



Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

October 2018 Newsletter of Trinity United Methodist Church

Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness.

James 3:18

As I was thinking about this season of harvest, I came across this piece by Rev Max Lucado in the Thursday morning Bible study that I teach. There are a lot of profound thoughts shared in the article, and I believe we would all benefit from reading it together.

The principle of peace is the same as the principle of crops: Never underestimate the power of a seed. The story of Heinz is a good example. Europe, 1934: Hitler's plague of anti-Semitism was infecting a continent. Some would escape it, some would die from it, but eleven-year-old Heinz would learn from it. He would learn the power of sowing seeds of peace.

Heinz was a Jew. The Bavarian village of Furth where Heinz lived was being overrun by Hitler's young thugs. Heinz's father, a schoolteacher, lost his job. Recreational activities ceased . . . Nazi youth roamed the neighborhoods looking for trouble. Young Heinz learned to keep his eyes open. When he saw a band of troublemakers, he would step to the other side of the street. Sometimes he would escape a fight . . . sometimes not.

One day, in 1934, a pivotal confrontation occurred. Heinz found himself face-to-face with a Nazi bully. A beating appeared inevitable. This time, however, he would get away unhurt – not because of what he did, but because of what he said. He didn't fight back; he spoke up. He convinced the troublemakers that a fight was not necessary. His words kept battle at bay, and Heinz saw firsthand how the tongue can create peace. He learned the skill of using words to avoid conflict, and for a young Jew in Nazi-ridden Europe, that skill had many opportunities to be honed.

Fortunately, Heinz's family escaped from Bavaria and made their way to America. Later in life, he would downplay the impact those adolescent experiences had on his development. But one has to wonder. For after Heinz grew up, his name became synonymous with peace negotiations. His legacy became that of a bridge builder. Somewhere he had learned the power of the properly placed word of peace. You don't know him as Heinz. You know him by his Anglicized name, Henry, Henry Kissinger.

Never underestimate the power of a Seed.

(From The Applause of Heaven)

When you go to pick out your pumpkin this year, ponder the size of a pumpkin seed (not very big). If a seed that small can create something that big, imagine what a well-placed word of kindness, love, hope, forgiveness, and peace can do.

Grace and Peace
Matt

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Sunday Worship: Services @ 8:30am & 11am

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
Choir Director: Dr. David Galant **Media Director/Worship Leader:** Matthew Hindley **Accompanist:** Alex Lunardi
Controller: Penny Holzbauer **Facility Coordinator:** Koy Potthoff **Administrative Assistant:** Vicky Segers
Building Supervisor: Judy Slavik

Mission Notes

Santa in September is coming to a close. Donations for this program are part of our Christmas giving this year with all gifts received going to the YES (Youth Emergency Services) Program. The recipients are youth who are homeless for the most part, and are in need of clothing, toiletries, and school supplies. This project is our way of making us aware of the needs of young people in our community. If you have taken a tag off the tree but not returned the gift to the church, please do so as quickly as possible. Our gifts are our way of showing our support.

In October, we will be filling the boat with items for Thanksgiving meals that Living Hope distributes to their community. Then in November, we encourage you to fill the boat with donations of new hats, gloves/mittens, new blankets, and gently used winter coats for a local shelter.

Dining for Women will come together for a potluck meal on Friday, October 12th at noon. All are welcome to attend this event as we continue to learn about programs that help to improve the lives of women and children from around the world. Please bring your own dishes and silverware.

The Mission Team will meet on Thursday, October 18th at 9am to provide sack lunches for Stephan Center.

Judy Dappen
Mission Chair

Basement Remodel

Members from Trinity have been helping a local family finish their basement adding desperately needed bedrooms. We thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to this project! Here are some pictures that help demonstrate just a fraction of the work they've done. *(pictures courtesy of Becky McClanathan)*



Need a New Leader for Bingo

Nina Henry will be giving up her long-held position of overseeing Bingo at Hillcrest Shadowlake (formerly Hungtinton Park). Bingo is held the third Thursday of each month at 2pm. If anyone would be interested in taking over this volunteer position beginning in January 2019, please contact Nina Henry or Joann Krohn.

Ad Council Meeting

We will hold an Ad Council Meeting on Sunday, October 28th between services (9:45am) to approve the 2019 church budget before taking it to the District Charge Conference. The Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 11th, 2pm at Rockbrook United Methodist Church.

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.

Education Notes

Sunday School Information

Sunday School is located downstairs at Trinity and is from **9:45-10:45am**. Parents will sign their kids in on the clipboard located downstairs on the sign-in table. Students will start in their classrooms this year, and will end the hour with music class at **10:30am** in the children's music room. Parents will pick up there.

Youth: You will meet in your classroom for the full hour, **9:45-10:45am**.

Kids For Christ (KFC)



Wednesday night class. 5:30-6pm is dinner in Fellowship Hall with some gym time to follow. The next few weeks we will be looking at the books of the Bible in the New Testament and memorizing the order while learning some songs, playing games, and making some crafts! Please let me know if you have ideas or questions about this group. Becky.M@trinityalston.org

Wednesday, October 31st - NO Kids for Christ (KFC)

Youth group 7th-12th graders

The Root beer float fundraiser for the Youth was a great success! The kids raised **\$303** towards their trip to Kentucky 2019, Red Bird Work Camp.

October youth gatherings will be youth helping run the family pumpkin carving event on Saturday, October 20th and volunteering at the Trunk or Treat on the 28th.



Events

Sunday, October 14th: Kids will help honor Children's Sabbath by helping before and after services, and singing during both services.

Saturday, October 20th: Family Pumpkin Carving Event
1-3pm in the Johnson Community Center/ Gym

Bring your own pumpkin, or we will have a small selection for you to purchase one from us.

Carving tools will be supplied and/or you can bring yours too!

Sunday, October 21st: The carved pumpkins will be displayed on a table in Fellowship Hall for church members to "VOTE" on their favorite one. Jars will be placed by them in hopes of collecting "VOTES" with money. All money raised will help fund the youth mission trip. The pumpkin with the most money will win as the church "FAVORITE" and win the carving contest!!



Sunday, October 28th: 7th Annual Trinity Trunk or Treat!!
2-4pm

We will have face painting, balloon twisting, a bouncehouse, games, candy, trunk or treating, and lots of fun! Bring your costumes and baskets!! If you would like to decorate and bring a "TRUNK" to this event, please email me Becky.M@trinityalston.org
Candy donations are welcome! We will have a collection basket in Fellowship Hall.



I'm in need of other donations and volunteers to help in different areas. If you are willing to donate items or help, please email me ASAP. Thank you!!

Let your light shine!!
Becky McClanathan

October Birthdays

- 10/1 Carmen Shannon
 10/2 Dale Harwick
 10/3 Robert Folkers
 Sharon Hayenga
 Dahlia Jacobson
 10/4 Daniel Jacobson
 Lindsey Johnson
 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
 10/12 Stan Slavik
 10/13 James Shannon
 10/15 Janice Szymborski
 10/16 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
 10/26 Paige Pace
 10/27 Penny Lyons
 10/28 Christian Diltz
 Codie Diltz
 Katrina Sieler
 Forrest Stowe
 10/29 Connie Canal
 10/30 Brody McClanathan

UMW Notes

Thurs, Oct 4th	Naomi Ruth Circle	10am
Tues, Oct 9th	Mary Circle	7pm
Thurs, Oct 11th	Esther Circle	6:30pm
Thurs, Oct 18th	Bingo @ Hillcrest Shadowlake	2pm
Sun, Oct 21st	UMW Noodle-making	9:45am

Annual Election Day Soup & Pie Meal

The United Methodist Women (UMW) of Trinity United Methodist Church will serve their Annual Election Day Soup and Pie Meal on Tuesday, November 6th from 11am until 7pm in the Johnson Community Center.

The cost for this event is \$10 for an adult and \$5 for a child (10 and under). The price of the ticket includes a bowl of freshly-made chicken noodle soup with home-made noodles or homemade chili with crackers, raw veggies, a piece of pie, and drink.

Proceeds from this event go to support the UMW's Mission work which includes Epworth Village, Habitat for Humanity and other projects.

Saturday Book Club

For October, Saturday Sisters Book Club will be discussing *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. You are invited to join us in Room 205 at 9am on Saturday, October 20th, for fellowship and discussion.

Trinity Methodist Men

The Trinity Men's Group will meet on Saturday, October 27th at 8am for coffee and fellowship. If you are interested in learning more about this group, then contact Steve Gage.

Ralston Archives

The Frank & Velma Johnson Ralston Archives Museum will be open Sunday, October 21st from 1-3pm. The Museum is looking for old games, old costume jewelry and jewelry art (jewelry Christmas Tree, etc.) for the next set of displays that will go in before the Holiday Magic Open House on Sunday, November 25th.

Don & Millie's Sunday

Eat at Don & Millie's on Sunday, October 28th from 11am – 5pm and the church receives 20% of your purchase.

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.

