

## *The Adventure of Discipleship*



Before I talk about all the exciting new adventures that lie ahead of us as a new school year begins, I want to thank you, the congregation, for your participation in some wonderful gatherings that took place in August. On Sunday, we held our Back to School Bash and dedicated a brand new playground that will be used by our preschool, church, and community for years to come. Earlier in the month, we held several events on the same weekend, including Vacation Bible School (VBS), overnight camping on our church grounds, outdoor worship with our Latino brothers and sisters, and the Fiesta! Many of you played a role in making all of these things happen. I left the next day for my spiritual retreat with a strong sense that the Holy Spirit of God had been at work amongst our community of faith. It was a great way to leave town!

As I return, we are now easing into the school year and many activities are beginning. I encourage you to please sit down and take time to explore the rest of this newsletter to see what is happening. More importantly, I challenge you to pray as you read, and ask God to show you a place within our community of faith where you might connect with others this Fall. If you've been putting it off, for whatever reason, don't put it off any longer. Now is the time!

As you will see, we have many places for people of all ages to grow in faith in our various growth groups. Many of these are offered on Sunday mornings, woven around our morning worship schedule. Others are offered as part of Community Night, which is back on Thursday evenings. Still others happen at various times during the week. There are also special events and opportunities to serve in hands-on ways. Be on the lookout for those as well.

Finally, please make a renewed commitment to join with the gathered community for worship on Sunday mornings at one of our three services (8:00 – Chapel, 9:15 – Sanctuary, 11:11 – Kindling in Fellowship Hall). As we worship this fall, I will be speaking and teaching about something that John Wesley (founder of Methodism) called “**the means of grace.**” I’m calling it “**Walking in the Ways of God**” because these “means of grace” are really things we do as we journey with God to position ourselves so that the grace of God can be at work in our lives.

Think of it this way: we are about to embark on a great adventure together. What are the skills we need to not only survive, but to really thrive, as we go from place to place? We will talk about what it means to be a disciple: What, really is a disciple? We will talk about grace: What does God's grace have to do with me? And then we will dig into these specific “ways of God.” You know some of them already: baptism, communion, praying, searching the Scriptures, fellowship, works of mercy, and so on. But, in some cases, we will come to a new understanding of what John Wesley meant when he described them for the early Methodist disciples. I believe that these are essential tools and skills for us to carry with us as we seek the future that God has for us, and eventually, we go to exciting places we've not been before. More about that in worship... Until then, God's grace be among you!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor David Rittgers

### Survey of Activities for VBS, Camp-out & Fiesta

We have a couple of surveys of the August activities in the church office. If you were a part of VBS, the All Church Camp-out or the Fiesta please take time to answer the surveys. We would like feed-back to make next year's event's even better. Thanks for your help.



## Fall Bible Studies & Small Groups

**Thursday Community Night Meal served from 5:30-6:15 PM**  
Adults - \$5.00 Kids 12 & under are free

### **GriefShare - Thursday Nights beginning Sept. 7 - Dec. 7** **6:30-8:00 PM (Library)**

Have you ever lost a loved one? If you have, you know that after the funeral, when the cards and flowers have stopped coming, most of the people around you return to their normal lives. But your grief continues and you experience feelings of loneliness. If this describes you, please do not walk this path alone.

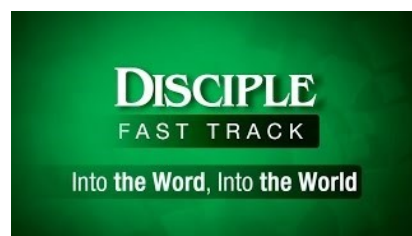


GriefShare is a grief support group designed to offer help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. The group will meet for thirteen weeks and the sessions will include a video, group discussion and a workbook for journaling your process. There will be a meal at 5:30, and the group will begin at 6:30. A donation of \$20.00 would be appreciated to cover the cost of materials.

If you or someone you know may benefit from this new ministry please contact Rhonda Johnston at [rhonda.johnston@orvilletrinity.com](mailto:rhonda.johnston@orvilletrinity.com) to register.

### **Disciple Bible Study - Thursday Nights Sept. 14 - Dec. 7** **6:30-8:00 PM (Room 105)**

Pastor David will be teaching this class. The 12-week fall session will cover Genesis & Exodus. There will be an orientation session on Thursday, Sept. 7th to get participants familiar with the class, materials, and expectations. The 12-week Luke/Acts session will start in January. Participants are encouraged to have a good study Bible for use during class for daily Scripture readings. Cost of materials is \$30.00. Contact Pastor David to register.



### **One In Christ - Thursday nights 6:00 PM now** **6:30 - 8:00 beginning Sept. 7 - December 7 (Annex Room)**

**One in Christ**  
A SINGLES MINISTRY

This is a Singles Ministry for those 30+ with various socials and bible studies. Contact Mike Davault for more information (330-641-2286 or [mdavault@gmail.com](mailto:mdavault@gmail.com)).

### **For KIDS: Bible Study for Life - Thursday Nights Sept. 14 - Dec. 7** **6:30 - 8:00 PM (Room 108/109) Grades K-6**

The study for kids connects God's Word to kids' lives in an intentional way with creative elements including music, review games, activity pages, coloring pages, hands-on activities, videos and family resources.



### **For YOUTH: Fellowship and Freedom Thursday Nights Sept. 14 - Oct. 19** **6:30 - 8:00 PM (Room 110) Grades 7-12**

This class will be facilitated by our new youth director, Tony Walsh. Come join the conversion.



### **Financial Peace University - Sunday Evenings Sept. 17- Nov. 12** **6:30-8:00 PM (Room 105)**

Pastor David will be facilitating this Dave Ramsey class this fall. Contact the church office, [trinitypastordavid@gmail.com](mailto:trinitypastordavid@gmail.com), or go to the Trinity webpage to sign up. The fee is \$93.00 for the household membership kit. If you already have a kit you are welcome to join the class again for no cost.



## **More Small Group Activities**

### **Angels of Comfort**

Angels of Comfort will resume their work on Tuesday, September 12, in the church library/lounge at 9 a.m. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us! We provide the yarn for the many different projects we make and give to those in need.

We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, September through May. Come join us! If you have any questions, please call Esther Leggett, (330) 682-6465, or e-mail at [eleggett@zoominternet.net](mailto:eleggett@zoominternet.net).



### **Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin**

Sean Eppler and the TUMC choir would like to invite you to join us in singing! The Chancel Choir will rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM for regular Sunday performances (which will begin on September 10<sup>th</sup>). This is a great opportunity to give your gifts to God in an impactful way for the church! For more information, feel free to reach out to Sean at [epplersean@gmail.com](mailto:epplersean@gmail.com).



### **Trinity Golf Fellowship - Scramble & Picnic** **Sunday, September 10 - 3:00 PM at Riceland GC**

All those who have attended the Golf Fellowships on Wednesdays are invited (along with their guests) to an end of season Golf Scramble and Picnic. Please sign up to attend no later than Weds., September 6th. Please contact Ron Dake ([rondake@me.com](mailto:rondake@me.com) or 330-317-8140) for more information or to sign up.

Further golfing on Wednesdays after the picnic will be decided at a later date by the Fellowship.



### **Men's Breakfast Fellowship**

All men are invited for breakfast at Dravenstott's Restaurant on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 AM. 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. There are three Circles groups meeting at the church at this time:

Pricilla Circle: 9:30 AM on 3rd Tuesday of the month (church Library)

Dorcas Circle: 1:00 PM on the 3rd Weds. of the month (church Library)

Lydia Circle: 1:00 PM on the 3rd Thurs. 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)).





# Fall Sunday School

**Sunday, September 10th** will be the official start up date for Sunday school classes for the Fall. Come join in a class this fall.

## The Gospel According to Star Wars: Faith, Hope, and the Force by John C. McDowell

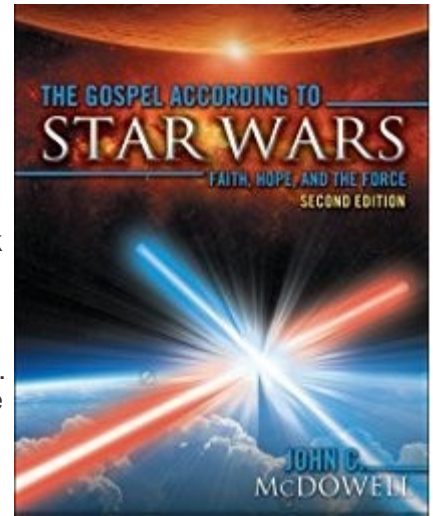
**Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Trinity UMC Library**

**Begins September 10th**

**Facilitated by Sherry Leggett**

*Star Wars* is one of the most beloved movie series of all time, and in this book John McDowell explores the many spiritual themes that weave throughout the six films. From the Force to the dark side, the issues discussed in the films have a moral and spiritual complexity that, if paid attention to, can help us better understand our place in the world and our relation to others and to God. George Lucas, the creator of *Star Wars*, did not intend for his films to be mere entertainment, McDowell argues. Rather, he hoped his films would be used as a vehicle for moral education.

This is a fun and inspirational series you don't want miss!

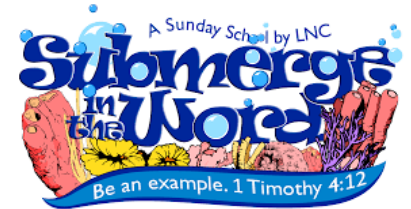


## Children's Sunday School

On Sunday September 10, children in grades K-6 are invited to room 108-109 (the double room across from the Art Room) for Fun and Faith Day from 10:20-11:00 am. Dave and Linda Tibbitts will lead games and activities to provide a 'warm up' for Fall Sunday School.

Children's classes will begin Sunday, September 17 from 10:20-11:00 am. There will be groups for children in Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade, and 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade in the education wing.

Children in grades K-4 will use *Deep Blue Learn and Serve* to learn about God and what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Children in 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade will use *Submerge* to learn how to apply scripture to everyday situations.



## **Third Grade Bible Presentation**

On Sunday, September 17 third graders will receive Bible's during worship. Families with third graders (children or grandchildren) should contact Linda or Dave Tibbitts by Friday, September 8 to discuss details.



## **TUMC Women's Evening Out**

**Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>**

Trinity United Methodist Church Women's Ministry invites women to Aspire Tour Friday evening October 6th at 7 p.m. Invite your friend for an evening out of laughter, learning, stories and music. Speakers/Worship Leaders will be: Anita Renfroe (speaker & Comedian), Shannon Hoffpauir (Speaker & Bible Teacher), and Mia Koehne (Worship Leader).

- Order your tickets online for \$25 for the event at <http://aspirewomensevents.com/greenford-oh/#pricing>.
- We will be carpooling from the church at 5 p.m., doors open at event 6:30 p.m. Box dinners will be provided by the church if registered with the church by October 1st at (330) 682-1806 or [sherryleggett@hotmail.com](mailto:sherryleggett@hotmail.com)

For more information, please contact Sherry Leggett at [sherryleggett@hotmail.com](mailto:sherryleggett@hotmail.com).



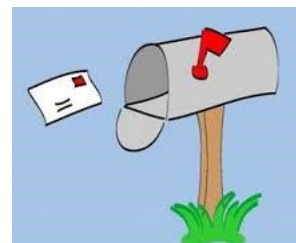
## Secret Pal Program

*from Julie Leathers*

It's Back to School time again, which means our college students are back on their campuses.

**IF you have a student who is in college** and would like to have some support from our congregation during the school year, please contact the Secret Pal Program to acquire a brief questionnaire for your student to complete.

**IF you are a member** of the Trinity congregation and would like to serve as a Secret Pal for one of our college students (September to May), please contact the Secret Pal Program. This is an IMPORTANT ministry! Many of these students are away from home and truly enjoy the support throughout the school year.



### **How do I contact the program:**

Email [SecretPalTrinity@gmail.com](mailto:SecretPalTrinity@gmail.com)

Drop a note in the Secret Pal Mailbox at TUMC

Call Julie at [330-682-6251](tel:330-682-6251) or the church office

We hope to get data collected, assignments made, and the program up and running by September 1. Thank you.

## Playground & Backpack Blessing

*from Linda Tibbitts*

Trinity Christian Preschool was fortunate to receive numerous grants, fundraising dollars, donations, and gifts of time to install a new playground on Trinity's property. The playground will be used by the preschool, church attenders, and community members. The dedication was held on Sunday, August 27 at 5:45 pm during the back to school bash. Picture at right is from the backpack blessing preceding the Playground dedication. A total of 76 persons were at the Sunday event. Watch for more pictures from this activity & the Back to School Bash.



## **Youth Update**

Sunday, September 24	5- 7:30pm	Cookout/ MYF Kickoff at the Brown's
Sunday October 1	12:30-2:00pm	Alpha Series #1
Thursday, October 5th	7-9:00pm	Set up for Community Yard Sale (Youth helpers needed)
Friday, October 6	TBA	Community Yard Sale
Saturday, October 7	TBA	Community Yard Sale (Youth helpers needed)

## **Community Yard Sale – We Need You**

**October 6-7**

- You can donate sale items - household items, toys, sewing and craft supplies, games, etc. (Please drop off in the annex room, adjacent to Fellowship Hall, Sunday October 1 after 12:30 through October 5. If you have items that need to be picked up, please get in touch with Tony Walsh by September 23)
- You can donate bottled water and pop. (Mark 'Yard Sale' and drop off in kitchen by Sunday, October 1)
- You can donate cookies or brownies. (Mark 'Yard Sale' and drop off in kitchen on Thursday, October 5.)
- You can help set up. You can help on sale day.
- You can help by coming to the sale and finding that treasure you've been seeking.



Those wishing to donate food can sign up at the welcome center. Those interested in helping or needing items picked up should contact Tony Walsh (e-mail/phone #) Proceeds from this sale will support the youth and adult mission funds.

## ***Women Reaching Out Annual Fall Breakfast***

***Saturday, September 16th - 9:00 AM***

This event is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Benn-Field Nursing Stepfield Center (1980 Lynn Dr. Orrville OH). The Guest Speaker will be Pastor Walter Moss. The topic: Testimony of answering God's call of speaking out about Pre-Life Issues. Please RSVP to Rose Hibinger at 330/682-4977 or Becky Gerber at 330-682-1401



### ***CELEBRATING LIFE***

**September Birthdays:** 1-Nicole Martin, Maura Quinn, 2 - David Rittgers, 3 - Jackson Werntz, 4 - Ron Bertsch, Taylor Ellis, 5 - Jerry Amstutz, Marlin Nicol, 6 - Patty Rogers, Kary Shonk, Khloe Doretich, 7 - Riley Hollwager, 8 - Linda Plybon, 10 - Lyndsey Davault, 11- Jeff Ellis, Isabella Myers, 13 - Barb Miller, 15 - Mary Lee Maiwurm, 16 - Mike Maag, 18 - Lacey Handwerk, 19 - Rachel Anderson, 20 - Jodi Morris, 21 - Betty Berry, Art Vernon, 22 - Ruth Fike, 25 - Margaret Sander, Barb Able, Hillary Plybon, 26 - Nedra Workinger, Steve Snyder, 28 - Robert Saurer, 30 - Dean Reusser



### ***Prayer Concerns:***

Staff Parish Relations Committee, Unspoken Prayer Concern, All students & teachers as they return to class, Those serving in the military, Susan Vernon, Harold Nussbaum, Don Smart, Gail Burns, Dave Tibbitts, Vickie Jones Maslowsky, Gail Burns, Art Geib, Ruth Keplar, Kathie Barga, Marguerite Wagner, Dan Sabino, Bailee Badertscher, Kathy Wagner Wince, Richard Jones, Arthur Jones, Ben Horner, Deb Bukovitz, Judy Mackey, Bruce Tombow, Harold Oswald, Rhonda Muscaro, Carol Brillhart, Karen Wayt, Pat Davault, Jim & Janet Garrison, Hazel Hobert, Helen Baehr, Betty Berg, Paul & Sylvia Seifried, Ron Leaman, Gary Martie, Helen Hochstetler, Bob Hoover, Rev. Richard Smith, Molly & Jim Herbert, Russ Lengacher, Nancy Brest, Dawn Zerrer, Dick Collins, Carol Miller, Kathy Breeson, Mary Lou Lisic, Betty Hammar, Helen Gerber, Jonnie Jill Phipps, Barb Miller

***Please keep us updated about those on our prayer concerns list. Thank you.***

### ***People around the church***

#### **Wedding!**

Congratulations to **Megan Routh** and **Tyler Mowrer** who were married on August 12th. Megan has been a pianist sub for worship services when Sue Hillebrecht has been on vacation quite a few times over the past several years.



#### **Our Sympathy**

Our sympathy to **Jarra Underwood** & family on the death of her mother, R. Jane Leedy, on July 29th.

Our sympathy to **Deb Packard** & family on the death of her brother, Gary Martie, on August 5th.

Our sympathy to **Luella Arnold** & family on the death of her daughter-in-law, Lakalynn Arnold, on Aug. 8th.



## **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** The next Blood Drive is scheduled for **Friday, October 13th**. You can schedule a donation appointment on line at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or contact Nancy Hunter at 330-684-1025.

**FRIENDSHIP MEALS** If you would like to help with the Friendship Meal on **Thurs. September 21**, from 5-7 PM at Christ UCC, please sign up at the table in the Narthex or in Fellowship Hall.

**"KIDS HELPING KIDS" OFFERING:** Kids don't forget to bring your change to help other Kids. We are collecting every week during the Children's Chat at the 9:15 and 11:11 AM worship services. This year's collection will go to O'Huddle.



**THE BIRTHDAY BOX:** If you have a birthday this month, please consider placing a donation in the box (located in the Narthex) in celebration of your years of life. These gifts go to the Pastor's Fund to help those in need in our congregation & community.



### **Trinity's Hands Reminder/Explanation**

The TRINITY'S HANDS program was initiated to give members of our congregation a way to ask for help that they may, or may not, be able to pay for. Nearly half of the projects done during the recent "Stay At Home Mission Week" were done for our own members, and those projects could have been done anytime, not just during that particular week. It is also a way for our members to get someone else help even if they are not Trinity members. Just fill out the card found in the pew racks and put them in the offering plate or turn them in to the church office. Someone will contact you and make arrangements to provide the assistance asked for. These projects don't have to be construction related. You can ask for things like lawn care, clean up, transportation, etc. Assistance can also be confidential if asked to do so.



Right now I will use the stay at home mission skills list to contact other members' of our church who might be able to help with the assistance needed. If you know you are not on the list and you would like to be, or if you have any questions about the Trinity's hands program, contact Dan Holderman at [HoldermanDan@gmail.com](mailto:HoldermanDan@gmail.com) or [330-988-0241](tel:330-988-0241).

### **East Ohio Conference United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Trainings:**

**ERT Basic Training Class:** 9am-5pm on Sat., Sept. 23rd, Richmond UMC -112 S. Sugar St., Richmond 43944  
**ERT Basic Recertification:** 9am-5pm on Sat., Sept. 23rd, Richmond UMC -112 S. Sugar St., Richmond 43944  
**ERT Basic Training Class:** 9am-5pm on Sat., Nov. 4th, Nehemiah Mission -6515 Bridge Ave. Cleveland 44102  
**ERT Basic Recertification:** 9am-5pm on Sat., Nov. 4th, Nehemiah Mission -6515 Bridge Ave. Cleveland 44102

Registration forms are available in the church office.

### **Recent Church Attendance**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>9:15 AM</u>	<u>11:11AM</u>	<u>Total</u>
July	23rd	25	91	43	<b>154</b>
Aug.	6th	20	110	42	<b>172</b>
	13th	25	150 (10am combined)		<b>175</b>
	20th	20	91	43	<b>154</b>
	27th	25	94	34	<b>153</b>

### **Financial Update - Operations Fund**

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
<b>Income *</b>	\$35,060	\$210,133	*Adjusted for annual prepayments
<b>Expenses</b>	\$24,099	\$211,244	Complete details are available by contacting the church office.

## **Thanks**

### **Thanks from Thom & Chris Denman, *The Risen Son Center***

Dear Friends at Trinity UMC, Everyone here at The Risen Son wants you to know how very much we all appreciate your recent gift of \$1,750.00 to the Lord's work being done in the mountains of south-east Kentucky. What a blessing you have been and continue to be to the families in this area. We thank God for you and your prayers!

We are enjoying our "Camp 10 Commandments" Bible School this summer, as we are all trying to learn and study each one and what it means.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers, as you are in ours, as we work together in mission.

### **Thanks from Helene S. Moncman, CAMO**

I wanted to take a moment to say THANK YOU for your past support of CAMO! We have been doing some great things! WE continue to have great impact in Honduras and we could not do that without the support of our faithful friends.

### **Thanks from Hailey Hiner**

Dear TUMC, Thank you so much for your thoughtful graduation gift! I plan on putting it to good use as I travel to Miami University in the fall. Thanks so much, again, for thinking of me !

### **Thanks from Brian Mueller**

Dear TUMC, Thanks so much to the entire congregation for the wonderful send-off you gave my family. We are deeply grateful for your participation in music ministry, your words of encouragement, cards, and gifts. We pray that God will continue to richly bless Trinity!

### **Thanks from Dick and Wilma Collins**

Dear friends at Trinity, Thanks so very much for your cards and prayers for our 65th Anniversary. You made our day!

## **Community Announcements**

**Job Posting at OrrVilla:** OrrVilla Retirement Community is accepting applications for a part-time dining services staff member. Responsibilities include prepping and preparing food, cleanup, dining room service and receiving grocery truck deliveries. Approximately 16 hours per week including every other weekend and every other holiday. Experience working with older adults preferred. OrrVilla is affiliated with the Mennonite Church. Applications are available at OrrVilla, 333 E. Sassafras St., Orrville, Ohio 44667 or online at [orrvilla.org](http://orrvilla.org). You may call OrrVilla at [330-683-4455](tel:330-683-4455) and request the dining services manager if you have any questions.



**Job Posting at the East Ohio Conference Office:** Accounts Receivable Clerk and Senior Accountant. Interviews will be conducted soon and encourage any applicants to apply at their first convenience. Job descriptions are available in the church office. Applications should be sent to Vera Rebrovich, CPA, East Ohio Conference, PO Box 2800, North Canton, OH 44720

### **Rock Steady Boxing Canton (for those battling Parkinson's disease):**

Rock steady boxing improves the quality of life for people battling Parkinson's disease through non-contact, boxing inspired fitness training. Location 1240 Dueber Ave., SW, Canton OH 44706. Classes are Monday & Wednesday 12-1 PM and 1:30-2:30 PM; Saturday 10:30-11:30 AM. Call 330-323-6630 to schedule a free assessment. For more information visit [www.rocksteadyboxing.org](http://www.rocksteadyboxing.org) or on FB (Rock Steady Boxing Canton.)



**Ninth Annual Parkinson's Boot Camp – Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the John S. Knight Center (77 E. Mill Street, Akron OH 44308). Take control of your PD! Experience this hands-on event where you'll learn exercise techniques, mind and body wellness practices, and invigorating skills to manage your Parkinson's. Topics include: Benefits of exercise & wellness; medical & surgical therapies; Parkinson's research; special education sessions for family members. Free valet parking. To register visit [www.UHhospitals.org/PDBootCamp](http://www.UHhospitals.org/PDBootCamp) or call 216-983-6683.

