



Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

October 2017 Newsletter of Trinity United Methodist Church

***And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
-Micah 6:8***

This past summer some of the staff had the opportunity to attend Rev. Bill Hybel's Global Leadership Summit event. It was teleconferenced into a church in Omaha. Not only was it a wonderful time to build relationships, but it also afforded us the chance to do some learning.

There were several speakers we had an opportunity to hear. While Rev. Hybel is a pastor and looks to make this a religious event, he also wants to develop leaders. So he invites speakers from all walks of life to share. One of the speakers talked about how his company initiated a Civility Code. The Code called for the employees to say things like, "good morning and good afternoon, and please and thank you." These were things that I took for granted, but his company evidently was focused more on the bottom line and not on each other.

The staff has decided we are going to develop a code as well. For the last month, we have been working to create something we feel calls us to a greater and uniquely different ministry. We call our code, the Agape Code. The Micah text at the top of the page is our scriptural, God given insight, as to how we are to act as a staff to each other, the church, and all we come in contact with. We also have decided to add some codes to help us be the better disciples Christ calls us to. First and foremost we are to show and share God's love. Even if that is as simple as a please and a thank you. We are going to support and hold each other accountable. While we are going to be focused on the mission and ministry God calls us to, we are also not going to take life SO seriously. There has to be room for fun. Last but by no means least, we will work from the WOW and not the HOW. This last one we will look at more thoroughly next month.

Our hope is to eventually invite the whole church to look at a CODE we can all live by. But as I watch TV and see social media, I am left wondering do we as a nation and as individuals have a code we live by? Do you have a mantra that helps you to make decisions in your life? You know, in every moment of life, do you take a moment to consider what God calls us to? Do you, do we, have a healthy God given way that allows us to engage one another to discuss things that we may or may not agree on?

Let me invite us to consider, What Would Jesus Do? Or pick a scripture, much like the staff, that helps to guide and enable you. From our community, to our state, to our nation, we do not suffer from a lack of things we need to bring God into the conversation. Let us share God's AGAPE CODE.

Grace and Peace
Matt

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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
Director of Spiritual Development/Accompanist: Vicki Buras **Choir Director:** David Galant
Media Director/Worship Leader: Matthew Hindley **Controller:** Penny Holzbauer
Administrative Assistant: Vicky Segers **Building Supervisor:** Judy Slavik

Mission Notes

Here is a brief look at the mission projects that are happening in the coming months:

- **September:** Collection of new hats, gloves, blankets, and gently used coats. Will be taken to Open Door Mission.
- **October:** Preparing for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). October 8th is the kick-off with film and example of a Christmas box. No plastic boxes! Only cardboard shoe boxes are acceptable.
- **November:** Wednesday, November 8th is a packing party for OCC and Sunday, November 12th all boxes are due for blessing during worship. We will also be collecting food for Thanksgiving meals distributed through Living Hope.
- **December:** Make tie blankets for Project Harmony.

Update on UMCOR donations--approximately \$900 was collected for Texas flood victims. It may be that with Hurricane Irma and the earthquake in Mexico, we will look at other ways of donating.

If you are interested in knitting or crocheting, our prayer shawl team invites you to participate in this ministry. It is such a personal way to show care for others. Talk to Judy Dappen or Judy Slavik.

Judy Dappen
Mission Chair

Trinity Ralston Young Adult Journey Group

What is the Young Adult Journey Group? A place of love, belonging and companionship where we journey together in life and faith.

Who would want to come? You thirst for companionship in the midst of life. You search for truth and purpose. You seek a place.

What can you expect? A group that goes beyond learning about a topic. Go deeper in faith by doing life with others. In the process, you'll experience fun, friendships, and faith.

When and where? We meet the first Wednesday of the month: Next meeting is October 4th. We meet at Trinity Ralston, downstairs in the Garden Room at 7pm. Dinner is offered from 5 - 7pm. Daycare provided.

Come! For more information contact Vicki Buras: 402-331-4054 or vicki.b@trinityralston.org.

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who reached out to me during my recent hospital stay with their thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, and visits. Please know that your concern is greatly appreciated. -Don Berglund

Dear Trinity Family, Thank you so much for the wonderful baby shower honoring our "little pumpkins"! We are humbled by all the thoughtful gifts and well wishes we received from everyone. We feel so grateful to be members of such a caring, kind, and generous church family! -Many blessings, The Bottjen, Evers, Gonzalez, and Holzbauer families

Education Notes

Sunday School and Wednesday night classes have been amazing! The kids coming to learn about Jesus and

the Bible have been so open to new things and experiences. They are singing, journaling and really diving into the Bible. They even get extra “Bible Bucks” if they bring their own Bibles to church each week. Please share information about our church, classes, and events. Invite friends and family to check out our website and Facebook page. We are always doing something exciting!



Kids for Christ has begun and classes continue to be from 5:30-7pm each Wednesday. Dinner will begin when you arrive. Come and join us for a fun evening learning about the Bible.

Some dates to mark down for **Youth gatherings** are as follows:

October 1st: Youth Pizza party at the Lyons residence.

October 14th: Youth “field trip”, we leave at 2pm for Columbus. 4pm we will go on a horseback riding trail/excursion. 5:30pm will be dinner and a fire pit at Becky’s parents’ house. Fun will be had! Please RSVP.

October 22nd: Youth will help the UMW make noodles for Soup & Pie day at 9:30am. Also, the same day, youth will meet at 3pm for a hay rack ride and bonfire/dinner.



Trinity Trunk or Treat!!!

Sunday October 29th from 2-4pm

There is a form hanging on my door for you to fill out if you would like to add a “trunk” to this event!! We will have face painting, balloon twisting, carnival like games, scary trunk or treating, and lots more. Candy donations are welcomed and appreciated!



Let your
light
shine.
Matthew 5:16

Becky McClanathan
Director of Children & Youth

(pictures on this page courtesy of Becky McClanathan.)

Christian Caregiving—A Way of Life

This five-week class led by Cole Fowler, along with Dianne Fowler and Ray Loveland, teaches people how to care for someone in a distinctly Christian way. For those who want to grow in their ability to reach out to others with Christ-like compassion, join them beginning Wednesday, October 4th at 7pm in the upstairs choir room. Nursery care will be available.

New Members

Trinity welcomes its newest member, Pam Campbell, who joined Sunday, September 24th.

October

Birthdays

- 10/1 Carmen Shannon
- 10/3 Robert Folkers
Sharon Hayenga
Dahlia Jacobson
- 10/4 Daniel Jacobson
Lindsey Johnson
- 10/5 Billie Tietgen
- 10/7 Terri Hodgen
Kendra Karnish
- 10/8 Deborah Henry
- 10/9 Cindy Gilbert
Nixon Jacobson
- 10/10 Samuel Fletcher
- 10/11 Judy Dappen
Emily Gregalunas
Tony Russo
- 10/12 Stan Slavik
- 10/13 James Shannon
- 10/15 Janice Szymborski
- 10/26 Jacki Groesser
- 10/17 Bob Wiley
- 10/18 Diane Love
- 10/20 Patty Richards-Meader
- 10/21 Amanda Dwyer
- 10/22 Darrien Costello
- 10/23 Roxanne Lott
- 10/24 Carolyn Sullivan
- 10/25 Kim Dean
- 10/26 Paige Pace
- 10/27 Penny Lyons
Paul Wilson
- 10/28 Christian Diltz
Codie Diltz
Forrest Stowe
- 10/29 Connie Canal
Maureen McPherson
- 10/30 Brody McClanathan

UMW Notes

Tues, Oct 3rd	Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
Thurs, Oct 5th	Naomi Ruth Circle	10am
Tues, Oct 10th	Mary Circle	7pm
Thurs, Oct 12th	Esther Circle	6:30pm
Thurs, Oct 19th	Bingo @ Hillcrest Shadowlake	2pm
Sun, Oct 22nd	Noodle Making	9:30am

Mary Circle is responsible for cleaning the kitchen in October.

Election Day Soup & Pie Meal

Trinity United Methodist Women will serve their Annual Election Day Soup and Pie Meal on Tuesday, November 7th from 11am until 7pm in the Johnson Community Center. The cost for this event is \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. The price of the ticket includes a bowl of either freshly made chicken noodle soup with homemade noodles or chili, crackers, raw veggies, a piece of pie, and drink.

Saturday Book Club

Saturday Sisters Book Club will meet on Saturday, October 21st at 9am in Room 205. The selection for October is *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Kruger. You are invited to join us at any time, even if you have not read the book.

Trinity Methodist Men

The Trinity Men's Group will meet on Saturday, October 28th 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.

Don & Millie's Sunday

Eat at Don & Millie's on Sunday, October 22nd from 11am – 5pm and the church receives 20% of your purchase.

Ralston Archives

The Frank & Velma Johnson Ralston Archives Museum will be open Sunday, October 15th from 1-3pm with new displays featuring men's hats of all kinds, and handiwork (sewing, crocheting, knitting, tatting, and more).

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.

Calendar insert

You will find inserted in this month's Beacon a copy of the current calendar for October. Please check the website (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.