

# FEBRUARY 2018 "TIDINGS" NEWSLETTER

## TRILBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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\*OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

\*SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE: Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Sunday School 10:00 am

\* Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

\* Children's Message: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

### "SIGNS OF GROWTH"

When our three sons were in grade school they all had healthy appetites. When Robby was in the second grade, we entered McDonald's and I asked if he wanted a "Happy Meal". We expected an affirmative answer, but he was not interested in any "toy". "I want an adult meal" he said. I want a Big Mac, large fries, large drink and a dessert. He wasn't kidding. He ate the entire thing without pausing. A week later I watched him put on his shoes and realized they needed replaced. None of the boys were a slave to fashion (until they started dating) but there were signs along the way. They really were growing like weeds. The grocery bills, the need for baseball gloves, the bicycles nad one day...the twin bed was too short.

If you haven't noticed, Trilby United Methodist Church is also growing. On Sunday morning, December 24<sup>th</sup>, our attendance was 65. Plans have started for our next membership class. We hope for several to take vows in April. A baptism is expected in May, The volume of ministry is also "growing out of its shoes". The Thrift Store recently took in many clothes to serve many new faces. Soon 30 wheelchairs will be given from this church to handicapped folks in the third world countries. Just as a parent could ask, "Is it time to buy shoes for that boy again?" Our church can ask..."Is it time to recruit volunteers again?"

Our Ash Wednesday Service is on February 14 from 6:00 - 6:30 pm. It launches that season of self-denial and personal evaluation. The Bible is clear that those who are to become great in God's eye are those who notice the needs of growing church and volunteer. The opportunities at Trilby are endless. You can start small or migrate into new ministries or ask for training. We need ushers, greeters, painters, prayer warriors, liturgist, and who will phone the shut-ins. Without your help...some of our outreach will be wearing shoes that are too small! Ask Karen Stalker, Kathy Botz, Joyce Wheeler, or Pastor Larry what opportunities exist. We have empty shoes you can fill. Shoes that will bless your soul!

Ephesians Chapter 4 has a list of the spiritual abilities that Christians are given when they ask Jesus into their heart. All Christians have at least one. Verse 12 describes that these spiritual skills give active Christians the ability to accomplish the day to day ministry. You have the skill to "buildup the body of Christ" until it grows into full maturity. Now that our 3 sons are men, Deloris and I are very proud. Join me this month in helping our growing church. Volunteer for a ministry that helps people become spiritually mature.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**FINANCE** will meet **MON., FEB. 12<sup>TH</sup> at 3:00 pm**. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call Steve Stalker 419-472-4720.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD** is scheduled to

#### WAYS TRILBY CHURCH CAN ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER

Brighten a cloudy day, add a bit of sunshine for someone who has been hospitalized, someone who has felt out of sorts a little or just is not able to get

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRILBY CHURCH  
TO BE INVOLVED IN PRAYER**

Our **PRAYER CHAIN** is always available to you. Please call your prayer concerns or your joys and celebrations as needed. You may start the Prayer Chain by contacting the church office (419)-472-2103 or Joyce (419) 474-7889, or Karen Stalker (419) 250-9019.

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** meets on **Tuesday** afternoons at **12:30 pm**. Please call Kathy Botz (419- 4773-0262) for additional information.

The **THRIFT SHOP** and **CLOTHE THY NEIGHBOR** will be open for shopping and to help with needs as they are able on

**WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 2018**

**February 4** Holy Communion

*“A Sacred Meal for Many”*

Liturgist Text: Exodus 18:14-26

Sermon Text: John 21:11-17

Liturgist: Doug Reinhart

Ushers: Kevin & Judy McFarland

**February 11** Potluck Sunday

Liturgist Text: Matthew 25:34-45

*“Assisting the Poor”*

Sermon Text: Dueteronomy 15:4-11

Liturgist: Becky Ricker

Ushers: Carol Campbell, Archie Bloomfield

**February 14** *Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm*

**February 18** **Kathy Botz**

N/A

Liturgist: Barb Suter

Ushers: Becky Ricker, Kathy Botz

**February 25** N/A

Liturgist: Ronalda Whitmill

Ushers: Jim Wheeler, Kathy Botz

**SOUP, CRACKERS AND PRAYERS**

Beginning **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm**, we will gather together to enjoy a lite supper of soup and crackers, joined together with prayer time. A different soup will be provided by different members of the congregation each Wednesday evening through out the weeks of Lent until Good Friday. After the lite meal of soup and crackers, Pastor will led us in prayer time. This is open to you, your family and your friends. Be sure you share this Lenten time with them.

**FEBRUARY BIBLE VERSE**

**Growing a Servant’s Heart**

**“I am among you as one who serves.” Luke 22: 27**

**Jesus was willing to do the dirtiest of jobs for His followers - like scrubbing His followers’ no doubt fifty feet (John 13:1-17), we could get a cup of water for one in need without grumbling about it.**

**Prayer: Lord, sometimes it’s hard to serve others’ needs. Help us to become more like you, Jesus, willing to express love in the many opportunites we have to serve those around us each day.**

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Worship/ Sunday School 10:00 am Communion

Fellowship Hour

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Bible Study 12:30 pm

Sunday, February 11, 2018      Worship/Young Families Ministry Sunday/Boy Scout Sunday  
Special Offering will be taken to help off-set this ministry.  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
*Potluck following worship* sign-up in Fellowship Hall  
Patterns of Prayer 1:30 pm

Monday Febraury 12, 2018      Finance Meeting 3:00 0m  
Ad Board 4:00 pm

Tuesday, February 13, 2018      Bible Study 12:30 pm  
United Methodist Men 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 14, 2018      Valentine’s Day/Ash Wednesday Worship Service 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 18, 2018      Worship/Sunday School 10:00 am  
Fellowship Hour  
Begin Jackson Seed Ministries Seed Collection

Tuesday, February 20, 2018      Bible Study 12:30 pm

Wednesday, February 21, 2018      Soup, Crackers and Prayers 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm  
Thank you to Lora White and Becky Ricker for  
making the soup for this evening.

Sunday, February 25, 2018      Worship/Sunday School 10:00 am, Fellowship Hour

Tuesday, February 27, 2018      Bible Study 12:30 pm  
Priscilla Circle 6:30 pm

Wenesday , February 28      Soup, Crackers and Prayers 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm  
Thank you to Jim & Roberta Lefevre  
for making the soup for this evening.

**BE A LOVE BIRD** - Many stories about the origin of Valentine’s Day have come down through the centuries. There’s no definitive story, but most revolve around the imprisonment of Valentinus (St. Valentine) for his disregard of Roman laws.

Many legends are also associated with Valentine’s Day. For example, because birds seemed to arrive and mate in some countries in mid-February, human couples came to be called “love birds.”

In 1667, the first recorded Valentine card was printed. Today, people will give their sweethearts countless millions of cards and acres of heart-shaped boxes filled with candy. But why wait for Valentine’s Day to share love with others? Remember Jesus’ words in John 13:34 (NRSV): “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.”

**THINKING OF LENT** - Advent prepares us for Christ's birth; Lent prepares us for the glorious act of Christ's resurrection. Churches have special services during the weeks of Lent, but it's what each of us does regarding our spiritual life that makes Lent most meaningful.

Lent is a good time to read, study and inwardly digest the four gospels. (The word gospel means "good news.")

A college student decided to work his way through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John for his Lenten devotional time. Soon he was fascinated by the stories, such as the Pharisees and Sadducees trying to trap Jesus in debate. The brilliant Jesus handled every occasion with wisdom, leaving the authorities dumbfounded.

During his devotional time, the student was filled with laughter and amazement at the brilliant son of God, who was only in his 30s. Get to know the good news, and you'll understand the young man's amazement.

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2-03 Amber (Bialecki) Corder, Chloe Crabtree

2-9 Linden Gillaspay

2-21 Victor Botz

2-6 Gloria Surprise

2-15 Eve Corder

2-26 Matthew Wheeler

2-7 Shirley Holt

2-20 Drew Kidd

2-27 Amanda White



### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

1-4 Duane & Arlene McCaskey

2-16 Don & Joanne Cutts

2-19 Carol Campbell