Trinity United Methodist Church



Trinity Monthly

Newsletter



July 2021

Sharing God through sharing gifts.

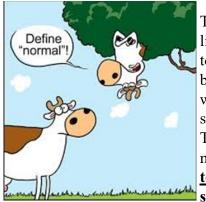
Vision: Christ changed community.

Mission: Engaging, connecting, teaching, and sending disciples of Jesus Christ for the transforming of our community and ultimately the world.

Pastor's Message

Getting Back

We have all either heard it or said it: "I'll be glad when things get back to normal."



This statement expresses our desire to get past this pandemic that disrupted life as we knew it and put many of us in the community in isolation. We long to be able to fellowship, worship in person together, and host meals where we break bread together without fear and hesitation. I understand the longing and we are moving in that direction every week. We have removed the tape on the seating, reinstated our offering time, and discontinued taking temperatures. These are ways in which we are "getting back to normal." As we enter the month of July, knowing half of the 2021 year has been expended: <u>I want us to search our hearts for an answer to this question: As the church, should we want to just get back to where we were?</u>

In the Bible, Paul says, "but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead," (Philippians 3:13b).

Maybe our goal is not to get back to where we were before the pandemic, but to be straining forward to what lies ahead for the church and the community in which God has placed us to serve.

Maybe we are longing for a vision that the Holy Spirit will provide.

Maybe we are headed for something even greater than we have known as we submit to his will; something even closer to the Kingdom of God.

As we move forward toward a post pandemic world, let us not set our focus on the past, or the pre-pandemic "normal." Let us have the boldness and courage, as well as the hope and vision, to move forward into the new thing God is doing in our midst. Can you see it? Can you feel it? Are you reaching for it with me?

Blessings, Pastor Emíly

Pastor's Message



What Book in the New Testament has the Jesus' Sermon on the Mount?

In what language was most of the Old Testament given? In what language was most of the New Testament given? What is the shortest book in the Bible? Which book did Jesus directly write?

TRUE OR FALSE: The Bible is the most popular book ever written (by copies sold).

What is the first book in the Bible?

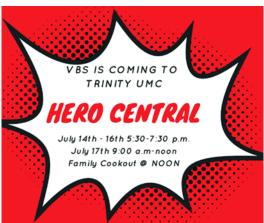
What is the last book in the Bible?

What four books tell about Jesus' life on Earth?

What was most likely the first gospel written?

*The first person to email me, text me, or call me with <u>all</u> ten correct answers wins – A PRIZE! <READY, SET, GO!>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS MONTH



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Volunteer to help and/or lead. Watch for a sign-up sheet with snack/supply needs Invite family & friends: Ages 2 yrs – 6thgrade Share our VBS posts on your Facebook page Communicate: A Nursery will be provided **Give our BEST to help children in our community grow in their understanding of Jesus Christ**.

OUR CURRENT VOLUNTEERS:

SNACK LEADER: Tracey Hayes &		
SCIENCE LEADER: Bo Walker &		
MUSIC LEADERS: Alicia Jones and Tom Beasley		
RECREATION LEADERS: Tommy, Jarrett, and Jackson Hayes		
PRESCHOOL LEADER (AGES 2 yrs -5 yrs):	&	
ELEMENTARY LEADER (GRADES K-3): Kimberly Martin &		
OLDER ELEMENTARY LEADER (GRADES 4-6): Pastor Emily_&		
DECORATIONS LEADER:&		_
CRAFT LEADERS: Virginia Fitzgerald & Peggy Beasley		



Norma Taylor, Mission Chair

Ministry Moments

Year Round

Dollar Day: Youth collect donations each Sunday following the worship service. Funds collected are used to purchase Christmas food baskets.

Collections during the month of June — \$36

Project 20/20: Collecting eye glasses, sunglasses and lenses to distribute to 3rd world countries. Financial donations also needed as every \$10 will help 1 person improve their sight.

Luke's Inn & Shelter (homeless shelter):

 Items needed:
 toilet paper
 13 gallon garbage bags

 Toiletries Needed:
 Example:
 Soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, razors, dental floss, deodorant, hairbrush, combs, lotion, facial cleanser, makeup remover

Homeless Mats: Collecting plastic grocery bags. **Please place plastic bags in the marked container at the church entrance.**

Monthly Ministry.....

Walker Fund MinistryAssistance Given:				
-	Electricity/Water/Sewer:	Assisted 2 families		
Luke's Inn & Shelter AssistanceCollected and delivered:				
	2 boxes of 13 gallon garbage bags (total of 90 bags)			
	2 packages of mega rolls of toilet tissue(16 mega rolls)			
Project 20/20Collected this month:				
0 glass cases & 0 pairs of glasses				
Collected for summer school for those attending Henry County High School				
	10,125 — pieces of notebook p	aper		
356 - #2 wooden pencils				
6 - #2 mechanical				

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX MISSION

Annette Young, Coordinator of the Christmas Shoe Box Mission

Important Facts From Our Recent Christmas Shoe Box Mission:

Estimate the Christmas Shoe Box Mission to have a value of \$1500-

(50 boxes X \$30 each) + \$250 for shipping = TOTAL \$1750

Shoe box totals by Gender

26 for girls

24 for boys

Everyone was very generous in their support of this project.





Example of Boys Box



Example of Girls' Box



