

Trinity News

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Mission Statement:

As the church continues to move forward Aligning with God's word and His love we have a new mission statement to help guide us on the journey-

"We are the body of Christ sharing His Love with ALL".

The Mission of the United Methodist Denomination:

The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

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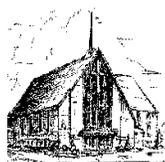
Pastor's Introduction

It's September! I can't wait for the weather to start and cool down! I so love seeing the artful majesty of God's holy creation in the fall. It is interesting how each season though has its own beauty. Spring has the beginning – the planting of seeds, the trees budding, the warm weather starts to set in. Summer has the fullness of what the Spring set in motion before us. The trees are in full array, life "might" be a bit more relaxed. The hot sun beats down – some folks might go to the shore to enjoy the heat and the sand, some might just stay at home and enjoy sitting outside with an ice tea. Fall comes in with its beautiful transition of colors, the days start to get shorter, the air is a touch cooler. Then of course it is Winter! Not everyone feels about the winter like I do. The air seems crisp and breathable. There is nothing quite like looking outside and seeing a beautiful blanket of fresh snow. I realize there are people who don't care for this season like I do – but you can't take away its beauty.

So here's to the end of Summer and the beginning of Fall and all that it brings with it! Cheers!

Like the seasons that come and go, sometimes our relationships come and go as well. We are all shocked when we hear of bridges collapsing a river or onto the road beneath them. We think, "what went wrong?" Well these incidents prompt investigations. Cities and states across the country are forced to take a hard look at the bridges in their areas. Results confirmed what many had already suspected: Too many bridges are in need of major repairs.

It's possible that we've neglected the bridges in our lives. These are bridges that connect us to a family member, or a neighbor, a friend, even one of our church family members. This is really easy to do. We take bridges for granted. They have always been there. We assume they are safe, we assume nothing's wrong with them. Every once in a while, they collapse. The relationship we thought we had is suddenly frayed. The bridge is swaying perilously in the



wind of change, or it's buckling under the strain of pressure.

That wind or the pressure may not be coming from us. It might be an external force in the life of the person with whom we are connected. But we to ask, "What's wrong?" or "How are you doing?" Perhaps the bridges in your life are just fine. Your connections with others are in great working order. That's wonderful! BUT it wouldn't hurt to have a "bridge inspection." Inquire about how others are doing. Let them know you care. Offer your love and support once AGAIN. Such attention will make the bridges in your life much stronger! Such attention will make the bridges in your life much stronger!

Friends are God's way of taking care of us.

Take some time and read Luke 14:25-33. This text talks about the cost of being one of Jesus' Disciples. Life is not without its problems is it? Yet, would we really like a life in which there were no problems? Would we really want to be in a boat on an ocean with no wind in our sails? Probably not. That doesn't mean, of course, that when those winds blow that the sea can't get quite stormy. We don't want a life without problems, but that is exactly what we have, right? Yet, problems, when resolved, result in improving someone's – perhaps your own – situation. Resolved problems often result in a new possibility.

We've learned this by experience. That's why mature, wise people, especially those who have placed their faith in Christ, don't fear the approach of a problem. I offer this poem to you by that most famous poet of all, Anonymous:

For every problem under the sun, there is a solution or there is none.
If there's a solution, go and find it. If there isn't never mind it.

One of my favorite so-called holidays is Halloween – it brings out the best in me. Here is a copy of "The Pumpkin Prayer." It has been used in many ways, such as during children's time in church. But maybe when you are carving your pumpkins this year with your children or grandchildren, you can use it then.

Dear God, as I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer: Open my mind so I can learn about you; (cut the top of the pumpkin). Take away all my sins and forgive me for the wrong things I do; (clean out the inside). Open my eyes so your love I will see; (cut eyes shaped like hearts). I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all you've given me; (cut a nose in the shape of a cross). Open my ears so your word I will hear; (cut ears shaped like a Bible). Open my mouth so I can tell others you're near; (cut

the mouth in the shape of a fish). Let your light shine in all I say and do! amen! (put a light inside).

DON'T JUST ATTEND YOUR CHURCH. LOVE YOUR CHURCH! SERVE, GIVE, INVITE, WORSHIP, JOIN, ENGAGE, PARTICIPATE!

Friends, we are in this together. May you find yourself blessed and loved to be a part of the family of God.

Praise God! This is a day of new beginnings!

Blessings,

Pastor Leslie

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Bible Study at the parsonage (6th St., Norry)
Every Thursday, 7pm, starting Sept 05 to Nov 14 (excluding Oct 31)
The study is based on **"The Shelter of God's Promises"**
by Sheila Walsh.

We will be looking at what God has promised us, what those promises mean, and how our encounters with Christ are the eternal fulfillment of His unrelenting commitment to us. We are going to study some of the Bible's most compelling stories and look at how God's promises secure our lives even during the most difficult times.

Come on out and join us!!

**December 15 – Todd Robatin Concert
Sunday, 9am**



Food Pantry is every 3rd Saturday of the month from 9am-11am.

You are welcome to volunteer and join us!

We are constantly in need of volunteers to help for the following:

- **unloading trucks** every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. If you want to volunteer, please call the church and leave your contact information. We will then call you regarding the schedule (time)
- **volunteers** to distribute food every 3rd Saturday of the month 9am to 11am

Please be praying for:



Our Church	Gertrude Moyer
Our Troops	Joyce Dressler
Our Shut-Ins	Our Pastor
Kerry Rohrbach	Evan Baum

Our shut-ins (Home Bound).....

Dona Drumheller	Gertrude Moyer
Pauline Ford	Fran Beck
Eveline Lenker	Joyce Dressler
Lewis Marotto	Helen Boyer
Eileen Bowersox	Dora Jarrett

Those who are Serving Military...

Johnathan Baker
 William Klinger
 Jonathan Swank
 Justin Eroh – U.S. Navy
 (John & Connie Eroh’s Grandson)
 Christopher Pelishek – U.S. Army (Pastor
 Robert & Margaret Bavender’s Grandson)
 Melvin Smith II



Witness about Jesus Christ and your church by placing a yard sign in your yard. The signs are \$10.00 each. You can call the church or sign the form in the Narthex.

Is there a special occasion coming up in your family? Why not celebrate with Alter Flowers at Trinity UMC?



There are multiple open Sundays for Alter Flowers. The cost is \$25 for both vases. See sign-up sheet in narthex, to the left of the front doors, as you are coming up the steps. Or see Pam Heim 473-8144

OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

- ❖ Blended worship service every Sunday 9am
- ❖ Refreshments offered every Sunday morning before and after Church service.
- ❖ Come prepared to worship and receive what the Lord has for you.

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*"He restores my soul."
Psalm 23:3a (NIV)*