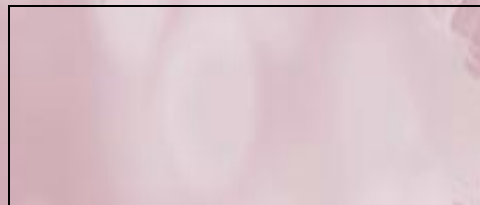


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We worship at 10 a.m. every Sunday, with a coffee hour following.

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](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCTrenton)
- [YouTube: @FirstChurchTrenton](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFirstChurchTrenton)
- [Instagram: @FUMCTrenton](https://www.instagram.com/FUMCTrenton)

Please pray for our church and its people and ministry, and pastor! 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.



June 5, 2018

Dear First United Methodist Church family and friends,

I'm back in town! First, I spent a week away on a trip down south with my son Paul. We stopped briefly in Cincinnati to see their art museum and conservatory, then walked around Lexington, KY a bit, had barbecue in Louisville, KY and took 2 tours of the Mammoth Cave in the Mammoth Cave National Park. Those were interesting explorations of the biggest underground cave system in the world. Paul and I had fun hiking up and down big staircases looking at incredible rock formations, squeezing around others, and having to bend down to get through other tunnels. Water has sculpted some beautiful and amazing things underground there in the park, and it was good to see one of the great wonders of God's creation and to be explorers of sorts!

After caving, it was on to Nashville for Centennial Park and dinner downtown. My son isn't a country music fan, so we skipped all those kinds of venues. I like some country music, and do appreciate the fact that many country music songs mention God and the Christian faith. Huntsville, Alabama was next on our agenda with its U.S. Space and Rocket Center which Paul enjoyed more than I did. Then we spent 2 days in the Tuscaloosa area with my younger sister Wendi before we headed home. My prayers were answered in that Paul and I got along for the most part during the trip, as did Wendi and I (despite her being a vegan atheist and me, an omnivore Christian.) So thank you for your prayers!

The day after we got back, it was off to the last sessions of the Detroit Annual Conference and the West Michigan Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church held jointly at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, MI. My husband Jim and I were both voting members this year, so it was nice to be able to sit with him during conference sessions while our lay delegate Margaret Creekmore enjoyed sitting with youth delegates and helped supervise them during the

Continuation of Pastor's letter

Conference. The final organizational plans for the new Michigan Conference which will include our entire state were passed, as was other legislation addressing issues of political and social concern. As always, the vast majority of the joint annual conference session was spent in worship and in celebrating the many ministries of the United Methodist churches around the state, as well as celebrating significant milestones in ministry like ordination, commissioning, and changes in leadership. A special focus this year was sharing ideas from leaders whose Michigan churches had reached out successfully to new folks with various ministries, rather than bringing in an outside speaker. If you have new ideas for how you would like to see our church reach out to meet the needs of folks in our community, please share them with us. We do need to revitalize our Sunday School, so if you are willing to teach 1 Sunday a month starting in the fall, please let Pastor Heidi know. We have tons of Sunday School materials to choose from for curriculum.

You may be happy to know that your previous pastor Rev. Ben Bower preached at the Friday morning worship session., and did a fine job.. Here in Trenton, we were blessed to have Rev. Dr. Ted Whitely preach the two Sundays I was away, accompanied by his lovely wife Betty who is a retired local pastor.

As I write, we're gearing up for the Trenton Summer Festival that will be held from Friday, June 22 through Sunday, June 24th. Plan on helping and eating at our Sanctuary Café and stocking up on used books! This is always a fun outreach event for our church, and a good fundraiser. Giving away free cotton candy inside the church narthex is a great way to raise our church's visibility in the community, and Charlie Pike will head that up again this year with Jan Woolcott heading up our book sale. Paulette Wilson and Tim Whalen will lead our Sanctuary Café team.

Last November I purchased 16 tickets to the African Safari Wildlife Park in Clinton, Ohio as part of the silent auction to benefit the Christnet rotating homeless shelter.. I am thinking we could have a fun church outing in July - maybe combining a trip to the Toledo Art Museum and some lunch in Toledo with a drive through the wildlife park. We'll plan that soon, so stay posted. (And if you have a vehicle that seats lots of people, you could offer to drive!)

As always, feel free to call me any time for a chat, a visit, a theological discussion, and even a concern or a complaint! My cell number is 734-407-9515, and I look forward to hearing from you. May God bless us all in these warm summer months with time to enjoy his wonderful creation and refresh our spirits. With love in Christ,

Pastor Heidi Reinker



ADULT EDUCATION

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. Bring your suggestions for the next book you would like to study since we are almost done with our study of Galatians. It's a good time for new comers to jump in.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Choir and Praise Band are on summer break starting after Sunday, June 17th and our Sunday Discussion Group is as well. Thank you to Diane Hiddleston for leading the choir again this year.

JESUS LIVES

CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

6/04 - Barbara Wertz
6/08 - Caleb Wynn
6/10 - Presley Roberts
6/12 - Sandra Brewer
Kevin Hyder
6/15 - Tom Roberts
6/16 - Karen Roberts
6/22 - Rosalee Wynn
6/23 - Robert Kampschoer
6/25- Elizabeth Drysdale
6/26 - James Leedy
Joe Wilson

JULY

7/04– Wayne Jenkins
7/06 - Gabrielle Flaishans
7/07– Jerry Ward
7/08 - Pauline Schafer
7/18 - Catherine Thomas
- James Leedy
7/19- Nina Barnsdale
7/20 - Kathryn Myers
7/22 - Rebekah Wolfe
7/27- Ernest Prill
7/30- Sarah Brown

AUGUST

8/03– Barbara Lewis-Lakin
- Emily Neubauer
8/05– Devin Scicluna
8/15 - John Haack
- Tom Prater
- Nolan Prater
8/18– Tim Whalen
8/27 - Doug Nowaczewski

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

6/03 - Joe & Paulette Wilson (49 yrs)
6/15 - Tom & Suzy Brown
6/19—Stan & Betty Miller (70 years)
6/21 - Jim & Margaret Creekmore (33 yrs)

August

8/01— Doug & Terri Nowaczewski (32 years)
8/03-Tom & Shannon Prater (17 years)
8/23— Jim & Jennifer Brown (Galloway-20 years)
8/27— Rob & Emily Neubauer (7 years)

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

BAPTISM

On Sunday, May 20, 2018 , Pastor Heidi baptized Colton David Dalzell, the almost two year old son of Chance and Sara Dalzell. (Chance grew up in this church.) As I explained to Colton what I was going to do, and that his forehead would get wet, he gazed at me intently. I made the sign of the cross with water 3 times on his forehead as I baptized him in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and as soon as I was done, Colton immediately started making the sign of the cross on his dad's forehead at least 4-5 times , without the water of course! It was funny and so adorable! We welcome Colton!

COFFEE HOUR HOST/ESS

JUNE

3 - Judy Howells
10— Cheryl Byrd
17— Betty Miller

JULY

1 - Melda Neubauer
8 - Judy Howells
15-- Cheryl Byrd
22— Betty Miller
29* Karen Roberts

AUGUST

5 - Melda Neubauer
12- Judy Howells
19-- Cheryl Byrd
26*— Betty Miller

FLOWERS

JUNE

6/03 - Joe & Paulete Wilson
6/10 — Arthurs & Debusk Families
6/17 - Diane Hiddleson
6/24 - Barb Werts

JULY

7/01— open
7/08— open
7/15— Nina Barnsdale
7/22— open
7/29-open

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

June: Karen Roberts 734-676-0321
July: Ruth Ann Brewer 734676-4952

Thank you!

For Thinking of Me in such a Thoughtful Way.



I would like to thank my wonderful friends at First United for your comforting expressions of sympathy to me and my family with the loss of my dear mother, Emily Cook, on March 31, 2018. Whether it was your kind words, beautiful cards, assistance or presence at her beautiful memorial service and luncheon on May 4, 2018, all were of great comfort to us and most appreciated at this very sorrowful time.

Sally Okerstrom

THANK YOU TO: Faith Cookson and Todd Southers for all their work on our church flower garden, and to Ira Neubauer and Ramona Moyski for taking care of the mess that occurred when we turned on the air conditioning for the summer. (Ira, of course, fixed the problem!)

THANK YOU ALSO TO: Jerry Ward who has stepped up to be our new chair of our Trustees and has already been on the job. You may notice the cedar tree by our side door has had the dead parts trimmed out of it and looks much nicer. You may also have noticed the beautiful hanging baskets of flowers. You can thank Jackie Hull for those!

THANK YOU TO: All our coffee hour hostesses and liturgists! You are doing a great job!



APPLYING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

The vast majority of people like to excel at something. Most of us like to do what we do in a manner that is truly first-class. Whether we are involved in one of the trades, or whether we are working in a profession, we like to excel in what we do.

Similarly, in the Christian life, most of us like to demonstrate our love for the Lord in ways that will reflect properly on Him and that will bring honor to Him. As His servants, we take great care that our Christian service is of such quality that what we do for His sake is first-class. Thus, whether we sing a solo in a worship service at church, prepare a meal for someone who is a shut-in, or teach a Bible class, we strive to do what we do for God in the very best way possible.

The Apostle Paul indicates we are also to excel in the grace of giving. "You are so rich in all you have: in faith, speech, and knowledge, in your eagerness to help and in your love for us. And so we want you to be generous also in this service of love" (2 Cor. 8:7). In other words, just as we might seek to excel in other ways which demonstrate our Christian faith in action, we are also to excel in the "service of love" through giving.

In the context of the verse we just read, Paul commends the Macedonian Christians for giving as much as they were able and more. When we follow their example, we experience "grace giving" in action, not only giving as we are able, but also, giving beyond our ability. This is possible only as we demonstrate the fruit of the Christian life by the power of the Holy Spirit within us. As we step out by faith (which is one of the signs of a Spirit-controlled life), we are able to give in ways which might seem improbable or impossible at first. The Spirit of God thereby motivates us and compels us to excel in the grace of giving!

One anonymous writer penned these powerful words: "God has a storehouse of blessings. Prayer is the key to that storehouse. But faith both turns the key and unlocks the door."

Say, are you excelling in the grace of giving? If not, why not take God at His Word — by faith — and begin today?

Now enjoy our summer and remember your church's bills still need to be paid all summer long.

God's blessings to you,

Cheryl & Ira



**JUNE 22, 23, 24,
2018**

The Festival is held in
downtown Trenton on
Jefferson Avenue between
Maple Street and Harrison

Please plan on helping during the Trenton Summer Festival **June 22- 24!**

We will need volunteers for the following :

Used Book Sale; Sanctuary Café; Free cotton candy for kids

We are planning on a similar menu to last year, so we will also need cookie bakers!

If you would like to help, sign-up sheets are on the piano in the lounge. We'll set up for the book sale Tuesday, June 19th at 9 a.m. The festival hours are from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The festival hours on Sunday are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Our hours for our book sale and Sanctuary café will probably be 10-6 on Friday and Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.



Our congratulations goes out to Jim Leedy who was the Grand Marshall of the Trenton Memorial Day parade that was held on Saturday, May 26th. Jim is a Korean War veteran, and served the community of Trenton as a firefighter for 25 years after working 11 years in the Water Department. This honor was certainly well deserved, and thoroughly enjoyed by Jim!

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JULY 2018

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