

**Graduation Sunday is May 20.** Please hold these young people & their families in prayer as they finish one stage of life & prepare to move to the next: Bruce A. Bilgreen, Ian Driscoll, Casey Hansley, Joseph Rietveld, Madeline Ryan, & Piper Strehlow.

A **new nursery attendant** will be needed for alternate Sundays, starting August 19. This is a paid position. See or call Jill Baciak, 774-4612, or Sally in the office, 774-2545, for more information & a job application.

**Graduating High School Seniors**, please bring to the church office by **Wednesday, May 9** five or six photos of yourself through the years, & also tell us of your activities in high school & your plans for the future, which we will publish in the bulletin & Tower.

**Applications for the 2018 Marie Bleecker Scholarships** for graduating high school seniors are on the wall across from the church office. Completed applications are due in the church office **today**.

**Hero Central Vacation Bible School will be Monday, June 25 through Thursday, June 28, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** It's for ages 3 to 12. There will be crafts and music, and a light meal will be served. Please RSVP by calling Cindi Strehlow at (906)221-1094. Volunteers are needed, too. Please contact Cindi if you can help.

**Car Care Clinic**, Saturday, May 12 at First Covenant Church on "H" St. If you can volunteer to help, please call Rob Hibbard, (906)396-2301. Come for a couple of hours or all day!

**Rada Knives** are for sale, & profits benefit United Methodist Women's projects. See or call Pauline Hill, 774-0332.

**Camp Michigamme Work Bee, May 19-21:** There's a project for all skill levels. You are welcome to stay overnight & enjoy meals on us. Please tell us you're coming by calling (906)323-6521 or email me at [director@campmichigamme.org](mailto:director@campmichigamme.org). —Camp Director Erica Thomas

**Lasagna dinner fundraiser, May 20**—The North Dakota mission team's lasagna dinner fundraiser is Sunday, May 20 at 5:00 p.m. Suggested donation is \$8 per person.

**The next Town Hall Meeting** will be Sunday, May 27, at 10:30 a.m. There will be inspiration, conversation, & inspiration!

A **new leaf** is on the tree in the Gathering Room in memory of James R. Carefelle, Sr.

**Bulletin insert for Sunday, May 6, 2018**

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**Welcome to our worship service.**

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of Trinity. Please write your name, address, & phone number on the Who's Who pad, so we can greet you.

Attendance last Sunday: 8:00—30; 10:30—106

Wednesday—10

**Hospitalized since last Sunday:** Kyle Shemanski

**Those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities:**

Evergreen: Beverly Wright

Freeman's: Allen Alleva, Beverly Carollo, Joyce Maas

Golden Living Center (Florence): Don & Elaine Yuhasey

Iron County Medical Care Facility: Shirley Allen, Judy Thompson

Safe Haven: Vanessa Frahm

Victorian Pines: Louise Roberts

**Financial News from our Treasurer, Jack Noyce:** During the month of April, the operating expenses were slightly higher than previous months & the offerings were again lower than expected. The combination of these two amounts made it necessary to borrow from the bank an additional \$3,850. The operating loan balance at the bank for this year is now \$9,900. The interest for this loan during April was \$21.94. Our consistent & faithful giving will please God & allow us to continue our missions to our world.

**The Endowment Celebration Sunday is being rescheduled. Stay tuned!** Whenever anyone gives us an endowment gift, we as a community of faith are truly blessed by their generosity. We are also encouraged by the giver's faith in us to be a viable & self-sustaining church. Endowment-givers trust this congregation to pay our budgeted bills through personal offerings to the church, while using their gift for specific, non-budgeted activities that bring the life-changing message from Jesus Christ to as many people as possible.

These gifts become a permanent part of the church's assets—the original money given to the church is not spent. Endowment gifts are invested through Ameriprise. The money that is earned through interest & dividends & distribution becomes available to the church according to the wishes of the giver. Endowments truly are the gifts that keep on giving!

### THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 6: Endowment Celebration Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Worship service.
- 9:00 a.m. Last day of Sunday school for age 3 to high school.
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday school.
- 9:15 a.m. Bible study.
- 10:30 a.m. Worship service.
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation class.

Monday, May 7

- 8:30 a.m. Walk the Walk exercise.
- 7:00 p.m. Men of Prayer meet at Grace UMC, Norway.

Tuesday, May 8: Sally's on vacation today

- 8:30 a.m. Walk the Walk exercise.
- 6:30 p.m. Bridge Club.
- 8:00 p.m. A.A.

Wednesday, May 9

- 5:00 p.m. Community meal.
- 5:45 p.m. Community prayer meeting.
- 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal.
- 6:30 p.m. Bible study.

Thursday, May 10

- 8:30 a.m. Walk the Walk exercise.
- 1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- 5:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting.
- 5:30 p.m. A.A.

Friday, May 11

- 8:30 a.m. Walk the Walk exercise.
- Noon Bible study.

Saturday, May 12: Car Care Clinic at 1<sup>st</sup> Covenant Church.

- 8:30 a.m. O.A.

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13

- 8:00 a.m. Worship service.
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday school.
- 9:15 a.m. Bible study.
- 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

### **Looking Ahead**

Monday, May 14

- 6:00 p.m. Trustees meeting.

Thursday, May 17

- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship/Generosity Team meeting.

Monday, May 21

- 6:30 p.m. Church Council meeting.

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**Our summer schedule** starts Sunday, May 27, with just one service at 9:15 a.m.

**May's Mission of the Month is the Covenant Offering for Annual Conference 2018.** We don't always feel this, but in truth, we as United Methodists are connected to other United Methodists who gather together & call themselves a Conference. Each year, the Conference meets & reaffirms the connection & the ties that bind us together. Part of that includes a special Covenant offering that will be our Mission of the Month for May.

All the churches in the Conference bring their Covenant offerings, which will again be shared between our worldwide covenant partners, the Haiti Annual Conference & the Liberia Annual Conference. This offering is traditionally split between the Haiti Hot Lunch Program & the food program at Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village in Liberia. The generosity of our churches & members of Annual Conference traditionally yield around \$33,000 each year to help us sustain these food programs. Trinity UMC has been very generous in giving to the Mission of the Month, & we can be happy knowing that May's money will serve other Methodists around the world.

### **Michigan Annual Conference Book Collection for Childhood**

**Literacy**—The Michigan Deacons, along with Julie Bard (Bishop Bard's wife), are excited to promote awareness about & action for childhood literacy. Deacons around Michigan are working with organizations that need books &/or can distribute books for free to the children in their communities. We are teaming up with Scholastic Literacy Partnerships & Cokesbury so churches can purchase age-appropriate books at a lower cost. Our goal is to collect 1,000 books, which will be distributed all around the state of Michigan. Please mark your offering: Book Collection, & bring it to church by May 20. Thanks for making literacy a priority for the children of Michigan!

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**History Month** During May, we are gathering some history/memories about Trinity UMC. Please take a few minutes to think about your favorite memories & write them down on the attached form. Don't limit yourself to just happy & fun memories. There may be some difficult memories too that were valuable in helping you understand the Grace & love of God. There may be some dynamic memories that came with some struggle & hard work. History is like that...a mish-mash of many experiences, bold & gentle, beautiful & damaged...all of which lead us to where we are today. There is also space on the form for you to write about your hopes & dreams for the future of Trinity UMC. Thanks for participating in Trinity's history!

### **United Methodist History Moments:**

April 23, 1968: The Evangelical United Brethren Church & The Methodist Church joined to form a new denomination called The United Methodist Church.

April 21, 2018: The re-naming of the Upper Peninsula District from the Marquette District to the Northern Lights District.