

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2025 Newsletter

From the Pastor

DOING WHAT MARY SAYS

Shelley and I are getting married August 2nd, so wedding planning has been on our minds a lot recently.

One of the considerations is making sure we have enough cake & punch for everyone at the reception afterwards.

This made me think of the Biblical account of a Wedding in Cana of Galilee that happened early in Jesus' ministry.

It's found in John 2:1-11. As the story unfolds Jesus and his disciples, at least four at this point, are at the wedding feast. An embarrassing crisis happens when the host family runs out of wine for the guests. Jesus' mother tells Jesus to do something. I'm not exactly sure what she has in mind but the implication is that she knows Jesus can do a miracle because Jesus' response is that to do so would reveal that He is the Messiah before it is time for it to be known.

We know that when word gets out about His ability to do miracles to meet the needs of people, that great crowds begin following him and he can no longer go into towns or meet with small groups of people. Mary tells the servants to "do whatever He tells you."

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Newsletter News

You might have noticed that this is not the first week of the month, and the newsletter is early.

By sending it now we can get it to you, so you see the upcoming events before the first Sunday. That way you won't miss anything.



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Jesus does miraculously make more wine, but he does it back where only the servants and his disciples know what happened.

A few years ago, a Roman Catholic Priest and a Baptist preacher were having a discussion about some of the differences between their respective denominations. When they were talking about the Holy Mother, the Baptist preacher surprised his Catholic colleague by saying, "Every day I do what Mary says to do." The Priest's questioning expression was obvious, so the preacher elaborated, "Mary said, 'do whatever Jesus tells you.'"

We can make our following of Jesus complex and often how we live out our faith in Him can be complicated, but bottom line is "Do whatever Jesus tells you." As you read your Bible, ask the Holy Spirit to nourish and strengthen your soul. As you pray, speak to our Heavenly Father in a way that trusts that He is right there with you. As you listen to Christian music in your car or doing chores, let Jesus strengthen you and build up your faith in Him.

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord! Pastor Bobb

Upcoming Events

August 2 Pastor Bobb and Shelley's Wedding 2:00 pm Waukee United Methodist Church, 2075 SE LA Grant Pkwy, Waukee Iowa. All are invited.

August 3 Communion Sunday

August 10 Did You Know Sunday

August 17 Brown Bag Sunday and Noisy Offering

August 22 Prairie Fest Pie and Ice Cream Social starting at 5:00 pm. Information and signup sheet for pies, ice cream and serving items to come.

August 25 First Day of school for the Ballard Students. Watch for the kids out on their bikes and walking to school.

September 7 Children's Sunday School will begin. We hope that your children or grandchildren would join us for the fun and educational activities.

September 25 Social Dinners resume. A destination has not been chosen yet, so if you have suggestions let the NOW Committee know.

October 19 Trinity will be hosting the Charge Conference for the Central (formerly Riverview) District. We will be getting more information soon. Please watch for information in the upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

October 25 The Fall Craft Festival. We had great success with this event and are excited to host the event again this year.



Now Committee Meeting Notes

Here is NOW Committee information for the August newsletter.

- Did You Know Sunday – August 10th, Recap of all NOW Projects/Events.
- Noisy Offering to Benefit Heifer Project – Sunday, August 17th. Our current project is a Gift of Clean Water. This is also Brown Bag Sunday.
- Our Mission Focus for August will be the Personal Dignity Kits in support of the November InGathering Project. There are bags available containing a list of items needed in the Narthex if you would like to fill one.
- Our annual Huxley Prairie Festival Ice Cream Social will be on Friday, August 22nd. A sign-up sheet for workers and items needed is on the clipboard.
- We will host a Trinity Homecoming and Back to Sunday School event on September 7th. There will be a breakfast and kid's activities during Fellowship. Invite your family, friends and neighbors.
- The next Social Dinner is scheduled for September 25th. The location is still to be determined – any ideas?
- An evening Family Fall Event at the Kirtley's is being planned for September 28th, (rain date October 5th). More information to come.
- Plans are in place to again host a Vendor/Craft Fair on October 25th. We already have some vendors signed up. Keep watching for more information and share the date with any family/friends.
- On-going projects: Pop tab collection for Ronald McDonald House, plastic bag collection for sleeping mats, stuffed animals, school supplies, and personal needs items for Clothes Pantry.
- Save your empty paper tubes (toilet paper/paper towels) for the Trinity Kids Mission Project. The tubes will be taken to Blank Park Zoo to be used for animal enrichment.
- Monies from the can/bottle collection project collected this summer are going to the Ballard Summer Meal Program. Thank you to everyone who has helped bag the cans and bottles.

Many thanks to everyone for your continued support of the NOW Committee projects and events. We could not do them without you and welcome your comments and suggestions!



August's Celebration Days

It seems like every day of the year is some sort of holiday. here is a sample of August's special day.

- 1 Fri National Girlfriend Day
- 1 Fri Colorado Day
- 1 Fri World Lung Cancer Day
- 2 Sat National Sunflower Day
- 2 Sat National Ex-Girlfriend Day
- 3 Sun National Watermelon Day
- 3 Sun Sisters' Day
- 3 Sun National Friendship Day
- 3 Sun American Family Day
- 4 Mon National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
- 7 Thu Purple Heart Day
- 8 Fri International Cat Day
- 9 Sat National Garage Sale Day
- 10 Sun Lazy Day
- 11 Mon National Son and Daughter Day
- 12 Tue World Elephant Day
- 13 Wed Left-Handers Day
- 14 Thu Social Security Act
- 15 Fri National Relaxation Day
- 15 Fri National Back To School Prep Day
- 16 Sat Tell a Joke Day
- 17 Sun National Thrift Shop Day
- 17 Sun National Nonprofit Day
- 19 Tue World Humanitarian Day
- 20 Wed World Mosquito Day
- 21 Thu International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism
- 22 Fri National Tooth Fairy Day
- 22 Fri Be An Angel Day
- 23 Sat International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
- 24 Sun National Waffle Day
- 25 Mon National Park Service Founders Day
- 27 Wed National Just Because Day
- 30 Sat National Beach Day
- 31 Sun Eat Outside Day

This is only a few of the 105 Special Days that are celebrated during August,



The poster is decorated with various autumn-themed illustrations. At the top, there is a large orange maple leaf on the left, a small acorn in the center, a red leaf on the right, and a green fern frond on the far right. On the left side, there is a brown oak leaf and a green fern frond. On the right side, there is a red leaf, a brown branch with an acorn, and a brown oak leaf. At the bottom, there is a red leaf on the left, a small acorn in the center, a green fern frond on the right, and a yellow starburst with the number 5 on the far right.

Fall Craft & Vendor Show

OCTOBER 25TH

9AM-2PM

LUNCH AND BAKE
SALE WILL BE HELD
ALONG WITH VENDORS
AND CRAFTERS

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INSIDE SPACE - 6 X 7, (TABLE/CHAIRS INCLUDED) - \$25
INSIDE SPACE - 6 X 8 (TABLE/CHAIRS INCLUDED) - \$30
OUTDOOR SPACE (TABLE & CHAIRS NOT INCLUDED) - \$25

ELECTRICITY NOT GURANTEED

LUNCH AND BAKE SALE
WILL BE HELD

FILL OUT THE GOOGLE FORM
FOR MORE INFO:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/QSQUXMED
WJJZAMNFA](https://forms.gle/QSQUXMEDWJJZAMNFA)

TUM Hands-Serving Others

In 2025 we received new grant program funding of \$90,000.00 to work with. TUM Hands-Serving Others is currently the only grantee covering all of Story County.

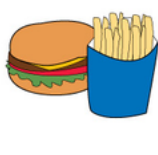
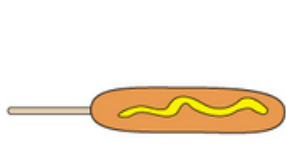
In the last month we have finished a septic repair project, a new roof, two HVAC systems and a water heater. New projects have just been approved in Colo and Collins, plus we are working with the city of Maxwell on two projects.

If you know of anyone who meets the Story County Housing Trust guidelines in Story County that needs help with home repairs, please let us know.

Jokes

Since August 16th is Tell A Joke Day, here are a few jokes for you to tell.

1. Why was the math book unhappy? Because it had too many problems. And every time it tried to solve them, it just got more frustrated!
2. What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta. It's always trying to blend in with the real deal but never quite makes it.
3. I'm reading a book about anti - gravity. It's impossible to put down. I mean, it just keeps floating away from my hands!
4. Why can't a nose be 12 inches long? Because then it would be a foot. And that would be a really big nose to sneeze with!
5. Did you hear about the kidnapping at school? It's okay, he woke up. Talk about a sleepy start to the day!
6. Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field. He really stood out among the other hay - filled guys.
7. Why don't oysters share their pearls? Because they're shellfish. They just like to keep their treasures all to themselves.
8. Why is the doctor so angry? Because he has no patience (patients). He's always waiting for someone to show up.
9. I told my wife she was drawing her eyebrows too high. She looked surprised. It was quite the reaction!
10. Why did the tomato turn red? Because it saw the salad dressing. It got a little embarrassed, you know.
11. What's the longest word in the English language? Smiles. Because there's a mile between its first and last letters. That's one long - distance word!
12. Why was the belt arrested? Because it held up a pair of pants. It was a real criminal in the fashion world.



Puzzles

Iowa State Fair Word Scramble

IOWA

Word Search



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BARN QUILTS
CEDAR RAPIDS
CORNFIELDS
COUNCIL BLUFFS
COVERED BRIDGES

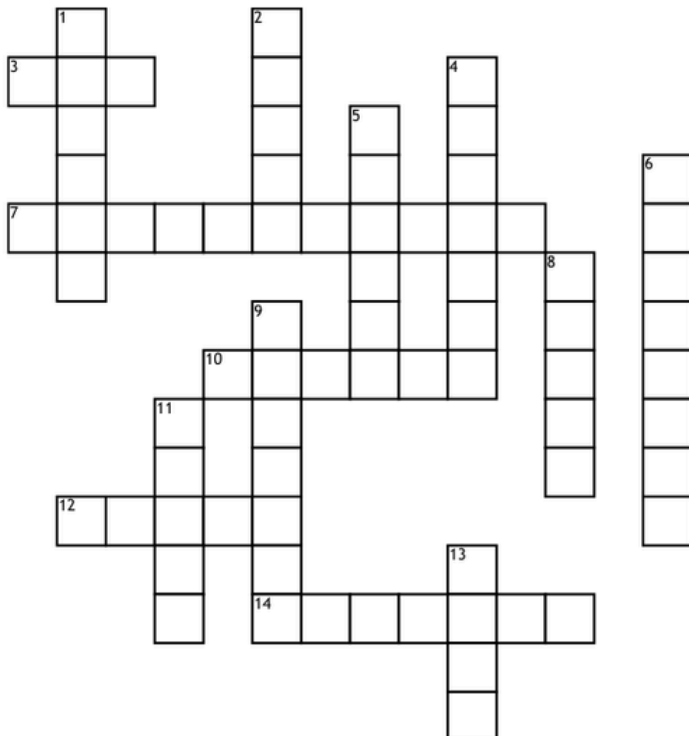
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DECORAH
DES MOINES
DUBUQUE
FARMING
FIELD OF DREAMS

HARPERS FERRY
HAWKEYE STATE
IOWA CAUCUS
JOHN WAYNE
LOESS HILLS
MIDWEST

PELLA
PLAINS
PRAIRIE ROSE
SIOUX CITY
WATERLOO
WHITE OAK



1. CIUUEATARGLR _____
2. IOSNAFDURRG _____
3. ILSAANM _____
4. CKEITT _____
5. LCANAVIR _____
6. REFID ODOF _____
7. OTLISKVE _____
8. SFIRER EWLEH _____
9. ROCN OGD _____
10. NCOOTT CDNYA _____
11. EYKTUR GLE _____
12. DES EOISNM _____
13. ROHESS _____
14. WOCS _____
15. IGPS _____
16. EBER _____



Across

3. Usually playing in mudd, these potbelly animals are fat with squirly tails.

7. Fair treat that melts in your mouth and on your hands like air

10. Expensive show animals such as Tennessee Walkers, Thoroughbreds

12. Another name for chocolate sold at the fair and also made for competition

6. I am sure they sell a lot of chocolate, strawberry and vanilla!

8. Spending money to win all kinds of stuff to take home

9. Music being played by a group in front of a large crowd

11. Merry go round, ferris wheel, roller coaster

13. Food and drinks from different restaurants are set up under here

14. You need these to get in, to get on rides and sometimes to get food

Down

1. Given out in competitions, the best is blue

2. Funny man with a painted face.

4. Sometimes we call them footlongs

5. You can enter creative items in contests for prizes