



# TRINITY BEACON

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

## July 2017 Newsletter of Trinity United Methodist Church

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With the onset of summer, thoughts of relaxing and taking it easy fill our minds. Lazy summer days where you kick back and catch a ball game, go fishing, or just read are desired. Here at Trinity, though, the month of July is full of days that are anything but lazy. With so much going on, we felt it was important to highlight some of the big events happening this month that you are more than welcome to be a part of.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>-Picnic in the Park:** Held at Ralston Park on Park Drive, festivities include a Pie Baking Contest (judging begins at 4:30pm), a Pie and Ice Cream Social, music provided by John Worsham Trio (5:30-7:30pm), and a food stand and bounce house provided by Trinity. Come join the fun!

**July 4<sup>th</sup>-Ralston Independence Day Parade:** You can observe Ralston's 57th Annual Independence Day Celebration in several ways this year; a Quilt Show at the Ralston Baright Public Library (10am-12pm), live music at Independence Square (11:15am-12:15pm), and the parade which starts at 1pm. More activities will be available throughout the day, and a full list of the day's events can be found in the Ralston Recorder. While you are enjoying the parade, don't forget to visit the church's food stand! Serving will begin at 11am and continue through the parade.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>-Vacation Bible School (VBS):** We are super excited for this year's Vacation Bible School: "Maker Fun Factory" where children will learn they were created by God, and built for a purpose. Becky is hard at work, but could use any bit of help you are willing to lend. So sign-up any children who wish to attend, or volunteer as a helper today! You can find more information regarding this inside on page three.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>-VBS Fun Day:** As we have done in the past, this year's VBS will end on a Sunday with the kids sharing pictures and music from the week during worship services. Then, following the 11am service, there will be food and games for everyone to enjoy. Plan to attend, and experience the fun of "Maker Fun Factory"!

As you can see, we will be quite busy this month, and the fun will continue on into August and September. Keep your eyes open for future events that you, your family, or your friends might enjoy!

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**Sunday Worship:** Services @ 8:30am & 11am, Sunday School @ 9:45am

**Pastor:** Rev Dr. Matt Fowler   **Associate Pastor:** Rev Curt Copple   **Pastor of Congregational Development:** Rev Dr. Bob Folkers  
**Executive Pastor:** Rev Dr. Cole Fowler   **Children /Youth Director:** Becky McClanathan  
**Adult Education Director/Accompanist:** Vicki Buras   **Choir Director:** David Galant  
**Media Director/Worship Leader:** Matthew Hindley   **Facilities Coordinator:** Jon Lindhjem  
**Administrative Assistant:** Vicky Segers   **Building Supervisor:** Judy Slavik

## Mission Notes

Thank you Trinity members for helping to support Dr. Dumba's mission project of providing **mosquito nets** to thousands of Sudanese refugees in one of the camps in Uganda. Over \$700 was donated during worship plus an additional \$120. The nets are one of the first lines of defense in fighting the deadly disease, malaria. Dr. Dumba thanks us "for our efforts and the generosity of our church".

Another "thank you" goes to our **Dining for Women** group for their contribution of \$300 to the Baryalay Learning Center in Afghanistan. The children, ages 3-12 years old, who attend the center learn English. Part of the money goes toward scholarships for those who cannot pay and for supplies.

We are still **collecting personal care items**, along with men's jeans and underwear, for Open Door Mission over the next few weeks.

There will be no Mission Team meeting during the month of July.

Judy Dappen  
Mission Chair

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### Ralston Community Theatre

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, Trinity members will join our St. Gerald friends to see the 2pm production of "Something Happened on the Way to the Forum" with an optional dinner afterward. We need ten people for the group discount. Contact Marge O'Reilly to sign-up or for more details. She can be reached at 402-331-5871 or [mioreilly@cox.net](mailto:mioreilly@cox.net).

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### Thank you

Trinity Church family, on behalf of the Lewis Copple family, we thank you for your thoughts. Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. May you experience HIS living presence. –Pastor Curt



### Red Bird Mission Trip

I want to personally thank you for the huge support and role you all played in helping myself and the youth get to Red Bird Mission Work-camp this year in Kentucky. Our first mission trip together was a huge success. We have bonded in so many ways. Having fellowship with other campers, friends, churches and ourselves with nightly devotions and long drives here and there. We all worked hard together and not for ourselves, but for a sweet 68 year old named Virgie. Our hearts are forever touched. This United Methodist work camp is a blessing to the community it serves. Here is the theme of the work-camp this summer: (enjoy this and a few pictures! :)) **My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. -1 John 3:18**  
-Becky McClanathan



(pictures courtesy of Becky McClanathan.)

## Education Notes



On June 4<sup>th</sup>, the youth sponsored a car wash and sold root beer floats to raise money for our mission trip to Red Bird work camp. They worked so hard, and we washed cars for three hours straight, no breaks! We thank you for the support and wonderful turn out for this event. It is so appreciated! The car wash ticket sales raised **\$380**. The root beer float and ice cream sales raised **\$222**. This was a grand total of **\$602** raised that day!



**Summer Sunday School** is a lot of fun! We have classes every Sunday during church services, 8:30am and 11am. You can attend either one. Sit with parents until after children's time and then gather with me for class! We have been learning about four great SHEroes of the Bible and next will be lessons built around the game of Minecraft, "Faithcraft."

### Summer GO



Our **Summer Middle School Program** is still trying to meet! Please call the church and pre-register your middle school kids, grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> to participate. We will meet every *Tuesday and Thursday* (except July 4<sup>th</sup>) from 11am-3pm. We meet and end at the church. This group will do a short Bible lesson each day, have lunch, and then do miscellaneous things. We will catch a storm chasers game, do some mission work and landscaping, go to the zoo, and much more. **FREE LUNCH AND T-SHIRT!** Our last class will be held July 27<sup>th</sup>.



**Vacation Bible School registrations are open!** Go to [trinityralston.org](http://trinityralston.org) and register at the VBS logo or under the EVENTS tab. Paper forms can be found at church or emailed. We are excited to order t-shirts for the kids and work on final preparations! **VBS is July 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> is our fun day.** Class time is 5:30-8pm with dinner provided. Our fun day will be after the 11am service.

**Sign up today!**

Contact me with any questions at [Becky.M@trinityralston.org](mailto:Becky.M@trinityralston.org) or call the church.



The Youth gathering schedule for July and August is as follows:

**July dates are to be determined**

**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>**

Due to busy summer schedules, I'd love to get RSVP's if you know your youth would like to attend. I appreciate it! We meet at the church from 5-7:00pm. Thanks!

Becky McClanathan  
Director of children & youth

(pictures on this page courtesy of Becky McClanathan.)

## July

## UMW Notes

### Birthdays

- 7/2 Kody Uhl
- 7/4 Hannah Davis  
Aubrey Jenson
- 7/7 Larry Berray  
Steve Gilbert
- 7/8 Dilyn Gonzalez
- 7/10 Beau Brown  
Glenn Fletcher
- 7/12 Martin Wilson-Stepan
- 7/14 Nathan Demarais
- 7/16 Morgan Higgason
- 7/17 Todd Jasman  
Roger Moritz
- 7/19 Eileen Tiede
- 7/21 Ron Hindley
- 7/22 Jacob Kinsella
- 7/23 Robert Abel  
Roger Brown
- 7/24 Steve Gage  
Melanie Johnson
- 7/25 Kathy Braga  
Taylor Whitehouse
- 7/27 Megan Black  
Mason Kamara  
Abigail Lyons  
Andrea Lyons  
Ryan Pearson  
Jodi York
- 7/28 Brad Groesser  
Judy Neiman
- 7/29 Bev Sadler
- 7/30 Siena Lindner  
Alex Shannon
- 7/31 Adelynn Bodfield  
Diane Demarais

Thurs, July 20<sup>th</sup> Bingo @ Hillcrest Shadowlake 2pm

Fri, July 28<sup>th</sup>-Sun, July 30<sup>th</sup>  
Mission U @ Holiday Inn Convention Center  
Kearney, NE

Mary Circle is scheduled for kitchen cleaning in July.

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### Saturday Book Club

Saturday Sisters Book Club will meet on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Room 205. The selection for July is *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty. You are invited to join us at any time, even if you have not read the book.

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### Trinity Methodist Men

The Trinity Men's Group will not meet in July. Instead, their next scheduled date will be Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to join them for coffee, breakfast, and a guest speaker as they build their faith together. For more information, please contact Steve Gage.

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### Ralston Archives

The Frank & Velma Johnson Ralston Archives Museum will be open on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-6:30pm. They will host the Museum Pie & Ice Cream Social Fundraiser following the judging of the Pie Contest at the Picnic in the Park. The Museum will not be open on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

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### Envelopes Included

If you have not been able to come to worship lately, then you might want to make use of the enclosed envelope for your offering. Mailboxes work just as well as offering plates to catch up with your yearly pledge. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

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### Office Closings

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> in honor of the holiday.

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### Don & Millie's Sunday

Eat at Don & Millie's on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11am – 5pm and the church receives 20% of your purchase.

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### Calendar insert

You will find inserted in this month's Beacon a copy of the current calendar for July. Please check the website ([trinityralston.org](http://trinityralston.org)) for the most up-to-date calendar available. Call the church office at 402-331-4054 for more information, or to schedule your event today.