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TRENTON FIRST UMC  
SUMMER 2017

JULY - AUGUST



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We worship at 10 a.m. every Sunday, with a coffee hour following.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month, and is available upon request to our home bound members.

Nursery Care is available upon request.



## Ways to Participate Beyond Worship:

If you have an idea for a ministry or a group that you would like the church to be involved in, please speak to Pastor Heidi, and we'll see what we can do to make it happen.

Invite someone to worship or Bible study with you, and offer to pick them up.

If haven't seen someone in worship lately, give them a call or send a card.

Invite a neighbor for coffee and offer to pray with them.

Volunteer for a committee.

Help generate some content for our church's social media platforms:

- [Facebook: @FUMCTrenton](#)
- [Twitter: @FUMCTrenton](#)
- [YouTube: @FirstChurchTrenton](#)
- [Instagram: @FUMCTrenton](#)

For example, take a picture of something that speaks to you of God and his love and share it on your favorite social media site (be sure to tag our church)

Above all, pray for our church and its people. Pray for our pastor and our ministry. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our nation and its leaders. Pray for the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the refugees, the persecuted Church, those in prison and hospitals and nursing homes, folks struggling with addictions, etc.



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

June 28, 2017

June was a big month for my husband Jim and I. We got to travel up to Traverse City, MI for the first time to attend the Detroit Annual Conference from June 1-4th. Traverse City was nice, and it was good to be able to attend my home conference and to be able to vote after being away in New England for 27 years. When we returned, we had just a day to pack for our trip to France from June 6-16 for a wonderful vacation together. We hadn't taken any vacation in 2015, nor had we been to Europe together in almost 30 years.

Your former pastor Rev. Ben Bower was ordained an elder at conference on Sunday, June 4th, and there was a nice group from Trenton First there to celebrate with him. Those who made the trip included: Tim and Rena Whalen, Joe and Paulette Wilson, Jeff Burke and Calvin Wisner as well as Margaret Creekmore who was there as our lay delegate to annual conference. The Detroit Annual Conference and the West Michigan Annual Conference voted to merge and passed the necessary resolutions to make that happen. They also voted to reduce the number of districts in the new Michigan Annual Conference to 9. (It would have been 12 if they had simply kept the same number.) We will see what other changes there will be, but the folks at conference generally decided to accept the recommendations of the various study groups they had appointed to do the hard work surrounding the merging of the two conferences. The setting at Grand Traverse Resort was beautiful, but expensive. Even so, we were certainly crammed for space at times due to the combining of these 2 big UMC conferences.

The picture on the previous page is a close-up from a larger painting of Peter and John running to Jesus' tomb on the morning of the Resurrection. I assume from the expressions on their face that they had already been told by the women that Jesus' body was not there, and they were going to check it out for themselves. Jim and I saw this wonderful painting by Eugene Burnand at the Musee d'Orsay in Paris when we were there for 5 days. We saw a lot of wonderful religious and other art at the 6 art museums and 1 medieval museum we saw in Paris, as well as in the 5-6 important churches that we visited around the city. We had a great time exploring the city and its various neighborhoods. From Paris, we went on to visit the famous cathedral at Chartres and the famous abbey on Mont Saint Michel off the coast of France, and chateaux in the Loire Valley. I took some pictures of religious art that I will be able to share with you over time in our various church media.

We came back in time for me to preach for Father's Day and to experience our first Trenton Summer Festival. It was nice to see so many people out on W. Jefferson, and I spent Saturday and Sunday trying to encourage more of them to come inside and get free cotton candy for kids and to spend some money on food and books. The festival was fun and a good opportunity to open our doors-literally- to the community and serve them in various ways. Thanks to all who helped make this event such a big success! See a separate article for a more detailed thank you list.

We're having a book club meeting on July 26th at 1 p.m. with Jan Woolcott leading us in a discussion of the book Mead Mountain. The reviews call this an inspiring Christian book. Come join us!

The church air conditioning unit was repaired the day before the festival started at the cost of \$1200, and Ira had to replace a water pump on the Sunday of the festival to get our water going again after being off only an hour. We're blessed to have a great handyman as part of our church.

While you are busy enjoying the beautiful summer weather, don't forget to take time to remember and worship our amazing God- Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer! I need to spend more time out side this summer appreciating nature rather than packing and unpacking like I did last summer. It was nice to watch the sunset over the Loire River in Amboise sitting in an outside café right beside the Amboise chateau/castle, but I need to do more of that at home. What about you?

What do you need to do this summer to nourish your soul? You could consider joining us for Bible study on Tuesdays, trying praying as you walk outside or kayak, find a new way to serve someone in need, make a change in some daily routine , or add a new one like morning devotions or an evening Bible reading. How about finding a way to add some kind of spiritual renewal or adventure to your plan for summer? As always, please let me know if there's any way I can be of service to you or your family. Remember you can call me any time of the day or week.

With love in Christ,

Pastor Heidi Reinker



## AROUND THE CHURCH

### ADULT EDUCATION

#### **Book Club! Wednesday, July 26 at 1 pm Mead Mountain By B.K. Dell**

Riley Ellison is in love. World-famous Christian leader and bestselling author, Riley Ellison loves like a lit sparkler. His genuine affection for even the most wretched burns with scorching heat, brilliant colors and frenzied energy. It's no wonder God chose him to orchestrate His miracle. Pastor Ellison invites the press to join him in exactly two weeks, at which time he will tell Mead Mountain to move on live television, and in accordance with the promises revealed in Scripture, he claims it will move.

#### **SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP**

We gather after worship to look at the scriptures from worship that week to dig deeper into their meaning and how they connect to our lives as disciples. We gather in the meeting room after folks have gotten a chance to grab a few refreshments .

#### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

We gather Tuesdays from 1- 2 p.m. or so to study the scriptures together with Pastor Heidi. We read sections of the scriptures and then discuss them, so there is no homework, and you can jump in and join us anytime. So just bring your Bible and join us in the meeting room for this study. All are invited to attend. We are currently studying I Timothy and will pick up with ch. 4 on July 11th.

#### **Breakfast & Devotions at Mom's Restaurant**

If you're looking for a way to start the week with good food, and great company, and a brief devotional, then come join us at Mom's Diner on the first and third Monday's **at 8 a.m.** Check the calendar for any possible changes. We always gather in the back room of the restaurant.

#### **METHODINERS**

Our next outing will be July 16 at 6 pm . Joe French Italian Inn 2896 N Dixie Hwy, Monroe, MI 48162  
There is a sign up sheet, on the piano. Please sign up by July 9





# CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

### JULY

**7/01** - Rev. Benjamin Bower  
**7/04** - Wayne Jenkins  
**7/06** - Gabrielle Flaishans  
**7/18** - Catherine Thomas  
    - James Leedy  
**7/19** - Nina Barnsdale  
**7/20** - Kathryn Myers  
**7/22** - Rebekah Wolfe  
**7/27** - Ernest Prill  
**7/30** - Sara Brown

### AUGUST

**8/03** - Barbara Lewis-Lakin  
    - Emily Neubauer  
**8/05** - Devin Scicluna  
**8/15** - John Haack  
    - Tom Prater  
    - Nolan Prater  
**8/18** - Timothy Whalen  
**8/25** - Lindsey Ray  
**8/26** - Brendan Reynolds  
**8/27** - Doug Nowaczewski

### SEPTEMBER

**9/01** - Sarah Roberts  
**9/02** - SFC Richard Wolfe  
**9/06** - Tom Brown  
    - Stan Miller  
**9/09** - Michealene Dye  
**9/14** - Suzanne Brown  
**9/15** - Caroline Leedy  
    - Eric Brown  
**9/17** - Lynn Lash  
**9/23** - Glen Malone  
**9/26** - Peggy Wynn  
**09/27** - Web Simpkins

## ANNIVERSARIES

### JULY

**7/15** - Norman & Nina Barnsdale (28yrs)

### AUGUST

**8/01** - Doug & Terri Nowaczewski (31yrs)

**8/03** - Tom & Shannon Prater (16 yrs)

**8/06** - Brace & Carol Pentoney (51yrs)

**8/23** - Jennifer Galloway Brown & Jim Brown (19 yrs)

**8/27** - Rob & Emily Neubauer (6 yrs)

### SEPTEMBER

**9/11** - Ira & Melda Neubauer (52 yrs)

**9/12** - Ben & Lynn Lash (47yrs)

**9/20** - Scott & Nichole Sautter (21 yrs)

**9/26** - Jeffrey & Peggy Wynn (19 yrs)

## FLOWERS

### JULY

**7/02** – Jo Kampschoer

**7/09** – Open

**7/16**- Open

**7/23**– Nina Barnsdale

**7/30**– Open

### AUGUST

**8/06** - Melda Neubauer

**8/13** - Dorothy Gordon

**8/20**-

**8/27**-

## SEPTEMBER

**9/03** - Karen Roberts & Jo Kampschoer

**9/10**- Open

**9/17** - Ruth Kasenow

**9/24**– Open

**To order flowers for the altar and/or organ:** Sign-up by date on the “Flowers Chart” near the office, or contact the Flower Chair of the Month.

July & Sept - Ruth Ann Brewer 676-4952

Aug - Karen Roberts 676-0321

## PRAYER CHAIN

If you want to add a name to the prayer chain, you may call Dorothy Gordon, 734-676-3359, or our office administrator at 734-676-2066

## COFFEE HOUR HOST/ESS

### JULY

**02** - Melda Neubauer

**09** - Bette Miller

**16** - Cheryl Byrd

**23**– Karen Roberts

**\*30**- TBD

### AUGUST

**06** - Judy Howells

**13** - Melda Neubauer

**20** - Betty Miller

**\*27**- Karen Roberts

### SEPTEMBER

**03** - Cheryl Byrd

**10** - Betty Lozo

**17** - Judy Howells

**\*24** - Melda Neubauer



## UMC BASEBALL NIGHT

### TIGERS VS WHITESOX BASEBALL GAME

**Friday, September 15 at 7:10 pm**

The fifth annual *Renaissance in the D* is coming to Detroit Tiger's Comerica Park September 15.

What better way to spend a Summer Friday evening than sitting in a seat in the ballpark? Enjoy baseball, fellowship plus other extras.

This year, per requests, tickets are Lower Deck, Right Field. The game between the Tigers and the Chicago White Sox begins at 7:10 pm but you are encouraged to come early. Come early for pre-game festivities with MI Area UMC, Bishop David Bard. Conclude the night with post-game fireworks (weather permitting)

**Sign up in the Lounge Today or call the church office to reserve tickets. Need to be signed up by August 27.**

Monroe Mi 48162 and join us!

## 2017 Detroit Renaissance District

### Mission Conference

**Saturday, September 9, 2017**

8:30 am-3:15 pm

Troy Korean UMC  
42693 Dequindre Rd,

Troy, MI 48085

For the latest details, please check Website: <http://drd.michiganumc.info/> Individuals can register directly Lay Leaders can log in to add, review, and update registrations.



## Make a Sundae Sunday

Mark your calendars,  
July 30, 2017.

Come join us for worship at 10 am and stay for the sundae Sunday





A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Trenton Summer Festival in any way, including all who helped set-up and clean-up, advertise, cook, bake, served, and sell! Thank you to everyone who donated items too! A special thanks to Tim Whalen and Paulette Wilson for heading up the kitchen all week-end. Tim made delicious sloppy joe. They had assistance from Dorothy Gordon, Jackie Hull, Joe Wilson, and a few others. Many thanks to Charlie Pike for serving up 860 cones of cotton candy over the course of 3 days with help from Jackie. And many thanks to Jan Woolcott for heading up the book sale with help from Diane Hiddleston, Sabrina Byrd, Carole Pettitt and a few others, thanks also to Ira Neubauer for replacing a water pump on Sunday, so our water was only down for about an hour! Thank you also to Karen Roberts for keeping things clean for us all!

**Great job everyone!**

Sanctuary Café \$834.21

Book Sale \$945.20

Cotton Candy \$384.16



## Summer fun at the Trenton

### Summer Festival



**Dorothy Gordon and Joe Wilson,**



**Tim Whalen and Paulette Wilson,**



**Charlie Pike and Jackie Hull**



# APPLYING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

## Applying Bible Principles

An oxymoron is the use of two terms which are contradictory in nature. "Jumbo shrimp" is an oxymoron. "Ferocious lamb" is another. "Dumb scholar" is yet another.

One of the saddest and most contradictory is the oxymoron, "Stingy Christian." Because we have been redeemed through our faith in Christ, Christians should be the most generous of all people. We have been abundantly blessed of God, who has given us all things richly to enjoy (Rom. 8:32).

James 1:17 expresses this truth clearly: "Every good gift and every perfect present comes from heaven; it comes down from God, the Creator of the heavenly lights, who does not change or cause darkness by turning."

Think about some of God's good gifts:

- God gives the seed (Gen. 1:11).
- God gives the rain (Job 5:10).
- God gives health (Jer. 30:17).
- God gives life (Acts 17:25).
- God gives strength (Isa. 40:29).
- God gives riches (1 Chron. 29:12).
- God gives grace (2 Cor. 12:9).
- God gives eternal life (Rom. 6:23).

And God gives us money and the ability to get wealth. Solomon said that money is one of God's gifts to people. The purpose for which He gives us money is stated clearly in Ecclesiastes 5:19 — for our enjoyment.

Some of us make that the primary reason for money. We major in pleasure and the things money can do for us. But there is another major purpose God gives us money, something that also can bring great pleasure: To give it back to Him.

That's why of all the oxymorons in existence, "Stingy Christian" is the most contradictory. We who have been given the most from God should be the most generous people in the world.

As the tombstone in an old cemetery read, "What I spent, I had; what I saved, I lost; what I gave, I have."

Our air conditioners at Parsonage and Church have failed all new unit installed at parsonage, retro fitted and repaired at Church. Costs incurred \$5,107.00 busy start for summer ! but cool !!!

Now I / We approach Heidi's 1st year anniversary as our new Pastor. May she continue to grow this ministry and increase our membership as we continue to serve our community and membership with the love and friendship this church provides.

Cheryl Byrd Finance Chair  
Ira Neubauer Treasurer/ Trustee.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**God can bring blessings out of  
difficult circumstances.**

# JULY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10 am worship Service Adult Discussion	3 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 8 am Breakfast & devotion	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> HAPPY 4TH	5 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	6	7	8
9 10 am worship Service Adult Discussion	10 <b>Ramona Vacation</b> <b>Office closed</b>	11 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	12 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	13 <b>Ramona Vacation</b> <b>Office closed</b>	14	15
16 10 am worship Service Adult Discussion Group	17 8 am Breakfast & devotion	18 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	19 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	20	21	22
23 10 am worship Service Adult Discussion	24	25 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	26 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours Book Club 1 pm	27	28	29
30 10 am worship Service Adult Discussion	31 8 am Breakfast & devotion					

# AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	2 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	3	4	5
6 10 am worship Service Adult Discussion Group	7	8 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	9 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	10 Heidi Vacation	11	12 ↓
13 Heidi Vacation 10 am worship Service Adult Discussion Group	14 8 am Breakfast & devotion	15 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	16 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	17	18	19
20 10 am worship Service Adult Discussion Group Sundae Sunday	21	22 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	23 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	24	25	26
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