



The Tower

Trinity United Methodist Church
Through God's Love We Grow and Serve
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ATTENDANCE 12-09-18 12-16-18

Worship	387	398
Nursery	7	9
Total	394	407
Church School	201	206

PASTORS

Senior Pastor
 Lennie Maxwell
Associate Pastor
 Kim Biery

For after hours
emergencies,
 please call:
Pastor Kim Biery
620-960-1689

END OF YEAR GIVING

Those of you who are planning on making year-end contributions may want to consider beginning that process now. Contributions of any kind, including stock transfers and IRA distributions, *must be received in the church office by December 31st to qualify as a charitable deduction for 2018.*

The church offices will be closed December 25th through January 1st (open Sunday, December 30th). Contributions delivered to the church or mailed to the church and postmarked December 31st or earlier will be honored as a 2018 contribution. Postdated checks and stock transfers received after December 31st will be posted to your 2019 contribution record.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:45 & 11:00AM
Traditional Worship
 in the Sanctuary


10:45 AM
Contemporary Worship
 in the Warner Wing

9:45 AM
Sunday School
 in various classrooms

COLLEGE STUDENTS FELLOWSHIP

We hope to see you at home during Christmas break!
 Join us
Sunday, December 23rd
at 9:45 AM in Common Ground
 for a special College Fellowship time. If you are unable to make it then, we hope to see you any other Sunday you are home.
 Please know that your church family is praying for you!





KIM'S KORNER

The first Christmas was messy.

I have been pondering the dynamics of the Holy One coming to earth as a baby in a dirty stable surrounded by animals. As a mother, I can only imagine how Mary felt when there was no room in the inn and she was displaced, just in time to give birth. In the midst of her fears Mary was a servant who brought new life to future generations through the birth of her son, the Savior of the world. Do you realize that the Holy One enters the messiness of our lives to bring hope and peace? The gift of hope is usually opposite of what we experience when problems are overwhelming. Yet, the ability to hope is intertwined with the Christmas story that gives us a new perspective in our daily lives. When life is messy, let us all remember that God is still at work bringing us the gifts that keep on giving, peace and hope. See you on Sunday!

Pastor Kim Biery



FOLK DANCING CLASS


Saturday, January 5th
10:00 AM - Noon
in Thorne Hall

Looking for a fun activity to do after the holidays? Come join us for a morning of Folk Dancing! Cathia Krehbiel will be teaching Russian and Turkish Folk dances, such as Iste Hendeck, Katya and Troika.. Cathia studied in Russia in college, and over the years has studied many different folk and ethnic dance styles. This class will be taught at multiple levels, so all ages and skills are welcome!

Questions? Contact Cathia at 402-525-7947

**2018 MINISTRY OPERATIONS
INCOME VERSUS EXPENSES**

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Income from Giving	54,136.61	690,984.75
Other Income	2,225.00	83,046.60
Expenses	<u>60,581.35</u>	<u>737,058.87</u>
Difference	- 4,219.74	36,972.48



SYMPATHY TO:

Jan Hopkins in the loss of her brother.
Garth Strand in the loss of his brother-in-law.
Anette Roberson in the loss of her brother.
Bill Atkinson in the loss of his sister-in-law.
Gene Bridgess in the loss of his wife, Carol.

CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL OFFERING

The 2018 special offering on Christmas Eve will go to **Circles of Hope - Reno County.**

As many of you know, Trinity UMC serves as the lead agency for Circles of Hope-Reno County, hosting a weekly Thursday evening gathering of folks who are working hard to climb out of poverty. Trying to improve the lives of those around us is not always an easy or comfortable experience. But, we believe that all persons deserve an opportunity to start over and make better decisions that will affect generations to come.





LOOKING AHEAD

God is leading us into new adventures in 2019 and so I thought that would be a great way to celebrate the New Year. Our first sermon series is entitled "The Adventure Begins... Again." I hope you will invite your friends, family, coworkers and neighbors as we ask, "What makes an adventure story?" Every adventure most include two things – risk and hope. The opposite of adventure is fear. We will examine the concept of fear and how it hinders God's work in February. I hope, as we look at how the early church stepped out in faith, we can be motivated to move forward into God's Kingdom to come. Here is a preview of the first quarter worship plans for 2019 up to and including Easter Sunday on April 21st when we will confirm our new class of youth ready to confess their belief in Jesus Christ as Lord.

Pastor Lennie Maxwell

January 06	The Adventure Begins... Again	The Story	Jeremiah 29:11
January 13	hope-filled way to move through difficulties	Begin Again	Galatians 1:10-24
January 20		A Way Forward	Acts 15:36-40
January 27		God's Kingdom come.	Mark 4:26-29
February 03	Unafraid	Afraid	Isaiah 48:10 & John 14:27-31
February 10	Psalm 56:3-4	Anatomy of Fear	Genesis 3:8-10
February 17	Hamilton, section 1	Paralyzed by Fear	Numbers 13:32-33
February 24		Facing Your Fear	Numbers 14:7-0 & Phil 4:5b-7
March 03	How to Pray?		Matthew 6:7-14
March 10	The Seven Last Word of Christ Hamilton's "Final Words From the Cross" all church study.	Father Forgive Them	Luke 23:32-38
March 17		Today You Will Be in Paradise	Luke 23:39-43
March 24		Here is Your Mother	John 19:26-27
March 31		My God, My God, Why?	Matthew 27:45-49
April 04		I Thirst	John 19:28-29
April 14	Cantata	It is Finished	John 19:30
April 21	Easter Sunday	Into Your Hands	Luke 23:46-49

TRINITY UMC MULTI-GENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP to Rosebud Lakota Reservation in Mission, South Dakota Sunday, March 24 - Saturday, March 30, 2019

This is going to be a wonderfully exciting mission trip, of various projects and cross-cultural learning. A trip like this will change lives! Both yours and the lives of the people you meet. This trip is for everyone. All ages and skills and families or individuals **(youth under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult).**

Limited to the first 30 people that sign up. Call the church office and lock in your spot with a \$50 per person deposit. The total cost of the trip is estimated to be \$550-600 and team members will be raising funds to offset this cost.





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DECEMBER 20, 2018

**COMMUNION
 SUNDAY
 REMINDER:**

**Sunday.
 January 6, 2019**



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MUSIC MINISTRY APPRECIATION

The Trinity Music Department would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the worship music through Advent. No matter what your part in providing music for these special worship services, please know that YOU are appreciated. **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed
 Tuesday, December 25 through Saturday, December 29,
 and Monday, December 31
 through Tuesday January 1.

CARD MINISTRY

Our entryways have baskets
 with names of many of our "Senior Adults"
 who are homebound. Please take one
 or more and help make a difference in 2019! The
 information includes the person's name, address, and
 birthdate so that you can send "thinking of you", birthday,
 and/or holiday cards throughout the year.

Thank you for brightening their world!

WHAT?!?!?

MEN CAN COOK????

Salthawk Community Support presents
**"A Taste of Hutchinson-The Men Cook" on
 Saturday, January 19, 2019, 7pm-9pm,
 at the Hutchinson Art Center, 5th and Washington.**

Come experience delicious samples of food prepared and served
 by some of Hutchinson's finest men. Tickets are \$40.00 per
 person and can be purchased in the church office or at Apron
 Strings. Funds from this event will go toward insuring the
 financial future of the Salthawk Community Support program at
 Hutchinson High School. This program encourages low income
 and struggling students to be successfully engaged in school by
 meeting basic needs as well as providing mentors, tutors, and
 positive programs.

Tickets for this event are limited, so get yours soon!