

The Tower

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CHURCH

Through God's Love We Grow and Serve

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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: **Shiny Gods**

OCTOBER 07, 2018

"Our Idols"

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

Pastor Lennie Maxwell

OCTOBER 14, 2018

"Enough?"

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

Pastor Kim Biery

TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE!

I met an elderly woman recently. She had suffered for some time with a chronic illness which required several hundred dollars of medication and many days in the hospital. She lived by herself, and only had her social security to live on. However, she greeted me, a stranger, with a warm smile and loving hug, and spoke as if she had not a care in the world, except one, she had not been able to send her monthly check to the church; for this she was very sorry. She is the epitome of a Christian Steward. Of course I assured her that it was quite alright; there were plenty of people in the church who were able to cover for her (not to mention care for and share with her) as she got back on her feet.

I hope I wasn't lying. For one there is probably a certain percentage who have stopped reading because they believe this article is about money; and they are "sick of churches just asking for money". They are wrong. I am writing about stewardship, not money, and there is a distinct difference.

As Christians, we are called to give to God "what is right, not what is left," as the popular quote from a church marquee states. God calls us to offer our "first fruits," not the "leftovers." First fruits giving requires the theological premise that our possessions and assets ultimately belong to God. All that we have in life is a gift from God! Faith-filled, first fruits giving is our opportunity to return to God a small portion of God's abundant blessing in our lives. Moreover, these blessings are not limited to financial assets or possessions. Most of us can examine our own lives and find numerous blessings, perhaps even some astounding miracles. (David S. Bell, *Tithing: Law of God or Gift of God? (Part I)* 1/2/08, www.gbod.org/stewardship)

Secondly, there are plenty of people who, if they gave at the level of this woman, would be able to take care of the church necessities on their own, enabling the church to focus on mission. Sometimes we haven't been effective in the church at teaching the importance (to God, not the church) of good stewardship. "People give when they are convinced there is something good happening with their giving" (Donald W. Joiner, *Creating a Climate for Giving*, p64) Friends, just look around at all the ministry and mission that we are involved in at Trinity, and tell me that there isn't good stuff happening here. This will be our focus during worship in October – Together We Can Do More! More happens with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. That is what it means to be a Christian Steward.

Pastor Lennie Maxwell

2 Corinthians 9:11-13 (CEB)

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us. Your ministry of this service to God's people isn't only fully meeting their needs but it is also multiplying in many expressions of thanksgiving to God. They will give honor to God for your obedience to your confession of Christ's gospel. They will do this because this service provides evidence of your obedience, and because of your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone.

ATTENDANCE	09-23-18	09-30-18
Worship	386	376
Nursery	6	4
Total	392	380
Church School	182	160

KIM'S KORNER

As fall approaches, there is evidence of change in the world all around us. A brisk breeze and ever changing colored leaves usher in the Fall. I give thanks that our God is faithful, especially during changing seasons of our lives. As the United Methodist Church enters a new season of discernment, our leaders are working toward a way forward for the church. May we all be in prayer for God's direction and God's faithful presence. It is a lot easier to complain about issues than pray about them. The spiritual process of prayer motivates us to take an active role of love as described in First Corinthians. A mature love that is characterized by patience and kindness, bearing and believing all. Let us continue to be in prayer for the upcoming Town Hall meeting with our Bishop as we learn about the way forward. See you on Sunday!
Pastor Kim Biery

WORLD COMMUNION SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, October 7th Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy. Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be? Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

SAVE THE DATE!

October 14 is Children's Sunday in the 10:45 AM service!

CONGRATULATIONS:

John & Sammie Reinert on their marriage on September 15, 2018.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S HAMBURGER FRY Sunday, October 14th, 6:00 PM in Thorne Hall

The best burgers in town!
Once again, our UMM will provide a great burger meal, wonderful fellowship, and entertainment on the second Sunday in October.

The cost is \$6.

Don't miss this special annual tradition at Trinity!



SOUP COOK-OFF!

Wednesday, October 24th from 4:30-6:30 PM in Thorne Hall

Trinity's Treasures After School Program and Trinity's Tiny Treasures Preschool are sponsoring a soup cook-off fundraiser. You or your group is invited to participate in this event! Each entry will be responsible for making enough soup to provide for LOTS of samples!

Plan to deliver, set-up and be prepared to serve your soup by 4:15PM on October 24th.

Entry forms are in the church office and must be returned to the church office by Sunday, October 7th.

THIS IS HOW IT WORKS:

Individuals attending this event will be able to purchase a wristband at the door for

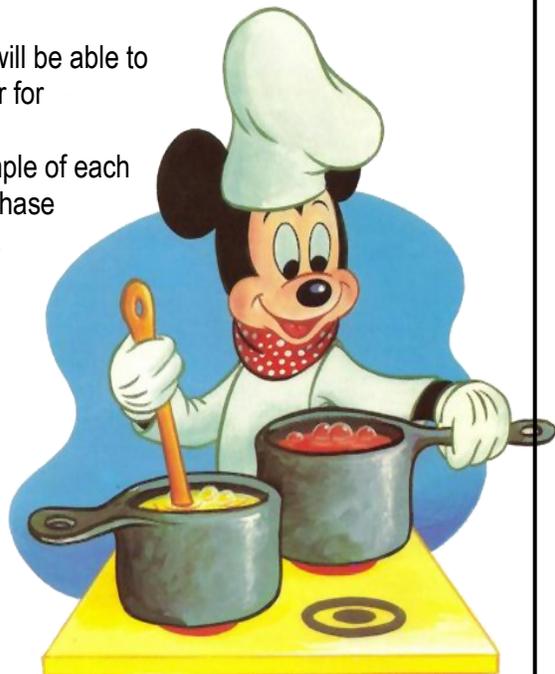
\$5 per person.

This will give each person a sample of each of the entered soups. Upon purchase of a wristband you will also get a ticket. After sampling all of the soups you will be able to give your ticket to the person/group that made your favorite soup. The soup with the most tickets will be the Grand Prize Winner!

You can also purchase a bowl of soup of your choice for an additional \$2.

Questions?

Contact Tonya Deal 665-0060 or tonyadeal2@sbcglobal.net.



2018 SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- 10/07 - World Communion Sunday
- 10/21 - Benevolence Fund Offering
- 11/11 - Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence
- 11/25 - United Methodist Student Day
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Offering

SCOUTS POPCORN SALES

Sunday, October 7 - Sunday, October 28th

It's that time of year, folks! Don't miss this chance to purchase popcorn from our Scouts, Pack 313. They will be in front of the nursery on Sundays giving everyone an opportunity to support our Pack. Thank you!

Special Request:
ALWAYS WEAR YOUR NAMETAG

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

OCTOBER GIVING CORNER

Food Bank and Noel Lodge Needs: Paper Towels... Toilet Paper... Kleenex & Laundry Soap (HE, high efficiency)

SYMPATHY

TO: Pearl Tedford in the loss of her sister.
TO: Ginger Osgood in the loss of her son, Mike Wood.
TO: Kelly Loudenback in the loss of her son, Chase.
TO: Kathy Graves in the loss of her father, Jack Schroll.
TO: Jane Holzrichter in the loss of her father.

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 Prayer Team is being formed to pray for the needs of our church family. Prayer cards are 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.

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

Sunday, October 7th from 3:00 - 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

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 get answered please send them to Sheila at the Hutchinson UMC office, sbartley@greatplainsumc.org and she will make sure they get personally sent to Bishop Saenz so he can be prepared with the best and most complete possible answer.



"LIVING FAITHFULLY"

Human Sexuality and The United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 9:45 AM in Thorne Hall.

Cost of book is \$13.

Contact the church office to sign up. Pastor Lennie Maxwell will lead a four-week study group following the Great Plains United Methodist Conference Town Hall meeting Bishop Ruben Saenz will hold on October 7th. Call the office to sign up by October 21st.

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.



While every day is a great day to say thanks to our awesome Pastors, did you know there is actually an official month set aside for just this purpose? Being the spiritual leaders of a church is not easy and can often be a challenging and thankless job. Sometime during the month of October, send a note or card to Pastor Lennie and Pastor Kim and let them know you appreciate their leadership and caring. Not much of a note writer? Take them to lunch, slip them a gift card or just stop by to say "hello"!





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Women's FELLOWSHIP

United Methodist Women ALL GROUPS will meet
**Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 PM at Wesley Towers
 Downstairs in the Sunflower Room**

Our program will be given by
 Lisa Ralls with Kansas Guardianship.

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!!

TOGETHER – WE REALLY CAN DO MORE!

Here at Trinity, the month of October brings an emphasis on giving: giving of our time, energy, prayers and money to invest in relationships within our church, our community, and our world.

Every Sunday morning in October, you will be hearing from persons whose lives are positively impacted by the missional ministries of our church – Matthew 25:

Salthawks, Circles of Hope-Reno County, Fair Price Clothing Store and the local Soup Kitchen. These are just a few of the ways your money goes to make a difference in human lives through the outreach efforts of our church. As you prayerfully contemplate your gifts to the church in 2019, keep in mind that lives are changed because one person cared. Just think about how many lives can be changed when we ALL care. See you on Sunday.



SAFETY MINISTRY

Let our youth do something for you!

Sunday, November 4th starting at 5:15 PM.

Do you need the batteries changed in your smoke detector?

We'll even supply the batteries and the FREE LABOR!!

Do you need lightbulbs changed?

Any other hard to do household chores or tasks that you could use some extra help with? Just let us know.

Please sign up for this service by calling the church office at 665-5547. Let us know if we need to bring special equipment in order to be prepared to do the job.



BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

On Sunday, October 21,

you will have the opportunity to give the second mile and support local families working to get out of the cycle of poverty. This years benevolence fund offering will go to Salvation Army, Pathways of Hope. Through targeted case management, Pathways of Hope focuses on a family's capabilities, and raises hope by empowering them to overcome barriers on the path to stability. Families set their own goals and are provided the resources needed to accomplish them. Your support lifts up families right here in Hutchinson. Thank you.



PATHWAY OF HOPE