

# June 2024

## Trinity United Methodist Church

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### The Role of a Father

I think that a father is to draw his self-image from the Word of God, and not from the secular world. Of course, many men get their role models, their ideas of what it means to be a father from television sitcoms. Most of the television sitcoms picture a dad as foolish.

A loving father hears such quips, he understands that these do not apply to him, for he derives his sense of value from knowing that God has chosen to be known as "Our Father." If the holy and the righteous and all-powerful God is our Father, then being a father is a very important role. Continued on page 2



## **The Role of a Father** continued

I suggest that every one of us as a father needs to go back to the Word of God where we can determine from his Word the guidance which he has for us as fathers.

A Scripture says without equivocation, "Husbands love your wives as Christ loved his church and gave himself for her." A father will do everything he can to be a good husband. A love which Christ had for the Church is a love that is sacrificial to the point of dying for her. The greatest gift a father can give his children is to love their mother, to give them the security of knowing that their parents love each other.

Come and worship on Father's Day, June 16, 9:30am. Happy Father's Day!

*Pastor Dass*

### **A Tribute to Fathers**

A Father is a guiding light  
Sent from above.

A father is a teacher  
Whose place no one could take,  
For he is the source from which  
We learn to think and navigate.

A father is a gift from God,  
From whom we learn to be  
Patient, strong, and loving  
Filled with integrity.



### **Father's Day Worship**

Father's Day has been observed since 1910. The purpose of Father's Day is to honor the men of the church and to challenge them to be men of God; to express appreciation to each father. Come and celebrate Father's Day through worship on Sunday, June 16.

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B. I. B L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

## Preparing for Father's Day

Here are some ideas you can use for Father's Day.

- Consider starting a memory book for him. Collect papers such as his birth and baptism certificates, photos of him as a child, a student, a groom, a graduate, a father.
- Ask him to tell stories about his most exciting adventures, meaningful religious experiences, his greatest joys, etc.
- Record these wonderful memories and then share them again on future occasions of family gatherings.

## Town Celebrations

Almost every weekend during the summer you can find a town celebration. Story City has Scandinavian Days, Slater has 4th of July, Ames Juneteenth celebration, Bondurant Summerfest, Ankeny and Des Moines and other bigger towns have lots of celebrations.

On just about every weekend, you can drive around Iowa and find a celebration. Next weekend you do not have to drive very far.

On the Second full weekend of June the city of Cambridge has their annual city celebration called Jubilee Days. This is a big weekend for for them. This year the celebration is June 7, 8 and 9. There will be a parade, games in the park, bouncy houses and food. Lots and Lots of Food!!

Friday, 6/7 from 5:00 – 7:00 the Ballard Community Band and Choir concert. Cambridge Methodist has a Pie and Ice cream social, Nazareth Lutheran has Kringla and Kremkaka, and the Firemen are grilling hamburgers.

Saturday will be a busy day with Breakfast Burritos for sale, then the parade, the Silent Auction in Dorcus Hall on Water Street. Th auction is open from 10:30am – 1pm. Bouncy houses, games in the park, horseshoe tournament, pork loin dinner.

Sunday, 6/9 wraps up the weekend with Worship in the Park at 10:30am followed by a Potluck meal in Dorcus Hall.

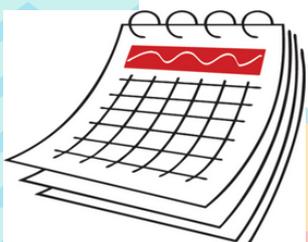
## Calendar

June 2-Communion Sunday June 7-Iowa Conference

June 15-Sewing Guild June 16-Father's Day & Brown Bag Sunday

Each Tuesday and Thursday Taekwondo nights

That's all that is on the calendar right now.



## Worship

Why go to Church? A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all". This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment! IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

We witness the transforming power of Christ through our regular presence in worship. Invite a friend or a neighbor to come with you to worship services. "God has poured out his love into our hearts." (Romans 5:5)

## Brown Bag Sunday

Brown Bag Sunday is June 16th. Please bring non-perishable food items or hygiene items for the Cambridge Clothing Pantry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

## Iowa Annual Conference 2024

Iowa Annual Conference 2024 will be held virtually from June 7th- June 9th. Craig Henry and Pastor Dass will be attending the conference. Please pray for Bishop Bigham-Tsai as she leads the delegates in deciding the future of Iowa Annual Conference.

## **NOW Committee Upcoming events**

Here are some notes from the NOW committee meeting. On Sunday, June 9th, during Did You Know the committee will have more information about these items:

1. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP WITH THE CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE.
2. Did You Know Sunday – June 9th
3. Noisy Offering Sunday to benefit Heifer Project – June 16
4. TUM Fun Omelet Breakfast – June 23rd (more details to come)
5. TUM Social Dinner June 27th – TBD
6. School supplies will be gathered in June and July. Watch for a list.
7. July 21st – TUM Fun Ice-Cream Day. You won't want to miss this!!
8. August 24th – Prairie Festival Ice Cream Social Fundraiser will need pies; a sign-up sheet will be coming.
9. Fall Craft Sale – October 26th. (more details to come)
10. On-going projects: Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House, Plastic Grocery Bags to make sleeping mats, Yarn Collection, Teddy Bears, Madrid Home Needs.

Check out the NOW Communication Corner in the Fellowship Hall.

## **May Council Meeting Summary**

The church offices have been refreshed and updated with drywall repair, new lighting, and paint. Pastor's office has shelves built by Gordy Mosher that really improve the décor. Pastor Dass sorted through all the books in his office that were on the old shelves and he planned to send the extra books to the seminary in the Philippines.

The garage sale was a big success with profit of \$800 after expenses. Since 10% of earnings from all fundraisers go to missions, assisting with the shipping costs of the books was chosen. Many thanks to all who made donations and worked the sale.

Financially we are in the black. Insurance payment, sidewalk loan, and mowing season are currently the large expenditures.

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## **May Council Meeting Summary continued**

A payment was made for apportionments. Your generous giving is appreciated.

The NOW committee is happy to report about \$65 has been collected towards the Heifer Project. Thank you for your generosity.

We won't be hosting VBS this year, but we will be looking for another church to partner with in 2025.

Council asks folks to double check all lights are off and doors are securely locked when leaving the building.

Traci Kirtley applied for a grant supporting projects designed to fight food insecurity. We were awarded \$225 for the Little Free Food Pantry and funds will be used to stock it.

Council requests volunteers for worship including greeting, reading scripture, treats for Fellowship, and video help.

Please continue to invite and welcome visitors to our church.

## **Meals from the Heartland Event**

The Church Council would like to schedule a packaging event with Food from the Heartland in Des Moines. It is a very simple process of adding ingredients to a bag, weighing the bag, sealing it, and packing in boxes, and is done in production line style.

We need 7-10 people and training is provided. There are morning and afternoon shifts that are approximately 2 hours.

If you are interested in participating, please let Kathy Parmenter know at 515-321-3609. Let her know your preference for June or July, morning or afternoon, and what day works best for you.

Thanks! Let's do our part to provide nutritious meals to those in need!



Empowering people to  
save starving children

## Little Free Pantry

A few weeks ago, Traci Kirtley discovered that it was possible to get a grant from Ingathering Hunger Grant Task Force. Traci wrote a grant request proposal, sent it in. There were 71 applicants for grants, and Trinity was very lucky to receive this grant for Trinity's Little Free Pantry. We were awarded a grant of \$225.00 to help stock the pantry.

Ingathering Hunger Grant Task Force is an Iowa Conference program, all monies are to be used only for direct hunger relief. As we all know dollars matter when working to help those needing food assistance; there's never enough, and yet every gift, large or small, is significant.

The check was received and the Parmenter family is working to determine the best use of the funds to stock the pantry. If you would like to help stock the pantry you are encouraged to check with Kathy about the items that they will be stocking over the summer months and beyond.

Our Little Free Pantry is making a difference, and we hope it will serve as an inspiration to others to join in the fight against hunger in our community. Backpack programs, community gardens, food pantries of many variations, after school snack programs, weekly or monthly meals... the list goes on and on, all make a difference in this fight.

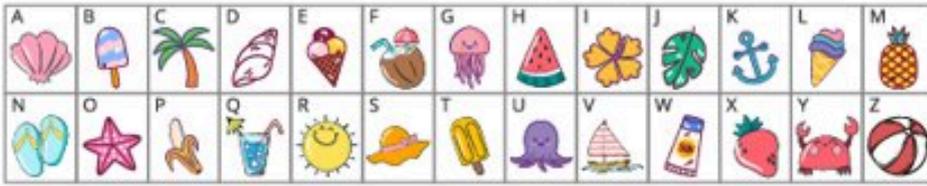
Blessings to the Parmenter family and all the people who donate to our Little Food Pantry, the partnerships that have been established, and most of all, for those that we are helping. Our prayers are for full bellies, and to know the hope that we through our faith can provide.



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# Summer Cryptogram

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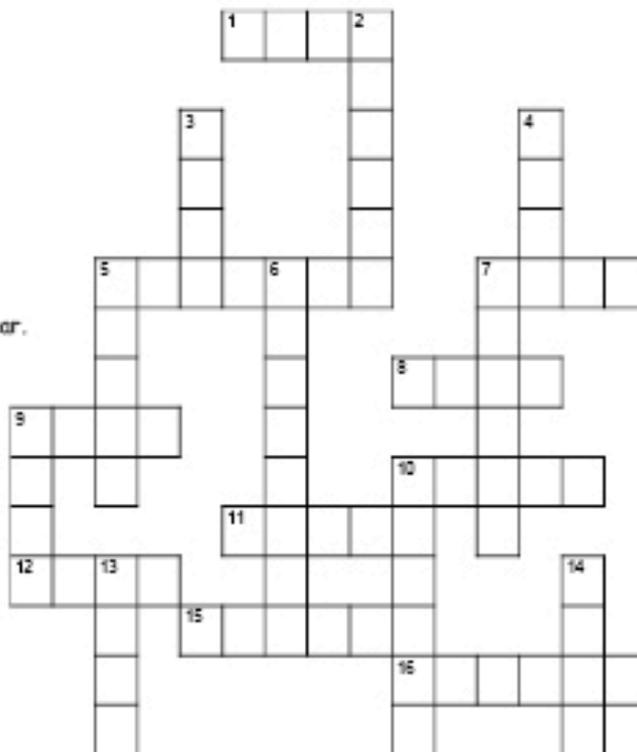
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## Across

- Grains on the beach.
- Living in a tent.
- It warms you up.
- Two wheeled transportation.
- Comes with a shovel.
- Full of daylight.
- A sandy shore.
- Area of inland water.
- Warmest 3 months of the year.
- Top for warm weather.

## Down

- Plunging into the water.
- Move through the water.
- Summer hazard.
- House in the woods.
- Frozen treat.
- Trail walking.
- A place to swim
- Pants for hot weather.
- Toy for a windy day.
- Mildly hot.



## Word Bank

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|---------|-----------|
| Beach   | Sand      |
| Bike    | Shorts    |
| Cabin   | Summer    |
| Camping | Sunny     |
| Diving  | Swim      |
| Fire    | t-shirt   |
| Warm    | Heat      |
| Hiking  | Ice Cream |
| Kite    | Pool      |
| Lake    | Pail      |

