



## **TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE SEPTEMBER MESSENGER**

### **FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Friends,

The excitement of the fall season awaits us as we anticipate the starting of school, the big football games, and the many activities which have been dormant during the last few months.

This is the time we should also be enthused by the resumption of our regular programs in the church. I believe that this year can be a time of growth and excitement in our experience. I expect that our church school, worship attendance, and membership will all increase in the coming months. I have great hopes that there will be growth in the quality of our fellowship we experience and a deepening of our faith and religious convictions.

If these hopes are to be realized, it will be because you made an effort to be an effective witness to our Christian faith. Christ is calling us to be responsive to the needs that surround us. We must reach out to others, sharing the good news of our faith. If each member is willing to pull his or her share of the load, we will experience growth and a deepening of our faith.

Let us make the month of September the starting point for getting our church moving. Consider again in these days of August the vows that you took when you joined the church: "Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service? Faithfulness to this vow means much more than merely attending worship or giving your gifts. When you joined the church you promised that you would give of your time, and prayerfully support the work of the church in addition to doing your part to support it.

We need you in the Choirs! Our Education Work Area needs teachers and faithful attendance! Our Bible Studies need new people to attend and encourage the faithful. Your Lay Membership Committee seeks your prayerful participation in filling the offices of administration and leadership. Finally, we need your neighbors and friends! Only YOU can invite and get them here!

We encourage you to make our church a vital tool for evangelizing Lapeer and sharing Good News around the world. SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

Ralph Pieper

**Church Conference is scheduled for September 14 at 7:00 P.M.!**

All members of the church are invited to attend as we receive reports for 2010 with the District Superintendent leading the meeting. If you have responsibility for a report please have it in the office by August 30.

**LAY LEADERSHIP NEWS**

The Lay Leadership Committee has posted announcements requesting officers to call the office or contact Gale Waun if they do not wish to continue in their present offices for 2011. Those serving on SPRC, and Lay Leadership Committee cannot continue in their positions for another three year term, but all other committee members whose term expires this year will be asked to continue their service unless they call to request a change. Thanks for your service and contributions!  
The Lay Leadership Committee

**MEMBERSHIP CLASSES**

Our fall Membership Class Opportunity will begin on September 12 with an opportunity for interested persons to ask questions during the Sunday school hour in Rev. Pieper's office and determine whether or not they want to continue the class for the remaining 8 weeks.

If you don't have questions and want to take the class you may simply call the office and RSVP for the class that will begin on September 19 during the Sunday School hour in the Church Office Conference Room. If you can't be present for every Sunday you can still join provided you are willing to review the materials and share in a majority of the sessions.

**DO YOU EVER NEED SPIRITUAL "PICK-ME-UP" REFRESHMENT?**

Well, you might try a  $\frac{3}{4}$  Cup (45 minutes) of *Thursday Night Alive*. Each Thursday evening at 6:45 p.m. served in the Chapel at Trinity. The healthy organic ingredients are, singing, sharing, and praying. The main effervescent ingredient is the presence of the **Holy Spirit**.

All who attend will share the recipe for this mid-week spiritual drink.

Hopefully, you will partake Thursday nights at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel. Come and join in for this **Happy (3/4) Hour!** September's topic will be "What's Your Line?" (stories of connections to Christ)  
Try it. You'll like it! It's the **Real** Thing!

### **175th Anniversary Request for Your Participation!**

We will have devotional booklets for each family for Lent and Advent that will be from you. These do not have to be based on a specific verse; you choose a verse. So, please begin writing one or more or send us one you have used at a meeting. Send it to Judy Best either in my church mailbox or email [judybest44@yahoo.com](mailto:judybest44@yahoo.com)

### **175th Anniversary Celebration Memo:**

We plan to honor those who have been members for 50 years or more. We have identified the following people so far. Please review our list, and if you know of someone else that has been a member for 50 or more years, please contact the Church Office at 810-664-9941 ext. 101 between 9AM and 3PM. Monday through Thursday.

Donald Ahrens	Eiske Graham	Betty McPherson	Lyle Williams
Phyllis Ahrens	Gerald Gross	Marie Nolan	Verna Valley
Sybil Behnke	Emily Henderson	Eileen Phillips	Gordon Slater
Patricia Brown	James Jessop	Susan Reamer	Dean Ruddock
Robert J. Brown	Lorraine Jessop	Zola Reamer	Margaret Ruddock
Joyce Carr	Beverly Kelly	Robert Rees	Glee Chown
Carol Cliff	William Kelly	Alice Leonard	Mary Bell Gerlach
Jean McEachern	Rodney McEachern	Pearl Gillett	

### **TRUSTEES NEWS**

Our (very) old dishwasher in the kitchen is about to be replaced. Also, we will be bringing our kitchen up to code with the purchase of a three-basin stainless steel sink. We hope to have both of these items installed before the next issue of *The Messenger*.



Mary Kreiner, a member of our church who passed away some time ago, willed the church her modest home at 1226 Pine Street in Lapeer. The home is now for sale. It is listed with Jeanne McCorkle at Exit Realty Group. This is a one-bedroom home with a relatively new roof and furnace. If you know of anyone who might be interested in looking at this residence, call Jeanne at 810-245-2600 for further information. We certainly appreciate Mary Kreiner for thinking of her church.

Submitted by Don Morris (664-0175)

## HEALTH MINISTRIES NEWS

By the time you receive this issue of the Messenger, two-thirds of summer will be over. However, we still have time to enjoy the cooler days and nights of the winding down period. Sometimes, this can be the best part of this season. However you choose to enjoy it, we need to rethink, review, reflect and plan for the months ahead. God has a plan for each of us and we need to prepare ourselves to fulfill His purpose.



In order to help us with this task, I would like to ask that each of us review the following prayer, (everyday would be nice). It was written by an anonymous Parish Nurse from the International Parish Nurse Resource Center to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the months ahead (good mental health).

***"Lord, save me from myself this summer, from the projects that I believe I could do. Let me experience my family, my friends, and the wondrous world around me. There is much to be done, so little time, and yet, what is important is now, only now.***

***Let us learn the peace of coexistence from what we see in nature – maple next to pine, moss next to water.... Let us listen for your voice – the still, small, quiet voice of rest and calm.***

***Lord, save us from ourselves, and help us follow in your paths. May this summer time be a time of healing and wholeness, even as we remember our neighbors to the south for whom these months are winter. Be with us in all our seasons, keeping us cool and calm, helping us reach out to others in healing love.***

***In your Blessed Name we pray.  
Amen."***

Health Ministries are planning activities for this fall. Please check the bulletin board by the Library for the following sessions.

1. Flu clinics
2. CPR/AED certification classes.
3. Mental Health /Suicide prevention seminars.
4. New/emerging diseases and what to do about them.

In closing, may your heart and mind be filled with peace, joy and love. Remember to F.R.O.G., and until we meet again, God Bless.

## **CHANCEL CHOIR IS COMING**

### **SING TO THE LORD**

Chancel Choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are always looking for new members! Please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry of our church. Contact Cheryl Burnside at 664-1565 or [cburnside@charter.net](mailto:cburnside@charter.net) if you have questions.

### **BELL CHOIR NEWS**

Bell ringers needed! Right now we don't have enough ringers to have a Bell Choir. We'd really like to continue this musical ministry but can't do it with less than a full choir. Requirements for playing are that you can read music, practice one hour every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m., and play at both services one Sunday each month Sept.-May (last year we had the fourth Sunday the month). I won't hesitate to say that it really is quite a commitment because we can't rehearse or play on a Sunday without every position filled, but the rewards of playing are worth any effort you have to make. If you are interested contact Carolyn Elzerman either in person or by phone. The first practice will be September 7 at seven o'clock in the sanctuary.

### **IT'S JOYSOUND TIME**

Ladies, summer is about gone, and the music programs here at Trinity are starting up again. Have you thought about giving Joysound a try? One hour each week of music and fellowship, and you sing one Sunday a month. That's it! We are all very busy women, but can you take the time to share the talent God has given you? Rehearsals will be starting September 2. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Betty Smith at 810-688-3415

## **TRINITY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Attending the Annual UMW picnic were 34 women. The fellowship was, as always, a great experience. Dr. Nancy Brinker was the guest speaker and shared an update of "Loving Hands", the expansion of the volunteer involvement and the outreach of the program. Many lives have been blessed by the work of this very worthwhile mission. Darlene Rapley again was most hospitable in making the ladies welcome at her lovely home and gardens.

As it has been previously reported, the June "Market Place for Mission" rummage sale was again, a success. Over \$ 3,000 was profited and many contributions and volunteer workers were reasons for making it successful. Look for further information regarding the next sale planned for October, 2010. The contributions to various missions will be decided and voted on by the UMW Unit members at the September 13, meeting. A list will be posted on the kiosk.

Our next unit meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm. in the North Parlor. Mrs. Betty McCauley will be our guest speaker and will give a presentation on Lapeer's Chatfield School. It promises to be a most informative evening. Hopefully YOU will be able to attend and make the evening more complete!

The following schedule of Unit Meetings are listed for the remainder of the year:

September 13	Chatfield School presentation by Betty McCauley
October 11	World Thank Offering conducted by the Spiritual Growth Chairperson: Doris Gross
November 8	Habitat For Humanity- presenter to be announced
December 13	Christmas Program by Elda Augustine & Janet Fredrikson Gifts will be given to LACADA

All unit meetings are held in the North Parlor the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. All women are welcome.

\* Look for continued information in Sunday bulletins each week.  
 \*\* For those who may require a baby sitter in order to attend a meeting, please phone Joanne Ramsey, 245-1860 and we will try to make accommodations.

***OTHER 2010 ACTIVITES:***

September 11	District Prayer Breakfast at the First UMC in Bad Axe
October 9	District Annual Meeting at Pt. Huron First UMC
October 23	Detroit Conference UMW Annual Meeting at St. Matthews UMC, Livonia

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST MEN**

Will not meet in September, due to Labor Day weekend, but will begin regular "first Monday meetings" on October 4, at the Farm House restaurant at 6:30 p.m. By the time you read this, our August 30th Steak Fry at the church will be a "pleasant memory"----mmmm good !! Hope you were there.

# SAVE THE DATE!

Leadership Training Day  
Zone 7 of Port Huron District  
Saturday October 2, 2010  
9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
At Thomas UMC in Oxford, MI

## Schedule:

9:00 - Registration/Breakfast

9:30 - 10:05 Opening/Worship

10:05 - 10:15 break

### **10:15 - 11:05 Workshop #1:**

\*Trustees

\*Committee on Nominations & Leadership Development

\*SPPRC

11:05 - 11:15 Break

### **11:15 - 12:15 Workshop #2:**

\*Lay Leader/Lay Member of Annual Conference

\*Finance Committee

\*SPPRC

12:15 - Closing Prayers in Workshops

## Goals:

Utilize and maximize our valuable time together. Provide practical, usable, understandable information and take-with resources.

Practice radical hospitality.

**Site:** Thomas UMC  
504 First St  
Oxford, MI 48371  
248-628-7136

**Cost:** Love Offering (The UMW at Thomas UMC will serve the refreshments and receive the offering for a mission of their choice.)

### **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY**

Starting September 16th, on Thursday evenings, in Room 202, we will be doing a Bible Study from Max Lucado's, "Experiencing the Words of Jesus." We meet at 7:00 p.m. and leave by 8:00 p.m. We use a workbook to keep us on target. For further information, please call Vivian DeRiemaker at 810-688-2340.

### **YOUTH NEWS**

Well, hello. It's Creg with an update from the youth. We have had a wonderful summer. Thanks to your support, we were able to make it to Nashville, Tennessee for our mission trip. We worked in homeless shelters, youth centers, food banks, and other various service shelters. The need for volunteers was enormous with there being 3500 people sleeping on the streets of the city nightly. The kids and I were affected in many ways. It was an awesome experience to be able to help God's people. He tells us that whatever we do unto the least of His people we do unto Him. So, we were able to follow His example and worship Him in the same action. He is truly awesome!!

In August we were able to have a lake party at the Daveluy's home on Lake Lapeer. Thank you for opening your home to the youth. It is great to see the congregation open to the youth. I think that is the most important thing we could all try to do, be one family in Christ. Together we will be stronger in Christ and be able to carry each other in times of weakness. Wouldn't it be great to know that we are all pulling for one another? Sometimes the kids forget that they can be a very important piece of the body of the church. But they will keep on doing all that we ask them to. We also went to Cedar Point on the 18<sup>th</sup>. What a blast. Keeping up with these kids is really quite fun. All in all it was an excellent balance of work and fun over the summer, and I think that the kids are learning that real Christians live in the real world. With your help I am sure that these kids will be able to feel that God is a relationship not a tool to be used only in times of need.

In the fall the church will be starting up a new program. We will be having a 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth group separate from the senior high kids. We will be doing mostly separate activities, but on occasion we will be together. This will be exciting. They will both be meeting on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The Wednesday night activity will be learning the Word in the Bible, with the Sunday activities putting the Word into action. My wife, Ann, will be running the Wednesday night classes and various parents of the kids have volunteered to help with Sundays. If you are interested in helping with either the junior or senior high youth, please let me know. We are in need of volunteers!! I am sure that every one of you have a skill or life skill that could be helpful to these kids.

Thanks for taking time to look into the goings-on of the youth. We really appreciate the support we get from all of you all year long.  
Creg

## **GOOD NEWS**

### **VBS**

VBS has come and gone again for this summer. We used the Sports-Life Camp program again this year, and it was a GREAT success!

**Sixty-six children participated in a fun, exciting, and action-packed week.** Thanks to all of the volunteers that made VBS such a huge success!

Next year we are thinking about doing an all day camp. If you have any pros or cons regarding an all day camp, please contact Debbie Muldoon.

## **GOOD NEWS**

### **BAY SHORE CAMP**

Yahoo! Yippee! Yes! Yes! Yes!

Praise the Lord!

**Trinity United Methodist Congregation you are the best!**

**We sent 36 children to Bay Shore Camp this summer!**

Is there any doubt? None what so ever! The Lord is working right here at Trinity!

## **GOOD NEWS**

### **ROBOTICS TEAM**

Trinity United Methodist Church Robotics Team

***"Minds over Matter"***

Lapeer Optimists are our Sponsors this year!

Our team is gearing up for the upcoming season.

Tournament times and information will be posted as soon as available.

**GO TEAM, GO!**

## **GOOD NEWS**

**KIDS, A NEW WEDNESDAY PROGRAM IS COMING SOON!**

Are you **READY?** Are you all **SET** for the fun? The **ACTION** is about to begin!

**WATCH FOR THE FLYER!**



### **KIDS SPEAK FROM THEIR HEARTS**

Candid Interviews with Sunday School Children

August 8, 2010

Problem: Where are the teachers?

Question: First, imagine yourself standing in front of the Church. Now, how would you ask the members to volunteer to teach you about Jesus at Sunday school and at the Wednesday Night program?

"I really want to learn about Jesus. Could you please help me?"

Josh June – age 6

"I love Jesus! If you know about Jesus, you would want to teach me about Jesus."

Parker Ward - age 4

"Will you please help teach us about Jesus?"

Payton Ward – age 6

"Can you please help us learn about Jesus?"

Cynthia Slater – age 6

"My Church needs some helpers! If you could, could you please come and help?"

Kaleb June – age 7

"Can you please help me learn about Jesus?"

Anna Veres – age 7

***Please volunteer! The children need teachers on Sunday and on Wednesday Night!***

***Please call Debbie Muldoon to volunteer – 810-577-4191***

*Notes from the Church Office:*

Please be aware that some groups will need to fill out new 'building use' forms as we begin a new season in the life of the church. Announcements are being made of upcoming activities and there is no building use form(s) on file in the office.



Many groups completed their meetings in May and therefore need to reinitiate their use of the building. By filling out a 'building use' form it does more than ensure your use of a particular room; the form also places your activity on the church's on-line calendar and will spark an awareness for the weekly bulletin calendar of activity.

Help us help YOU and others keep informed!

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