TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# THE MESSENGER

*MONTHLY NEWSLETTER*

***AUGUST 2026***

## TOMATOES, SUNFLOWERS, AND PEACHES, OH MY!

Come and check out the Trinity Sharing Garden during August. Our peach tree is currently laden with peaches that are just starting to ripen. Also, in the coming weeks, our sunflowers will begin blooming, and tomatoes will start ripening. Finally don't miss out on the kale, lettuce, and other greens in the garden (Cyclospora free!) Questions about our garden? Reach out to Chris Barron (cnb101@bellsouth.net).

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***Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding...***

*-Proverbs 3:13 (NIV)*

# FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

## SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH IN AUGUST

Our next Second Sunday Lunch will be after church on Sunday, August 9 in the Great Room. These lunches are an opportunity to gather together with our church family for connection and fellowship. You are invited to bring a dish to share if you can Not sure what to bring? We can always use more main dishes! If you cannot contribute a dish, you are still welcome to join us! We hope to see you all there. If you have questions, reach out to the church office.

## TRINITY'S LADIES ENJOY ANOTHER NIGHT OUT

In July, some Trinity women gathered at Arni's – Market Square for another Ladies' Night Out. Check out a photo from the event at left! Join us in August for the next Ladies' Night Out on Tuesday, August 11 at 6 p.m. at Legacy Pub (3230 Daugherty Dr., #200, near Veteran's Memorial Parkway and Concord Rd.). Call Lisa Brown at 765-426-3839 if you can join us or email Monica McDougal, our administrative assistant, in the church office (monica@trinitylafayette.org) by Sunday, August 9. To request assistance with the meal, reach out to Pastor Suzanne by calling or texting her at 765-430-4648 by no later than Sunday evening.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## OUTFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On August 15, Trinity will once again be hosting a booth to let the community know that Trinity is an inclusive and welcoming church — as well as to show love and support for the LGBTQ+ community! There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule for those who would like to help. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Ben

# MISSIONS & JUSTICE

## LEBANON CHILDREN'S HOME EXPANDS PROGRAMS TO SERVE VULNERABLE YOUTH

The IN United Methodist Children's Home saw the graduation of 10 teenagers and the opening of the new Family Living Recovery Home in late spring. Trinity's generous gift helped with the purchase of the dining table and 16 chairs. This Recovery Home is a safe coed facility which provides sobriety and drug free therapy to help the young people develop new and more effective behaviors and coping strategies. After 3-6 months here, the students can transition to one of the other family-style residences on campus.

Other Auxiliary Ambassador funds donated by contributors helped finance camping equipment for one residence at a time to use this summer and early fall. Students earn this trip off-campus by reaching their individual behavorial goals.

The newest project at the Home is the planning of six independent living duplexes to house Home graduates as they make the transition into young adulthood. Research shows that a high rate of children with a background of abuse and neglect are more likely to become homeless within 2 years of leaving school. The Home already provides independent living accommodations for 5 youth. The young people in this program are supervised by an independent living specialist who helps with everyday living skills such as money management, health care, career exploration, parenting skills, apartment living, transportation and insurance needs. They have jobs, and some may be attending classes at a nearby educational facility.

Susan Bennett, the Home's PR representative for many years and who has visited Trinity events, has retired and moved to Oregon. Rev. Perry Montgomery will now be the Home's outreach person. Pastor Perry, who is also the Home's pastor, will be visiting Trinity in early 2027.

Trinity members on the Home's Auxiliary Ambassador Executive Board are Judy Robbins, Norma Singley, and Kay Franscoviak. This group raises funds for students' needs such as library books, field trips, recreational equipment, and annual swimming passes. Any questions? Talk to these three Trinity ladies! Better yet – reach out and ask about a tour of the campus and one of the family living homes!

# MISSIONS & JUSTICE

## LUNCH & LEARN IN AUGUST: HUNGER IN INDIANA

Did you know that Indiana is experiencing a hunger crisis? Nearly a million Hoosiers, many of them working families with children, struggle to put healthy food on the table. *Food, Insecure* is a powerful 30-minute documentary that sheds light on this all-too-real issue and its solutions. Stay after worship on Sunday, Aug. 30, to watch the film and learn the real reasons behind the hunger crisis. Lunch will be provided. Organized by Trinity's Missions & Justice Team. Questions? Reach out to Kathy Manwaring or Pastor Suzanne.

# YOUTH & FAMILIES

## PASTOR MACK VISITS PINE CREEK CAMP

Last month, Pastor Mack was asked to give a lesson at Pine Creek Camp (a UMC summer camp). He got to spend the morning with campers, including Pastor Ben's son, Teddy, pictured at right talking with Pastor Mack (and wearing Pastor Mack's favorite hat!) after the lesson.

# SAVE-THE-DATES

There is a lot of exciting stuff coming up in September! Go ahead and save-the-dates for the following events:

- **Sunday, September 13 (in the late afternoon):** Visit and tour The Wesley Foundation's new building at Purdue.
- **Sunday, September 20:** Hunger Hike
- **Tuesday, September 29 (in the evening):** Prep and serve a shelter meal for LUM.

# EVENTS

## TRINITY & FRIENDS GATHER FOR THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap has been a great opportunity for people from various faith backgrounds and denominations to come together in a relaxed atmosphere to talk about theological questions such as "Who is my neighbor" and what Christian Nationalism is and why it is problematic and not biblical. You are invited to join our next meetings on August 5 and 19 at 6:30 p.m. at 9 Irish Bros. in Lafayette!

## TRINITY & FRIENDS WORSHIP IN THE STREET

On Sunday, July 5, Trinity joined worshippers from First Christian Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, Brown Street United Methodist Church, Congress Street United Methodist Church, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church, and Central Presbyterian for collaborative worship on 6th Street, right in front of Trinity. You can see pictures from the event below:

# EVENTS

## CARING FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS

Several furry friends braved the summer heat to come out to Trinity for a special blessing on a hot summer Sunday. Then in mid-July, Trinity friends walked dogs at Natalie's Second Chance Shelter. The shelter has an urgent need for dog walkers during the summer months. At Trinity, our mission realizes our connection and extends compassion to all of God's creation. Check out pictures from both events below!

# EVENTS

## TRINITY VOLUNTEERS AT FOOD FINDERS

Last month, several of our Trinity members volunteered time at Food Finders. We worked together to package zucchini and peaches.

We enjoyed the chance to serve our community, and it was also fun to hang out and visit together! Check out some pictures from the event at right!

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## SAVE-THE-DATE: CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES THIS FALL

Trinity's choir takes a bit of a break from rehearsing in the summer, but fret not! If you love to sing and would like to join our choir for periodic performances, regular choir practice will resume after labor day with the first practice back being on Wednesday, September 8 at 6 p.m. in the choir room on the 2nd floor. In the meantime, learn more about music ministry at Trinity by reaching out to our music director, Monica Shaeffer, music@trinitylafayette.org.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: RUNNING THE SOUND BOARD DURING SERVICES THIS FALL

We could use your help operating the sound board during church services this fall. This is a fairly simple job that really helps our staff out during worship. If you would like to learn more or would like to sign-up for a Sunday, reach out to Monica Shaeffer via email, music@trinitylafayette.org.

# CELEBRATIONS

## SANDY MOORMAN IS TURNING 80!

Sandy Moorman's birthday is coming up and all are invited to celebrate with her! Check out the information below for details about her party and join us in showering her with cards! Mail birthday cards to Sandy Moorman, The Reserve at Hamilton Trace, 9974 Federalist Drive, Apt. 130, Fishers, Indiana 46073.

**Sandy is turning 80!**

**Join us for cake and cocktails to celebrate!**

**August 16 at 2 p.m.**
**The Reserve at Hamilton Trace**

**Please text RSVP to**
**(765) 860-7824**

# CONDOLENCES

## REMEMBERING GEORGE MORGAN & CHARLEEN STULTZ

We are saddened to share about the recent passing of George Morgan (pictured at left) on July 22. George was 89 years old. A celebration of life for George was held on Saturday, August 1 at Trinity. Please join us in prayer for George's wife, Maralyn, and the rest of the Morgan family. You can view his obituary on Hippensteel's website.

We are also saddened to share abou the recent passing of Charleen Stultz. Charleen was Norma Jean Singley's sister. Charleen grew up with Norma Jean at Trinity and passed away on July 23 in Virginia. Please join us in prayer for Norma Jean and the rest of Charleen's loved ones.

# BIRTHDAYS

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|
| **Jack Shaeffer** | **08/05** |
| **Sheila Robbins Campbell** | **08/06** |
| **Laura Stevens** | **08/09** |
| **Savannah Jewell** | **08/12** |
| **Richard Jewell** | **08/13** |
| **Sandy Moorman** | **08/16** |
| **Stacey Toeppe** | **08/16** |
| **Dave Billings** | **08/20** |
| **Kenny Jones** | **08/26** |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Is your birthday missing? We're sorry about that! Reach out to the church office, so we can update our records.*

# HOSPITALITY TEAMS:

**BUILDING OPENERS**

8/2: Brooks Leftwich
8/9: Ben Cassiday
8/16: Jessi-Alex Brandon
8/23: Nate Yoran
8/30: Ryan Wynkoop

**USHERS:**

8/2: Brooks Leftwich
8/9: Weng Chew & Chew Chin Phua
8/16: Kay Franscoviak
8/23: Jeff Caster
8/30: Ryan Wynkoop

**GREETERS:**

8/2: Jenny Taylor
8/9: Claudia Alenduff
8/16: Norma Jean Singley & Kay Franscoviak
8/23: Norma Jean Singley & Kay Franscoviak
8/30: Jeff Caster

**Volunteer for our hospitality teams by reaching out to the church office!**

# FIND US ONLINE:

**Website:**
trinitylafayette.org

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@TrinityUMC509

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# AUGUST 2026

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2**<br>**9A**<br>Sunday School (GR)<br>**10:30A**<br>Worship (Sanc) | **3**<br>**11A**<br>Spiritual Friends (GR) | **4**<br>**9A**<br>Staff Meeting (Office)<br>**11:15A**<br>Fowler Bible Study (Fowler Apts) | **5**<br>**6:30P**<br>Theology on Tap (9Irish – Lafayette) | **6** | **7** | **8** |
| **9**<br>**9A**<br>Sunday School (GR)<br>**10:30A**<br>Worship (Sanc)<br>**11:30A**<br>2nd Sun Lunch (GR) | **10**<br>**11A**<br>Spiritual Friends (GR) | **11**<br>**6P**<br>Ladies' Night Out (Legacy Pub) | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15**<br>**4P**<br>OutFest (Downtown Lafayette) |
| **16**<br>**9A**<br>Sunday School (GR)<br>**10:30A**<br>Worship (Sanc) | **17**<br>**11A**<br>Spiritual Friends (GR) | **18**<br>**11:15A**<br>Fowler Bible Study (Fowler Apts) | **19**<br>**6:30P**<br>Theology on Tap (9Irish – Lafayette) | **20** | **21** | **22** |
| **23**<br>**9A**<br>Sunday School (GR)<br>**10:30A**<br>Worship (Sanc) | **24**<br>**11A**<br>Spiritual Friends (GR) | **25** | **26** | **27** | **28** | **29** |
| **30**<br>**9A**<br>Sunday School (GR)<br>**10:30A**<br>Worship (Sanc)<br>**11:30A**<br>Lunch & Learn (GR) | **31**<br>**11A**<br>Spiritual Friends (GR) | | | | | |

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Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**WORSHIP WITH US:**
Sundays at 10: 30 a.m.

# MISSION & VISION:

**Mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Vision:** Embracing all to experience and share God's love.

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