

**Pastor Geri will be on vacation** Tuesday, April 3 through Wednesday, April 11. If you need pastoral care, please call the office, 774-2545; Pastor Irene White, 563-8917; or Pastor Walter Reichle, 774-3586.

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**Reading Through the Bible in a Year:** The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy this week is a restatement of the law given to Moses in previous books. As we discovered, Deuteronomy means “The Second Law.” Review & repetition of the laws given to God’s people must add emphasis to God’s desire to have them followed. God declares he will go ahead of Israel as they take possession of the land promised & they are to completely eliminate the people that they find there.

Luke relates for us many of the well-known parables that Jesus used to help his disciples understand the will of God. Jesus has taken the opportunity in the verses this week to heal the sick, raise the dead, encounter examples of faith from gentiles, fulfill Old Testament scripture, & travel around Palestine making his ministry known to those living there.

We have Bibles available to read that are divided into 365 daily readings. There is an Old Testament, New Testament, Psalm, Proverb portion of the scriptures to read each day. What is better than having a reason to read through the entire Bible in a year, to have the Bible open every day? We have discussion groups available on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Fridays at noon, & Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Feel free to join us in this Bible experience. All are welcome.

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**New District Celebration:** In conjunction with the merger of the Detroit & West Michigan Annual Conferences, a Special District Establishing Conference is scheduled for our district on April 21 at the Hope Connection Center in Marquette, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. One of the purposes of the conference is to choose a new name for our district, & everyone is invited to share their ideas. Send your suggestion to the district office, (906)228-4644, or umc@mqtddistrict.com by March 31, & be sure to put April 21 on your calendar. Please see Pastor Geri if you’d like to attend this meeting.

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**Graduating High School Seniors,** please submit to the church office by May 6 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.

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**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 by Sunday, May 6.

**Bulletin insert for Sunday, April 1, 2018**

**Trinity United Methodist Church**

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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—98

Wednesday—15

**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

*If this list needs updating, please call us at 774-2545.*

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**Our condolences** to Pastor Geri, whose Aunt Marcille MacLauchlan in Baton Rouge, Louisiana died March 29. Pastor Geri will be with the family next week on her vacation.

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**Our condolences** to Linda Stanchina, whose husband Rick died March 22.

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**Thank you** to Dorothy Manko & Marguerite Reiten for preparing the Tower for mailing last week.

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**United Methodist Women** will meet for a potluck luncheon, Thursday, April 5 at noon. Please bring a dish to share. All women of the church are welcome.

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**Lydia Circle & guests** will meet for a potluck luncheon at noon, Thursday, April 12 at Hulst Manor.

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**Erica Thomas,** Camp Michigamme Director, will be our guest preacher next Sunday. Please welcome her!

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**United Methodist Women’s Spiritual Growth Retreat** will be April 27-28. Registration forms are on the wall across from the church office.

## THIS WEEK

Today: Easter

8:00 a.m. Worship service.

9:00 a.m. Potluck breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share.

10:30 a.m. Worship service.

Monday, April 2

8:30 a.m. Walk the Walk exercise.

5:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting.

7:00 p.m. Men of Prayer meet at Quinnesec UMC.

Tuesday, April 3

8:30 a.m. Walk the Walk exercise.

12:30 p.m. Bridge Club.

8:00 p.m. A.A.

Wednesday, April 4: Pastor's on vacation through April 13.

5:00 p.m. Community meal.

5:45 p.m. Community prayer meeting.

6:30 p.m. Choir.

6:30 p.m. Bible study.

Thursday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Walk the Walk exercise.

Noon United Methodist Women's potluck luncheon.

5:30 p.m. A.A.

Friday, April 6

8:30 a.m. Walk the Walk exercise.

Noon Bible study.

Saturday, April 7

8:30 a.m. O.A.

Noon Baby shower.

Sunday, April 8

8:00 a.m. Worship service.

9:00 a.m. 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.

## **Looking Ahead**

Monday, April 9

6:00 p.m. Trustees meeting.

Thursday, April 12

Noon Lydia Circle & guests' potluck at Hulst Manor.

5:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting.

Monday, April 16

3:00 p.m. May/June Tower deadline.

**April's Mission of the Month** is the North Dakota mission trip. The dates of this year's trip are June 17-22.

The North Dakota trip has been a labor of love for our team for many years now. Originally gathered & inspired by Marilyn Phillips' leadership, we continue to come together as teammates, grandparents, parents, children, & grandchildren to join together with the Spirit Lake Ministry Center in helping, supporting, caring for, & learning more about the people of the Spirit Lake Nation.

We are honored to be April's Mission of the Month & grateful for the love, prayers, & support of our church family. The money given this month will go toward our travel expenses to get our team safely to North Dakota & back. Thank you so much for your support! –Kristy Ryan



## **Our All-Church Birthday Party is Sunday, April 22, following the 10:30 worship service.**

We'll have a potluck meal, so please bring a dish to pass. Join in the fun as we take time to celebrate *us!* It's always a great time! Volunteers will be needed to bake & decorate cakes & provide table decorations. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room, or call Lea Varda at 774-9569.

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**Feeding America trucks** will be here on Saturday, June 2 & Saturday, August 4. Volunteers will be needed. Please tell Chris Langer, (906)239-6096, if you can help with either truck or both.

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**Thank you** for continuing to turn in cash register tapes from Econo Foods & Super One Foods. We also collect UPCs from Our Family brand products. Money that we receive for the tapes & UPCs goes to our General Fund. Collection boxes are in the narthex at the Carpenter Avenue entrance & on the bulletin board by the west door to the Sanctuary.

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**North Dakota Mission Trip** registration forms are on the counter in the church office. This summer's trip will run from June 17-22. For more information, please see or contact Kristy Ryan, 779-5282; or Jen Gauthier, 221-2840.

