

*To build a body of committed Christ-followers who demonstrate His love daily.*

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### POP ~ Power of Prayer

If you have a prayer request or praise that you would like sent out by email to our Prayer Warriors, contact the church office at 717-865-4361 or send an email to trinitylickdale@gmail.com. If you would like to join the Prayer Warriors, contact the church office or Pastor Brian.



**Charge Conference  
for Trinity UMC  
Saturday, November 18  
from 9 to 9:50 am  
at Church of the Good  
Shepherd, Lebanon  
All Committee  
Chairpersons should  
attend.**

## September & October 2023 Newsletter

Dear Friends in Christ,

What is a church at its best?

"They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. And fear came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were happening through the apostles. All who believed were together and held everything in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute them to all, as any had need. Day by day, both being devoted with one mind in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, they shared in their meals with joyful and sincere hearts, praising God and having the favor of the whole people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." (Acts 2:42-47)

Luke here depicts the ideal church. After Jesus ascended into heaven, he poured out the Holy Spirit upon his disciples (Acts 2:1-12, 33). When the crowds wondered what was going on, Peter preached a rousing sermon and three thousand new believers joined Jesus' small community of 120 (2:14-41). And then Luke gives this description of the church in 2:42-47, using terms familiar to his readers as a description of an ideal community. This was the kind of community that both the Greek and Roman philosophers and many early Jews aspired to become:

This church is devoted. They spend their time in worship of God and fellowship with one another. They listen to the apostles' teaching, which we find today in the New Testament. They regularly break bread at the Lord's Table. They not only give to missions—they even sell their possessions to help care for those in need!

This church is powerful. The church began with weird happenings—the sound of rushing wind, tongues of fire on peoples' heads, praising God in unknown languages (2:2-4); now miraculous signs and wonders

continue through the apostles. We'll soon hear of the lame walking (3:7-8) and the sick healed (5:14-16). The world around takes notice, and is filled with fearful awe (2:43).

This church is united. Luke goes out of his way to emphasize the unity of this church. "They were together" and "they held everything in common" (2:44); they are "with one mind" (or "same-passioned"—not so much thinking the same as feeling the same) as they gather for worship at the temple and for breaking bread in their homes (2:46). They are so united that they hold their possessions in common and share their meals together (2:44, 46). Unity of spirit even leads to unity of wallet!

This church is growing. "And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." The risen and ascended Lord Jesus, who continues to speak and act throughout the book of Acts, is here bringing new people to this small community. Not simply new "members," in the sense of new names on rosters or butts in pews or envelopes in plates, but "those being saved." Jesus adds to this community more people who are leaving behind their past and their culture, choosing to obey Peter's exhortation a few verses earlier: "Be saved from this corrupt generation!" (2:40).

Over the next few months, we'll explore this picture of the ideal church. I'll be preaching about some of the practices of these early believers, the things they did that helped form them into the kind of community where God was at work. What might happen if we do what they did? Might God do in our midst what God did in theirs? Would you pray with me that God would continually form us into such a church—devoted, powerful, united, growing?

*Peace and Grace,*

*Pastor Brian Rhea*



## September Birthdays

Mollie McKnight	1
Barb Manning	2
Bernie Rollman	5
Emma Gibson	5
Meredith Rinehart	9
Brad Boltz	15
Gene Shaffer	15
Tammy Reichert	16
Jake Newman	22
Tim Werner	24
Robert Cummins	27

*Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed, contact the church office.*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### October Birthdays

Lief Kreiser	5
Jeff Blair	15
Deb Binkley	19
Terry Binkley	23
Lara Kern	23
James Voight	28
Christine Blair	30
Chris Eisenhauer	30
Emma Bell	31

### September Anniversaries

Jeff & Christine Blair	1
Dean & Barb Zimmerman	12
Kevin & Shen Kreiser	19
Robert & Barb Manning	27

### October Anniversaries

Michael & Mollie McKnight	3
Mark & Cheryl Fischer	6
James & Gasena Light	10
Jeffrey & Deborah Stuppy	10
Lloyd & Lori Brandt	18
Steve & Brooke George	24
Robert & Kathy Cummins	28

## CHURCH PICNIC

**You're Invited to**

**Outdoor Worship at 10 am**

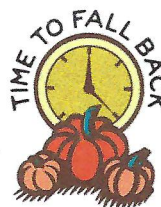
**Sunday, September 10**

**(No Sunday School Classes)**

**Bring a lawn chair and Join Us!**

**Followed by our Picnic. Please bring a side dish to share. Church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, fixings for the dogs and hamburgers, and drinks.**

**Followed by games for all ages and more!**



**Daylight Saving Time Ends**  
**Sunday, November 5**  
**(Turn clocks back one hour)**



### HOSPITAL VISITS

If you are admitted to the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor, please contact Pastor Brian or the church office. Hospitals no longer contact the church when patients are admitted, even if they ask what church you attend. We want to provide pastoral care and support for you while you are in the hospital, but are not able to do so if we do not know. Please contact Pastor Brian if you have any questions or concerns about this.

Thank you!



### Church Directory Updates:

Please make the following updates in your green church directories:

- Remove Kelli Dreibelbis (deceased)
- Remove Ida Lutz (deceased)



**Campfire Service**  
**Sunday, September 24**  
**at 6:30 pm**

**Join us for singing, testimony with Tonya Stoner, fellowship, hot dogs and smore's by the campfire.**

**Bring your lawn chair and a snack/drink to share. Held rain or shine.**

### Prayer Sponsor Program

**Do you believe in the power of prayer to change a life?**  
**If your answer is "Yes" then we need you!**

We are starting a "Prayer Sponsor" program for our Trinity Kidz Group (formerly Youth Group).

The goal of this program is to pair one congregational member with one Trinity Kidz Group child.

We are simply asking you to commit to praying for your assigned child on a regular basis and sending an occasional note/card (that the kids love to receive).

If you are willing to be a part of this important ministry, please indicate your interest to Jan Rhea or Deb Shuey.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

It is not too late to pack your shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. A display table with plastic shoeboxes and labels is in the lobby.

Need extra items or have extra items, see the box next to the display table. Postage this year is \$10 a shoebox and can be given to a Nurture member. Filled shoeboxes need to be back at the church by Sunday, November 5th. God bless all who participate in this wonderful ministry. Thank You - Nurture Team.

*(Remember no candy, drink mixes, liquids, toothpaste or glass items.)*



**Trinity Kidz Group**  
(formerly Youth Group)  
Group kickoff ~ Sunday, October 1

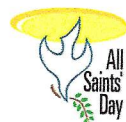
Trinity Kidz Group is for kids Kindergarten through High School. Join us the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 6 to 7:30 pm. Join us for *Walk Through the Bible* lesson time, games, fellowship and snacks. Group will be divided into two age groups. Questions, contact Jan Rhea, Kelly Shuey, Kathy Cummins, Meredith Rinehart or Deb Shuey.

**TRUNK OR TREAT (tentative)**

Monday, October 24 from 6 to 8 pm

Join us for Trunk or Treat at the church parking lot. Trunk or treat is a free event for children to trick or treat safely and is open to all families in our community. We are asking for help from the congregation in decorating the trunk of their vehicle for Halloween and handing out treats in the church parking lot. Come dressed in your favorite costume and decorate the trunk of your vehicle and join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

A sign-up sheet will be posted for those wanting to decorate their trunks.

**All Saints' Sunday November 5**

On November 5, we will be remembering and celebrating the Saints who have gone before us. If you have a loved one who has joined the great cloud of witnesses this past year, please inform the church office by Monday, October 23 with their name, date of death and relationship to you. It is our desire to remember and to name these persons during worship.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Will start Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7 to 8:15 pm. Men will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month. Bring your Bible and come out for an evening of fellowship and studying God's Word. Questions see Terry Binkley.

**What is going on in the United Methodist Church?**

You may have heard rumors or news articles about the United Methodist Church splitting, or about churches deciding to leave. Over the past few years, roughly 20% of United Methodist congregations around the country have left the denomination.

*What's happening? How? What's at stake?*

Join us after Sunday worship on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> to understand what's happening in our denomination, why, and possible next steps.

Light refreshments will be available.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

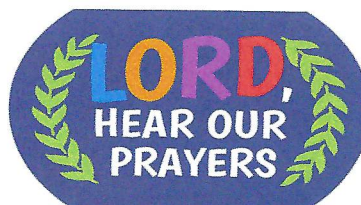
Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:15 pm.

Women are studying the Book of Habakkuk. In October, we will start meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays and will be studying the book "*The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak*" by Shannon Bream.

If you need a copy of the book or interested in attending, let Deb or Judy know.

Come out and let's study, fellowship and pray together. Questions see Deb Shuey or Judy Warner.

**Prayer and Holy Communion Service**  
**Thursdays at 11 am in the Sanctuary**  
**A simple service of Scripture, sharing,**  
**extended time for prayer, and gathering at**  
**the Lord's Table. All are Welcome!**



## The GrapeVine Newsletter - September & October

### Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (all ages) 9 am

Worship Service 10 am (Jr. Church provided)

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### Bible Studies and Small Groups (see weekly church bulletin for a complete schedule or contact the church)

Koffee Klatch (quilting group)

United Women in Faith (UMW)

Men's and Women's Bible Studies

Trinity Kidz Group (Kindergarten thru High School)

### **Trinity United Methodist Church—Lickdale**

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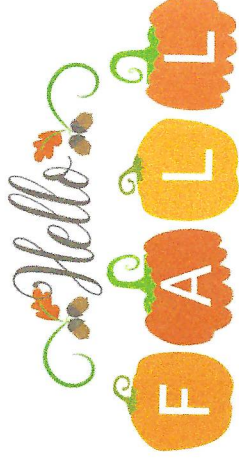


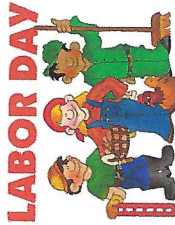
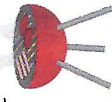



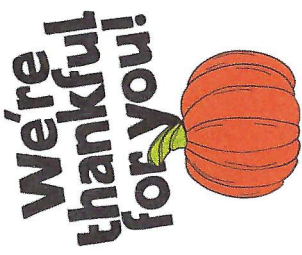
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10 10 am Outside Worship Service followed by Church Picnic 	11 7 pm Women's Bible Study (Habakkuk 1&2)	12 9 am Koffee Klatch (Quilting Group) 6:30 pm SPR Meeting	13 6:30 pm Worship Team 7 pm Mission & Faith Meeting	14 11 am Prayer & Communion Service	15	16
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