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Welcome, church family to our first ever *Trinity Tribune*! Our newsletter has its very own email address TRINITYTRIBUNE.RC@GMAIL.COM. Issues will be distributed through this email address starting in September. Please add this email so your copy does not end up in spam. Send any submissions you may have for it here, too. Inside, we have the results of the various ministries that took place in August and the many opportunities that will be in the coming months.

Pumpkin spiced items and Fall smells are right around the corner along with the details for many new and exciting programs.

Let us continue to be the people that God wants us to be in the sharing His word in the Rose City area! Please take some time and read them through and mark your calendars for upcoming events!! Happy **SEPTEMBER** everyone!

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

Greetings!

It sure seems as if Fall is upon us. I for one am not ready for the change of the seasons. Is it just me, or did Summer go by in a flash? Our family did not have the usual days spent swimming, dinner barbeques, and balmy evenings around a campfire (and smores, of course!). Sadly, the garden got out of control, too, and weeding seemed to be a losing battle. We still had a decent bounty, though, and are enjoying the vegetables that came despite the tall tangle of weeds.

It may sound as if I am a summer person, with the waxing over the lost season of summer sun and fun but, Autumn is my favorite season of all. There just seemed to be a sense of loss this summer. A sadness resulting from things left undone... or even more, never gotten to. We plan to do things in our lives, especially things that revolve around seasons. New birth and planting in the Spring, swimming and camping in the Summer, cider and apples in the Fall, and sledding and ice skating in the Winter. Then when things don't happen the way we had hoped, it can cause a sense of loss or despair.

But the God of creation gives us the answer for when we feel this way; when we feel like what WE had planned has fallen apart... or in my case, didn't happen due to lack of time and ability. The Bible tells us in Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. This means that God is in control. What is the saying? When we makes plans, God laughs. Ecclesiastes is attributed to King Solomon, the wisest of all Biblical Kings (which was gifted to him from God, per Solomon's humble request). It is said to be written in answer to the question of how we achieve fulfilment. He goes on further to state in verses 9-15 (The Message) But in the end, does it really make a difference what anyone does? I've had a good look at what God has given us to do—busywork, mostly. True, God made everything beautiful in itself and in its time—but he's left us in the dark, so we can never know what God is up to, whether he's coming or going. I've decided that there's nothing better to do than go ahead and have a good time and get the most we can out of life. That's it—eat, drink, and make the most of your job. It's God's gift.

I've also concluded that whatever God does, that's the way it's going to be, always. No addition, no subtraction. God's done it and that's it. That's so we'll quit asking questions and simply worship in holy fear.

Whatever was, is.

Whatever will be, is.

That's how it always is with God.

What is my takeaway of this? Ultimately, we need to live in the moment. Stop regretting things left undone and enjoy what you are experiencing. Maybe we didn't get to do all of the things that we had planned and looked forward to BUT what we did experience was full of meaning and importance. Count your blessings. We should accept what God sends our way, whether blessings or adversity. Because, ultimately, the gifts we enjoy aren't meant to bring us fulfilment. God is.

Time is in God's hands. There is a time for everything, but maybe not the way we expected. Enjoy life for what it is: a gift from the hand of God.

Happy upcoming Fall and may God bless you richly.

Love,

Pastor Helen



Bible Study at the Rose City Park!

Wednesdays at 10 am
Bring your Bible or share
one of ours!



Trinity UMC
125 W Main St
Rose City, MI

Pastor Helen will expand on the previous week's sermon in more detail.

Bring your Bible and a friend as we explore the Bible and explore

additional ways to live our lives during Ordinary times of the church's calendar year. **JOIN US!!**

Check our Facebook page for any changes due to the weather.

OUR BLESSING BOX

Provides staple foods and other supplies, 24 hours a day, for anybody in our community who is in need. Baby supplies, cereals, boxed items, rice, canned goods, etc. keep best. Laundry soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/brushes, toilet paper, deodorant, cleaning supplies, and the like, are needed, too.

You may donate items at any time by placing in them in the Blessing Box or contacting 989-390-1835 to set up a delivery time, as overflow is kept inside the Family Center, and put out daily as needed. If you don't want to shop but want to donate cash, you may do so.

Plus the **BLESSING BOX** has a brand new Facebook page with a link to Walmart for anyone to place orders and that will be directly delivered to us. Check it out!!

Contact **MIKE BRICK** or **PASTOR HELEN** for more information.

SEPTEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

YARD WORK Calling all men, women and their tools! A church yard cleanup is scheduled for Thursday, September 7 starting at 10 am. Attention will be given specifically to the shrubs in front of the church and family center. Many hands make light work. Thank you in advance for your help in keeping our church yard looking beautiful. If you're able to help please let Paul know. Text 810.247.0104.

"What ever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not human masters."

Colossians 3:23

SUNDAY SCHOOL starts back up on Sunday, September 10th, 2023 at 10:45 am.
Ages 3 through High School.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Days for Girls meets on the **LAST** Tuesday of the month. We create feminine hygiene products and form kits that are distributed to women in need around the world including here in the USA. Currently, we are working on 100 kits and are at the spot where we are folding 200 panties into tubes and 800 liners into stacks. There are also transport bags to sew. Not all tasks need sewing skills... There is something for everyone to do if you want to join us.

Contact Cora Killinger for additional information.

And looking ahead...

OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT will take place on **October 31**. We provide the community with hotdogs and hot chocolate. Volunteers are always welcome for working indoors, passing out candy, and/or bringing their own decorated trunk with goodies to pass out, too!

NOVEMBER

The CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be on Saturday, **November 4th** from **9 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Remember

to make you own items to add to our Bazaar or bake special treats for sale. Come purchase some Christmas gifts for family and friends, too!

CHRISTMAS HANGING OF THE GREENS— Dates and times to be shared shortly.

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PARADE, ADVENT AND WREATH LIGHTING, AND CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

NEW YEAR'S EVE

JANUARY 2024

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FINANCIAL MOMENT:

*W*e need to address our finances. Keep in mind that Total Funds available includes general funds to cover our operating monthly bills and all of our special funds which, are sometimes designated for a specific reason. Memorial Funds (which often have conditions attached), Blessing Box, Bazaar, Sunday School, VBS, etc., are examples of special funds. If we use these funds to cover our shortages, we seldom, if ever make up and refill that which gets spent.

*O*nce all of the money is gone, it's gone. So we need to ... Keep in mind that **we need to bring in \$7,200 per month** to stay financially alive. This amount includes paying operational expenses for the buildings and property plus, the Pastor's medical insurance, pension, salary, and lastly for our ministry shares (amount due to our connectional Michigan

United Methodist Conference) which, we haven't been doing regularly.

EXPLANATION	JUNE	JULY
Beginning Checkbook balance from the Prior Month	\$6,734.23	\$6,169.97
Monthly Income	\$5,836.00	\$8,252.00
Total Available	\$12,570.99	\$14,421.97
Minus Normal Expenses	(\$6,401.02)	(\$7,383.00)
Ending check book balance	\$6,169.97	\$7,038.97

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP TEAM

3 **GREETER:** Marva H & Linda W
LITURGIST: Gary Asel
CHILDREN'S WORD: Judy Asel
COFFEE HOUR: DeAnna Beehler

17 **GREETER:** Cindy Lee
LITURGIST: Nick Holton
CHILDREN'S WORD: Abbey Reimer
COFFEE HOUR: Marva Hartman

10 **GREETER:** Gary & Judy Asel
LITURGIST: Doris Robertson
CHILDREN'S WORD: Linda Wend
COFFEE HOUR: Sharon Alderton

24 **GREETER:** Steve & Julie Beleck
LITURGIST: Evelyn Delaney
CHILDREN'S WORD: Deb Pennell
COFFEE HOUR: Polly Mason

SEPTEMBER USHERS:

JIM RICKERT AND LEE ROUSE

CUT ON THIS DOTTED LINE AND SUBMIT YOUR ANSWER TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW. PLEASE, SHARE YOUR ANSWERS!

QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

*W*hat are some ways that we could openly share with others so that they can come to learn about God & Jesus Christ with us?

How would you assist to make this to happen? Share your answer.

Put your reasons/answers on the space above. Fold your answers in half and place this slip in the offering. **THANK YOU!**

op place this slip in the offering plate or in the suggestion boxes for

UPDATED PERSONAL INFORMATION:

First Name _____ Birthdate _____
 Phone Number _____
 Spouse _____ Birthdate _____
 Phone Number _____
 Last Name _____
 Wedding Anniversary _____
 List Children on the back, should you have any.

Extras & Tid Bits

THESE BITS AND PIECES

provided by Terrilynn Hiben

the needs of the Lords people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.”

2 Corinthians 9:12

Welcome to Judy Asel and Sharon Alderton to the Trinity Tribune. They will be monthly contributors. Look for “JUDE’S JEMS” starting next and “SHARON’S SCRIPTURES” starting this month. Thank you ladies for helping to make our newsletter a success!

The new and improved **CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM** is in place. Our purpose is to offer help and support to congregants in times of need.

The team consists of Sharon Alderton, Cindy Pratt, Evelyn Delaney, Terrilynn Hiben, Mike and Glenda Brick, Cindy Lee and Judy Asel. (Did I miss anyone?) Please contact Sharon or Terrilynn if you recognize a need for yourself or someone else in our congregation. Sending out cards and taking meals is our specialty! Thank you in advance for your help with meals if you get a call. We are a community; brothers and sisters in Christ.

“If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up”. Ecclesiastes 4:10

We offer **THE FAULL INN** a heartfelt Thank You for donating all the paper products for our use in the kitchen. The Faull Inn is aware of our tenuous financial situation and the owner loves this church. Thank you Faull Inn for your donation and for your great food!

“This service that you perform is not only supplying

After a summer hiatus, **CHAIR YOGA** will resume on Thursday, September 14 at 10am in the Family Center. Chairs will be provided!

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

A **WEEKLY PRAYER VIGIL** for our church will begin on Thursday, September 14 at 11am in the sanctuary.

Note: that is immediately after chair yoga.

“Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.”

Psalm 86: 6-7

The “**CRAFTY LADIES**” have been getting together once a month in the church basement to work on items for the Christmas Bazaar in November. The projects are being led by Dorothy Teeples and Linda Graham. And once in awhile we have a meeting to make sure all our bazaar ducks are in a row! (They are!) Please come and join us. We have great teachers for these projects, supplies are furnished and there always lots of laughs and SNACKS! Watch the bulletin for September’s work date.

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” Hebrews 6:10

**REACH OUT to our
Homebound with a card
and/or a visit...**

LORI ERY

3030 N. Campbell Road
Rose City, MI 48654

LEE O'CONNOR

4343 N. Campbell Road
Rose City, MI 48654

MICKEY SAMMONS

361 E. Houghton Creek Rd.
Rose City, MI 48654

JOHN & DIXIE NUGENT

966 Lighthouse
Marysville, MI 48040

Look for **JUDE'S JEMS** next month! Here's one to get you started...

"I may not be perfect but, Jesus thinks I'm to die for!"

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**UPCOMING SALES... SPECIALIZED
CHURCH COFFEE MUGS**

Your next project will be mugs. Mug choice designs will be shown at church soon. Thank you Lee Rouse for your assistance. Dates of sale will be announced shortly.

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Be sure to begin making your own items for the **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR...** it will be here before you know it!

UMCOR MINUTE

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, **the United Methodist Committee on Relief - UMCOR** - assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters - famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response and long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

- Find ways to assist by visiting online at <https://umcmmission.org/umcor/> and pick your own selections.
- Or if you want to assist with **MAUI** place UMCOR and #**"ADVANCE #901670-HAWAII"** written on the memo line on the memo of your regular envelop.

To give by phone, call 1-888-252-6174 (credit card gifts accepted). To give by mail, make your check payable to Advance GCFA, write the name of the missionary or project and the Advance number on the memo line of the check and send it to:

Global Ministries/UMCOR GPO,
P.O. Box 9068
New York, NY 10087-9068

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

All women are welcome to attend **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**. THEY meet the **SECOND** Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. Typically they meet at the Family Center but will occasionally meet in various member's homes. Devotions, snacks, mission opportunities around the world are shared, along with what local mission projects are available. **JOIN THEM!**

FUTURE ARTICLES: ANYONE may submit ideas, suggestions and/or information for our *Trinity Tribune* with upcoming opportunities and/or ministries in our church's community. **ALL** submissions must be in by the **20th** of every month to our **EDITOR**. Your ideas may be written on paper and placed into the suggestion box in the rear of the sanctuary or email them to:

TrinityTribune.RC@gmail.com.

"SHARON'S SCRIPTURES" WITH SHARON ALDERTON

As we begin to search the Bible for Scripture verses to memorize that will also provide answers to the questions that are on our hearts, let's start with a verse that assures us that God's Holy Word is the first place we can look:

II Timothy 3:16: All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

This verse tells us that we can trust the Bible to tell us the truth. If you're trying to memorize Scripture, include II Timothy 3:16 in your devotions each day. Read it 3 times every morning for 5 days, then try to say it from memory.

As we continue monthly in our search for reassurance and meaning in Scripture we will address such topics as worry, forgiveness, faith, tithing, angels, heaven and other verses that are also worthy of memorization. Your suggestions are welcome.

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

PLEASE CONTACT US: If you know of others who, should be added and/or removed or, if *you* are listed below, and wish to be removed from our prayer concern list.... Contact our **EDITOR**.

CHURCH FAMILY CONCERNS

- ♥ Pastor Helen Alford & family
- ♥ Harper (6 years old)
 - ♥ Krystal
- ♥ Natalie (2 years old)
- ♥ Chuck Beehler
- ♥ Dean Clark

- ♥ Mae Delaney
- ♥ Lori Ery
- ♥ Carol & Denny Lamb
 - ♥ John Nugent
 - ♥ Lee O'Connor
 - ♥ Ramona Ridall
 - ♥ Doris Robertson
 - ♥ Roger Robertson
- ♥ George Savage (2 years old)

- ♥ Dorothy Teeples

FAMILIES IN MOURNING

- ♥ The **Hartman** Family
- ♥ **Dixie Nugent** due to the loss of her brother **Sam**
- ♥ **Lee O'Conner** on the passing of her friend **Lori**
- ♥ The **Phil Shaw** Family

MILITARY

- Noah Hartman
- Nathaniel Perry

MISSION GROUPS

- ♥ Lydia's Gate
- ♥ His Love Family Resources

NATURAL DISASTERS

Families dealing with weather related issues world wide.

EMTs, FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE

SEARCH & RESCUE

September Birthdays

Bob	Wiseley	12th
Paul	Hiben	15th
Sharron	Ibbotson	19th
Arlene	Watson	21st
Olivia	Pennell	23rd
Jeff	Thompson	23rd
Roger	Watson	25th
Sean	Carry	28th
Cindy	Pratt	29th
Hannah	Carry	30th

September Wedding Anniversaries

Jeff & Kelli	Rembowski	14th
Rick & Peggy	Robertson	17th
Brian & Linda	Hall	27th

To add your information into our membership roll information bank, please fill out the enclosed form on page 3 and drop your information in the offering plates.

Please let the **EDITOR** know if you would rather not have your personal information shared in our newsletter. Thank you!

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 A.M.-WORSHIP Services in person or on Facebook online • ONLINE 	4 LABOR DAY	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIBLE STUDY* @ 10 AM at the Rose City Park's pavilion 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YARD WORK AT 10 AM 	8	9
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24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 A.M.-WORSHIP Services in person or on Facebook online • 10:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 	25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAYS FOR GIRLS @ CORA'S 10A - 3P • CHURCH AD COUNCIL @ 5 PM. In person or by Zoom. 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIBLE STUDY* @ 10 AM at the Rose City Park's pavilion 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHAIR YOGA 10 AM • PRAYER VIRGIL 11 AM 	29	30



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Worship service are on Sunday Mornings at **9:30 a.m.** In person and live stream on Facebook, This same service can be seen on our YouTube Channel by Monday afternoon.

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Please remember to contact **Lee** to book the usage of any church facilities (Family Center, Church and/or Basement) for any reason (whether church-related or not).

ALL must check with Lee to ensure that the building space is available.