

JUNE NEWSLETTER

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE: A BIG MONTH FOR METHODIST CHRISTIANS LOCALLY AND WORLD-WIDE

John Wesley's birthday celebration in Methodism is June 28. He was born in 1703, the 15th of 19 children (his mother, Susanna, was one incredible wife, mother and teacher).

Following in his father, Samuel's, footsteps, he became an ordained Anglican Priest. Early in his ministry he went to the English colony of Georgia in the Americas. His desire was to reach Native American tribes with the Good News of Jesus Christ but had little success.

Returning to England and having a life-changing experience of the Lord assuring him of his salvation, not because of works but because of faith, he set out preaching this--and it got him in trouble with the church hierarchy. Preaching salvation by faith in Jesus
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JUNE: A BIG MONTH

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and not by works through the church, seemed to undermine the authority of the church. Being barred from preaching in many churches, he followed George Whitfield's example of preaching in the fields, parks and common areas where people could gather—often numbering thousands.

There were protesters and hecklers (sometimes paid by those opposing him) including an incident where some paid scallywags tried to chase a bull into the crowd of listeners to break things up. The bull was less than cooperative as he didn't want to hurt people and eventually the crowd was able to send the bull and scallywags on their way. Makes Sunday worship at Trinity seem mighty tame haha!

Well, John joined the prayer/study group that brother Charles had started and the methodical way of living the Christian life became the movement of which we are a part. Annual Conference, our state-wide yearly gathering to pass church legislation/setting budgets and missional priorities, will run from June 11–14 in West Des Moines. Some items considered will affect our connections around the globe.

We will have confirmation and reception of new members on May 31st. June 14th will be our "Welcome Summer" TUM FUN celebration. We will have an omelet breakfast and activities. June 21 we will recognize fathers on Father's Day. Check the calendar for other events and mission opportunities. John Wesley was denied a church appointment so he claimed "Then I shall go to the world." I believe he also used the phrase that we so often hear: "The World is My Parish."

May it be that in all of the things we do in living out our faith in Jesus, we can claim not just Huxley, or Story County or Central Iowa, but indeed the "world is our parish," too.

Be Methodical!

Pastor Bobb





NOW COMMITTEE MINUTES

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED IN ANY WAY WITH THE GARAGE/BAKE SALE, LUNCH ON MAY 9TH. WE WILL BE SUPPORTING THE SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE 5X MATCH WITH OUR SOLAR KIT HEIFER PROJECT, AND COVERING EXPENSES FOR THE 50TH CELEBRATION IN SEPTEMBER.

Also, expressing thanks for all the donations to the Huxley First Responders Mission Project. Your generosity was greatly appreciated by them.

- June 14th will be our rescheduled "Welcome Summer" TUM FUN celebration. We will have an omelet breakfast and activities.
- Our Noisy Offering and Brown Bag collections will take place on June 21st. Our new Heifer Project will be the Milk Menagerie. This project will provide two goats, a water buffalo and a heifer, plus farmers will also learn to care for the animals. Goal \$1,000.
- The selected Mission Focus for May/June is in support of the Charlie's Angels Cystic Fibrosis project to collect items for Blank Children's Hospital. **See below for list of items you can donate.
- Our June Social Dinner location will be at Casa Azteca in Huxley, at 6:00 pm on June 25th. You can sign-up at the church or send a note to the church office to add your name to the list. You are always welcome to join at the last minute as the list just gives us a general idea of how many to plan for.
- June 28th will be the next Did You Know Sunday. Let us know if there is something that should be announced.
- On-going projects: Plastic bag collection for sleeping mats, stuffed animals for the Huxley PD, Ballard school supplies, personal hygiene items for the Clothes Pantry, yarn for baby blankets and paper tubes (toilet paper/paper towels) for the Blank Park Zoo Trinity Kids Mission Project.
- We have resumed collecting cans and bottles. Thanks to everyone that saved them over the winter and especially to the crew that helped empty the trailer recently. 88 bags of cans/plastic bottles and several baskets of glass bottles were delivered. A camp scholarship is being provided to Josh Weber with some of the profits from this project.

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NOW COMMITTEE MINUTES CONTINUED

- Our July/early August Mission Focus will be school supplies. A list will be forthcoming.

**We will be collecting the following items in May and June which can be dropped off on the table outside of the Pastor's office.

- Art Supplies: colors, coloring books including teenage books, colored pencils, sketchpads, pencils
- Small Lego kits for boys and girls that can be put together and played with while in bed
- Books for all ages from board books to young adults
- Play dough and play dough sets
- UNO games and playing cards
- PJ's for boys and girls in all sizes. Prefer cotton for easier laundering.

**Because these items are going to a hospital they need to be new for disease and germ control.

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 13, 2026, COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

The Bake sale and Garage sale was a great success, and all the hard work and donations you each contributed is appreciated.

Pastor Bobb reported his son was commissioned as Pastor in his church in Minnesota. Pastor will meet with Michaela Craigmile regarding the CAT results. She will interpret those results with the Council and SPRC committee on May 21 st . June 7th the congregation will hear the results during our Omelet Breakfast Fellowship time. (Note: June 7 th plans have since been postponed and new date will be announced later.)

Pastor will be gone June 14 for Charge Conference and July 12th for c.

Council is working hard to compare insurance costs and find the policy that is best for us. Our renewal date is August 2, 2026.

Replacing the east exterior door and bathroom upgrades will be done as soon as weather permits a block of days for completion.

The Memorial Committee accepted a bid and is moving forward with landscaping improvements starting in August. This includes leveling stone bench, and installing edging, drainage, and surfacing the area from the main entrance to the end of the Fellowship Hall addition.

COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

The cross and flame sign base will be painted black with improved lighting to be installed.

Choir robes are being cleaned and stored in protective garment bags.

The Ballard Summer Meals program is ready to launch for its second year.

Fundraising is ongoing and Trinity is asked to help.

SPRC completed ministerial appraisal forms and staff job reviews will be done.

Account Balances as of 5/13/2026: Checking-\$8732.31; Money Market-\$24,450.05

(Trustee's - \$6,066.99, Memorial - \$16,239.24, Heifer Project- \$121.18) and

Investments-\$112,425.38. Liabilities: Sidewalk Loan-\$3,758.00

Mowing costs as of 5/13/26 total \$375 and the annual sidewalk payment will be made soon.

We are current with our apportionments.

Submitted by Loa Christensen

CAT SURVEY

You Guys are AWESOME!!

We had 48 survey responses. Thank you for taking time to complete the survey! That is fabulous we are so excited to get a chance to go over the results. We can't wait to see how you all think the church is doing and what you want us to start working on.

The Church Council will be reviewing the results, and look at options going forward. When we have some ideas we are going to meet as a congregation and go over those results with you and determine what the future holds for Trinity UMC.

Once again, THANK YOU!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14 Summer Fun Breakfast after worship

June 21st Father's Day

June 28th Trinity Social Dinner at El Azteca

August 28-29 Huxley Prairie Fest Ice Cream social - More info to come.

Below are some dates coming up when Pastor Bobb will be out of town.

June 11-14th Annual Conference at RecPlex in WDM.

July 3-4 Red, White & Boom - We usually spend a night with daughter Lisa in Davenport over the Fourth of July. We will be back Saturday afternoon.

July 12th Sharon Center United Methodist Church's anniversary celebration.



