



THE MESSENGER

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter

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SANCTUARY YOGA THIS FALL AT TRINITY

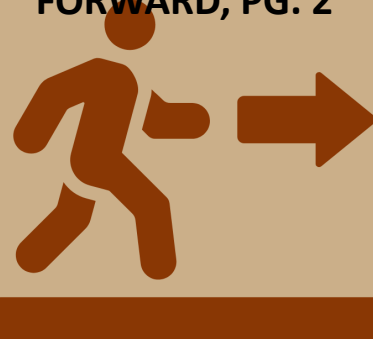
Trinity regularly offers yoga sessions in our beautiful and historic sanctuary. These sessions are coordinated by Trinity's Music Director, Monica Shaeffer, with support from local yoga instructors. They are beginner-friendly sessions, available to people at all-levels. At these sessions, we take a free-will donation from those in attendance which is donated towards a charity of Trinity's choosing. In the past, money raised at yoga has gone towards organizations like Family Promise, Lafayette Urban Ministry, and more. All you need to participate is to show up! You can bring a mat from home or use one that Trinity has on hand.

Join us this fall for Sanctuary Yoga at 10 a.m. on August 17, September 7, and October 5.

Questions? Reach out to Monica Shaeffer at music@trinitylafayette.org or contact the church office.

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FAITHFULLY FORWARD

The past couple months, I have used this space in the newsletter to talk about the discernment process that we have embarked upon, that we are referring to as Faithfully Forward. This process involves more than just leadership sitting around a table and talking — It's a process that will involve the entire congregation. I am so thankful for Melissa Schroeder for sharing how Faithfully Forward also includes personal as well as communal spiritual components as she led two spiritual disciplines workshops.

This month, we will be starting to get small groups together that will read through, and focus on, the early church's development as we see in Acts. Each small group will discuss chapters in Acts each week. The goal is to have all of us seeing how the early church sought out God's direction for their spiritual community as they, too, sought to move Faithfully Forward. During August, be on the lookout for signups for the group that works best for you!

On August 17, the Administrative Board and staff will be led on a day retreat by Melissa. Then on September 14, the first of two retreats for everyone else will happen at West Lafayette First UMC. The second retreat will be following the church service on October 13. These retreats will be opportunities for us to further explore and share our stories of what makes Trinity meaningful both for us personally, as well as meaningful for the community.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our church as we continue to move Faithfully Forward, seeking God's purpose(s) for our church in the midst of our community and beyond.



DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

TRACY SMITH MALONE NAMED NEW BISHOP FOR INDIANA UMC

On Saturday, July 13, the North Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church announced that Bishop Tracy Smith Malone has been assigned as the resident bishop of the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, effective September 1, 2024. Bishop Malone was first elected to the episcopacy in 2016 and has been serving as the resident bishop of the East Ohio Conference ever since.

She also is currently the president of the Council of Bishops, president of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Africa University. She pastored several churches in the Northern Illinois Conference before being elected to the episcopacy. Malone received a bachelor's degree from the North Central College in Naperville, IL; a master of divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL; and a doctorate of ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. Bishop Malone and her husband, Derrick, have two daughters.

In The United Methodist Church, a bishop serves as a general superintendent of the entire church in a specific region. United Methodist bishops are not "ordained" as bishops, but are ordained clergy elected and consecrated to the office of bishop. Bishops give general oversight to the worldly and spiritual interests of the Church. Bishops are elected by one of the five jurisdictional conferences and are assigned by their jurisdiction to serve a geographical area for a four-year term.

Bishop Malone follows the leadership of Bishop Julius Trimble who retires at the end of August after serving as Indiana's bishop since 2016. Please join Trinity in prayer for Bishop Trimble and his wife, First Lady Racelder Grandberry-Trimble, as they step into this new chapter of their lives together and for Bishop Malone and her husband, incoming First Gentleman Derrick Malone, as they plan to move to Indiana.



WELCOMING A NEW BISHOP TO INDIANA
Bishop Julius Trimble (left) retired this summer after serving as Bishop of the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church since 2016. Effective September 1, 2024, Indiana will welcome the leadership of Bishop Tracy Smith Malone (right) who will make history as our conference's first ever woman bishop. Bishop Malone currently serves as Bishop of the East Ohio Conference and is the President of the Council of Bishops.



MISSIONS & CARING MINISTRY



SUPPORTING THE WESLEY FOUNDATION AT PURDUE

During August, we will be collecting a special missions offering for our friends and partners in ministry over at the Wesley Foundation at Purdue. The Wesley Foundation is the official United Methodist campus ministry at Purdue, and they have exciting times ahead! After years of negotiations, Wesley has agreed to sell their current location to Purdue in exchange for a parcel of land and a cash sum to put towards building a new location. Wesley has embarked on a capital campaign to enhance their ministry at this crucial time. They have shared: “With additional fundraising, we will be able to add to the new building to include up to 30 beds for the ministry to rent to students and provide a sense of community. While we are sad to leave our current and historic location, this opportunity allows us to further diversify financial income and enable our ministry to continue leading boldly by providing a substantial student community living option on site. We believe this move sets us up for the next 100 years of ministry as a force for good on campus.”

To support Wesley’s capital campaign, checks/offering can be made out to Trinity UMC with “Wesley Foundation” in the memo line. Or give online via Vanco through the end of August.

While their new building is constructed at 2nd & Waldron, Wesley will be temporarily housed at the Baptist Student Foundation. Questions about Wesley or their new move? Reach out to Pastor Mack who is also on staff at Wesley as the Associate Pastor.

MISSIONS & CARING MINISTRY CONT.

EXPANDING TRINITY'S REACH TO OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH LUM

Pastor Suzanne has been expanding her role in responding to the pastoral needs of our community by connecting more intentionally at Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM). She has joined a team of two other chaplains who serve at LUM, listening and responding to the spiritual and emotional needs of the LUM community. Over the past month, she has volunteered at the LUM Protein Pantry, started to get to know the LUM staff, and connected with LUM's financial assistance ministry. Pastor Suzanne's hope is to better connect with our community and grow our compassion toward our neighbors through deeper connection with our ministry partners at LUM. Pastor Suzanne has a calling to reach out tangibly to our neighbors, and she invites you to join her (For example, there is currently a need for more food pantry volunteers)! Connect with Pastor Suzanne if you have this desire, too.



FELLOWSHIP

Second Sunday Lunch

Join us for our next **Second Sunday Lunch** on **August 11** after our 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Great Room. Bring a dish to share and stay for food and fellowship with your church family! All are welcome!



FUSION

MONDAY, AUGUST 19
6:00 P.M.
GREAT ROOM

Join us in August for Fusion, a gathering of food, fellowship, and learning where we share a meal together and hear from a featured storyteller about a bit of their life and/or work. A free meal is provided for all in attendance and Pastor Mack leads opportunities for children through Fusion Kids. All are welcome!

FELLOWSHIP CONT.

LADIES NIGHT OUT



**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 21
6:00 P.M.**

**WALT'S OTHER
PUB ON 9TH ST.**

**RSVP BY NOON ON AUGUST 20 TO
KAY FRANSCOVIAK (765-427-5728)
OR PASTOR SUZANNE
(SUZANNE@TRINITYLAFAYETTE.ORG)**

Photo caption: A group of ladies from Trinity gathered in July at Dog n' Suds for an evening of food and fellowship.

CONDOLENCES

Pastor Paul Arnold's mother, Juanita Arnold, died recently at age 105. Pastor Paul was Trinity's senior pastor from 2010-2014. When asked what her secret to long life was, Juanita would say with a sparkle in her eye, "No green vegetables and lots of chocolate!" Her family and friends know that her courage in the face of adversity, her can-do attitude, her faith in God, and her strong network of family and friends may have also had something to do with it. She is survived by her five sons and one sister. Juanita Arnold's life will be celebrated Saturday, July 27 in Fort Wayne, IN. Memorials can be made to the Trinity Stained Glass Window fund.



Cards may be sent to: Paul and JoAnn Arnold, 144 Shore Drive, Ogden Dunes, IN 46368

CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING CAROLINE NELSON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY



Caroline Nelson (pictured at left with Pastor Suzanne), Trinity's oldest member, celebrated her 100th birthday on July 24. Pastor Suzanne enjoyed celebrating with Caroline at a party celebrating her at Columbian Park on July 20.



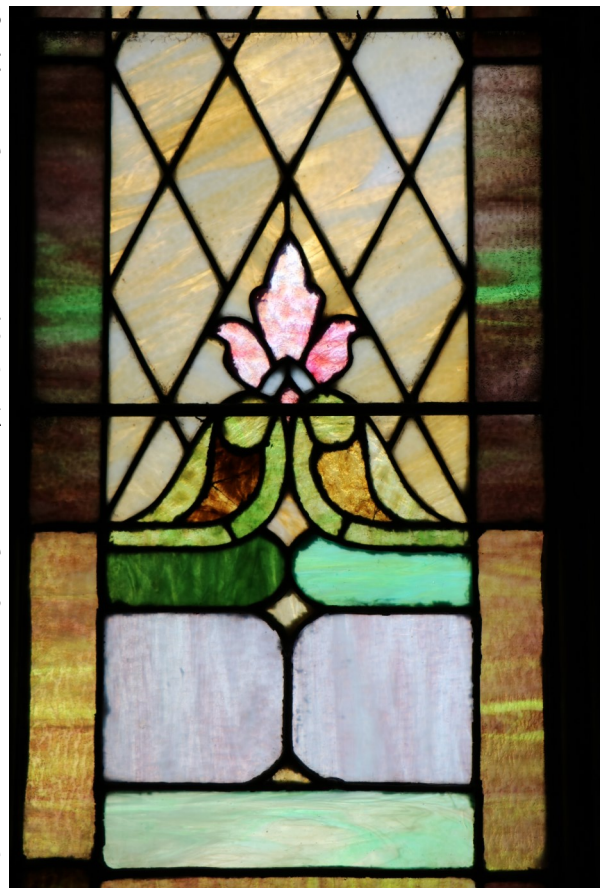
STAINED GLASS RESTORATION

PROGRESS ON RESTORATION OF NORTH WINDOWS IN THE SANCTUARY

The restoration of our beautiful stained glass windows is proceeding as planned. With the help of a grant from the Historic Preservation Fund through Indiana DNR, the tall windows on the north side of the Sanctuary have been removed, rebuilt, and re-installed one-by-one.

The sixth and last window is now out and is being rebuilt. Following this, the outside glazing will be removed from all of these windows and the woodwork will be repaired and repainted. Finally, thermal insulating glazing will be placed on the inside of the window frames. The improvement in outside appearance of these windows will be dramatic, as is already seen in the restored windows on the south side of the Sanctuary.

Our plan is to next proceed with restoration to the large windows of the east end of the sanctuary in 2025. That will restore all of the windows in the sanctuary to their original appearance as when designed, created and installed by Edna Browning Ruby in 1920. We have submitted a proposal to Sacred Places of Indiana to help fund the restoration of these east side windows. This grant contribution will be vital to this project, but the work will begin only when donations from the congregation and Building Endowment supply matching funds. Continued contributions to our window restoration project at Trinity are greatly appreciated.



LOOKING AHEAD: HUNGER HIKE

Hunger Hike

**Fighting Hunger
Locally, Regionally, and Globally**

Every year, Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM) hosts the Hunger Hike to raise funds in support of hunger relief locally, regionally, and globally. This year's event will be held on September 22 with the event beginning at 1 p.m. at Riehle Plaza and the hike beginning at 2 p.m. Trinity will be putting together a team to walk in this year's Hunger Hike. Stay tuned for more information on how to get involved physically and/or financially.

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

AUGUST BUILDING OPENERS:

Aug 4 — Brooks Leftwich
Aug 11 — Brent Clemenz
Aug 18 — Mel Shoaf
Aug 25 — Nate Yorán

AUGUST USHERS:

Aug 4 — Brooks Leftwich
Aug 11 — Weng Chew &
Chew Chin Phua
Aug 18 — Mel Shoaf
Aug 25 — Jeff Caster

AUGUST GREETERS:

Aug 4 — Kay Franscoviak &
Norma Singley
Aug 11 — Judy Robbins
Aug 18 — Jeff Caster
Aug 25 — Jenny Taylor

ONLINE GIVING



Looking to contribute to our offering, missions campaign, etc.
but need to do so via card?

Use the QR Code provided to access our online giving platform!
Our online giving platform can also be found on our website:
trinitylafayette.org/give

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Is your birthday missing? Let us know!

Jan Ploughe	08/04
Emily Spilker	08/05
Sheila Robbins Campbell	08/06
Laura Stevens	08/09
JoAnn Arnold	08/11
Savannah Jewell	08/12
Richard Jewell	08/13
Lisa Nielsen	08/14
Sandy Moorman	08/16
Stacey Toeppe	08/16
Claire Conner	08/19
Kenny Jones	08/26
Roberta Raley	08/28
Sparrow Grossman	08/29



TRINITY'S BOARD

Chairperson: Dinah Dalder

Vice Chair: Kathy Manwaring

Treasurer: Claudia Alenduff

Lay Leader: Kay Franscoviak

Finance: Emily Spilker

Trustees: Steve Ash

Staff Parish: Larry Fraser

Secretary: Emily Sheetz

Endowment: Ryan Wynkoop

Discipleship Team Leader: Kay Franscoviak

Missions/Outreach: Kathy Manwaring & Betty Jackson

At Large Member: Brooks Leftwich

COMMUNICATIONS

Have pictures from church events or a story to share? Send them to Monica in the office at info@trinitylafayette.org.

Website: www.trinitylafayette.org

Facebook: [Trinity United Methodist Church, Lafayette, IN](#)

Be sure to like us on Facebook and share posts and events on your own wall and invite your friends! This is a great way to spread the word about our outreach events.



OFFICE INFO

Trinity's office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. During office hours the inner office door will be locked to better manage visitors and ensure safety for office staff.

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please note that Pastor Ben will be on vacation July 26 through August 2. Please reach out to Pastor Suzanne for any pastoral needs during this time.</p>				1	2	3
4 9:15 Connect (Zoom) 10:30 Worship (Sanc)	5	6 9:30 Staff Meeting (Office) 11:15 Fowler Study	7	8	9	10
11 9:15 Connect (Zoom) 10:30 Worship (Sanc) 2ND SUN LUNCH	12	13	14	15	16	17 10 Yoga (Sanc) GOV. BOARD RETREAT
18 9:15 Connect (Zoom) 10:30 Worship (Sanc)	19 6P Fusion (GR)	20 9:30 Staff Meeting (Office) 11:15 Fowler Study	21 6P Ladies Night Out (Walt's Other Pub)	22 6P Gov. Board (GR)	23	24
25 9:15 Connect (Zoom) 10:30 Worship (Sanc)	26	27	28	29	30	31



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Sunday Worship Services

Trinity Connect (Zoom) at 9:15 a.m.

In-Person Worship (Sanctuary) at 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Trinity's Mission Statement:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Trinity's Vision Statement:

Growing in love and service through relationships with God and community.

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