



Trinity Light

The Monthly Newsletter of Trinity United Methodist Church
Port Clinton, Ohio



"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"
Pastor Warren Brown

Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 a.m. at Sutton Center Parking Lot - until September 1

August 2024

Trinity United Methodist Church welcomes and supports all who desire to worship, study, and grow in discipleship with Christ. We believe that all people are children of God, and that the church should be a welcoming place for all people.

Wanderings.....

The writing of this blurb comes while sitting on the beach in North Carolina. A couple of nights ago, after the late-night arrival of our daughter and her family, I could not go back to sleep. I decided to go out on the deck and listen to the waves roll in.

As I sat there in solitude and looked up at the sky, I could not help but think that people who believe that this world and the entire universe were just haphazardly thrown together simply don't know what they are talking about.

There were more than a million stars in the dark sky (I know because I counted them). I said a quick prayer for being able to see and hear and to have the opportunity to experience nature in a pure form. To think that there is no God who orchestrated the making of the earth and the heavens seems incredible to me.

Not to change the subject but needing to do so I want to be certain that you all read the enclosure that talks about the major items that were covered at the UMC General Conference held a couple of months ago. I will not opine regarding any of the topics, and I will not be addressing any of it in any future messages but some of the decisions made there will be addressed in some meetings of some of the church's committees.

As you read through the information and you find yourself formulating questions, please do not hesi-

tate to come to me so we can discuss them in a one/one setting.

I close this writing with kind thoughts of you and my thanks that I get to serve with you at TUMC.

Blessings and peace, *Warren*

Special Offering for Bistro 163

On Sunday, July 28th, during the worship service at the Sutton Center parking lot a special offering will be collected for Bistro 163's food ministry. Envelopes will be provided in the bulletins for that purpose and may be deposited with the weekly offering in the containers at the exits. Thank You.

Bistro 163 Restaurant is a pay-it-forward food ministry that provides free meals for persons who are unable to pay for a meal. It is supported by community donations and restaurant patrons are encouraged to pay more than the suggested menu price to help others enjoy a meal. Those unable to pay may give their time in service volunteering an hour in exchange for their meal. The Bistro also provides community dinners on the second and fourth Mondays every month, curbside pick-up only from 4-6 p.m. They deliver meals to shut-ins if the meals are ordered in advance. An added service is that the Bistro has extra food items on a table in the outer hallway that persons may pick up.

Meet John Walbrabenstein.....

John Wallrabenstein has been the organist for Trinity United Methodist Church since 1973. His mother, Marjorie, saw an ad in the paper and encouraged him to respond. Rev. Elmer Stratton and Bob Petersen were among those who interviewed John for the job. John pointed out Elmer was a wonderful fundraiser and attained funds to make improvements to the organ which included the trumpeting sounds which when combined with John's talent produces that glorious music.

John was born in Norwalk, OH, on April 27 to John Russell and Marjorie Wallrabenstein. He has two younger siblings, Jim and Laura. John's mother encouraged the children to play piano. His mother played piano, and his father played saxophone. His sister is an organist at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Tiffin, OH. His brother Jim was also an organist. Throughout John's life he enjoys sharing his talent.

John's aspiration as a child was to be a farmer. He is the 5th generation on his family farm in Erie County. He currently grows corn, soybeans and wheat.

John attended Heidelberg College and The Ohio State University. He attained an undergraduate degree in chemistry at Heidelberg and was qualified to teach any science, i.e. physics, earth science, astronomy, chemistry, grades 8-12. At OSU his major was agronomy, the science of soil. He taught chemistry and physics at Edison High School for 35 years where he was an academic challenge advisor.

John was drafted and served as military police in Vietnam for two years. When he returned home, he got his teaching certificate at Bowling Green.

John was teaching physics and chemistry at Edison when he met math teacher Shirley Oney. At 38 he asked her if she wanted to get married; she said yes. They decided they should marry in August, before the school year started. His father tended to the farm so they could honeymoon at Mammoth Cave in Kentucky.

After their first year of marriage, they toured Frankfurt, Germany, and encountered a former student who spoke fluent German and acted as their guide.

The next year they went to Hawaii where John's brother, Jim, worked as a transit bus driver and organist in Honolulu.

The third year they began their family. Their son, John-Ross Wallrabenstein, was born in 1988 and now has a PhD in computer Science. Their daughter, Katie, born in 1991, attended Moritz College of Law at OSU and is a criminal defense attorney

John and Shirley are members of St. John's United Church of Christ in Milan, OH.

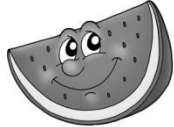
John Wallrabenstein, husband, father, veteran, farmer, teacher and organist. His music elevates our services making us feel closer to God.

PEGGY MCCONNELL

Reminder....

Worship will not be changing in the Fall. Seybert UMC, where Pastor Warren was going to be appointed in addition to Trinity, is closing. Therefore, there will be no time change to our Fall worship, it will stay at 10:30 a.m.

Sarah Ladies Potluck
August 14 at 6:00 p.m.
at Lois Evan's
11 W. Luchsinger Road
all Trinity women invited
bring a dish to share
- bring a friend!
Questions call 419-732-3318 or 419-341-0659



Mark Your Calendars!

Trinity is hosting a Welcome Back Luncheon on Sunday, September, 22nd, following the church service at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for fellowship and fun. All are invited; there is no charge, but reservations are required.

In conjunction with the "Welcome Back" Luncheon, we hope to honor former members of Trinity who are pictured in the recently obtained Church picture. It was taken around 1955 and now hangs on the wall at the rear of the Frog Pond. Many people have been identified, but any help with the rest of them would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please e-mail Tom Evans at

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or Lois Evans at

loisevans67@gmail.com

Hoping to hear from you!



- **List of people who can drive people to appointments if needed:**
David George, 419-261-5423
(not available Wednesdays 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or
Thursdays 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m.)
Pat George - 419-350-9700
(Port Clinton, Fremont, or Sandusky in Daytime)
Dick Highfield - 419-341-6266
(available Monday, Wednesday & Friday afternoons)
- Do you have any old or no longer needed candles? I can recycle those aroma, bulk and stick candles. Please, give me a call, Keith Fisher, 419-261-0019.

August Birthdays

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| 2 Kaylee Kochensparger | 16 Mary Lou Hershner |
| Nicole Isaac | Scott Rickel |
| 5 Susan Doell | Kensington Dunn |
| 6 Lisa Shaler | Jean Hall |
| 8 Greg Sharp | 20 Andrea Simms |
| Rodney Gale | Trena Reed |
| 10 Cynthia Gilleland | 22 Kathy Schiefley |
| 11 Wanda Williamson | 23 Kenneth Gresh |
| 14 Amanda Blankenbeker | 27 Stella Evans |
| Ernie Gresh, Jr. | 29 Michael Evans |
| Emilee Kirk | Randy Velliquette |
| 15 Peggy McConnell | Beckett Dunn |
| Allison Gilleland | 30 Chris Greunke |
| | Linda Davis |
| | 31 Nora Flood |

August Anniversaries

- 4 Justin & Lynn Jones
- 6 Tom & Lois Evans
Michael & Majlinde Fall
- 8 Tom & Majula Evans
Steve & Brenda Smith
- 12 Stuart & Jody Gahn
- 13 Ross & Nicole Gahn
- 26 Michael & Cassandra Botti

*Invite
a friend to church!!*

Tools for School

The Salvation Army is collecting Tools for School. This program provides school age children in Ottawa County help with school supplies and a backpack.

We have a collection box at Trinity if you would like to donate any backpacks or school supplies by July 31st. Thank You!

Let Us Know.....

If you desire to have a pastoral visit, Pastor Warren is willing to fill that need. Anyone wanting to meet with him in the office or have him come to their home should feel free to contact the church office or email him at wbrown71439@woh.rr.com.

Keep in Touch

Remember to let us know if you are in the hospital, in a rehabilitation center or an assisted living facility. We want to keep in touch and give you the support you need, but if we don't know about you, we can't find you. HIPA rules require families to take the initiative with the church. Simply call the church office at 419-732-3161 and let us know.



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**Deadline for
September 2024 Newsletter
August 15, 2024**

*Please, submit articles promptly to
martgene80@gmail.com*



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Outdoor Worship 9:00 a.m. at the Sutton Center until September 1

Ladies Fitness Fellowship Hall - Tuesdays & Thursdays - 3:30 p.m.

Handmaidens - every Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Every Third Sunday is food collection for St. Vincent de Paul

COMING EVENTS:

Sun	July	28	Special Offering for Bistro 163
Sun.	Aug.	4	Service of Holy Communion
Wed.	Aug.	14	Sarah Ladies Potluck - 6:00 p.m.- at Lois Evans home
Sun.	Sep.	1	Last Worship Service at Sutton Center - 9 a.m.
Mon.	Sep.	2	Labor Day
			Office Closed

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
July 28th Bistro 163 Special Offering	<i>Proverbs 11:25</i> <i>A generous person will prosper; whoever</i> <i>refreshes others will be refreshed.</i>			1	2 10:00 a.m. Handmaidens	3 National Watermelon Day 
4 9:00 a.m. Worship Sutton Center Parking Lot	5	6 3:30 p.m. Ladies Fitness	7	8 3:30 p.m. Ladies Fitness	9 10:00 a.m. Handmaidens	10
11 9:00 a.m. Worship Sutton Center Parking Lot	12	13 6:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting	14 6:00 p.m. Sarah Ladies Potluck	15	16 10:00 a.m. Handmaidens	17
18 9:00 a.m. Worship Sutton Center Parking Lot	19	20 3:30 p.m. Ladies Fitness 6:00 p.m. Nurture Committee	21	22 3:30 p.m. Ladies Fitness	23 10:00 a.m. Handmaidens	24
25 9:00 a.m. Worship Sutton Center Parking Lot	26	27	28	29	30 10:00 a.m. Handmaidens	31