

# The Word

Nov-Dec

2018

From Spencerville Trinity United Methodist Church

*Pastoral Message*

Greetings to you in the powerful name of the Holy Trinity,



How quickly this year has flown by and we are into the season of rushing around to get together and celebrate with family and friends. The church season is just as busy with charge conferences, annual reports, leadership changes, and all the wonderful events to celebrate our Risen Savior!

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It would be wonderful to be able to press a pause button so that we could sit and reflect longer than what our busy lives enable us to do. I want to press pause and reflect on all that we have done within our church that has touched many people in our community.

**Our Mission**  
We exist to **EMBRACE** our community with the real hope of Jesus Christ, to **EQUIP** people of God with a faith that works for real people, and to **SEND** disciples into the world to make a difference for Jesus Christ

I'm thankful to reflect on the generosity of the body of Christ to help out one another when in need. We have had many in our community receive financial help through our contingency fund, this has helped to keep utilities on and roof over the heads of little ones. I'm thankful to reflect on the Spencerville churches who continue to contribute help and resources with the food pantry stored here at Trinity. I'm thankful for the summer lunch meals that had graciously fed many people. I'm thankful for all the



**Core Values**  
Relationships, Belongings, Beacon of Hope, Commitment, Discipleship, Service, Love, Compassion, Celebration

**Our Vision**  
To be a church of **REAL PEOPLE** offering the **REAL HOPE** of Jesus Christ.



## Youth Group:

-November 14: 7-8pm

-November 28: 7-8pm

-December 5: 7-8pm

-December 19: 7-8pm

(Youth Christmas Party)

Recently, the youth went into the community and did a food drive "scavenger hunt." They went door-to-door collecting items for the food pantry. This was a great opportunity for them to spread Gods love throughout the community of Spencerville, and step out of their comfort zones talking to people about God and our church. Great job Trinity Youth!

At youth group we have been learning about how Jesus is a shepherd and we are like sheep. We have learned that even when we are "confused and helpless" like lost sheep, Jesus is the Shepherd that guides and helps us along the way. We also talked about how sometimes we don't listen to God given guidance because we think we can figure it out ourselves OR we get bad advice from PEOPLE and don't listen to God. The youth have been enjoying spending time with each other, learning from the Bible, and playing games to connect the lesson in a relatable way.

## *Announcements & Upcoming Events*

November 14: Youth Group, 7-8pm

November 17: Chili Cook-Off, 5-7pm

November 18: Countdown to Lakeside  
@ Westside, 5-7pm

November 28: Youth Group, 7-8pm

December 1: Parents Day Out, 11am-  
2pm

December 5: Poinsettia Sale, 4-7pm

December 5: Youth Group, 7-8pm

December 19: Youth Group  
(Christmas Party), 7-8pm

December 24: Christmas Eve service @ Trinity, 7pm

# Leadership Team

Trinity UMC has transitioned to a single board governing structure called Leadership Ministry Team, this replaces the multiple committees of the past. We will meet every 4th Monday on the odd month to vision for the future of the church. Work of the church will be broken out to Ministry Teams to complete the ministry of the church. The ministry teams have been provided the authority and responsibility to complete the missional work needed. Example is Trustee Ministry Team will care for the property and maintenance of the church, Financial Ministry Team will establish and maintain the budget and financial stewardship needs of the church, etc...) The Leadership Ministry Team (as the governing body) will hold the various Ministry Teams accountable to meet the goals and missional work. Below you will find the elected Leadership Ministry Team Members for the 2019 year and the respective team leaders. We will continue to learn and refine our governing structure to be best equipped for our Spencerville community and Trinity family.

## **General Leadership**

Leadership Team Lead

Beth Seibert

## **Lay Leader**

Beth Seibert

## **Lay Member to Annual Conference**

Jenny Byglin

## **Discipleship**

Discipleship Lead

Jeanne Schnelle

## **Team Members**

Team Member

Bill Stratton

Team Member

Jim Kuhn

## **Finances**

Finance Lead

Linda Bienert

## **Financial Secretary**

Karla Keller

## **Treasurer**

Linda Bienert

## **Financial Representative**

Lee Schnelle

## **Youth**

Youth Ministry

Coordinator

Kristen Davis

## **SPPR**

SPRRC Lead

Harold Zinsmeister

## **Trustees**

Trustees Co-Lead

Norm Heidlebaugh

Trustees Co-Lead

Todd Keller

## **Worship**

Worship Lead

Cheryl Osting