

THE MESSENGER

Trinity United Methodist Church, Lapeer

September 2023

THE LOBBSTER TALE

September is the month in which I was born, and a month in which schools often begin. Growing up in Saginaw, school always began on the day after Labor Day. My birthday was in the week after Labor Day, so guess what I received for birthday presents? School clothes! Boring. As I grew older, I realized that it was a very practical thing to do.

Going back to school on the first day never provided the same excitement as did the last day of school for Summer Break. However, the beginning of a new school year brings a sense of normalcy and a familiar rhythm in our daily schedules at home, at school... and at church.

Many of us have taken vacation days during the last three months. Many of us have not been in worship as much because of that. September provides the chance for us to get back "in the groove."

As you read through this newsletter, you will see many activities for you and/or your family to be involved = a steak dinner sponsored by the men, a Sunday night concert, a Benefit Auction, youth group meetings, Sunday School classes, MOPS, Kid's Street, Handbells, Choir, Sunday Worship at 8:45 & 11:00 am... and the list goes on!

This pastor would love to receive a special and practical birthday gift from each of you = to see you in attendance and participating in many of these events... especially Sunday Morning Worship!!

This year, my birthday is five days after Labor Day on September 9. I have always liked the fact that my birth date has a fun ring to it = 9-9-59. There will be another "birth" day on January 1, 2024. It is the day that our congregation will become a member church with the Global Methodist Denomination and be officially known as Trinity Methodist Church.

May God continue to guide us and fill us with the Holy Spirit as we strive to live for Jesus Christ.

See you in church!

Pastor Grant



The youth had a great summer. There were bonfires, open houses, and a fantastic mission trip to end the year. Now they are ready to start a new year on September 6. That will be the first night of youth. At 6 pm there will be dinner followed by a small group discussion about Jesus and his grace. Hopefully you can attend, or send your youth. Either way, we will start on a course together, taking adventures such as retreats, trips, scavenger hunts, dramas, that end next summer with another great mission trip. All the while, building a relationship with Jesus that is real, honest, and strong!

If you know anyone that wants to attend, they are always welcome. So please, pray and support our youth as they complete a year of growth.

Have a Great Day

Creg June, Youth Director



Unfortunately, it is getting to be that time when we need to start thinking about summer ending and fall beginning. But, on the bright side this means that our fall programs will be starting. We are in need of some Sunday school teachers and some volunteers for the Wednesday programs, which includes both the after-school program and the evening program. We just finished up our Bay Shore on the Road camp which was a great success. The team from Bay Shore, which was lead by Noah June, did an awesome job and everyone had a great time. We had 43 kids enrolled and several volunteers. A big thank you to Sherry Wilcox and Connie June for helping supply the food it was greatly appreciated. A BIG thank you to all the volunteers!

Debbie Muldoon, Christian Education Director

August was a time of getting children ready for school. Clothes shopping, back pack filling, updating immunizations and getting sports physicals. Now that school has started, we want to remind parents about an area often overlooked, eye health.

Strabismus is a condition of eye muscle imbalance. It takes many forms and can be obvious or completely unnoticeable. A young child who “gets cross eyed when tired”, or has a “wandering eye” needs to have an evaluation. An older child who knows how to read but “hates it”, should be evaluated. Often these children can bring their eyes into focus for a paragraph or two, but as the eye muscles tire they skip lines or miss words and just feel uncomfortable. A child that leans very close to their book or paper may also have an eye problem. Listen to a teacher who may spot a potential problem parents would not be aware of.

Dyslexia is a condition where the brain struggles to correctly interpret what the eye sees. These children will have trouble learning to read, may write numbers and letters backward and may be awkward at crossing the midline of their body (they spill their milk a lot).

Both of these conditions can be helped, and the sooner they are diagnosed the better the outcome. It is fine to start out an evaluation with an optometrist, but be sure you explain your concerns so they can do specific testing. If more testing or treatment is needed they can give recommendations. Don't wait on these symptoms to because they won't “work themselves out”. Removing this barrier to learning and school success will pay lasting lifetime rewards.





Monday, September 11, 2023
6pm at "The McAlpine Home"
1515 Haines Road

Please sign up in the Church Lobby

Contact Chuck Bennett with questions

810-577-1852

Sponsored by Trinity Methodist Men—**EVERYONE invited!!**

Bring a dish to pass and maybe a lawn chair!



TRINITY CHRISTIAN WOMEN

We are looking forward to fall and getting back into meeting on a more regular basis. We have some exciting events planned for all women of the church. Please consider joining!

September 11th @ 6:00 p.m. Steak Fry sponsored by the Men's group at McAlpines

October 9th @ 1:00 p.m. Elder Law Program with Jennifer Ackroyd-Fabris—North Parlor

November 19th—Bake Sale following both services (donations needed)
money raised for our mission programs

December 11th @ 1:00 p.m. Christmas Luncheon—Parsonage



GREETING CARD RECYCLING

Are you looking to try something new this fall? Something to use your talents, share in fellowship and know that time spent will be "money for missions?" We really need you! We help each other, so don't feel you need to be real creative, just give it a try. You might surprise yourself.

We continue to accept used Thanksgiving, Valentine and Easter cards, but have enough of the other holiday cards. Just a reminder—please DO NOT cut out anything on the cards you give us. We will be sure to cover anything personal.

We meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the North Parlor. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please call Shirley T at (810)-969-4161.



MOPS at Trinity Church kicked off our year with a fun summer event at Torzewski water park in August - All the moms and kids loved it! MOMCON, which is a huge event hosted by MOPS International, and welcomes moms from all over the world, is in Chicago this year, and many of our ladies are able to attend this great event, September 7-10! Please pray for safe travels.

MOPS leadership is excited to launch another year at Trinity, packed with fun, support, and encouraging faith in Jesus. Our meetings start in September, and we have already filled all available spots with returning and new moms, who are ready to enjoy all that MOPS has to offer! However, our group is currently IN NEED of trustworthy caregivers for the children, since we are overflowing this year! The Caregiver's role is to watch over the MOPS Kids and assist the room leader in doing activities to teach the children Bible stories while the moms enjoy prayerful fellowship and bonding with other moms. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to volunteer your time to this very worthy and rewarding cause, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, or can even help as an occasional substitute, please contact Barb Coon at (810) 265-3366.

Our Mops leadership team is also happy to share they were able to secure a large donation of over 400 dental items for the Personal Needs Pantry. This generous donation was courtesy of Lapeer Dental Centre.

Katie Burd
Trinity MOPS Publicity

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Great Reads @ Trinity by Jean Best

September's book is entitled *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, and if that title alone isn't enough to pique your interest, I'll give you a little more information while trying not to spoil any surprises.

As a history buff, I particularly enjoy reading about the World War II era. This book explores some situations that were new to me and were certainly presented in a different style than you find in most historical novels. You see, the plot in this book is in the form of a series of letters written by all the characters involved in the story. It is set on the island of Guernsey which is located in the English Channel between England and France but closer to France.

As the book begins it is 1946 and Londoners like Juliet Ashton are trying to find normal in a city that was decimated by Nazi bombs. Juliet is a successful writer who has no idea where to go with her next book until she gets a letter in the mail from a stranger named Dawsey Adams who lives on Guernsey. Juliet writes back to him and one-by-one through a series of letters that fills the rest of the book, she meets the members of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society who all experienced the Nazi occupation of their island in their own way. Their stories are amazing, surprising, touching and often very funny.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

09/01 Angie Blackmer
 09/02 Michelle Gormley
 09/06 Laurene Baldwin
 09/06 Andrew Barnard
 09/06 Joann Running
 09/07 Susan Allen
 09/08 Judith Markwart
 09/08 David Reed
 09/09 Grant Lobb
 09/10 Alannah Terrell
 09/10 Kelly Camp
 09/10 Stephen Elzerman
 09/10 Alexis Kigar
 09/16 Elda Augustine
 09/18 Linda Hess
 09/18 Jack Vangel
 09/20 David Wenzel
 09/20 Hewitt Wolfe
 09/21 Sarah Shelton
 09/22 Jennifer Hoeft
 09/24 Gayla Lechner
 09/24 Dale Ward
 09/25 Carl Gillies
 09/25 Steve VanWagoner
 09/26 Gary Jones
 09/29 Makayla McRorie
 09/30 Margaret Hable
 09/30 Lorraine Jessop
 09/30 Megan Muldoon
 09/30 Pat Schlaud
 09/30 Carl Siivola

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

09/05 Jason & Jennifer Hoeft
 09/10 Fred & Linda McAlpine
 09/10 Ryan & Kelly Vangel
 09/11 Bruce and Rev. Gloria Cox
 09/13 Derek & Natalie Morey
 09/16 Larry & Nancy Lamphere
 09/16 Carolyn & Ronald Starking
 09/18 Kim & Nancy Schoepach
 09/20 Tom & Megan Muldoon
 09/21 Tom & Vivian DeRiemaker
 09/21 Dale & Diane June
 09/21 Ken & Phyllis Pike
 09/22 Art & Laurene Baldwin



Performing in concert at Trinity
 on Sunday, September 17th at
 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All
 are invited to join us!

A free will offering will be taken!



50 Year Members of Trinity!!

On September 24th, we will have the pleasure of honoring two members of our church family who have completed 50 continuous years as members here at Trinity.

They are: Nancy and Gordon Bade

Take a moment after the service to congratulate them.

Jim Ruehl, Church Historian

BENEFIT AUCTION

September 23, 2023

Trinity United Methodist Church



Catered Dinner &
Silent Auction @ 5:30 p.m.



Professional Live Auction @ 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the Church Office. Deadline is September 10th.

We need donation items!!

Gift certificates, new items, services, antiques,
jewelry, hand crafted items, etc.


Donation items are needed by September 15th.

*Proceeds will be used to continue the many ministries
that Trinity is engaged in and for future expenses.*

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Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 9 - 3 p.m.
September 3—Steve Waun

Preaching Schedule: September 10, 17, 24—Rev. Grant R. Lobb

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
3 10:00a Worship	4 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 4:00p Food for Families	5 9:00a TCW Executive Board 6:30p Trustees 6:30p Bell Choir	6 1:00p TCW Card Recycling 7:00p Choir Practice	7	1 10:00a In Stitches 10:00a Praise Moves	2
10 8:45a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship	11 10:00a Pantry Activities 4:00p Food for Families 6:00p TCM Steak Fry @ McAlpine's	12 10:00a MOPS Open House 6:30p Bell Choir	13 1:00p TCW Card Recycling 7:00p Choir Practice	14	8 10:00a In Stitches 10:00a Praise Moves	9 1:00p Arlene Smith Memorial
17 8:45a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 6:00p Thurston Concert	18 10:00a Pantry Activities 4:00p Food for Families 6:00p Finance Committee 7:00p Worship Committee	19 9:00a MOPS 6:30p Bell Choir	20 1:00p TCW Card Recycling 7:00p Choir Practice	21 10:00a American Red Cross Blood Drive	22 10:00a In Stitches 10:00a Praise Moves	23 Church Benefit Dinner & Auction
24 8:45a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship	25 10:00a Pantry Activities 4:00p Food for Families 7:00p Council on Ministries	26 10:00a Blankie Sewing Group 6:30p Bell Choir	27 1:00p TCW Card Recycling 3:30p Kids Street 5:45p Night Time @ Kids Street 6:00p Youth Group 7:00p Choir Practice	28	29 10:00a In Stitches 10:00a Praise Moves	30

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