TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

CHURCH BONFIRE ON THE SOUTH LAWN ON OCTOBER 7

Join us for an evening of food and fellowship around a bonfire on the South Lawn on Wednesday, October 7 at 7 p.m. Pastor Mack will be supplying materials for hotdogs and s'mores, so bring a lawn chair or blanket and stop on by! In case of rain, the bonfire will be moved to Wednesday, October 21. All are welcome! Questions? E-mail Mack (mack@trinitylafayette.org)!

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Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

-Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

2027 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

SUPPORTING TRINITY'S MISSION & MINISTRY

This October, Trinity will be kicking off our 2027 Pledge Campaign. Pledge cards will be available in your Sunday morning bulletin on October 11. At that morning's Second Sunday Lunch, Pastor Ben and Lynn Guptill (Trinity's Finance Chairperson) will be available to answer any questions you might have about giving at Trinity, how we budget, pledges, and more.

Completing a pledge card helps Trinity as we budget and plan for the coming year. The only way we can predict our tithe income is through your pledges. On the front of the pledge cards, you will be invited to share how you plan to contribute financial to Trinity's ministries in 2027. However, financial giving is only one way in which we are called to give back. We are also called to share our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, so on the back of the pledge cards there will be a place for your to share how you might give back in other ways including through supporting our children's ministry and hospitality teams.

Pledge cards are due by Sunday, November 8 and can be returned via the offering plate or directly to the church office. Questions? Reach out to Lynn Guptill (giving@trinitylafayette.org) and Pastor Ben (ben@trinitylafayette.org). Fill out an online pledge card on our website trinitylafayette.org/stewardship.

JUBILEE CHRISTMAS

JUBILEE CHRISTMAS TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 12

Jubilee Christmas will be here soon! Jubilee is our largest missions project of the year. It allows us to support many local families in purchasing Christmas gifts for their children. The actual event will take place on Saturday, December 12 and many volunteers (and cash and gift donations) will be needed for the event to be successful. More information about how you can help will be shared soon, so keep an eye out!

MEMBERSHIP

NEW HERE EVENT ON OCTOBER 4

Are you new to Trinity? Or have you been here for a while and would appreciate a chance to get to know us in more depth? Join us on Sunday, October 4 after worship for lunch and a warm and deeper welcome to Trinity UMC. We are glad you are here! Questions? Contact Dinah Dalder at dalder@purdue.edu.

WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY COMING IN NOVEMBER

On Sunday, November 1, we will be observing All Saints Sunday. All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. During our worship service that morning, we will be reading the names of all those Trinity members and family of members who have passed away over the last year. If you would like us to include one of your family members who passed away after November 1, 2025, please reach out to Monica M. in the church office by Monday, October 26 so we can make sure their name is included. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Ben.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH IN OCTOBER

Our next Second Sunday Lunch will be after church on Sunday, October 11 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.

YOUTH & FAMILIES

PUMPKIN PAINTING EVENT FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES ON OCTOBER 15

GOD'S LOVE IS SWEET AS PIE: ANOTHER FALL BULLETIN BOARD FOR TRINITY'S KIDS' SPACE!

The second bulletin board in our kids' space has been transformed! Pastor Mack and Monica M. created a board inspired by Psalm 34:8 and delicious pies – perfect for the Autumn season! These boards not only brighten up the Fellowship Hall for Trinity's kids on Sundays, but they also help us communicate messages of love to our community partners like Civic Theater, who use the Fellowship Hall for additional rehearsal space!

DISCIPLESHIP

THEOLOGY ON TAP RESUMES THIS MONTH

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. beginning in October as Theology on Tap resumes. This is an ecumenical gathering of folks from Trinity, First Christian Church, and St. John's Episcopal Church at 9Irish in Lafayette where we gather for food, fellowship, and learning. Our topic in October is "Evil: Why Does It Exist, How Do We Respond, and What Can Faith Offer?"

MUSIC MINISTRY

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

EVENT PICTURES

TRINITY VISITS THE WESLEY FOUNDATION

On Sunday, September 13, several Trinity members visited the Wesley Foundation at Purdue to tour their new building, attend a worship service, and serve a meal to them. Check out some pictures below from our visit!

EVENT PICTURES

AUGUST LUNCH & LEARN EDUCATES ABOUT HUNGER IN INDIANA

On Sunday, August 30, many Trinity members gathered in the Great Room for our 5th Sunday Lunch and Learn. Participants shared a meal together, viewed a documentary about hunger in Indiana titled *Food, Insecure*, and engaged in a time of sharing and discussion. Check out pictures from the event below!

HUNGER HIKE SEEKS TO END HUNGER

On Sunday, September 20, the 2026 Hunger Hike was held at Columbian Park. Hunger Hike is a community driven fundraising event uniting neighbors, friends, and organizations to take action to end hunger locally, regionally, and globally. Hunger Hike is a joint effort of Food Finders Food Bank, Lafayette Urban Ministry, and St. Thomas Aquinas Haiti Ministry with the money raised being split equally between the three organizations. Food Finders and LUM use the funds raised to address hunger in the Greater Lafayette Community and the Haiti Ministry supports of people of Baudin parish in Haiti.

Trinity was thrilled to participate in the event again this year! Check out the picture at right to see Pastor Suzanne and friends on the move at this year's hike.

BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Norma Jean Singley	**10/02**
Suzanne Clemenz	**10/11**
Aeron Cassiday	**10/15**
Brooks Leftwich	**10/25**
Craig Shaeffer	**10/27**
Jamie Tyrie	**10/27**

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
10/4: Brooks Leftwich
10/11: TBD
10/18: Jessi-Alex Brandon
10/25: Nate Yoran

USHERS:
10/4: Brooks Leftwich
10/11: Weng Chew and Chew Chin Phua
10/18: Kay Franscoviak
10/25: Jeff Caster

GREETERS:
10/4: Kay Franscoviak
10/11: Claudia Alenduff
10/18: Jenny Taylor
10/25: Jeff Caster

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

FIND US ONLINE:

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OCTOBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The week of October 11 through October 17, Monica McDougal (Trinity's Admin) will be on vacation. The office will be open at reduced hours and staffed by volunteers: Monday 10/12: 9 to 11; Tuesday 10/13 and Thursday 10/15: 9 to noon. Thank you to our volunteers!				1 **1P** Problem of Jesus Study (GR)	2	3 **9A** NAMI Walks (Cason Park)
4 **9A** Sun School (GR) **10:30A** Worship (Sanc)	5 **11A** Spiritual Friends (GR))	6	7 **6P** Choir Practice (Choir Rm) **7P** Bonfire (South Lawn)	8 **1P** Problem of Jesus Study (GR)	9	10
11 **9A** Sun School (GR) **10:30A** Worship **11:30A** 2nd Sun Lunch	12 **11A** Spiritual Friends (GR))	13 **9A** Staff (Office) **11:15A** Fowler Study (Fowler)	14 **6P** Choir Practice (Choir Rm) **6:30P** Theology on Tap (9Irish - Lafayette)	15 **1P** Problem of Jesus Study (GR)	16 **6P** Pumpkin Painting (GR)	17
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Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
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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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