



# THE MESSENGER

## TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter

JUNE 2025

# ALL IN!

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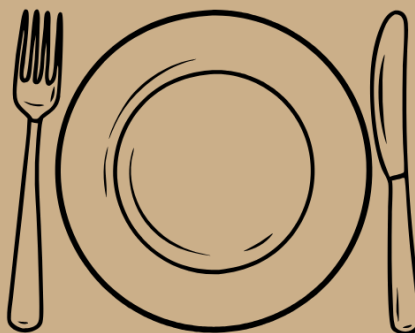
United Methodist Churches of Indiana  
2025 Annual Conference

June 4-7, 2025  
St. Luke's UMC, Indianapolis



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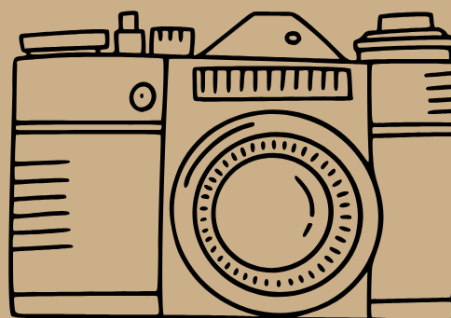
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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

By Rev. Ben Cassidy

One of the things that I really appreciate about being United Methodist is that we strive to be a connectional church (Look at that — one of our guiding principles!). What this means is that the churches in our denomination are connected to one another, and we have ways to help encourage and support each other. The United Methodist Churches in Indiana are part of the Indiana Conference, and every year each conference comes together for Annual Conference. Annual Conference will be taking place June 4 through 8 this year. Over 700 churches will be

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represented there, with clergy and laity from each church coming together to learn from each other, encourage one another, and be the kin-dom here on earth.

Sure, our connectional system means that we come together for Annual Conference and vote on resolutions and amendments, but it's more than just the business. It's been a place for clergy and laity alike to check in with each other after not having seen one another, offer up prayers and support, and share resources to help ministry grow. We share how we have taken part in disaster relief efforts, sent mission trips to Guatemala, recognize the fruitful ministry that has been done by those who are retiring, and celebrate those who are answering their call to ministry. But that connection isn't just a once a year thing, either. Our districts help to put on events to train church leadership, and local area clergy get together to see how we might promote and encourage our local churches and communities.

I recognize that we are not perfect at being connectional all the time — we are human, after all! But I appreciate how we consistently strive towards that goal. The realization that we are not made to be alone, but rather in community, is a hard thing to accept or recognize sometimes. Those connections will take different forms as time goes on. One such difference will be that the Indiana Conference will be moving from 10 districts down to 5. With our new bishop, Rev. Tracy S. Malone, and the introduction of new district superintendents and assistant district superintendents, I would like to ask all of you for prayers for our conference. After all, that is part of being connectional: lifting one another up in prayer! May the Indiana Conference in this new chapter of organization continue to keep the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world at the forefront of all we do: that we continue to celebrate, uplift, and equip the ministries that our sibling churches are doing to make that positive difference in the world.

Due to all of our pastors and our administrative assistant, Monica McDougal, being in Indianapolis for Annual Conference, the church office will be closed on Thursday, June 5.

## MEALS WITH PASTOR BEN

Pastor Ben is inviting you to join him for lunch — and dinner! For those of you that would like to have an informal time with Pastor Ben where we can connect and talk about anything and everything, come on out and join!

Ben will be at Revolution Barbecue on Thursday, June 12 at noon, then at O'Bryan's 9 Irish Brothers in West Lafayette on June 17 at 6:30pm. (If you choose to join for dinner at 9 Irish, his wife Aeron will be there — Ben knows you really want to hang out with her instead!)

**YOU'RE INVITED**

**TO DINE WITH**

**PASTOR BEN**

Thursday, June 12 at Noon  
(Revolution BBQ)

Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
(9 Irish, West Lafayette)



# CONDOLENCES



A celebration of life service was held on May 21 for Anabel Jones, who passed away on May 2 at the age of 91.

Please join us in continued prayers for Anabel Wagner's loved ones. Anabel's obituary is available to read at [www.jconline.com/obituaries/psbn1175636](http://www.jconline.com/obituaries/psbn1175636)

Condolences may be shared with her sons Warren Wagner and Lynn Jones through mail:

Warren Wagner  
18 Gardner St.  
Arlington, MA 02474.

## MISSIONS & JUSTICE

### PRAYING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

With the help of Trinity's young adults, Trinity recently installed two chalk board prayer walls in our basement. One prayer area is by the elevator, and another one just for kids and young people is in the fellowship hall. This is a space for all of us – community members who meet at Trinity, and also our Trinity family – to share prayer joys and concerns. Everyone is invited to visit the walls regularly and be in prayer for the needs and joys expressed there. These prayers will also be shared with the congregation on a regular basis.



### TRINITY PROVIDING SHELTER MEAL ON MONDAY, JUNE 30

Would you like to support our neighbors in need in a hands-on way? Trinity will be providing the evening meal and breakfast items for LUM's emergency shelter on Monday, June 30. We will be serving pork BBQ sandwiches, fruit, and chips. Look for a signup coming soon – helpers are needed in different capacities to 1) purchase food items, 2) to come to Trinity that evening to put the meal together for delivery, and 3) to deliver the meal and serve it at LUM that night. Questions? Reach out to Kathy Manwaring or Pastor Suzanne.

# MISSIONS & JUSTICE

## CELEBRATION OF UNITY WITH OUR COMMUNITY

On May 25, Trinity hosted a community Celebration of Unity event planned by the group that installed the George Floyd mural at the corner of Ferry & 6<sup>th</sup> St. As the community remembered George Floyd's killing five years ago, about 75 people gathered in unity, peace, and love for our neighbors. Poetry, dance, and music were powerful channels of expression, and speakers included Rev. Pam Horne of Bethel AME Church; Iseral Quintero, City of Lafayette security officer; Pastor Suzanne; Sandra Peticolas, owner & director of Lafayette Ballet; Rev. Wes Campbell, and Jos Holman, director of Tippecanoe County Library. A gospel quintet from Living Truth of Christ Church led singing. It was a powerful afternoon of connection with our community.



# TRINITY'S BICENTENNIAL

## SAVE THE DATES FOR TRINITY'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

### Trinity's 200 Birthday Bash

on Saturday, August 23 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Featuring food, bounce house, building tours, and  
Kona Ice.

Look for the sign-up to volunteer coming soon!

### Trinity's Bicentennial Homecoming

on Sunday, November 9  
will be worship & a catered lunch.



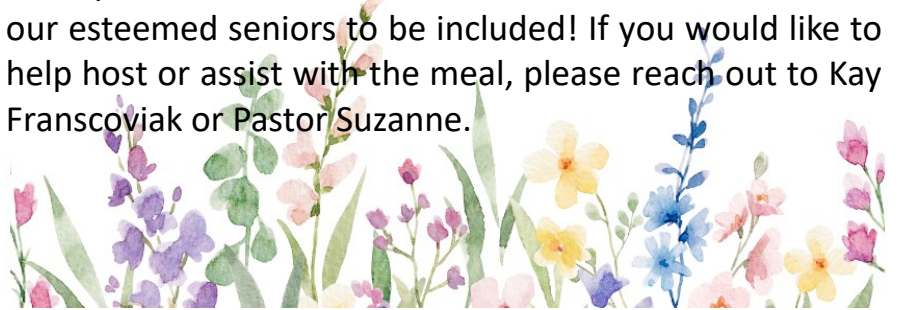
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# FELLOWSHIP

## TRINITY'S ANNUAL SENIOR LUNCHEON — JUNE 15



Trinity's annual senior luncheon for our esteemed seniors age 80 and over is Saturday, June 21 at noon. If you are in this age group and have not received an invitation in the mail, please call the church office to RSVP. We want all our esteemed seniors to be included! If you would like to help host or assist with the meal, please reach out to Kay Franscoviak or Pastor Suzanne.



## LADIES NIGHT OUT THIS SUMMER

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**WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 11  
6:00 P.M.**

**ARNI'S  
MARKET SQUARE**

**RSVP BY NOON ON JUNE 9 BY TEXTING  
OR CALLING KAY FRANSCOVIAK  
(765-427-5728)**

**Upcoming LNO dates for Summer 2025:  
July 10, August 5, and September 11.**

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

## PINE CREEK CAMP

One of the great privileges that I have had in ministry is among one of the first ministries I had the opportunity to participate in: camping! I know that might sound strange, but bear with me! While at camp, you are brought into a short term community that is predominately focused on getting to know and grow in your relationship with Jesus. Something about getting away from screens, the hustle and bustle of life, and being out of your ordinary does something incredibly special in helping to develop one's faith. When you consider today's children and youth, these groups certainly need that!

In order to make camp happen, though, we need help! We need people to be counselors for elementary and middle school camps — individuals to help ensure that camp is a positive and safe experience for everyone involved. In terms of the vision of Trinity, I have seen where this is an opportunity to embrace a wide variety of youth and children. For some, this is a unique experience where they feel valued and loved — something they might not have at home Or school.

If you would like to talk about how you can participate in and help make this Ministry happen, reach out to myself or Pastor Mack! If you have a kid who would like a unique experience this summer, there are scholarships available and plenty of time to register before July 6, the week of camp at Pine Creek where I (Pastor Ben) will be directing middle school camps!

—Pastor Ben

## RECENT PICTURES FROM CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Recently during Children's Church, our kids worked on cooperative art projects as they learned about Psalm 23. They painted green pastures and still waters, and discussed what it means to be shepherded by God.

Pastor Mack and volunteer Flannery Radde lead Children's Church for kids ages K-6. Jenn Agnew provides nursery care for kids under 5.

Questions? Reach out to Pastor Mack to learn more about Trinity's kids ministry.



# RECEPTION FOR BEN & AERON

THE ENTIRE TRINITY CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO  
A RECEPTION IN CELEBRATION OF THE MARRIAGE OF

Pastor Ben & Aeron

SUNDAY, JUNE 15  
3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.  
GREAT ROOM, TRINITY UMC

NO GIFTS NECESSARY.  
YOUR PRESENCE IS A PRESENT!

## 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

### JUNE BUILDING OPENERS:

6/1 — Brooks Leftwich  
6/8 — Brent Clemenz  
6/15 — TBD  
6/22 — Nate Yoran  
6/29 — Ryan Wynkoop

### MAY USHERS:

6/1 — Brooks Leftwich  
6/8 — Weng Chew &  
Chew Chin Phua  
6/15 — Brent Clemenz  
6/22 — Jeff Caster  
6/29 — Ryan Wynkoop

### MAY GREETERS:

6/1 — Judy Robbins  
6/8 — Kay Franscoviak  
6/15 — Jeff Caster  
6/22 — Kay Franscoviak  
6/29 — Chris Erwin

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

MICAH CASSIDAY	06/06
DANIEL FOLTZ	06/08
WENG CHEW	06/09
JAN WAGNER	06/10
MARALYN MORGAN	06/17
JAN SHOAF	06/18
ALICE MASTERSON	06/23
GAIL BILLINGS	06/24

*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.*



## 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](#)

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.

# JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9A Sunday School (GR) 10:30A Worship (Sanc) 8P Connect (Zoom)	2	3	4	5 OFFICE CLOSED: ANNUAL CONFERENCE	6	7
<b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE — ST. LUKE’S UMC, INDY</b> <b>All staff out of office.</b>						
8 9A Sunday School (GR) 10:30A Worship (Sanc) 11:30A 2nd Sunday Lunch (GR) 8P Connect (Zoom)	9	10 9:30A Staff Meeting (Office) 11:15A Fowler Study (Fowler Apts.)	11 6P Ladies Night Out (Arni’s Market Square)	12 12P Lunch with Ben (Revolution BBQ) 6:30P Gov. Board (GR)	13	14
15 9A Sunday School (GR) 10:30A Worship (Sanc) 3P Reception for Ben & Aeron (GR) 8P Connect (Zoom)	16	17 6:30P Dinner with Ben (9 Irish, West. Lafayette)	18	19	20	21 12P Senior Luncheon (GR)
22 9A Sunday School (GR) 10:30A Worship (Sanc) 8P Connect (Zoom)	23	24 9:30A Staff Meeting (Office) 11:15A Fowler Study (Fowler Apts.)	25	26	27	28
29 9A Sunday School (GR) 10:30A Worship (Sanc) 8P Connect (Zoom)	30 LUM Shelter Meal					



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Lafayette, IN 47901

### **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**

Phone: (765) 742-1288

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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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