

Greetings!

## **Trinity Testimony**

**Rev. Richard Smith**



### **My Walk With God**

I have attended church since I was a young boy of six-years-old. I was first invited to church by two boys, Art and John Johnson. Their family had moved to the town in which my family lived and where my father ran a Marathon gas station and small grocery. After receiving their invitation, my older brother Robert and I attended church every Sunday for two years.

Then, one day, we wondered what it was like to smoke a cigarette, as young boys often do. I was elected to go to my father's store and steal a pack of Lucky Strikes and a book of matches. We crawled into a large water pipe that crossed under the road, just out of town, and lit up. Unaware that Art had told our church pastor of our venture, the following Sunday all four of us were called up in front of the entire congregation and they were told what we had done. Needless to say, that was the last Sunday I went to church for many years.

Years later, I eventually began to attend church again, but it was more or less a hit and miss occasion. But, I began to attend a small church several Sundays in a row and one day, I felt the call and went forward to give my life to Jesus Christ. I was baptized the following Sunday. Sometime later, I moved to Orrville, where I was to be introduced to my future wife JoAnn.

My then fiancé and I began attending St. Luke's Church in Orrville. During that period, I discovered that I had cancer and began radiation treatments. During my second or third treatment, I said a prayer and told God that if he would get me off that table and give me my health back, I would dedicate the rest of my life to serving Him. From that time on, after St. Luke's closed, we began attending Trinity United Methodist Church.

I had told Pastor Valerie Stultz that I felt God calling me into ministry and the

first thing she asked me was if I had a college degree. I never even finished high school. She told me that first I would have to get my GED, which I did. Then, she told me I would have to get a college degree, and I thought "you have to be kidding." However, I had faith to follow Pastor Valerie's advice. Working a full-time job and attending classes, by God's grace I earned a two-year degree in four years.

Thinking I was done, Pastor Valerie told me I had to start attending METHESCO for ministerial classes. I figured God got me this far, I might as well finish the course. While attending METHESCO, I was working as a part-time pastor, and still working a full-time job. About three years into my studies, I felt that I wanted to be a full-time pastor. So I took a leap of faith and quit my job knowing without a doubt that God would take care of me. So, after 25 years of service to my Lord and my Savior, I retired at the age of 70.

I have been asked over the years what my definition of a Christian is and I tried many times to answer and never felt I gave a complete answer. After all these years, God has given me the answer in a poem by Carol Wimmer titled *When I Say I am a Christian*. This is my adaptation of that poem.

When I say "I am a Christian," I am not shouting I am clean living. I am whispering "I was lost but now I am found and forgiven." When I say "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride. When I say "I am a Christian," I am not trying to be strong. I am professing that I am weak, and need His strength to carry me. When I say "I am a Christian," I am not bragging of success. I am admitting that I have failed, and need God to clean up my mess. When I say "I am a Christian," I am not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it. When I say "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of the pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name. When I say "I am a Christian," I am not holier than thou. I am just a simple sinner who received God's good grace somehow.

I will leave you with my motto for my life. When I lay my head on the pillow at night, if I wake up in the morning, it is going to be a good day. But, if I don't wake up some morning, it is going to be a better day!

Rev. Richard Smith

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## Important Upcoming Dates

**June 3: Pledge Sunday for Capital Campaign**

**June 5-7: Camp Create, 6:00 - 8:00 PM (Tuesday-Thursday)**

**June 8: Red Cross Blood Drive, 2:00 - 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall**

**June 10: Camp Create French Toast Breakfast Celebration, 8:45 AM**

**June 10: Combined Worship Service, 10:00 AM in Sanctuary**

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## Noteworthy News

## Capital Campaign

Just a reminder that Sunday, June 3rd is Pledge Sunday. Pledge cards are available now in the Welcome Center and will be handed out on June 3rd at all three services. The main objective of the Capital Campaign is to raise \$150,000 through pledges and cash gifts in a short period of time in order to replace the entire roof (approx. 31,000 sq. ft.) and replenish the "rainy day" contingency fund for future maintenance and/or emergency repairs. Thanks to the generosity of several donors, to date, we have collected \$8041.09 toward our goal. Here are before and after pictures of one section of our roof.



## Trinity Blood Drive

June 8 in Fellowship Hall 2:00 - 7:00 PM, Volunteer and Donor Sign-up sheets can be found on the Welcome Center desk. Register online to donate blood at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## Spring Clean-Up

There was a good turn out for the clean-up day on May 5th. Much of the "list" was accomplished, but there was just enough left to do that a group came back on May 12th to finish the jobs. The trustees would like to thank the following people that generously helped with the clean-up: Rod Steiger, Norm Hibinger, Bob Snyder, Bob Hollwager, Adam Hollwager, Jon Tucker, Mike Woodward, Lacey Handwerk, Pastor David, Beth, Daniel, Joshua and Anna Rittgers, John Gregory, Lynn West, Lana Kennedy, Jarrod Brown, Dan Holderman, Paul Reusser, and Drew Wolfe. Thanks to Donna Jean Smith for providing snacks and coffee and to Jarrod Brown for the use of his Ventrac tractor. That was a "game changer" when it came time to spread gravel and mulch. We would also like to thank the following Scouts and Leaders who worked in many areas, including painting in the parking lots: Rob Anderson, Matthew Anderson, Isaac Hullinger, Dustin Miller, Eric Fuhrer, Luke Garrett, Denver Stufflebeam, Bob Simon, Aiden Rogers, Owen Lilly, Bryan Angler, Seth Pontius, Rhyse Kepler, Katie Kepler and Ethan Drake. Much work was accomplished and we praise the Lord for all that contributed.

## Ways to Serve Using Your S.H.A.P.E.

**A Reminder** - There are "Ways to Serve" booklets at the Welcome Center desk and on the small table in the Welcome Center outside Fellowship Hall. If you haven't completed your Server Opportunities Checklist found in the back of the booklet, please prayerfully consider taking a moment to see where you believe is the best fit for you to serve our church. Then, simply complete the tear-out

sheet and put it in Tammy's mailbox, or leave it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Thanks to those that have already turned in your forms!

## Adult Small Group Activities

### NEW Sunday School Class

"UNAFRAID: Living With Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times"

Video-Based Series Facilitated by Pastor David Rittgers

5 Week Class: June 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15

Meets during Sunday School time in the Library

#### Topics:

Week 1: Understanding and Countering Fear

Week 2: Fear based on Crime, Race, Terrorism, and Politics

Week 3: Fear of Failure, Disappointing Others, Insignificance, and Loneliness

Week 4: Fears about Apocalypse, Change, Missing Out, and Finances

Week 5: Fears related to Aging, Illness, Dying, and Fear of the Lord



*Living with Courage and Hope  
in Uncertain Times*

### Trinity UMC Golf League

The league meets every Wednesday at 5:00 pm at Riceland Golf Course through August. Please feel free to contact Ron Dake anytime if you have questions, suggestions or concerns at: **Ron Dake, 330-317-8140, [rondake@me.com](mailto:rondake@me.com)**

#### Here is a report from Ron.

The TUMC Golf League enjoyed a beautiful evening at Riceland golf Course at the May 9<sup>th</sup> outing as 17 golfers joined the group that night! We welcomed first time golfers this year: **Rob McCarthy; Wayne Wachtel and Jeff Wilson.**



All enjoyed a fantastic time of fellowship, fun and many laughs! One of the memorable moments for our group was getting ready for our third shot to the 12th green when a ball hit the ground about 10 yards behind us. We all said, "It has to be Adam's drive!" We were not wrong....his drive was **295 yards!**

Congratulations Adam...I'm sure it was a fun moment for you!!

Jeremy Briggs & Bob Hollwager had the low score of 36.. Congratulations Jeremy & Bob!!

Thank you all for coming out! The sunshine was beautiful as we enjoyed God's creation and beauty. I am reminded of a quote from Helen Keller. She was an amazing child of God even though she was blind. She said this:

*"Keep your face to the sunshine and you can never see the shadow."*

## Angels of Comfort

The Angels of Comfort meet in the church library at 9:00 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, September through May. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join! We provide the yarn for the many different projects we make and give to those in need.



Come join us! If you have any questions, please call Esther Leggett, 330-682-6365 or e-mail at [eleggett@zoominternet.net](mailto:eleggett@zoominternet.net).

## Men's Breakfast Fellowship

All men are invited for breakfast at Dravenstott's Restaurant on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 a.m. This is a time for food, fellowship and faith.



Contact Norm Hibinger, 330-682-4977 or [Hibinger@aol.com](mailto:Hibinger@aol.com) for more information.

## Women's Fellowship Circles

All women of the church are invited to join in a women's fellowship circle.

- **Priscilla Circle:** 9:30 AM on 3rd Tuesday of the month (church Library)
- **Lydia Circle:** 1:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of the month (Dravenstott's Restaurant)



For more information on the circles and their activities contact President Rose Hibinger 330-682-4977 or [Hibinger@aol.com](mailto:Hibinger@aol.com).

## Camp Create: Making Stuff for the Glory of God

Families with children and youth ages 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, mark your calendars for June 5-7 (Tuesday-Thursday) from 6:00-8:00 pm. Based on the story of creation, Camp Create is designed to give children and youth a chance to explore creativity, learn more about God, and worship and play together.



Kids age 4 through grade 6 (grade completed) will choose the "stuff" they want to do - either Art (visual and culinary), Building or Theatre Stuff. All will participate in Recreation. Youth in grades 7-8 will make a documentary of all of the happenings during camp. Watch for additional details and registration materials which will be available at the Welcome Center beginning Sunday, May 13. Contact Dave or Linda Tibbitts for additional information.

## "Camp Create" Church Wide Celebration

Everyone, mark your calendars for Sunday June 10. The church and Camp Create participants will enjoy a French toast breakfast together at 8:45 a.m. There will be one worship service at 10:00 a.m. where campers will be "Sharing Stuff for the Glory of God".

### Upcoming Dates for Children's Opportunities

June 5-7	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Camp Create
June 10	Sunday a.m.	Camp Create Celebration

## Youth News

Tony Walsh

### Upcoming MYF Dates

May 20 - 12:30 pm - Middle School; 5:00 pm - High School  
 May 27 - No MYF  
 June 3 - 12:30 pm - Middle School; 5:00 pm - High School  
 June 10 - 12:30 pm - Middle School; 5:00 pm - High School

### CYF Summer Camp News

The dates for CYF will be June 17-23. For more information, check out the link here [www.mycyf.com](http://www.mycyf.com).

## Congregational Life



### June Birthdays

- 01 - Bill Abel, Jarrod Brown
- 02 - Becky Bacher, Arianna Hollwager
- 03 - Lizzy Wyatt
- 07 - Hannah Plybon
- 09 - Macey Martin
- 11 - Dave Tibbitts

- 12 - Al Auble, Stephanie Wertz
- 13 - Adelle Holderman, Jim Leggett
- 14 - Adam Handwerk, Max Longworth
- 15 - Ann Peterson Miller
- 16 - Lauren Ritchie
- 17 - Rees Davies
- 18 - Molly Maag
- 19 - Tammy Auble, Ken Mast, Gail Steiger
- 20 - Lori Evans
- 23 - Sarah Wertz
- 24 - Jean Adcock
- 25 - Stephanie Mast, Sam Sheller
- 29 - Carley Booth, Janet Palm
- 30 - Karen Cunningham, Ken Cunningham

## Prayer Concerns

To view a full listing of prayer concerns, [click here](#). If you are viewing a printed version of the newsletter, please find the prayer requests attached.

## Congratulations to all of TUMC's 2018 graduates!

**High School:** Sam Auble, Ally Brown, Connor Budd, Allie Emler, Nikki Martin, Isabella Myers, Josh Squirrell and Gavin Stika

**College - Undergraduate Degree:** Harrison Brown, Hannah Budd, Taylor Ellis, Annkelly Myers and Logan Myers

**College - Graduate/Masters Degree:** Rhonda Johnston, Hannah Plybon and Hillary Plybon



2018 TUMC High School Graduates (l - r) Sam Auble, Ethan Mann, Ally Brown, Allie Emler, Nikki Martin, Josh Squirrell and Gavin Stika

Be sure to go to the [Trinity United Methodist Facebook page](#) to watch the Graduation Recognition video.

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**Open Invitation**  
Beverly Squirrell is posting an open invitation to our Trinity church family for a graduation celebration in her son, Joshua's honor.

*Class of 2018*  
*Josh Squirrell*  
*Join us May 27 at Trinity Church, 1556 Rex Dr*  
*Orville from 4 till 7*



## Financial Update - Operations Fund

	April 2018	Year-to-Date
Income	\$32,471	\$118,317
Expenses	\$32,887	\$133,844

*Note: Adjusted for annual prepayments. Complete details available in the church office.*

## Mission Opportunities

### Adult Mission Trip

The ADULT mission team, including Cindy and Dan Holderman, Jim Leggett and Mike Woodward, went to Elkhorn, West Virginia in April. The mission was set up through the MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) program, and the team helped low or no income people with home repairs, and also helped a new host camp location get ready to receive mission teams. Thanks go out to this generous group for going out into the world to do God's work.



**Adult Mission Trip to Elkhorn, WV**

To see a video of all the good work our mission team did, you can find a video on our facebook page (Trinity United Methodist Church) or on our website [www.orrvilletrinity.com](http://www.orrvilletrinity.com). Click on the "Ministries" tab at the top of the page, then "missions". The video is listed under "Mission Trips".



### **Kids!**

Remember to bring your change to help other Kids. We're collecting every week during the Children's Chat at the 9:15 and 11:11 AM services. Funds will go to O-Huddle, a mentoring program in the Orrville Public Schools.

## **Trinity's Hands**

If you're interested in helping with Trinity's Hands projects, or would like more information about the Trinity's Hands program, please contact Dan Holderman at [HoldermanDan@gmail.com](mailto:HoldermanDan@gmail.com).



## **Thanks to Trinity**

**Acknowledgement was received this month for Trinity's donations to: CAMO, Habitat for Humanity and Salvation Army.**

**From Trinity Christian Preschool and Child Care Center:** We would like to give a special thank you to Phyllis Fry, Rose Hibinger and Betty Netzly and Trinity United Methodist Women for the cookie donations and their excellent

help in serving as refreshment hostesses for our Spring Program. Thank you so much!

## Community Announcements

### Trinity Christian Preschool

**Accepting resumes for Lead Teacher positions for 2018-2019 school year.** Applicants must love working with children, be committed to providing quality education and care for young children, and be able to work as part of a team and independently. Applicants need a minimum CDA or Associate Degree in ECE to qualify. **Must meet state and Step Up to Quality qualifications.** Please submit cover letter and resume to Trinity Christian Preschool, 1556 Rex Dr., Orrville, OH 44667 or email to [trinitychristianpreschool@orrvilletrinity.com](mailto:trinitychristianpreschool@orrvilletrinity.com).

### Camp Wanake - Positions Available

Wanake Camp & Retreat Center (Beach City, OH) seeks positive, dependable workers who are flexible and self-directed to be a vital part of the year-round ministry. Presently there are Year-round, part-time positions open in food service and horse feeding. There are also seasonal positions in lawn care and horse instruction.

Camp Wanake is also looking for applicants - Age 18+ - to fill full-time summer positions: counselors, lifeguards, horse instructors, and food service positions.

Wanake Camp and Retreat Center in Beach City, Ohio is seeking applicants for summer health care positions:

- Registered Nurses who can fill in for the visiting RN at Wanake throughout the summer. The position of Visiting RN requires a 30-60 minute visit on the Wanake grounds each day. During his/her visit the Visiting RN checks the medical log, oversees the health director's work, and assists with special concerns or issues. This can be a paid position.
- Registered Nurses who can fill in on an occasional Sunday to be the RN for camper check in. Check in hours are 2:30-4:30 PM on Sundays.
- (And on a volunteer basis) Health Care Professionals who can help with check-in health screening on Sundays (2:30-4:30 PM), June 17, June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22 and/or July 29, 2018 and/or Mondays (9-11 AM) June 18, June 25, and/or July 9, 2018.

For more information on these openings, or to apply, visit [www.campwanake.org](http://www.campwanake.org) and go to the job opportunities tab, e-mail [info@campwanake.org](mailto:info@campwanake.org) or call 330-756-2333.

### Community Bulletin Board

Please check the Community Bulletin Board in the hall across from the church office to see up-to-date announcements.