



Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

October 2019 Newsletter of Trinity United Methodist Church

Hello out there, Trinity friends! Thank you for letting me be your Pastor and worshipping with us!!

The church is about being so filled with God's love that it will bless people. The church is always about people. As the church attempts to coordinate, orchestrate, organize and institutionalize, may we not forget that the church has always been about people. It's about people gathering to praise. It's about people gathering to serve. It's about people gathering to pray. It's about people gathering to experience God's love and our new life together in Christ. God's love will drive this new grandpa, (Wow, does that seem strange!) to do whatever it takes so the world might know Jesus. What are you doing to lead people in your city toward heaven?

As I look out from the back seat, as Trinity's Associate Pastor, I would recommend that all of us who serve God faithfully have this perspective in our lives. We need to be overwhelmed by God's power, motivated by God's passion, and in love with God's people. Let God's power drive the church. Let us be so wrapped up in trusting God that we will even *let God have the steering wheel*.

What's God purpose? "God would have all to come to know Jesus Christ and come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3-4). It is that all would come to know Jesus Christ, and all would dwell in heaven, so the passion of wanting to see every human being connected with God should be the passion of our hearts. At Trinity Ralston UMC we must never forget that the church is always about people. This is especially true when it comes to our buildings, our plans, and technology. We make sure that whatever we're doing is blessing people and not just fulfilling another ministry activity.

As we move from the driver's seat to the back seat, I encourage us to make sure that three standing stones are left in our ministry. Are you flowing in the power of God? Have you transmitted the passion of Jesus' love for you? Have you kept your eyes on Jesus in order to love people as he loves them? May God bless our 21st century church as the church of Jesus Christ raises her head with power and beauty and blesses a world of chaos – a world that God so loves.

Respectfully
Pastor Curt Copple

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

Interim Pastor: Rev Curt Copple **Pastor of Congregational Development:** Rev Dr. Bob Folkers

Children /Youth Director: **Daycare Director:** Megan Greise

Choir Director: Dr. David Galant **Media Director/Worship Leader:** Matthew Hindley **Accompanist:** Alex Lunardi

Controller: Ashley Vandelloo **Administrative Assistant:** Vicky Segers

Facility Attendant: Cory Henson

Mission Notes

Hurrah for Dining for Women!! At our first fall meeting, we had two guests from Lincoln. They had been researching for a chapter and found us in Ralston. It was gratifying to have them attend and we look forward to further visits. It is interesting to note that the Ralston chapter is the only one in Nebraska, so we are proud of our efforts as we celebrate seven years!

The Santa gifts for YES—Youth Emergency Services—is going well. We will keep the project going for another several weeks. If you are able to donate, YES is looking for twin sized sheet sets and diapers, size 2, 3, and 4. These items help the new moms who are part of this program. You may place your donations in the Santa gift boxes in the narthex.

We are looking at providing baked goods for Stephen's Center in October. The hope is that they will freeze them for the holidays. Look for more information in the next few weeks as we determine how to package and label the items and when to have them at the church.

Kids who have need of school supplies will appreciate any donations for our boat. The clothes pantry is one place we will provide supplies.

Judy Dappen
Chairperson

Hurricane Relief

If you would like to make a donation to the relief efforts for the survivors of Hurricane Dorian through Trinity, please make your check payable to Trinity UMC and put UMCOR Advance number in the memo line and the church will send one check. Note that the Advance #901670 is for the US Disaster and Advance #982450 is for the International Disaster response. The Bahamas is an independent country and not part of the United States.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Trinity United Methodist Church on Friday, October 11th. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. To register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979 or call 1-888-653-6441.

Baptism

On Sunday, September 15th, we celebrated the baptism of William Rodney Uhl at the I Iam service. He is the son of Kody and Amanda (Polivka) Uhl.

Education Notes

We are starting strong with our youth activities this year. **Sunday School** on Sunday morning at 9:45am for children age 3-18, and **Kids for Christ (KFC)** Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Jesus made it clear that he loved everyone, including children. In the Bible there is a quote that most of us have heard before: "Let the children come to me. Do not stop them." (Mathew 19:14). Some tried to keep the children from Jesus thinking he was too busy for them. He was not happy with this thought process and uttered the words above. From that point, everyone knew where children stood in Jesus' heart. We look forward to teaching and learning with all the youth in the congregation.



Trunk or Treat is coming up on Sunday, October 27th from 2pm until 4pm. We are so excited to be continuing this tradition and getting the word out there about our youth programs to the community. We are asking for candy or prize donations beginning Sunday, October 6th through Wednesday, October 23rd. We are also seeking volunteers to run events, donate individually wrapped baked goods, and host a trunk. There will be a sign up going around at church, or you can email Megan at Megan.G@trinityalston.org. This year there will be an award for the favorite trunk and best costume.



Trinity Learning Center

We officially received the permit for construction on Tuesday, September 24th. We have created a timeline for construction with Mercury Contractors. Our projected Opening date is Monday, January 6th. We are currently watching all the sales sights to purchase like new materials for half price or better. Thus far we have saved \$10,000

through these purchases.

Thank You

I really appreciated the effort put into the farewell event given to me, all the cards and gifts, the kind words and support!! I wanted to say thank you for all to see. ~Becky McClanathan

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.

October Birthdays

- 10/1 Carmen Shannon
10/3 Robert Folkers
Sharon Hayenga
Dahlia Jacobson
Cindy Jolly
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
Hannah Tripp
Hayley Tripp
10/11 Judy Dappen
Emily Gregalunas
Liam O'Doherty
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-Justus
10/23 Roxanne Lott
10/24 Carolyn Sullivan
10/26 Paige Pace
10/27 Penny Lyons
10/28 Katrina Sieler
Forrest Stowe
10/29 Connie Canal
10/30 Brody McClanathan

UMW Notes

Thurs, Oct 3rd	Naomi Ruth Circle	10am
Mon, Oct 7th	Reservations for District Fall Meeting due	
Tues, Oct 8th	Mary Circle	7pm
Thurs, Oct 10th	Esther Circle	6:30pm
Sat, Oct 12th	Missouri River District Fall Meeting	
Sun, Oct 20th	Noodle Making	
Tues, Oct 22nd	UMW Executive Board	6:30pm
Sat, Nov 2nd	Meat Pickup	
Sun, Nov 3rd	Chicken Prep	
Mon, Nov 4th	Relish Prep & Set Up	
Tues, Nov 5th	Election Day Soup & Pie Meal	

Election Day Soup & Pie Meal

The United Methodist Women will serve their annual Election Day Soup and Pie Meal on Tuesday, November 5th from 11am until 7pm in the Johnson Community Center. An adult ticket costs \$10 and children 10 and under are \$5. The price of the ticket includes either a bowl of homemade chili or freshly-made chicken noodle soup with homemade noodles, crackers, raw veggies, a piece of pie, and drink.

Proceeds will go toward supporting the UMW mission projects which include Epworth Village, Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity and other projects. For more information, call the church office at 402-331-4054 or check the website, www.trinityalston.com.

Saturday Book Club

Saturday Sisters Book Club will be reading *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead as our October selection. You are welcome to join us for fellowship and our discussion of this book on Saturday, October 19th, at 9am in room 205.

Trinity Methodist Men

The Trinity Men's Group will meet on Saturday, October 26th at 8am for coffee and fellowship. If you are interested in learning more about this group, then contact Steve Gage.

Don & Millie's Sunday

Eat at Don & Millie's on Sunday, October 27th 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 (trinityalston.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.