

STATE OF TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH- 2022

The State of Trinity United Methodist Church is alive and well! The following is a report sent to the Charge Conference summarizing our activities.

The Trustees had another busy year.

- The sound system update was completed and has enhanced our services.
- The three older screens in the sanctuary were removed and replaced with new large screen TVs, thus improving the visual images shown on them.
- The organ was tuned and new fans were added in the two organ pipe rooms.
- A new skirt around the storage building was installed, and the boy scouts applied two coats of paint to it.
- All new LED bulbs were installed throughout the sanctuary, much improving the lighting in the church.
- Lights were also replaced behind the stain glass windows in the chapel.
- The chapel (choir room) and the Frog Pond (children's room) were both cleaned out and organized.
- The church entrance doors on 2nd St. and Adams St. were repaired.
- Repairs to the elevator were completed, and additional repairs to the elevator doors are scheduled for this winter.
- The windows in the entrance to the Education wing were kept nicely decorated throughout the year, depending on the season/holiday.
- The sidewalks along Adams St. were replaced and /or re-leveled.
- A donated grand piano was accepted, tuned, and dedicated.
- A humidifier was installed, and a piano cover was purchased with all costs paid by monies from the Memorial Fund.
- The Trustees have been dealing with increased costs of electric and gas service for the church, which have been much higher than budgeted.

Our pastor, Warren Brown, has been an excellent leader for our congregation. His interesting and timely sermons each week indicate much thought and preparation. We enjoy his sense of humor, and the empathy he demonstrates shows that he understands the needs of our members. He encourages us to remember daily the individuals on our prayer list. Our services include Scriptures from the Old and New testaments, affirmations of faith, hymns that reflect the message, meaningful prayers, and a thought-provoking topic that we were just waiting to hear! Pastor Warren attends all church meetings.

All church committees meet regularly and function harmoniously. We have two active women's groups. Our Outreach and Nurture committees actively support community social service agencies and provide special assistance to our shut-ins and treats for our members.

Church services during the summer from Memorial Day through Labor Day were held at 9:00 a.m. at the Sutton Center parking lot, utilizing the church's outdoor wagon and keyboard. Our congregation is blessed with excellent musical talent, and we were privileged to praise God each week with a variety of solos, duets, and ensembles, in addition to special instruments. The congregation moved back to our sanctuary the Sunday after Labor Day at 10:30 a.m. We will continue to broadcast the service on 88.5 FM for those who wish to stay in their cars in the parking lot.

During Advent our church led an event called "Journey's End," a reenactment of Mary and Joseph's entry into Bethlehem to find a room for Mary to have her baby. Other churches were invited to join us, and it has become an anticipated annual tradition for Port Clinton.

In August Trinity UMC hosted a three-night Old-fashioned Revival at the Sutton Center Parking Lot. A 100 person tent was erected, and music was provided by the Clyde United Methodist Praise Band. The services were led by the Rev. Frank Brown from New Jersey. People from other churches and the community attended.

The Port Clinton Ministerial Association made a list of several activities that churches could volunteer to do to help others, and they called it the "Inasmuch" group. Our church volunteered to provide hot dogs, chips, cookies, water treats for various groups around Port Clinton. It was a big success and a lot of fun.

We are able to meet our current budget needs, as giving to the church has improved. Careful management of our funds enables us to pay our bills and send money to the Firelands District and the East Ohio Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Gibson, Lay Leader