



# THE MESSENGER

## TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Embracing all to experience and share God's love.  
trinitylafayette.org

Newsletter

AUGUST 2025



Sign-Up to Help Us Host a Block Party in Celebration of 200 Years of Trinity!

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**  
**4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. - SOUTH LAWN**

### 200 BLOCK PARTY — WE NEED YOU!

Trinity is 200 this year, and we are throwing a party! *Have you signed up to come and be part of the fun?*

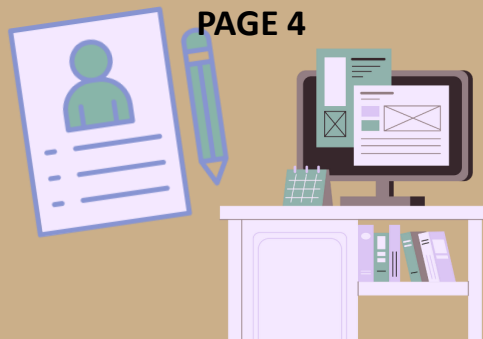
On Saturday, August 23 we are inviting our community to celebrate our bicentennial with us from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. This is a chance for us to offer hospitality and a warm, friendly presence to those who join us. We want our community to know we are HERE and desiring many more years of connection in Lafayette. Sign up at the volunteer table by the elevator entrance at church. The organizers (Emily Sheetz, Jeri Massey, and Pastor Suzanne) will find a volunteer role that is right for you.

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# TRINITY'S BICENTENNIAL

## SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 9 — HOMECOMING SERVICE

On Sunday, Nov. 9, Trinity will hold a special homecoming service celebrating our bicentennial, with a catered lunch following worship that day. Look for opportunities to invite Trinity friends to this special occasion later this summer.

## DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP

### UMC SOCIAL PRINCIPLES STUDY OFFERED THIS FALL

Did you know that The United Methodist Church is guided by a set of social principles? These principles were revised last year and serve as our church's official summary of conviction on the social issues of our time. Since 1972, our church has stood by social principles that guide our moral witness and ethical action.

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 7, an interactive, eight-week study on our social principles will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Great Room, led by Pastor Suzanne. All are invited to participate, and childcare will be available upon request. To request bus transportation for this opportunity,

please reach out to Susie Riley by phone or text at (765) 414-3388. Please sign up here or on the sign-up sheet by the elevator entrance so Pastor Suzanne can be prepared.



### SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH — AUGUST 10

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**Sunday, August 10 following worship in the Great Room.**

**Bring a dish to share and stick around for food and fellowship. All are welcome! Not sure what to bring?**

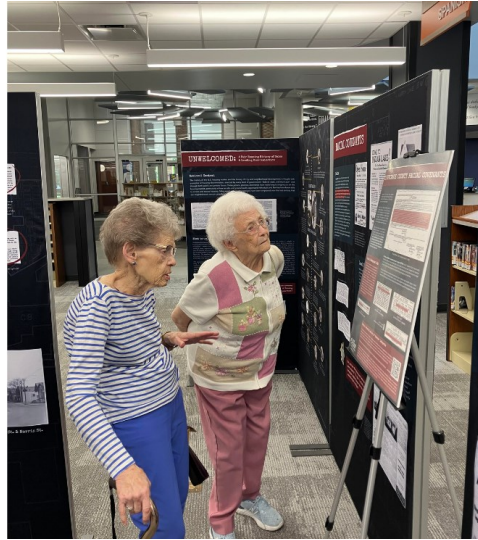
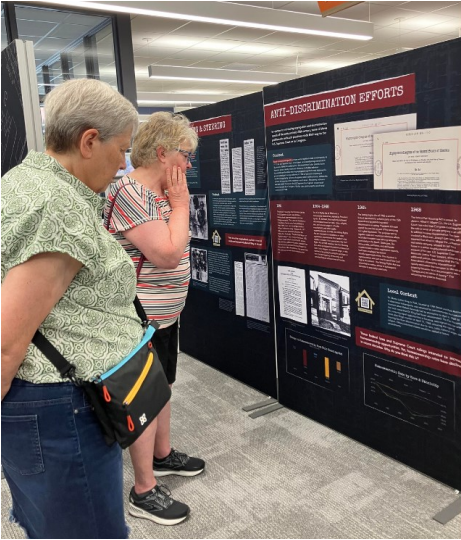
**We can always use more main dishes!**



# MISSIONS & JUSTICE

## UNHOUSED EXHIBIT: JUNE MISSIONS & JUSTICE RECAP

On June 28, an educational trip to the “Unhoused” exhibit at the Tippecanoe County Library was very eye opening. Six of us followed this with a discussion and ice cream at Every's.



## EMERGENCY SHELTER MEAL: JUNE MISSIONS & JUSTICE RECAP

On June 30, a meal of pork BBQ sandwiches, chips, and fresh fruit salad was prepared and served at the LUM Homeless Shelter. Thanks to the volunteers and donations for that meal and breakfast items. Many thanks were shared by those enjoying the meal. This is a way for Trinity to be a compassionate neighbor and meet some of the vulnerable adults in our community.

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

In Children's Church recently, Pastor Mack led our kids in a lesson on two of Jesus's famous parables in Matthew 13 where Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a mustard seed and yeast.



# TRINITY'S OFFICE

## MEET TRINITY'S ADMIN — MONICA MCDUGAL

Have you met the other Monica? Monica McDougal (She/Her) is Trinity's administrative assistant. She works out of the church office which is the little yellow house directly behind the church building facing North Street.

Monica handles Trinity's internal communications meaning she makes your Sunday bulletin, weekly e-blast, and this very newsletter. She also manages records of online giving, tracks attendance, handles orders, and other tasks.

The church office is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and you are welcome to stop by to visit Monica M. at any time! She can be emailed at [monica@trinitylafayette.org](mailto:monica@trinitylafayette.org) or called on the office phone at (765) 742-1288.

Monica is also a pastor, serving at Attica First UMC, which is why she is not with us on Sunday mornings. Monica is married to our Pastor of Youth & Families, Mack Owings. In her free time, she loves to read, crochet, and cuddle her dog, Cricket. She'd love to meet you, so stop by the office sometime and say hello!



# MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you love church music? Do you enjoy singing? Do you want to meet new people? Consider joining Trinity's choir! Rehearsals for the fall will begin September 3rd at 6 p.m. in the choir room on the 2nd Floor.

Reach out to Monica Shaeffer ([music@trinitylafayette.org](mailto:music@trinitylafayette.org)) with questions!



# CONDOLENCES

## RECENT PASSINGS OF PHYLLIS GALEY & LENA CAMPBELL

**Phyllis Galey** — We are saddened to share that Phyllis Galey, age 93, passed away on July 17 at Rosewalk Village, where she had lived for several years. A time of remembering and honoring Phyllis will be held at noon on Sunday, August 17 after worship.

**Lena Campbell** — We are saddened to share that Lena Campbell passed away on Sunday, July 20 at Mulberry Health, just an hour shy of her 88th birthday. There will be no service at Trinity, as her final arrangements will be in Chicago. Her family expresses their deep gratitude to Trinity for their friendship and prayers for Lena over the past few years. On Sunday, Aug. 17 at 9:30am there will be a time of prayer and remembering Lena in the Trinity sanctuary. All are welcome.

## WORSHIP IN THE STREET PHOTOS



On Sunday, July 6, Trinity joined our friends at some neighboring downtown churches for cooperative worship on 6<sup>th</sup> Street right in front of Trinity.



# OUTFEST

## LOOKING AHEAD TO OUTFEST ON AUGUST 16

OUTFest is Lafayette’s annual Pride festival that is hosted by Pride Lafayette. OUTFest, which will be held on Saturday, August 16 on Main Street, aims to create public awareness of the LGBTQIA+ community in Lafayette and beyond, bring attention to LGBTQIA+ issues, provide resources, and celebrate diversity. This year, Trinity will be hosting a booth to let everyone in the community know of our vision to embrace all to experience and share the love of God. If you would like to be a part of hosting the booth, letting the LGBTQIA+ community know that they are loved as a child of God, reach out to Pastor Ben!

### GET A TRINITY T-SHIRT

Now taking orders for Trinity UMC t-shirts! If you would like to get a t-shirt with Trinity UMC’s logo on the front and vision statement on the back to wear at church events or just around town (like at OUTFest!), you can sign up for one on Sunday mornings! Each shirt will be \$15.50. We will be taking orders through Sunday, August 10.



## ONLINE GIVING



Looking to contribute to our offering, missions needs, 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](http://trinitylafayette.org/give)

## HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

### AUGUST BUILDING OPENERS:

8/3 — Brooks Leftwich  
8/10 — Brent Clemenz  
8/17 — TBD  
8/24 — Nate Yoran  
8/31 — Ryan Wynkoop

### AUGUST USHERS:

8/3 — Brooks Leftwich  
8/10 — Weng Chew & Chew  
Chin Phua  
8/17 — Brent Clemenz  
8/24 — Jeff Caster  
8/31 — Ryan Wynkoop

### AUGUST GREETERS:

8/3 — Kay Franscoviak  
8/10 — Jenny Taylor  
8/17 — Claudia Alenduff  
8/24 — Kay Franscoviak  
8/31 — Dinah Dalder

*Interested in helping with our Sunday morning hospitality teams? Reach out to the church office: (765) 742-1288 or [monica@trinitylafayette.org](mailto:monica@trinitylafayette.org)*

### USHER NEEDED:

Trinity is in need of a volunteer to serve as usher on the third Sundays of odd months (January, March, May, etc.). Ushers greet people at the 6th Street entrance, help collect offering, and other tasks. If you are interested, call or text Kay Franscoviak at 765-427-5728.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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
DAVE BILLINGS	08/20
KENNY JONES	08/26
ROBERTA RALEY	08/28

*Is your birthday missing? We're sorry about that! Please reach out and let us know, so that we can celebrate with you and update our records.*



**Wishing everyone a happy & safe school year!**

## TRINITY'S BOARD

**Chairperson:** Kristi Evans  
**Vice Chair:** Kathy Manwaring  
**Treasurer:** Wanda Fisher  
**Lay Leader:** Kay Franscoviak  
**Finance:** Lynn Guptill  
**Trustees:** Steve Ash  
**Staff Parish:** Hannah Starr  
**Secretary:** Emily Sheetz  
**Endowment:** Ryan Wynkoop  
**At-Large Member:** Brooks Leftwich  
**Missions/Outreach:** Kathy Manwaring & Betty Jackson

## COMMUNICATIONS

Have pictures from church events or a story to share? Send them to Monica in the office at [info@trinitylafayette.org](mailto:info@trinitylafayette.org).

**Website:** [www.trinitylafayette.org](http://www.trinitylafayette.org)

**Facebook:** [Trinity United Methodist Church, Lafayette, IN](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUnitedMethodistChurchLafayetteIN)

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 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 9A Sunday School (GR) 10:30A Worship (Sanc) 8P Connect (Zoom)	4	5 6P Ladies Night Out (Dog & Suds – West Lafayette)	6	7	8	9
10 9A Sunday School (GR) 10:30A Worship (Sanc) 11:30A 2nd Sunday Lunch (GR) 8P Connect (Zoom)	11	12 9:30A Staff Meeting (Office) 11:15A Fowler Study (Fowler Apts)	13	14	15	16 OUTFEST
17 9A Sunday School (GR) 10:30A Worship (Sanc) 8P Connect (Zoom)	18	19	20	21	22	23 4P to 7P 200 Block Party (South Lawn)
24 9A Sunday School (GR) 10:30A Worship (Sanc) 8P Connect (Zoom)	25	26 9:30A Staff Meeting (Office) 11:15A Fowler Study (Fowler Apts)	27	28	29	30
31 9A Sunday School (GR) 10:30A Worship (Sanc) 8P Connect (Zoom)						



509 North Street  
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## Sunday Worship Service

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

## Office Hours

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

## Church Office Contact

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### Trinity's Mission Statement:

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

### Trinity's Vision Statement:

Embracing all to experience  
and share God's love.

### Our Team

Pastor Ben	<a href="mailto:ben@trinitylafayette.org">ben@trinitylafayette.org</a>
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Pastor Mack (Youth & Families)	<a href="mailto:mack@trinitylafayette.org">mack@trinitylafayette.org</a>
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