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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays
9:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time & Small Groups

Saturdays
5:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Discussion
6:00 p.m. Worship Service in Gollaher Chapel
7:00 p.m. Fellowship Time

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:
October 22, 2026

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October 29,2026

OUR GUIDING STATEMENTS

Our Mission
To know and serve God.

Our Vision
Guided by God's love, informed by Biblical teaching, strengthened by prayer, and shaped by our relationship with Jesus Christ, we are committed to discover and use our gifts to reach out to all God's children.

We Value
* The uniqueness and worthiness of each individual as a child of God.
* Lay ministry and leadership.
* All children and their spiritual growth.
* Diversity in worship.
* Christian service and outreach in our community and beyond.

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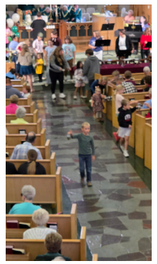
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From the Pastor

160th Anniversary Joyful WOWzers!

All I can say is that if you were present on Sept 20th at the 160th anniversary celebration, you could feel joy in the air. From the moment you walked through the door to the time you left, the moments were filled with joy and laughter.

[1] John 3: 18 says, "[18] Dear children, let us not just love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." (NRSV) September, 20th had so much action and truth coming forth about the last 160 years that has made Trinity what it is today. So many people that have put their hearts into the mission and ministry of this congregation. The memories that were shared were heartwarming and inspiring for the generations to come.

Now that we have our anniversary in the past let us not forget that joy which was felt by so many, Let us keep that energy and celebration alive in all of us. Each one of us brings energy to this congregation and much of that energy is driven by our memories. May the memories of the past help drive us into the future with grace and action with new missions and ministries that we pray will touch the lives of those who participate.

Thank you to all those who helped make September, 20th and truly inspirational day!

Family Ministry

Trinity UMC Booster Club



The Booster Club is back for the 2026-27 school year! We invite you to join the Trinity UMC Booster Club. Members of the Booster Club will have access to schedules of student activities (school and outside-school). When they attend an activity, they will wear their official Trinity UMC Booster Club button and hopefully take a selfie to post on social media. In this way we will not only support our families, but we will also show the community that Trinity UMC is the place to raise your kids in a community of faith. Families, please contact Christina with your schedule or post it in the Trinity UMC Booster Club Facebook group. New volunteers, please fill out the form at the entrance to the Sanctuary or contact Christina.

Trinity Night Out: Scarecrow Patch

Join us on Sunday, October 11 from 6 to 8pm at The Scarecrow Patch near St. Libory. Admission is $12 per person and includes supper. Friends are welcome!



Kids Zone and Youth Zone

Students in Kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to join us at Zone on Wednsday nights from 6:45 to 8pm. If you'd like to come early, supper will be available until 7:00pm. Students are split into three groups: Elementary with Christina Landenberger, Middle School with Pastor Shella Choi, and High School with Steven and Carol Stoppkotte. A typical night of Zone includes a Bible lesson, snacks, and fun time. We also have crafts and service projects throughout the year. Join us!

ZONE
Trinity United Methodist Church

Not-So-Scary Halloween Party



Our annual Halloween Party is coming up, and we need LOTS of candy. Last year we had over 400 children and their families come through! Please donate money so we can buy in bulk. Be sure to mark your donation "Halloween". We will also need volunteers for the following:

*Thursday, October 22nd and Friday, October 23rd from 9 a. m. to Noon for set-up

*Sunday, October 25th from 3:30 to 6:30pm to pass out candy and assist the youth in running the games

*Monday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to Noon clean up

Announcements

Sanctuary Railing



A big THANK YOU, to Rob Horkey for using his time & talents in the manufacturing of this rail. Thank you to those who help Rob get the railing installed.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, October 12th, in observance of Columbus Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, October 13th.

160th Anniversary Coasters

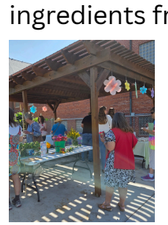


If you'd like to have the 160th Anniversary coaster, we have extras available in the office for $10.

Past Events

Garden Party

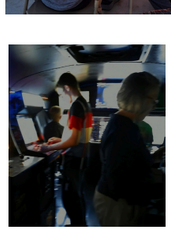
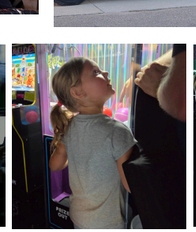
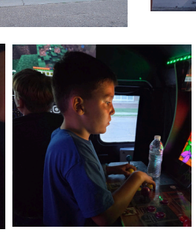
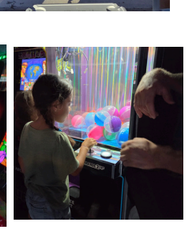
Haven Garden Ministries hosted a wonderful garden party on Sunday, August 30th, following the church service. A special thank-you to everyone who prepared and brought delicious appetizers made with fresh ingredients from our garden!





Zone Kickoff



160th Preparation










160th Anniversary Celebration

What a joy to celebrate the 160th birthday of Trinity. Many people enjoyed the day of special events. Welcoming our bishop, David Wilson was a true delight. Thanks to all of you who shared in the day. And a huge thanks to a long list of people who worked to make this day special. The list would be too long to print here but begins with the committee that has been meeting regularly to plan this day for well over a year. Then the list grows to include all those who worked behind the scenes for many days leading up to the party on the 20th. And the list would not be complete without everyone of you who attended and those who have supported Trinity across the generations. This is just another example of the beauty of the fellowship and willingness to share here at Trinity.

Pie Contest

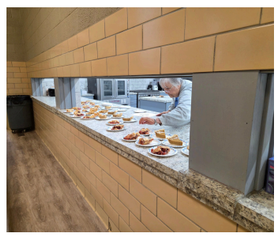
Congratulations to our Pie Contest winners!



Cream Pie Category: Leila Johnson, with her Refrigerator Pie

Other Category: Nancy Underwood, with her Sour Cream Raisin Pie

Fruit Pie Category: Kena Zebert, with her Cherry Pie





A big thank you to everyone who brought a pie for the contest, as well as those who brought pies to share for dessert. Your delicious contributions helped make the event extra special!

Bishop David Wilson



What an honor it was to have Bishop David Wilson with us to share the sermon, “Remember, Consider, Imitate.” We are so grateful for the message he brought to our congregation.

We were also blessed that Bishop Wilson stayed to join us for lunch and even served as a pie judge, alongside District Superintendent Charles Murithi and Pastor Anny Kapundu! It was a wonderful time of fellowship.

Thank You for the Music

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who shared their musical gifts with us on Sunday! We are grateful for the beautiful music provided by the Chancel Choir, CrossPoint Band, Bell Choir, and the wonderful duet by Tessa Rundle and Andrew Wegehaupt.

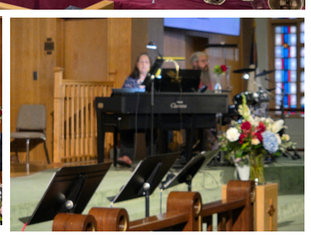
Also, a big thank you to Kim Wilsey, Sharon Jenson, and Justin Patrick for accompanying these groups on the piano, organ, and drums.











Upcoming Events

Loaves and Fishes

Mark your calendar for the next Loaves and Fishes food distribution on October 10th at College Park, 3180 W. Highway 34.

Food distribution begins at 9:30am. and continues until all food has been distributed. Attendees are encouraged to arrive between 9:00am and 11:00am. Please do not arrive before 7:30am. We look forward to serving our community and helping provide nutritious food to those in need.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Wednesday Night Meals



A sign-up sheet is available in the office for anyone who would like to choose a date to furnish a meal. We are so grateful to everyone who helps make these suppers possible!

Empowering Women



Silver Yoga



Quilting Bees



Storage Shed



Anyone interested in helping put together a storage shed is welcome to come lend a hand on Saturday, October 10th, starting at 11:30am! Park in the west parking lot by Door 1 (the circle drive).

Upcoming Events

Kolache Making Class



Join us for a Kolache Making Class on Sunday, October 11th, following church service. The class will be from 10:30am to 1:00pm. Come learn how to make delicious kolaches and enjoy some time together. Lunch will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Third Sunday GIFT Event: Popcorn & Bingo



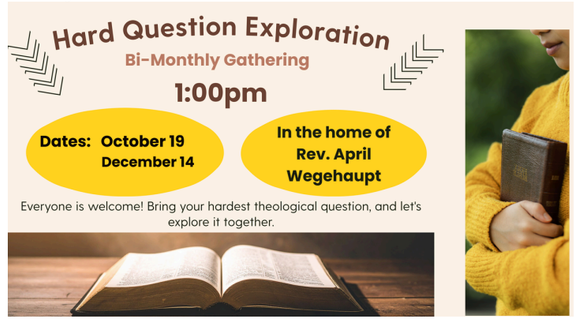
Plarn/Sleeping Mat



Plan to come sort bags, cut plarn or weave a sleeping mat Sunday, October 18 from 4:00 - 5:30pm. No experience required and a great fellowship opportunity

Hard Question Exploration

Join us at the home of Rev. April Wegehaupt for a bi-monthly gathering where we'll explore challenging theological questions together. Bring your curiosity and your toughest questions as we engage in thoughtful conversation and learning in a welcoming setting.
Upcoming Dates: October 19th, December 14th
Time: 1:00pm
Everyone is welcome!



Grief Support



Our Grief Support Group will meet on Wednesday, October 21st, at 1pm in Room A. This group offers a caring and supportive space for anyone who is grieving to share, listen, and find encouragement with others who understand.
Whether your loss is recent or occurred some time ago, you are welcome to attend.

Announcements

New Ministries

We are excited to welcome two new ministries that began in September!

Senior Yoga



Senior Yoga meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 2:00pm in Room 3 downstairs.
The group practices chair yoga, providing a gentle and accessible way to stretch, move, and enjoy the benefits of yoga while seated. Everyone is welcome!

Quilting Bees





The Quilting Bees meet every Monday from 9:00am to noon in Room A upstairs.
All donated quilting and sewing supplies have been organized and stored. Bring your own sewing or quilting project, or join the group in making quilts to be donated to Hope Harbor and Crossroads Missions.

Thank You

101 is a special milestone. Companies that introduce a new product will present 101 of a new and improved model. My slogan for 101 is more like "Old and Worn Out"!
Thank you for each of your greetings for 101.

Reverend George Wheat

Thank You

Our appreciation for the great variety of cards and memorial gifts on behalf of Fran's passionate pursuit of life, with all its harmonies.

Reverend George Wheat, Dawn and Cris

Wecome our Newest Members



We are delighted to welcome the newest members of Trinity United Methodist Church!
Reinstatement: Randy Grotzky and Leo Ulmer
New Members: Adam Bren, Mariah Humlicek, Levi Villa, and Jo Ann Stainbrook
We are grateful to have each of you as part of our church family.

Project Connect

There are a few days left before September 30th to add to the box of hygiene products that will be handed out at Project Connect on October 22nd. If you would like to add hygiene products just drop them by the church office by September 30th.

Food Pantry

Roughly 8000 people in Grand Island experience food insecurity. A goal of Trinity is to help reduce this number. One way to help in our community is to place shelf staple food products in our little drive by food box outside door 1. Thank you for your generosity.

Sympathy to the Family and Friends of:

Teresa Kay (Kinney) ShunkWeiler	August 17
"Fran" Frances R. Wheat	August 24
Al L. Dillenback	September 5
JoAnn Ruzicka	September 5
Dee Ann Crist	September 12