

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October Newsletter



Happy October! I hope this message doesn't "scare" you too much; I promise it's all treats and no tricks! October is here, and we have a cauldron full of spellbinding news to make this month un-boo-lievably fun for you! Here's what's brewing This October at Trinity:



FROM THE PASTOR

They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love

That popular song back when I was growing in my relationship with Jesus spoke to the core of our Christian Faith.

The Apostle John's First Letter speaks much about God and Love.

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1 John 4:10

"If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God." 1 John 4:15

"God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him." 1 John 4:16b

"Whoever loves God must also love his brother." 1 John 4:21b

It is sometimes hard to love our brother, neighbor, folks on social media who disagree with us...but if we truly love Jesus,

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love ought to be evident in how we treat people. Love does not mean "anything goes" or there are "no boundaries" in relationships, but it does mean that Jesus should be evident in how we live our lives.

The Mahatma Mohandas Gandhi once said "I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." I don't know which Christians the Mahatma had come in contact with, but I have to ask myself, "Is it I?" "Am I representing Jesus well?" "Am I living in a manner that is faithful to who Jesus is?" I give God thanks that He is patient and forgiving even as I remember that it took his Son Jesus our Lord to sacrificially die on the cross to bear our sin.

And He never gives up on us. Praise be to God that He is gracious and merciful and that His faithfulness is to all generations! Because He never gives up on us, He enables and empowers us to pick up after we have failed and start anew. As we trust Him with our lives and we act in faith, who knows what action, reaction, word or gesture of ours will be the means by which the Holy Spirit nudges another person towards Jesus and His saving embrace?

Take a step today towards living and loving like Jesus. It might be supremely costly but the rewards are out of this world!

Pastor Bobb

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

October 8th - Fields of Faith Event at the Ballard Football Stadium. There will be a meal at 6:00 pm followed by worship and fellowship.

October 9th - Church Council Meeting

October 11th - Fall Clean up day at Church - from 9-12. We will be working inside and outside to make the church look spiffy!

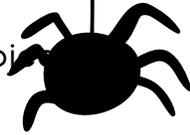
October 19th - Noisy Offering and Brown Bag Sunday

October 19th - Trinity to host Annual Charge Conference 6:00 pm

October 25th - Craft/Vendor Fair - If you are interested in having a booth at the Craft/Vendor Fair please sign up soon, as space could be limited.



NOW COMMITTEE UPDATES



- A Fellowship of Christian Athletes is being held at the Ballard Football Stadium on Wednesday, October 8th. All are welcome to attend to show our support, and we encourage any middle, high school and college students to attend. Tailgate meal 6:00 pm followed by a program at 7:00 pm.
- Noisy Offering to Benefit Heifer Project – Sunday, October 19th. Our current project is a Gift of Clean Water. This is also Brown Bag Sunday.
- Trinity will host the Annual Charge Conference on October 19th at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. Members of Slater, Sheldahl and Loring will join us. We will provide refreshments.
- Our Mission Focus for September/October is 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. There is also a need for personal hygiene items for the clothes pantry. A tub is available for donations.
- The next Social Dinner is scheduled for October 23rd 5:30 pm at Dublin Bay in Ames. There is a sign up sheet on the clipboard or notify the church office if you plan to attend. All are welcome!!
- October 26th next Did You Know Sunday.
- Plans are in place for our Annual Vendor/Craft Fair on October 25th. We will also have a bake sale and feel free to bring any crafts you have made. This will be an all-hands-on-deck event so please check the sign-up sheets to help. Advertising will make this a successful event so share the date with any family/friends/neighbors. Shopper admission fee will be a canned good item for the local Food Pantry. If you are interested in needing a booth please sign up soon. This was a great fund-raiser for our church last year so please plan to participate.
- On-going projects: Pop tab collection for Ronald McDonald House, plastic bag collection for sleeping mats, stuffed animals, and school supplies.
- 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.
- Thank you to everyone who has helped bag the cans and bottles. As of this writing we do not have an amount for September. \$600.00 was donated to the Summer Meal Program.
- November 9th, our Annual Thanks Breakfast, more info to come.

WITCHES ON PARADE



- November 23rd Trinity will host the Community Thanksgiving Service. Soup supper prior to service. Please add to your calendars.
- November 30th will be our Hanging of the Greens and a soup lunch.

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

FIELDS OF FAITH EVENT

On Wednesday, October 8, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Mid-Iowa will host a Fields of Faith event at the Ballard Football Stadium. We minister to middle schools, high schools, and colleges across Greene, Boone, Story, Marshall, and Tama counties. Students from middle and high schools in these counties—as well as surrounding districts—are being invited through their local FCA chapters.

All area middle and high school students are welcome.

Event Details:

- Tailgate meal: 6:00 PM (free of charge)
- Program in stadium: 7:00 PM
 - Worship led by students
 - Student testimonies
 - A clear gospel message
 - Breakout groups led by local college athletes
 - Closing rally with students circling the field
- After the event:

Our response team will be available to answer questions and personally share the gospel with anyone who seeks it.

GRIEFSHARE SERIES

GriefShare is a grief recovery support group designed to help individuals cope with the loss of a loved one. It offers a 13-week program where participants can share their experiences and emotions in a safe environment.

Palestine Lutheran Church is hosting this series at Huxley Public Library at the 3C's building 515 N Main Ave, Huxley. The series will be on Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, October 1 – December 11th.

On Thursday December 11th there will be a Blue Christmas service at 7:00 PM.



FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR YOUR CHURCH



From your Church Council

Fellow members of Trinity United Methodist Church;

It is my pleasure to report that we are financially sound and current on our expenses at this time. During the summer months it is sometimes difficult to stay current with our expenses because many of us have many family activities and aren't always at church on Sunday.

I have been preparing conference reports for our upcoming charge conferences in October. A portion of that process is an updated budget for our church which I have kept for the last several years. It is a simple budget, tracking expense areas and church income.

Our church expenses from 2015 to 2025 increased a bit every year and with good management we have kept some at a constant cost level. But many of these expense areas are as we all know "beyond" our control.

For example, our gas/electric costs increased by 38.2%, garbage cost increased by 20%, Insurance premiums have increased by 34% and the bright spot our telephone/Internet actually declined a bit, yeah!

Church income has been somewhat flat with a few positive years, but most have been within a 6% increase over the years.

This is the time of the year we speak to stewardship and care of our church. But what is Stewardship?

In biblical terms, Charles Bugg defines stewardship in the Holman Bible Dictionary as "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." Christian Stewardship regards the obligation of Christians in managing and utilizing intelligently the gifts that God has given. The Christian steward is not only responsible for the financial blessings provided by God but also the spiritual gifts that are given through the Holy Spirit. God wants human beings to be His stewards in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification.

Respectfully,

Craig D. Henry Chairman

Trinity United Methodist Church Council





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
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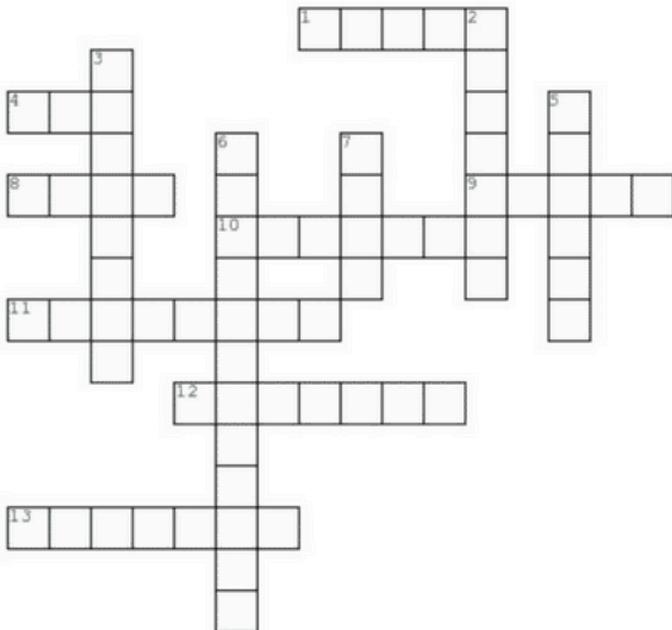
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Across

1. Stirrs potions in a cauldron
4. Ghostly Talk
8. Placed over your face
9. _____ or Treat!
10. Disguise
11. Human that transforms into a wolf
12. Dracula is one of these
13. Halloween month

Down

2. A house where ghosts live is considered _____
3. Scary creatures, or _____, Inc.
5. Web creator
6. Carved pumpkin
7. Night flying mammals