

Worship Times
10am Traditional
11:15am Contemporary



September, 2023

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[From the Pastor...](#)

**September 1, 2023
Newsletter**

I am writing this first newsletter piece in mid-August, the 16th as a matter of fact. I am not telling you anything to say it has been hot, though this week we have had a bit of a reprieve. August is usually Cicada season here in Kansas, as well as many other places. The slow ebb and flow of the Cicada drone echoes back and forth between the male Cicada as they communicate with one another. I haven't done enough research to know exactly what they are saying other than trying to attract female Cicada. As I sat on the back patio at home the other evening listening to their jam, I reflected on communication and what it means to try and keep us connected and informed as families, communities, and as a community of faith.



So, in visiting with a number of people in our community of faith here at Trinity Heights, discussing at board meeting, talking with Diane, I often heard a common theme around communication. I understand we used to publish a newsletter some years back and so the idea is not without history here. Diane, Stephanie, and the rest of the staff I think do a great job of keeping upcoming events out in front of us, though I think a regular publication of some kind would enhance our ability to inform our community about what we are doing, when we are doing it, and where it is happening so to speak.

This publication is the first of our resurrecting of the newsletter. We plan to publish this news piece once a month with goings on here at Trinity Heights. It is my hope we will have information from all our groups, classes, board, ministry programs, birthdays, anniversaries, prayer concerns, member hospital news, and upcoming events so we better know what is happening here at THUMC in an effort to keep us better connected.

Perhaps not unlike the Cicada on a warm August night, our newsletter will by a welcome addition to the way we "Sing Our Song" here at THUMC and echo the great community of faith and ministries we have happening!

Until next month...

Peace and Light for Our Continued Journey Together,

Rev. Kent



IT'S TIME FOR WOW

Sept. 20 - Nov. 15, 2023
5:30pm Meal Serving
6:15pm WOW Kids Class
6:15pm Discussion Group

Menus for September

Sept 20: grilled hamburgers and hot dogs
chips, baked beans, salad bar

Sept 27: baked ziti
green beans, garlic bread, salad bar

WOW Kids

WOW Kids meet after the WOW meal on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. in the children's classroom west of fellowship hall. The group is for children ages 4-12. We will meet for 9 weeks this fall, starting Sept. 20 and ending Nov. 15. The curriculum for this fall is Fruit of the Spirit. There will be a short lesson with crafts and games.

Theology Matters, Matters of Theology **Have Questions?**

I want to invite our THUMC Community to a discussion group in conjunction with our WOW gathering beginning September 20, 2023. After our meal we will gather, location to be determined, for a time of discussion and conversation around matters of faith, theology, journey, and community. I will always have some topic prepared though, I want this gathering to be open to questions or topics the group might bring with them on any given Wednesday. This invitation to join the group is to anyone of any age, youth through our more seasoned members and friends. If you are interested in being a part of this group you might let me know, just so I can get a sense of how many might show up in regards to space and where we might meet. However, letting me know you might show up is not a prerequisite to joining the group. I look forward to this time of conversation, learning, and continuing to deepen our understanding of our journey with God and one another.

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Jr. High/High School Sunday School

Sunday school will begin again in September.

We will meet the following Sundays this fall:
Sept 3 and 17
Oct. 15 and 29,
and Nov. 12.

The class meets in the basement at 11:00 a.m. and is led by Ann Adrian.

Anyone grades 7-12 are welcome to attend.

September friendly reminders

9/4 **Labor Day**
church office is closed

9/6 6:30pm **Chancel Choir**
practice to begin.
Everyone is welcome!

9/13 9:30am **United Women
of Faith** meeting

9/23 11am-1:30pm **Respite
Chili Cook-Off**



**Newsletter
Deadline**
Wednesday,
September 13
for the October Newsletter



Harvey County United Way 17th Annual Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, September 23, from 11am-1:30pm

Come see the Trinity Heights Respite Care booth.

Buy your tickets at the door or in advance

NO REFUNDS and SAVE!

Advance tickets \$5

At the Gate \$8

Tickets purchased today will be available for pick up at the "WILL CALL" gate (north side, alley behind Prairy)

Taste of Newton

Thursday, October 12, from 6-9pm.

Get your Tornado Potato (spiraling potato) from the Trinity Heights Respite booth.

State Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) available October 15 to December 4.

Harlan Rittgers will be available for sign up for plan C, D, and Supplemental Medicare on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Call the church office to make an appointment with Diane at 316-283-6410. Please bring your Medicare card, Plan C/D card, and/or Supplement Ins. card with you, as well as a list of your medications, dosages, and times per day.



Media Volunteers

needed to run the screens on Sunday mornings for the traditional and contemporary services. Anyone can do it. Please contact Nancy Johnson if this sounds like something you would like to do.



United Women of Faith will be hosting a Christmas Bazaar

November 4, 2023,
from 8:00-2:00pm

in Trinity Heights Fellowship Hall
Many wonderful vendors have signed up to have booths.

We are needing volunteers to help in many areas.

To sign up to help, contact
Connie Rickard;

conniemarierickard@gmail.com
or Judy Rittgers: jkritt@cox.net
or look for sign up sheet at church.

Greetings,

I am wanting to explore the possibility of bringing live music back to our Contemporary Worship and Celebration Service in the Fellowship Hall at 11:15am. I am reaching out to our community of faith here at Trinity Heights to see if there is interest in this and if there are those who might have the gifts of music leadership; keyboard, drums, guitar, or other instrumental gifts as well as vocals to discuss this possibility. Please feel free to drop me an email, stop by the office, or give me a call if this is something you in which you might be interested. Thank each of you for all you do for our church!

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Thank You

Thanks to the membership for the school supplies and donations for Ember Hope. A large box of supplies was collected, plus \$350 toward other supplies. \$200 goes to the United Women of Faith this month for hygiene kits for Safe Hope. -Mission Work Group

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Celebration

Prayers for Recently Hospitalized

Prayers for Healing

Patricia Wheeler
Joanne Kilgore
Barb Stucky
Cindy Gruver

Prayers for Hope

Our Sister Church in Zimbabwe

Prayers for Loss

Prayers for Shut-ins

Lee Cannon	Shirley Long
Leona Clithero	Iva Reber
Vere English	Donna Staggs
Bev Gering	Marie Ward
Marge Graham	Chris Wilson
Bill Kepley	Phyllis Greene
Ottmar Lang	Kaylene Dicken
Duane Miles	

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Donna Goering	9/1
Melissa Meyer	9/1
Marge Warta	9/2
Lizzie Lyon	9/3
Connie Rickard	9/4
Marilyn Wallace	9/4
Roxy Tomlinson	9/6
Alice Stahl	9/7
Matt Hamm	9/10
Gregg Petersen	9/10
Donna Friesen	9/11
Willis Heck	9/11
Sue Meacham	9/12
Steve Richards	9/12
Kristi Wright	9/12
Jack Pomeroy	9/14
Clayton Kaufman	9/16
Tryston Mitchell	9/17
Lucy Janzen	9/25
Richard Sauerwein	9/26
Donna Staggs	9/28
Todd Wedel	9/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Jeanie Galemore	9/4
Braden & Melissa Meyer	9/4
Ted & Janet Balzer	9/9
Larry & Delores Morgan	9/16
Gregg & Joan Petersen	9/20
Gaylord & Janelle Sanneman	9/26

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<https://secure.myvanco.com/YHMB/home>



BOOK CLUB

Do you enjoy reading books? And do you enjoy discussing what you've read with a group of friends? If so, you might be interested in the Trinity Heights Book Club.

For more than 10 years, a group of women have met monthly in THUMC library to share their thoughts about the book they've read. The Book Club meets at 2 p.m. on the third Monday of each month, September through November, and January through May. Members take turns choosing a book and leading the discussion. If you're interested, you may contact Marian Stubbs (316-518-8830) for more information.

Trinity Heights UMC Renovation Project Update

The project is moving into its fourth week of progress. The estimated time for completion of the project by the contractor was two months. All of the demolition has been completed and installation of the rough in of plumbing and electrical has been completed. We did encounter a minor problem that was uncovered with the demolition of an existing sewer drain vent that was not included with the original blueprints of the construction of what is now the fellowship hall. Although the correction was made with no setback in final estimation completion of the project timeline, it did add a little to the overall cost of the project. I did meet with the project manager when he was reviewing the project with the drywall crew and what was needed in materials. His report to me was that the project was going reasonably well. Each Sunday there is a display on a table next to the library of several photographs that I take of the progress being made for you to review. If you have any questions, please contact me and we do appreciate your patience in this process.

-Gaylord

Your executive committee met on August 20th

- Financial report was given by Allen Wedel and approved. A copy is in the church office.
- Heard from Tom Adrian on how the Stewardship Task Force is planning on replenishing the building fund.
- Bathroom remodel project is on schedule.
- Insurance company has totaled the roof. Contact Scott Seier if you have questions.
- Progressing on intercom system for entering church.
- Susie Wickiser is our new lay leader.
- Church conference is on November 12. Time and place to be announced.
- Pastor Little is working on a visitation schedule.
- Hopefully WOW starts September 20. Pastor Little will be holding discussion groups during that time.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ann Adrian
Dan Buchanan
Mike Farrell
Deb Hamm
Jonathan Krueger
Joe Slechta
Scott Seier
Richard Walker
Cheryl Williams