Liquid Laundry Soap
It’s time to help wash and label bottles and shred soap and measure out soap, borax and washing soda for making Messiah Food Pantry Liquid Laundry Soap. If you can help please see Jay Cutler.

Parents Group
Parents group will meet on Sunday January 21st at 5:00 pm
We welcome new families to join us! We share a potluck meal and have free child care! Start the new year with new friends and fun! Join our group!

We will be taking down the church decorations on Saturday, January 6th at 9:00 am
Please plan to help if you can!!

Hurry! Voting ends on December 30th for our tree at the Festival of Trees at Otto’s Oasis!!

TRINITY CHIMES January 2018
Trinity United Methodist Church
601 Milwaukee Street
Charles City, IA 50616
Website: www.trinity50616.com

Dates to remember!

MEMORIAL –
Next meeting TBA

FINE ARTS COMMITTEE –
Next meeting TBA

FINANCE –
Next meeting 1/19 at 6:30 pm
* 2018 Budget
* Fundraising committee
* 2017 Stewardship emphasis

HEALTH MINISTRY
Next meeting TBA
* Cancer Now What?- Information/ Devotions
* AED Trainer
* Caring Callers Gift box – for visitation
* Christmas gift for caring callers to distribute
* Prayer shawls

SPPRC –
Next meeting 1/26 at 7:00 pm

TRUSTEES –
Next 1/19 at 7:00 pm
* Fire Alarms
* Stained glass repair
* Cement by preschool 4x25’

SCHOLARSHIP –
Next meeting TBA

TRINITY CHIMES January 2018
Trinity United Methodist Church
601 Milwaukee Street
Charles City, IA 50616
Website: www.trinity50616.com

Liquid Laundry Soap
It’s time to help wash and label bottles and shred soap and measure out soap, borax and washing soda for making Messiah Food Pantry Liquid Laundry Soap. If you can help please see Jay Cutler.

Parents Group
Parents group will meet on Sunday January 21st at 5:00 pm
We welcome new families to join us! We share a potluck meal and have free child care! Start the new year with new friends and fun! Join our group!

We will be taking down the church decorations on Saturday, January 6th at 9:00 am
Please plan to help if you can!!

Hurry! Voting ends on December 30th for our tree at the Festival of Trees at Otto’s Oasis!!

THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR’S DAY.

MIDIS
Just a reminder Midi’s will not meet in January or February and will resume in March.
If you are familiar with the Old Testament giant, Moses, you know that Moses never got to set foot in the Promised Land. Moses is the premier prophet of the Old Testament and he was faithful to the Lord in so many ways. He confronted Pharaoh, one of the most powerful men in the world. He led the people of Israel out of captivity and slavery in Egypt. He was the faithful mediator between the Lord and the stubborn people of Israel and on more than one occasion intervened on the people’s behalf to keep the Lord from wiping them out. But Moses was not perfect and there were several occasions in which he allowed himself to get in the way of doing what the Lord required of him which resulted in the Lord not allowing him to enter the Promised Land.

Moses got to see the Promised Land from a distance, but it was going to be Moses’ successor, Joshua, who would lead the people into the Promised Land. But before that happened and before Moses died he stood before the Israelites and reminded them of how they got to this point (you can read all about it at the end of Deuteronomy). Moses reminded them of the God who redeemed them out of slavery and who led them and sustained them in the wilderness for so many years. Moses reminded them of the special covenant that the Lord had established with the Israelites and the laws and ordinances he graciously gave to them to define them as God’s people—a light to all the other nations.

Moses knew he would not be going into the Promised Land, so he did all he could to remind the people he had been leading for a generation that they had a responsibility to remember the covenant God had established with them and that they had a responsibility to live out that covenant once they crossed the river. If they did what the Lord required of them they would be blessed beyond measure and if they failed to do so they would experience the curses that God promised—the choice was theirs.

Here we are, on the cusp of the brand-new year of 2018. As we stand on the edge of the new year we can look forward and “see” and know that there will be many blessings in store for us, and many challenges as well. As God’s people whom He dearly loves, let us choose to trust Him with our lives and let us choose to follow and serve Him faithfully during all the blessings and the challenges of the new year before us. In the words of Joshua, the successor to Moses: “So honor the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly... as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:14, 15).

Following is a covenant prayer in the Wesleyan tradition. As you begin a new year may this be your prayer:

Lord Jesus, I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou are mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen.

May you have a grace-filled 2018,
Pastor Jim
January 7 – Genevieve Boyd
In Appreciation of those who deliver my weekly bulletins!

January 14 – Sharon Uetz
In Loving Memory of Alan Uetz

January 21 – Don & Judy Bean

January 28 – Sharon Uetz
In Loving Memory of Stacie Lynn Uetz

If you would like to sponsor a broadcast the cost is $50. Just sign up in the concourse or call the church office. Thank you!

Please remember to pay for your reserved broadcasts on or before the date that has been reserved. Thank you!

Wishing you the Lord’s Blessings on your Birthday and Anniversaries!

Church Family Updates
Our Christian Sympathies to the families whose loved ones have gone to be with the Lord:

Phyllis Rague

Men’s Bible Study Resumes
Men, we will reconvene our Men’s Bible study on Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Epworth Room. We will pick up with our study of Paul’s letter to the Galatians. To get yourself caught up, re-read chapters 1 and 2 of Galatians. We will see you on the 18th!!

Hurry! Voting ends on December 30th for our tree at the Festival of Trees at Otto’s Oasis!!
UMW Unit Meeting

There is no Unit Meeting in January

UMW Group Meetings:
Each group will decide

UMW Executive Committee
January 25 at 1:15 pm

If you would be interested in becoming a member of the United Methodist Women, please see the chairperson of any of our circles for more details and information

Faith–Grace: Kay Brunner
Charity–Peace: Nancy Lorenzen
Loyal–Unity: Genni Smith & Judy Mulcahy co-chairs

A huge Thank You to Rae Asleson and Jeannine Mills for planning, directing, playing and everything else they did to make the Children's Sunday School program a huge success!

Women's Bible Study Beginning Thursday, January 18th

A new women's Bible study will begin on Thursday, January 18th at 5:30 pm at Trinity UMC in the library. We will be studying Beth Moore's Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent—Join us for this in-depth women’s Bible study of Psalms 120-134.

Traveling pilgrims sang these psalms both on the way to the great festivals of the LORD and as key elements of the worship at those festivals. Just as a song or poem can express feelings of fear, doubt, hope, and joy, these 15 psalms model how we can voice our own petitions and praises to our God, who is always available and ready to hear us.

Explore the major feasts of Israel and journey with Beth through this 7-session study. Themes of unity, joy, gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule, and more are explored in detail. Modern-day believers in Jesus Christ can learn much from these treasured Psalms in their journey toward greater intimacy with God.

Please let Jane at know at 641-204 1122 or beranek@iastate.edu if you have questions or would like to attend. Books are available now in the church office, they are $13.77 each.

All women are welcome!!

Finance Report for November 2017

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TUMC GENERAL FUND</th>
<th>NOVEMBER, 2017</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Beginning Checkbook Balance</td>
<td>5,520.23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pledges Received</td>
<td>25,898.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Receipts</td>
<td>5,456.13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disbursements</td>
<td>34,486.20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ending Checkbook Balance</td>
<td>2,388.16</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

UNPAID:
- Apportionments ($4,315.67/month) 37,356.37
- District Askings ($99.75/month) -
- Unpaid Invoices -

Church Council Directories for 2018

Our 2018 Church council directories will be available at all committee meetings and in the concourse beginning in January. Thank you to our Lay Leadership committee for their hard work of finding new members to fill spots on our church committees and special thanks to everyone who said YES to serving on a church committee!!
Prayer Shawl Ministry
We have everything you need to make a beautiful crocheted or knitted afghan for someone needing our prayers and support. Join us and learn a new skill, or if you already know how to knit or crochet then just join us for some fellowship time!!

Our next Prayer Shawl group will meet on:
Thursday, January 25 at 9:30 am.
Join Us!!

Stitching for Missions
Our next session of Stitching for Missions will be
Wednesday, January 10 from 9:00-3:00 at the ISU Extension Office on Main street. It’s a fun day of fellowship- all are invited! Don’t forget to bring a sack lunch! Read the CC press article about this group on the Missions bulletin board!!

Thank you to the Parmer’s & the Speas family for making one awesome Christmas float! Everyone had a wonderful time!!

Thank you for allowing us to use the sanctuary for our concerts and rehearsals! Trinity has been gracious and amazing hosts and we fully appreciate all you do for the performing arts, your members, and your community! Craig has been a great help and Patti and Tim were so helpful on the day of the concert. The concert was just beautiful and the acoustics, just marvelous in your sanctuary! Many Thanks to all of you!

Wendy Johnson and the Charles City Chamber Orchestra

Thank you to our friends and church family for the cards and well wishes we received after losing our granddaughter Andrea Cline and Cheryle’s brother Roger Springer. All was appreciated! Dale, Cheryle Cline and Family

Thank you to George, Chuck & Gloria who came to my house and helped rake and remove all the leaves in my yard a few days back. It was so appreciated! God Bless you all! Iris Pitkin

A special Thank You to the Parmer’s & the Speas family for making one awesome Christmas float! Everyone had a wonderful time!!

Thank you for allowing us to use the sanctuary for our concerts and rehearsals! Trinity has been gracious and amazing hosts and we fully appreciate all you do for the performing arts, your members, and your community! Craig has been a great help and Patti and Tim were so helpful on the day of the concert. The concert was just beautiful and the acoustics, just marvelous in your sanctuary! Many Thanks to all of you!

Wendy Johnson and the Charles City Chamber Orchestra

Thank you to our friends and church family for the cards and well wishes we received after losing our granddaughter Andrea Cline and Cheryle’s brother Roger Springer. All was appreciated! Dale, Cheryle Cline and Family

Local Mission Project - Stitching Walker Bags and Fidget Mats
A heartfelt thank you to everyone that stitched Walker Saddlebags and Fidget Mats. Trinity United Methodist, Charles City Quilt Guild and one Kansas friend have contributed bags and mats. 24 walker bags and 7 fidget mats have been distributed to Chautauqua Guest Homes.
Please continue to stitch and drop off projects to Susan or Eileen Merten. Happy Holidays, Eileen

P.S. Hopefully we can soon donate to Apple Valley Assisted Living.

Pledge Cards for 2018
Financial pledge cards were mailed out in November and returned at our Celebration Sunday worship service on 11/19.
If you have forgotten to fill out a card, or have lost yours, additional cards are available in the office. Your pledge helps to support the annual budget of the church.
Thank you for your support!

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you Central Preschool for donating the new (to us) kitchen set in the nursery.

Offering Envelopes
2018 Offering Envelopes will be available in the office. Please pick yours up at the earliest convenience. If you would like envelopes and do not currently get them, or if you would like to discontinue your subscription for offering envelopes please contact Susan in the office 641-228-5368.
Resolutions/Goals

Have you developed your New Year’s resolutions yet? Whether you write them out, or just think about them, most of us can’t help but consider the fresh beginning of a new year brings.

The making of resolutions brings with it thoughts of past failures and guarded hopes for the future. This month I would like to share some suggestions for ways to make resolutions “fail proof”.

1. **Keep goals realistic.**
   You may need to cut your goals in half from previous years. Set goals you are confident you can reach.

2. **Be specific about your goals**
   Instead of saying “I’ll lose weight”, try “I will lose 2 pounds per week until I reach my goal of 125 pounds.

3. **Develop a plan for how you will reach your goals.**
   Think carefully about your resources, limits, and reasons for past failures. After you have thought about it write it down. Include strategies to help you reach your goals. Try to use resources such as prayer and bible studies.

4. **Find a partner**
   Moral support can be a big help in reaching your goals. Share goals with you partner and provide encouragement to your partner. Don’t forget that Jesus makes an excellent support person.

5. **Keep track of your progress.**
   This with help you see your progress one day at a time.

6. **Think of each day as a new beginning**
   Appreciate the newness that each day brings

7. **Do your best: leave the rest to God**
   The Lord is your partner and He will bless your efforts at growth.

If I can be of any help to you in setting your goals please contact me. I would be happy to assist you.

---

**Weather Cancellations**

In the event of severe weather, it is sometimes necessary to cancel worship services.

Cancellations will be broadcast on the following networks/stations: KWWL– channel 7 or KIMT– channel 3, or tune in 95.9 FM- KCHA for cancellation of Sunday Services.

Please always use your best judgment when getting out in inclement weather.

---

**Old Testament Scriptures**

- Hold fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
- Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
- Ray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18)
- Ray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
- Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

- Neglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)
- Xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

- Yield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11, 16)
- Xercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
- Imitate sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
- Redeem the time (Ephesians 5:15, 16)
Welcoming the new year with a new Confirmation class. Please pray for our students and mentors. The month ahead:

Jan
3 – School Resumes
7 – Regular Worship Schedule Resumes, 9:00 and 11:10;
   Sunday School 11:10 am
12 – End of Semester
15 – No School (MLK Jr Day and Professional Learning for teachers)
TBA – Youth Ski Trip with Youth from across our district

Every Sunday at the church:
10:10-11:00 am – Sunday School in Epworth
Noon-1:15 pm – Confirmation

Every Wednesday at the church:
6:30-7:30 – Middle School UMYF
7:00-8:30 – High School UMYF

This month’s thought:
Have you not heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of His understanding. He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.
– Isaiah 40:28-32 (NLT)

Children’s Ministries

Beginning in January, children will be in their Sunday School classroom first and then will go to Music at 10:45 am.

The Sunday School Children will not be singing in January. They will be singing again on Feb 11th.

Did you know that we will be sending care packages to 12 college students in February?
Watch for a bulletin board in the Concourse for details the week of January 14th.

Epiphany (12 days after Christmas, January 6th) marks the end of the Christmas Season for the church. Epiphany is when the Three Wise Men arrived to visit Jesus bearing gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Please plan to join us on Saturday, January 6 at 9:00 am when we will be taking down the Christmas décor from the church.

The NE District is planning a youth ski trip for the end of January. Stay tuned for details!

Trees both in our church building and at Otto’s Oasis are intentionally decorated in white and gold only. These colors together signify a celebration and are reserved for only the most important Christian holidays.
Welcome to the Missions Corner!

Consider this an opportunity for education. We encourage you to support missions as you are able, both those here and those sponsored by special groups in our church family and community.

Liquid Laundry Soap Production

Liquid Laundry Soap for Messiah Food Pantry will be made on Tuesday February 13, 2018.

The mission committee is doing the shift from 4:30 P.M to 5:50. Five people are needed to take over at 5:50 and go through 7:30.

A second shift of five people is needed Wednesday February 14th from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. Finished soap will be bottled on Sunday February 18, 2018 after church service.

Please plan to help! Contact Jay Cutler for details 228-4271!

The TUMC Missions Committee is not a line item in the church budget and only spends what it receives. At the December Missions Meeting the following donations were made:
$100 - Habitat for Humanity (is a matching fund opportunity), $100 - Hope Ministries of Des Moines, $200 - Hillcrest Family Services of Dubuque, $200 - Docs for Hope of New Hampton, $200 - Messiah Food Pantry of Charles City, $200 - Brother’s Keeper of TUMC, Charles City. Thanks to all who support the Missions efforts of TUMC.

Human Relations Day

January 14, 2017

Human Relations Day is the first of six annual church wide offerings to support programs that bridge the gap between church and community. This offering supports Community Development and United Methodist Voluntary Services Programs administered by the Board of Global Ministries and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs administered by the Board of Church and Society. Examples of programs funded by this offering include: child care, children’s after-school and summer initiatives, emergency services, gang intervention, HIV/AIDS and other health issues, homelessness and housing, parenting, prison outreach, restorative justice, substance abuse and rehabilitation, and at-risk teens. Human Relations Day Programs work with all ethnic backgrounds and churches to bring them together to focus on an issue. The goal is to serve and empower the community.

Please give generously on Human Relations Day!

Self Help International of Waverly received $78,000 from 123 families as part of their Giving Tuesday promotion. SHI will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2018. Current and future SHI newsletters will feature articles on SHI history. The first article is posted on the Missions Bulletin Board.

Reading Materials available!

Posted on the Missions Bulletin Board are materials from other organizations that TUMC supports including the Hillcrest Annual Report, the Hope Ministries newsletter, and a report of the Habitat for Humanity response to Hurricane Harvey.

TUMC is a long-time supporter of Heifer International. Also posted on the Missions Bulletin Board is an article on how chickens and goats have improved the lives of women – keeping them in school, reducing child marriage and creating economic opportunities.

Global Migration Sunday was observed on December 3rd and will be used to serve over 65 million men, women, and children who are displaced around the world. Trinity donated a total of $75.00 to this special offering. Thank you for your support!
Start A New Habit in 2018!

Join us every Sunday at 9:00 am for our Traditional Worship service or at 11:15 am for Fresh Start, our Contemporary Worship service!

2018 Medicare Deductibles, Coinsurance, and Premiums

**Part A**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Inpatient Hospital</th>
<th>Per Benefit period</th>
<th>$1,340.</th>
<th>Days 61-90 $335/day</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Skilled Nursing Facility</td>
<td>Days 21-100</td>
<td>$167.50/day</td>
<td>Lifetime reserve days (60) $670.00/day</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Monthly Premium**

- 40 quarters of Social Security work credit: Free
- 30-39 quarters of Social Security work credit: $232.00
- Less than 30 quarters of Social Security work credit: $422.00

**Part B**

Deductible: Per calendar year $183.00

**Monthly Premium:** based on 2016 Modified Adjusted Gross Income

If your yearly Adjusted Gross Income is

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File Individual Tax Return</th>
<th>File Joint Tax Return</th>
<th>Premium You Pay</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$85,000 or less</td>
<td>$170,000 or less</td>
<td>$134*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$85,001-107,000</td>
<td>$170,000-214,000</td>
<td>$187.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$107,000-133,500</td>
<td>$214,001-267,000</td>
<td>$267.90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$133,501-160,000</td>
<td>$267,001-320,000</td>
<td>$348.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Greater than $160,000</td>
<td>Greater than $320,000</td>
<td>$428.60</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Who pays $134 in 2018?*
- Those enrolled in Part B for the first time in 2018.
- Those directly billed for their Part B premium

*What does everyone else pay?*
- If you are paying less than $134 in 2017, your 2018 Part B premium will increase by the amount your Social security benefit increases up to $134. In 2018 your Social Security benefit will increase by 2%.
- Beneficiaries with higher incomes also pay a higher premium. (See chart above)

Thank you to all the Trinity “kids” (and Heather) for the flowers and goodies you gave me after our Christmas Program! I am greatly enjoying getting to know all of you, and I am so proud of you for using the talents God has blessed you with to tell the Christmas Story. And on top of your wonderful singing and speaking, you were so well-mannered and respectful. I pray for God’s blessings in your lives. With love and thanks, Rae