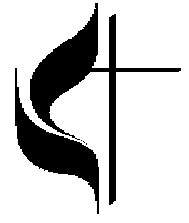




The Anchor



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

The Trinity Vision: To be an active church in ministry:

to each other, the community and the world.

Oct, Nov, Dec 2022

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Sunday Worship Service 9:30 a.m.



Puppies

Now, you may ask, why would the title of this letter be “puppies?” Well, everyone loves puppies, right? With a title like “puppies,” you are probably going to want to read this article. What if I had placed the title “stewardship” above this article? I am sure that many of you would just move on to the next page. We all carry a personal bias that clouds us at times. We can very quickly decide to like or dislike something before we even see what it is really about.

Stewardship is one of those words many of us dislike. It usually means someone is coming after your money, and our personal bias immediately puts up a warning flag. I admit, I have also had those feelings over the years in regards to stewardship. What I gave was between me and God, and nobody else needed to know.

I still believe that any decisions about giving are between you and God, but as I began serving on my home church’s finance committee many years ago, and then moved into the role as pastor, I started to understand why it is important to highlight stewardship. Over this time, I have also grown in my understanding of stewardship. I recently shared this during one of my messages, but stewardship is about so much more than just

money. Being a good steward is about taking care of what we have been given.

I thank you for the ways you have been good stewards in caring for our church, our community, and our world. Faithful giving keeps the church operating. The donations of towels and washcloths we recently collected will help Cass Community Social Services as they fight homelessness. The donations of pet and cleaning supplies will help S.N.A.P. care for the animals they rescue (I told you the article was about puppies!). The pop cans we collect will continue to fight hunger and poverty around the world when the proceeds are given to Heifer International. All of these are opportunities to be good stewards.

I am also excited to introduce to you a new program that the Michigan Conference has decided to support. It is called “Readers to Leaders,” and it will support education in Liberia and a reading program for underprivileged kids right here in Michigan. Every church in the Michigan Conference has been asked to help support this program and I look forward to sharing more about it in the coming weeks.

Being a good steward is about much more than just money, it is about living out our call as followers of Christ. Again, I praise God for the faithfulness you already show, and I am excited to continue serving alongside each of you.

God Bless,

Pastor Chris



Be a Good Steward

Finance Committee

- The Finance committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 8 am.

- All bills are paid to date.
- The 2022 proposed budget for Trinity voted & passed by the Charge Conference is \$115,404 per year, weekly average is \$2219. Needless to say, we are falling short on a weekly basis.
- The Committee works diligently to keep the receipts and disbursements within the proposed budget.
- *We want to thank everyone who has committed to support Trinity with their Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service.*

*Thank You,
Finance Committee Chair Marion Avers*

2nd Quarter averages

This includes Loose Change and special offerings; , Lawn Care, and Insurance, Licenses .

	Weekly	Monthly
Avg Rec'd 3 rd Qtr.	\$1123	\$4493
Avg Dist. 3 rd Qtr.	\$1361	\$5442
Avg Budgeted	\$2219	\$9617

Worship Committee

Many thanks to all who made our Outdoor Worship Services in the court yard successful.

The next Worship Meeting will be in November; either the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday at 10 am. Share your ideas with Judie Reams, Roberta Krause and/or Debby Moore.

Sunday School has been temporarily suspended pending the arrival of young children. There are a few "Busy Bags" at the door of the sanctuary for fidgety children (of all ages!). Please return everything at the end of the Worship Service.

We are looking for someone to head & teach Sunday School program, as Debby and Roberta have both stepped down.



All those whose family members went to Glory recently including Donna Falls, Connie (Copp) Hagedon & MaryAnne Tiley.

If you have any updates, anyone you want added to the Prayer Request List. Please call the office and leave a message. 810-794-4379

Happy Anniversary to:

DECEMBER

Jeff & Robin Ingles	20
Doug & Katy McCullough	27
Curt & Donna Reams	32

Happy Birthday to:

OCTOBER

Carol Clever	3	Rick Arpan	4
Sue Kleintjes	4	Sue Barker	9
Curt Reams	10	Doug McCullough	11
Lisa Polcyn	18	Roberta Krause	23
Rick Copp	29		

NOVEMBER

Don Peterson	1	Sally Appleman	4
Connie Pajak	10	Robin Ingles	22
Sharon Morgulec	24	Jason Reams	24
Pam Dooling	26	Jeff Ingles	26
Judie Reams	27	Betty Lentes	28
Courtney Mellen	29	Anita Rzeppa	29
Chris Heldt	30		

DECEMBER

Ray Good	2	Mitch Mesclier	4
Debby Moore	4	Kim LaDuke	6
Katy McCullough	9	Donna Taft	22
Donna Reams	23		



- Thank you to all who support the Food Pantry, it's greatly appreciated. Our numbers are gradually increasing.
- Our process is back to the way we did things before Covid, two years ago. We provide a grocery list for patrons, and the volunteers fill a cart based on the selections.
- If you know someone who needs Thanksgiving Dinner fixin's, have them come to the Pantry on Fridays to fill out a request. **Due Nov. 11th**, for pick-up Nov. 18th.
- *Thank you for your support. God bless,*
Marion Avers & Volunteers

The Food Pantry is open to residents of Algonac, and Clay & Ira, every Friday from 10 - 2 pm and the 3rd Tuesday of each Month from 6 - 7 pm. Each family can send a representative once per month at 4-week intervals.



Women's Christian Fellowship

Fall is here, cooler weather on the way. If you get bored, come and join us.

- We got together at the Riviera with the ladies from Grace (OWLS) for lunch in August.
- If you didn't go to the Surprise Auction on September 23rd, you missed a great time, lots of laughter, fun and snacks.
- Events coming up:
- Saturday November 5th is our yearly Bazaar. If you want to get involved, we will be putting out sign up sheets in October. Please watch for them.
- In December, we have a Christmas Luncheon where we disperse the monies we've collected through the year. This event scheduled will be announced later. Watch for it in the Sunday Bulletin.
- All women of our church are always welcome. Our meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am-? If you want, you can bring a lunch and we will have coffee, tea & a dessert.
- Keep saving those Campbell's soup labels.

God Bless All,

Carol Ann (President)



PLEASE HAVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the next edition of the **ANCHOR** into the office by **September 15th** – Anything handed in after that date (LOL) may go into the following Anchor!!!

Trustee Committee

This time of year, our concern is to get prepared for the upcoming cold weather season which includes;

- Boiler room inspection and servicing to promote energy saving and prevent emergency repair costs
- Contacted the snow removal company, using the same company as last year since they did a good job and because we bought salt in bulk last year, we will not need to purchase any this year.
- A walk-thru of the parsonage was performed, there are no major repairs needed at this time. Pastor and his family are taking good care of the home.
- Will be scheduling a fall yard clean-up to prepare the grounds by trimming & storing planters etc.
- One topic for our next meeting is if we should keep the AED. The annual costs for batteries/pads are approx. \$140. During an inspection with the fire chief, he indicated that because they are so close, if we called 911, they would likely be here before we could use the machine... We welcome your feedback and value your opinions on this or any other building/property related matters.

"I dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted, and behold, service was joy." — Rabindranath Tagore

Blessings & Joy

Charí Lawton

Trustee Committee,

Chairperson

Coming Events

Sunday Oct 2nd Communion

Sunday Oct 9th 9:30 am Sunday Worship
10:30 Trustees

Wednesday Oct 12th
8 am Finance Meeting
9 am Staff Parish Meeting
10 am Worship Committee
11:30 am Women's Fellowship

Sunday Oct 16th
9:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary

Wednesday Oct 19 5 pm Community Dinner

Sunday Oct 23rd 9:30 Worship Committee

Sunday Oct 30th 9:30 Sunday Worship
Loose Change Offering
11 am Church Council

Monday Oct 31st 4:30 pm Holy Hallways

Saturday Nov 5th 9 am – 3 pm Annual Bazaar
Bedtime: Set your clocks back

Sunday Nov 6th Communion
9:30 am Sunday Worship

Wednesday Nov 9th
8 am Finance Meeting
9 am Staff Parish Meeting
10 am Worship Committee
11:30 am Women's Fellowship

Sunday Nov 13th 9:30 Sunday Worship

Wednesday Nov 16th 5 pm Community Dinner

Sunday Nov 20th 9:30 Sunday Worship

Thursday Nov 24th ThanksGiving Day

Sunday Nov 27th 1st Sunday of Advent
9:30 Sunday Worship
Hanging of the Greens(?)

Wednesday Nov 30th 5 pm Community Dinner

Sunday Dec 4th Communion
9:30 Sunday Worship

Wednesday Dec 7th 5 pm Community Dinner

Sunday Dec 11th 9:30 Sunday Worship

Wednesday Dec 14th
8 am Finance Meeting
9 am Staff Parish Meeting
10 am Worship Committee
11:30 am Women's Fellowship
5 pm Community Dinner

Sunday Dec 18th 9:30 Sunday Worship

Saturday Dec 24th 6 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday Dec 25th **MERRY CHRISTMAS**
NO SERVICE TODAY!
ENJOY FAMILY TIME!

Sunday Jan 1st Communion
9:30 Sunday Worship in the Chapel

On-Line Presence

We have a FaceBook page and we use it: Trinity United Methodist Church, Algonac. Scriptures from the lectionary are posted Wednesday – Saturday for the coming Sunday Worship Service. The Sunday Worship Service is posted live (or pre-recorded) 9:30 am every Sunday! Stay connected with us. *You can become E-Missionaries by sharing our posts to your family/friends and in your groups!* Please <Like>, <Join> and <Share>.

Our Web-site AlgonacTrinity.org is updated regularly with coming events.