



The Connection

*Real People,
Real Hope*

Spencerville Trinity United Methodist Church

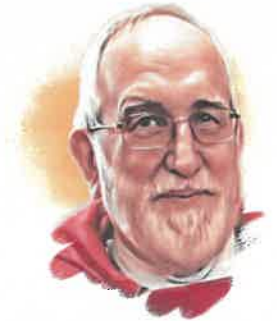
October 2023

The Pastor's Corner

From the Pastor's Desk:

We're off and running!

Spencerville Trinity United Methodist Church has navigated some tricky waters recently and have sailed through with mutual love and respect for each other and above all, by keeping God at the center of all that we do. With major decisions behind us, we can once again focus on what it means to be the church in Spencerville, Ohio, and for the world. Although it appears quiet around the church, STUMC's able leadership has been busy plotting a course to move us forward aggressively.



The Church Building

Under the able leadership of Todd Keller, Norm Heidlebaugh, and Mark Youngpeter and others, the sanctuary projector has been repaired and was back in service last Sunday. We have a beautiful facility, and to make sure it stays that way, our trustee committee has recommended, and the leadership team has approved work to make sure our building is well maintained. If you saw the man-lift outside the church building last week, you may have guessed that some much-needed maintenance is being done on the outside of the building. The capstones (The peaks on both ends of the sanctuary part of the building), have been re-mortared, and sealed to stop leaks that have been threatening the integrity of the waterproof shell of the building. Other repairs to cracks in the outer brick walls along the office/classroom side of the building are being completed, and leaky windows have been re-grouted and sealed.

The Church

Jesus said that the people are His church. The church leadership has asked that I remain as the church's pastor on a permanent basis, and I have accepted. dj and I have grown to love the people of STUMC in these few short months and are excited to be able to continue to lead the church community as we grow and expand our ministry in the greater Spencerville area.

We are so blessed to have a congregation of faithful followers who are strong in their faith, and who represent all ages from young children who supply copious amounts of enthusiasm and a thirst for learning, to the young adults and elders who supply copious amounts of experience and wisdom from a variety of backgrounds from agriculture to education, to political leadership, to family management and parenting, to research, and in many other areas.

Over the next few weeks, I will be continuing with the final four of the five-sermon series on Bishop Robert Schnase's "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." We are taking a look at Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and service, and Extravagant Generosity. We will find out what it takes to become a successful congregation in today's turbulent and uncertain times. Come! Join us! It will be an exciting ride!

Love and blessings to you all,
Pastor Mark

**Keep In
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Monday, Wednesday,
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Women's Bible Study

We will begin a 6 week Women's Bible Study on the book "Jesus Over Everything" by Lisa Whittle starting Sunday, October 8th at 6:30-7:30pm. See Stephanie McMichael for any questions.



Upcoming Sermons from Pastor Mark

Sunday, October 1st- Communion Sunday, Healing Service and Sermon: "A Time to Heal."

Sunday, October 8th- Sermon: "How do we practice Passionate Worship?"

Sunday, October 15th- Sermon: "What is Intentional Faith Development?"

Sunday, October 22nd- Sermon: "Stepping Out: Risk-taking Mission and Service."

Sunday, October 29th- Sermon: "Stepping up: Extravagant Generosity."

Cancer Warriors

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| Wayne McMichael | Rob Evans |
| Brandon Clay | Gary McMichael |
| Jan Johnson | Anita Burden |
| Melissa Lehmkuhl | Lyle Liston |
| David Porter | Leon-Alaska |
| Sophia Becker | |

Our Condolences

Our Condolences are sent to the family of Mary McCray. She passed away September 24, 2023.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Spencerville Library and Sunday school services at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Thank You

A Big THANK YOU goes out to all who helped get the projector fixed! SEI donated the scaffolding to reach the projector and Core Consulting assembled and disassembled the scaffolding. This was a BIG job and we are so very thankful for all of your help.

Trick or Treat

Spencerville Trinity will once again be hosting our annual drink station during Spencerville's Trick or Treat from 3:00-5:00pm on Sunday, October 29th. Look for a donation signup sheet in the coming weeks. We also will need volunteers to serve the drinks during Trick or Treat. Let either Beth Seibert or the Office know if you are willing to serve in this capacity.





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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Praise Band Practice 6:30pm | 7 |
| 8 Women's Bible Study "Jesus Over Everything" 6:30-7:30pm | 9 | 10 | 11 Trustee's Meeting 6:30pm | 12 Praise Band Practice 6:30pm | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Women's Bible Study "Jesus Over Everything" 6:30-7:30pm | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Food Pantry 4:00-6:00pm Praise Band Practice 6:30pm | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Women's Bible Study "Jesus Over Everything" 6:30-7:30pm | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Praise Band Practice 6:30pm | 27 WOFB Distribution 10:00am-Noon | 28 |
| 29 Spencerville Trick or Treat Drink Station 3:00-5:00pm | 30 | 31 | | | | |

Sunday Service 9:15am

Sunday Community Groups 10:30am

Sunday Evenings: Women's Bible Study "Jesus Over Everything" 6:30-7:30pm

Praise Band Practice Thursdays 6:30pm