

# The Tower

SEPTEMBER 06, 2018



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## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

**8:45 & 11:00AM**

Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

**10:45 AM**

Contemporary Worship - Warner Wing

**9:45 AM**

Sunday School

## **SERMON SERIES:**

**Just Do It!**

**SEPTEMBER 09, 2018**

**UMW SUNDAY**

**Enough For Everyone"**

8:45 / 10:45 / 11:00 AM

Rev. Amy Slater

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

**"You Belong Here"**

8:45 / 10:45 / 11:00 AM

Pastor Lennie Maxwell

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>08-26-18</b>	<b>09-02-18</b>
Worship	396	299
Nursery	5	5
Total	401	304
Church School	184	161

## **WHO IS A METHODIST?**

The question "Who is a Methodist?" had a much different tone in the 18<sup>th</sup> century when John Wesley and friends were riding (quite literally) the wave of this movement disparagingly called "Methodism". For John the term "Methodist" was not about doctrines or disciplines; it did not describe someone's religion or place in society. Wesley wrote in a sermon that "Methodist" described a change in one's life:

*Who is a Methodist, according to your own account?" I answer: A Methodist is one who has "the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him;" one who "loves the Lord his God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his mind, and with all his strength. God is the joy of his heart, and the desire of his soul; which is constantly crying out, "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee! My God and my all! Thou art the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever!"*

Today our culture is one of declining denominational loyalty and little name recognition, so the question, "Who is a Methodist", becomes once again pertinent. The term "Methodist" might describe a person who held in their heart and lived out those beliefs that were unique to John Wesley, such as entire sanctification, open communion with a spiritually present Eucharist or prevenient grace. Of course those terms, like the term Methodist would pass over most people as gibberish or religious pomp. So more often the label "Methodist" is used for what it should not represent - a denominational affiliation or a place of worship. "The Methodist Church" is not at all an accurate denominational name as there are over twenty possible denominations which could claim roots in John Wesley's Methodist movement and none of which are simply "The Methodist Church".

I am a member of the United Methodist Church (UMC) and whenever I speak of my denomination I refer to it as such. Let me give you just four reasons (there are more) why you should do the same:

The UMC is the largest (it is the third largest Christian denomination) and most socially active (in mission, education, health care and social justice) of all "Methodist" rooted denominations in the USA.

The UMC is globally connectational; meaning that local congregations are not alone in ministry; we are connected by conferences that surround the globe. We support one another in mission and share our ministries with other United Methodist Churches and agencies.

The UMC embraces a belief that God's grace is available to all people, and as such "Our Doors, Our Hearts, Our Minds our always open."

The "United" in United Methodist Church is multi-faceted. It represents the desire of the denomination to repent and repair divisions of the past and unite with other like denominations. It represents the Evangelical United Brethren merger of 1968. It represents the denomination's ecumenical desire to share all things in common with other denominations.

So if anyone asks me what church I belong to I am always quick to reply (with a little pride in my voice) the United Methodist Church. If someone asks you what church you belong to (attend), you should take care not to add to any confusion by saying you belong to the Methodist church. Be certain you are United Methodist; your membership is in Trinity United Methodist Church, Hutchinson, KS; a member of the Hutchinson District of the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church. And if someone asks "Who is a Methodist?" just say "People like me who have the love of Christ written on their heart. Would you like to come with me to worship at the United Methodist Church? There is someone there who would really like to meet you."

Pastor Lennie Maxwell

## KIM'S KORNER

When I started my spiritual journey at age 24, I began to experience new perspectives about the support of God's people. We have two boys, Kenny and Michael, who are 17 months apart. When Kenny was born, we did not attend church because it wasn't an important part of our priorities and we had a small support system of family and friends. I began seeking the Lord personally about six months after Kenny's birth. I found a church home, proclaimed my faith, and started on my faith journey. Bud joined me in attending church about a year later after a life changing experience. When Michael was born, Bud had a motorcycle accident on the way to the hospital. I was amazed to watch God's people rally around us with support and prayers. That support was life-changing. Personally, I've experienced that amazement again as my church family has surrounded me with condolences during the loss of my mother, Dixie. The stack of cards with encouraging messages are helping me daily as I walk through this unwanted life detour. Thank you for your awesome gifts of care and prayer! See you on Sunday!

Pastor Kim Biery

## SPECIAL OFFERING ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT

Thank you Trinity for your on-going support of our college students! This year we have over 50 students studying at approximately 15 Colleges and Universities around the world. If you adopted a college student last year, we will be contacting you to see if you will continue this ministry.

**Sundays, September 9th and September 16th**

we will be having a sign-up table in the entry way of all 3 services to get our new college students adopted! We will also be taking donations so that we can continue sending all our students gift cards at finals time.

It really does take a village or in our case, a wonderful church family. Our students really have enjoyed the Trinity love that keeps them feeling supported all year long.

## MATTHEW 25 SALTHAWK ANGEL PROJECT

It is hard to believe in three short months the holiday season will be upon us. Trinity will be participating in the Salthawk Angel Project for the fourth year. **We have committed to "adopting" 40 students for Christmas.** Individuals, families, groups, classes – any and all, are welcome to adopt a Salthawk. You can pick up a "Letter of Intent" on **Sunday, September 9th,** or during the week in the church office.

Deadline for the letter to be completed and returned to the office is Sunday, September 9th.

Questions: contact Deana Riney at 620.662.7285 or Anette Roberson at 620.665.7138. Thank you for prayerfully considering being an Angel to a Hutchinson High Salthawk.

## WESLEY TOWERS

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**will meet on Wednesday, September 12, 1:30 PM,** in the Conference Room at Wesley Towers Retirement Community. Betty Allen will show pictures of her recent Wesleyan trip to England.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN GROUPS

**Thursday, September 13th,** the Groups will meet in Common Ground.

- **MARTHA GROUP meets at 9:15 AM**
- **MARY GROUP meets at 1:30 PM**
- **RUTH GROUP meets at 7:00 PM**

Find out what UMW is all about! Call Pat Johnson at 960-2549 with any questions and/or to see which group would be the best fit for you.

## YOU BELONG HERE T-SHIRTS

If you ordered a "You Belong Here" t-shirt, they will be available for pick up on

**Sunday, Sept 9th**

outside the Sanctuary, or you can stop by the office during the week to pick yours up.

## DISCIPLE III CLASS

We are offering TWO Disciple III classes this fall.

**Beginning Wednesday, September 19th at 1:00 PM or 6:30 PM.**

Disciple III is a 32-week Bible Study that covers the Prophets and Paul. You will need a study manual that can be purchased from the church at a cost of \$35. **Deadline for sign-up is Monday, September 10th.**

## SYMPATHY:

**TO:** Sandy Goerl in the loss of her father.

**TO:** Sara Goerl in the loss of her grandfather.

## TRINITY'S TINY TREASURES PRESCHOOL

still has just a few spots remaining for the upcoming school year for children ages 4-5 years old!

**FOUR DAYS a WEEK (Monday - Thursday)**

**afternoon preschool sessions or full-day preschool sessions.**  
Call 665-0060 or email tonyadeal2@sbcglobal.net for more information.

## LONG BLACK RAINCOAT MISSING

It was raining on Sunday, August 19th and two women wore a black raincoat to church. One was long and one was knee length. Oops!!! The first lady to leave must have been thinking about the sermon she just heard or something equally as riveting and walked out with the wrong coat. Please call the office or just bring it back and exchange it. Yours is still here. Thank you.

## WE HAVE PAINT BRUSHES LEFT OVER FROM THE COMMUNITY WORK DAY.

Are you missing yours? Contact the church office at 665-5547.  
Thank you.

## SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER GIVING CORNER

### Food Bank and Noel Lodge Needs:

Paper Towels...Toilet Paper...Kleenex  
& Laundry Soap (HE, high efficiency)



### SAVE THE DATE! 3rd ANNUAL SOUP COOK-OFF!

Trinity's Treasures After School Program and Trinity's Tiny Treasures Preschool are sponsoring a soup cook-off fundraiser on

**Wednesday, October 24th.**

Watch for more information about this exciting.

## Special request: ALWAYS WEAR YOUR NAMETAG

Please let the office know if you don't have one.

### REMINDER TO THE NOW CLASS MEMBERS:

This year we are meeting the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of the month starting **September 25th at 9:30 AM in Room 214.**

### SUPPORT OUR SALTHAWKS!

The following supplies are needed for our ministry to Hutchinson High School.

#### FULL SIZE CONTAINERS OF:

**Hair Conditioner - Body Wash - Deodorant - Chapstick  
1" 3-ring Binders - Wide-ruled Paper - Pocket Folders  
Spiral Notebooks - Dividers for 3-ring Binders**

Deliver to the Salthawk Community Support tub in the main hallway by the church office.

**Thank you in advance!**

### UNITED WAY COMMUNITY WORK DAY

*"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor." (Ecclesiastes 4:9)*

Thank you, thank you to the 40+ Trinity members that made the United Way Community Work Day a big success! What an amazing experience for all of us to participate in a rewarding, visual transformation of a little house on Carpenter Street. The hard work and love that you put into the house will be a blessing to the homeowner and the neighborhood.

*"...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)*

### VISITOR CONNECTION 101

Are you a visitor who is interested in learning more about Trinity UMC? Or are you ready to become a member?

Visitor 101 is your opportunity to learn all there is to know!

Join us for coffee and doughnuts on

**Sunday, September 9 at 9:45 AM in Common Ground.**

You'll learn more about the church, get to know our pastors and staff and discover the many ministries and opportunities at Trinity UMC. Questions? Contact the church office @ 665-5547.

### SHINY GODS

The upcoming sermon series in October will highlight the principles found in the book "*shiny gods*" by Mike Slaughter. If you would like a book to study as Pastor Lennie and Pastor Kim preach on this theme, call the church office at 620-665-5547 by

**September 23rd. Book cost is \$9.**

Mike Slaughter addresses several questions in his book. Exactly how much is enough? In a culture guided chiefly by shiny, life-promising distractions, "enough" seems elusive and keeps us indebted to that next source of satisfaction. What if the Giver of Life offered freedom from this downward spiral—would you take it? Join us in worship for this exciting sermon series.

### BACK TO CHURCH CELEBRATION

Do you remember the first time you walked through Trinity's doors for a worship service or an event? Were you invited by a friend? Trinity's staff works hard to present a quality experience of worship, preaching, teaching, and connections for those who enter our doors. Research shows that people are most likely to visit a church as the result of a personal invitation.

*That's where YOU come in!*

**May you be encouraged to invite a friend to Trinity's  
"Back to Church" Sunday on September 16th.**

Pastor Lennie challenges us to reach out to members who are "AWOL" (Absent Without Love).

Watch for invitation cards that will be distributed during the first two Sundays of September. These cards are an easy way to invite folks to visit Trinity. Let's work with the Holy Spirit as we prayerfully invite our friends to join us on Sundays.

### PRAYER CARDS

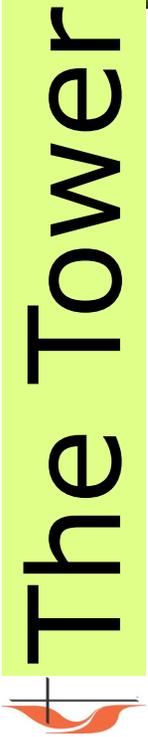
The apostle Paul wrote a letter to the church encouraging them to "pray continually" as recorded in I Thessalonians, Chapter 5. We here at Trinity are focusing on the importance of prayer and connections through a prayer ministry. A focused Prayer Team is being formed to pray for the needs of our church family. Prayer cards will be located in the pew pockets of the sanctuary and the Higher Ground friendship pads. The prayer requests will be put in the offering plate during Sunday worship and will be kept confidential. Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have committed to pray for one another as we serve together.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Sunday, September 30th**  
 Save it for what?!  
**FOR ADULTS ONLY**  
 CURIOUS? Sure hope so!

**“GO WILD FOR GOD” CATERED MEAL - October 7th**  
 The Fellowship Committee is going WILD!! Set the date on your calendar for Sunday, October 7th at 12:15 PM for our annual catered meal. Hog Wild will be supplying the food. Tickets go on sale Sunday, September 9th outside the Sanctuary and Warner Wing.

**TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY DRIVE**

Please help the Membership Growth & Care Team collect Halloween Candy during the month of October for Trunk or Treat. This year TUMC will be represented at the City of Hutchinson’s Trunk or Treat on October 31. This event is hosted by The Father’s House and the Hutchinson Police Department with many other partner churches and businesses. Last year there were 10,000 Trick or Treaters! TUMC will be giving the Trunk or Treaters candy (of course) and information about service times and Sunday school. We will need lots of candy donations for 10,000 Trunk or Treaters! Candy will be collected in the church office from September 30 – October 28. Monetary donations will also be gladly accepted. Questions? Contact Megan Kinney @ 727-7330.

**SAVE THE DATE!! FOR THE GREAT PLAINS UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE TOWN HALL MEETING**

**Sunday, October 7th from 3:00 - 5:00 PM in the Warner Wing.**

Bishop Ruben Saenz will be holding Town Hall meetings throughout the Great Plains Conference. Hutchinson District Town Hall, which is open to all United Methodist Clergy and Laity, will be held at Trinity UMC.

Please plan to join Bishop Saenz for an informational discussion regarding the Great Plains Conference, The Way Forward, 2019 General Conference and so much more. If you have questions regarding the event or specific questions you’d like to have answered please send them to Sheila at the Hutchinson UMC office, [sbartley@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:sbartley@greatplainsumc.org) and she will make sure they are personally sent to Bishop Saenz so he can be prepared with the best and most complete possible answer.

