30am Worship Service (Christmas Eve Morning). Pastor Ryan, Amy Knisely, Luke Knisely, Lainie Heuston and others including our Youth Sunday School helpers (Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Dusty Bassler; Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: Kelly Bassler; Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: Scott Muthler) will be leading the Children & Youth in lesson time followed by rehearsal for the pageant from 10:45am to 11:45am.

Additionally, on Wednesday, December 27 we will have a Christmas Bible School (CBS) from 10am to Noon. Pastor Ryan & Amy Knisely will be leading and we are looking for other helpers including youth & young adults. This will be Trinity UMC’s version of Vacation Bible School for 2023. After CBS ~ all children, families, community members, church members, church friends and everyone else are invited to our annual Christmas Dinner from Noon to 1pm in the Church Fellowship Hall.

**Please be in prayerful consideration if you feel called to help in December with Children & Youth Sunday School, the Christmas Pageant and/or the Christmas Bible School (CBS).**

There will not be Sunday School on Sundays, December 24 & 31: Christmas Eve & New Year’s Eve



### Children & Youth Christmas Pageant for December 2023

The Children & Youth Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, December 24, 2023 as part of the morning worship at 9:30am which will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent plus a Christmas Eve Birthday Party for Jesus. The traditional Christmas Eve Service will be in the evening at 7pm with lessons, carols, choir, message, communion & “Silent Night” candle lighting. ***Please make plans to be at both of our Christmas Eve Services at 9:30am & 7pm on Sunday, December 24, 2023.***