

NEWSLETTER

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST

SEPTEMBER 2026



50th Anniversary Celebration

We warmly invite you to join us as we
celebrate our church anniversary on
Sunday, September 20th, 2026

Worship Service at 9:30
followed by a program.
Lunch at 11:30 in the fellowship hall.

Trinity United Methodist Church
102 Lynwood Dr.
Huxley, IA 50124

RSVP by August 20th to 515-597-2625 or
huxleytumc@gmail.com



THERE IS STILL TIME TO RSVP

Planning is well underway for our church's 50th anniversary. On Sunday, September 20th our church will be celebrating with a special service and meal. The service will be during the normal worship at 9:30, and the meal will be served at 11:30. There is still time to respond with an RSVP (huxleytumc@gmail.com or 515-597-2625) to ensure we have sufficient food. Hope to see you there!

50th Anniversary

DORM ROOM DOOR GRAFFITI

Long about 1975, when the Trinity UMC in Huxley was coming into being, I was living in Quadrangle Dorm at the University of Iowa trying to become a pharmacist. My faith in Jesus was strong though I hadn't at that time actually asked the Lord if He wanted me to be a pharmacist. That's all another story but at some point, I made an artistic rendering of the Bible verse Hebrews 13:8 and taped it to my dorm door so folks walking through the hallway could read it. That verse reads:

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

I was attempting to communicate that Jesus was more than just an historical figure, which He definitely was, but also the eternal, living and present Lord and Savior of all. It wasn't long before someone had scrawled "Ah, but the world changes!" on my artwork.

When I first saw it, I was disappointed that someone did that but the message did make me pause a little and have to consider that response. They were right that things change--just think of the changes that have occurred since the mid 70s--Space exploration, computers, phones cars, changes in nations in Europe, education requirements, personal identity etc. In 1975 I was 21 years old and had seen my dad use a huge, heavy, hand-crank adding machine to do taxes and my Texas Instruments SR 10 almost fit in my pocket and did way more.

I could go on but I soon realized world events, technology and industry did change--my Grandad lived from 1884-1974 and he went from riding a horse & buggy to go see the first electric light bulb at a hotel in a nearby town, to seeing man land on the moon--but humans were the same. Humans were still struggling to love each other. We still struggle with all of the sins the Bible teaches us to avoid. We still want to be in charge and not acknowledge our need for a savior. We're still selfish, greedy, jealous, proud... and our heart is still deceitfully wicked without Jesus...none of that has changed.

The world, Huxley, our household, each of us, still need the salvation, healing and wholeness that only Jesus provides. The ways we worship and share the Good News has and will change, but the message remains the same and everyone's need for Jesus remains the same.

How will we reach the next generations and help them recognize their need for the timeless, eternal, never-changing truth of the world's Savior Jesus Christ, who is the same, yesterday, today and forever? The field is ripe unto harvest!

Pastor Bobb

AUGUST 2026 COUNCIL NOTES



The Council is very pleased with the participation at the July 26th congregational meeting. We appreciate everyone's input and involvement in church planning.

The Summer Meal Program was success with adequate donations and volunteers. Everyone's help is appreciated and TUMC met their goal of \$5,000 in donations.

The Picnic and Pontoon event was well attended, and everyone had a great time.

Thank you to everyone who had a part in these successes. Prairie Fest activities, Sunday School kickoff, and our 50th Anniversary celebration are our next main events. See the NOW report for more information.

Property insurance quotes are being gathered so a comprehensive comparison can be done to determine best plan for our money.

Council is reviewing the ideas and input from the CAT Next Steps discussion. We will prioritize and then implement some ideas. We will start with creating a nominations committee and filling committee spots.

Pastor has attended Pastor Dass's funeral and done home visits. He will play his guitar for the Prairie Fest Community Service. Pastor will be helping lead Grief Share sessions this fall and plans an Advent Bible study.

Building projects include the newly painted sign base and first stage of landscape project. Updating bathroom and replacing exterior door should start soon.

Financial Report as of August 13, 2026: As of August 13, 2026, we have taken in \$2700 more than we have spent. September apportionments have been paid. Mowing bill for around \$500 is expected soon.

Account balances as of August 13, 2026, are as follows: Checking - \$4,554.39; Money Market - \$22,557.49 (Trustee's - \$7,081.77, Memorial - \$13,912.78, Heifer - \$62.94, NOW - \$1500); and Investments-\$112,431.24.

Liabilities: Sidewalk Loan-\$3758.00.

Submitted by Loa Christensen

REMINDER

School will be back in session starting August 24th. Watch out for kids waslking to school, riding scooters and bikes, and for the new drivers. Escpecially watch for the ones who are trying not to be late to school or are in a hurry to leave school.

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Answer to puzzle: For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. 1 Peter 3:18a NIV

## NOW COMMITTEE NOTES

\*\*Our September Mission Focus Project is PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS for the Clothes Pantry. You can leave items in the tub on the table outside the Pastor's office.

- Noisy Offering and Brown Bag collections will take place on September 20th. Our current Heifer Project is 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.
- Our September Social Dinner location will be at Dublin Bay in Ames, at 6:00 pm on September 24th. 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.
- September 27th 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, yarn for baby blankets, school supplies, and paper tubes (toilet paper/paper towels) for the Blank Park Zoo Trinity Kids Mission Project.
- We are still collecting cans and bottles. Monies from the project have been spent on a Church Camp Scholarship, new Sunday School Room furniture, repairs to the trailer, a young families bowling social, a donation last year to the Ballard Summer Meal Program, and curriculum materials for Sunday School.

### **Future events for your calendar:**

- August 27<sup>th</sup>, Social Dinner at Olive Garden in Ankeny at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.
- Prairie Festival Parade August 29 – if you would like to help decorate the trailer before the parade, plan to be at the church by 7:00 am. Please meet at the church by 8:45 am to ride/walk and promote our 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration. If you can, bring a bag of candy to throw.
- Prairie Festival Ice Cream Social – beginning at 5:30 the evening of August 29th, sign up for pies and workers is at the church. Contact Jeannie Henry if questions.
- Back to Sunday School – September 13<sup>th</sup>, invite friends, family, neighbors.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – September 20<sup>th</sup>
- Annual Craft/Vendor Fair – Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

## GRIEF SHARE CLASSES

GriefShare is a 13-week Christian course that helps persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one of any age or circumstance whether recently or some years ago. Pastors Eric Klimpel and Bobb Barrick and another leader, Kris, will be facilitating the course which includes a study manual, video segments from noted authors, counselors, pastors and regular people sharing their personal stories and helpful insights from their grief journeys, as well as plenty of time for personal sharing and prayer.

The class will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8pm starting September 3rd and running through December 3rd (no meeting on Thanksgiving of course). Meeting place is at the Huxley Public Library in the Three Cs Building.

You can register for the class on line [www.griefshare.org/findagroup/search](http://www.griefshare.org/findagroup/search). The class is listed under Palestine Lutheran Church in Huxley zip is 50124. Cost of the very user-friendly Study Manual is \$25. Class will be limited to about 12 persons. Bring a friend. Tell somebody who could benefit from this class.

Personal note from Pastor Bobb: I lost my spouse of 36 years to Alzheimers not quite 4 years ago. It took me a couple of years before I took the class and it was very helpful--the first class I could barely share why I was there. Grief is a journey. It's not something we 'get over' but something that shapes who we become and opens our eyes and hearts to the needs of others around us. GriefShare has helped me tremendously.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will resume on September 13<sup>th</sup>. we have a fun kickoff event planned. Please invite your children and grandchildren to join us so they can participate in all the fun.

The Sunday school class is in need of old newspapers to cover the tables during art projects. If you have any available, please feel free to drop them off in the Sunday school room at any time. If we need to arrange pick up, please let Tracy Weber know.



### Instructions:

Cross out all words that may be considered a sin or something that would be wrong in God's eyes.

(NOTE: Do not cross out the words "sins" and "unrighteous")

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| HATE        | UNFAITHFULNESS | FILTHY TALK | DIED       | LYING        | IMMORALITY | LAZINESS     |
| FOR         | ARGUING        | SINS        | SLANDER    | COVETING     | IDOLATRY   | SLANDER      |
| MURDER      | ONCE           | KILLING     | BLASPHEMY  | ADULTRY      | FOR        | SELFISHNESS  |
| STEALING    | SLANDER        | RAGE        | STINGY     | ALL,         | GREED      | THE          |
| RIGHTEOUS   | ENVY           | ARROGANCE   | FOR        | PRIDE        | GLUTTONY   | QUARRELSOME  |
| FOOLISHNESS | THE            | COMPLAINING | LUST       | UNRIGHTEOUS, | IMPURITY   | STEALING     |
| TO          | GAMBLING       | BRING       | RACISM     | WICKEDNESS   | YOU        | WORRY        |
| UNKINDNESS  | PRIDE          | TO          | IDOLATRY   | GOD          | ANGER      | DISOBEDIENCE |

The answer to this puzzle is on another page in the newsletter.



Did you RSVP to the Anniversary Party Invitation?



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### Word Bank

Mighty  
Fortress  
Protector  
Refuge  
Shield  
Guard  
Rescue  
Shadow  
Shelter  
Feather  
Angels  
Deliverer