

*We are a growing multicultural congregation where everybody is somebody.
We worship at 10am on Sundays followed by Sunday school.*

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- Music Director *Dr. Eleanor Goodman*
- Clerk of Session *Elder Georgia McCall*
- Treasurer *Janet Hartzell*
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VISION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse community of disciples of Jesus Christ **GROWING** together. With the always present power of the Holy Spirit, we share our lives, care for one another, worship, pray, study God's word, and serve both inside and outside the walls of the church.*

We invite you to come and GROW with us.

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NEWS FROM THE SESSION



General Assembly:

The GA consists of commissioners elected by their presbyteries. Half of them will be ruling elders, and half will be

teaching elders. Most will have served in one of the other governing bodies of our church: the session, which provides care and oversight of a local congregation; the presbytery, which provides care and oversight of a group of congregations; or the synod which provides care and oversight of several presbyteries.

It reviews the work of synods, resolves controversies in the church, is responsible for matters of common concern for the whole church, and serves as a symbol of unity for the church.

The General Assembly has several specific responsibilities outlined in Chapter 3 of the Book of Order. The assembly seeks to protect our church from errors in faith and practice, is responsible for assuring that the expression of our theology remains true to the biblical standards in our historic confessions. The General Assembly presents a witness for truth and justice in our community and in the

world community. It sets priorities for the church and establishes relationships with other churches or ecumenical bodies

The Presbytery of Lake Huron has elected Rev. Desiree Lawson to attend the 223rd General Assembly as an Overture Advocate. In concurrence with the Presbytery of Monmouth's overture on environmental racism, Rev. Lawson, if called upon, will speak to the events surrounding the Flint Water Crisis. The GA is scheduled for June 16-23, 2018.

If you are interested in learning more about other items for consideration at this year's General Assembly go to <https://www.pc-biz.org/>

News from our Neighbors: St. George Orthodox Church has opened a Preschool and Childcare Center. Please check their website for more detailed information: www.saintgeorgeflint.org/preschool.htm.

In lieu of their new endeavor, they have requested that TUPC consider being included in their Preschool Emergency Evacuation Plan. In the case of an emergency, the children and staff may use the gate between the properties which would allow parents to pick up children in our parking lot. The session voted to allow for this.

Trinity United is also in process of putting together our own Disaster Preparedness Plan and St. George has agreed to partner with us in case of emergency. We will continue to meet and discuss ways in which we can be good neighbors to one another.

SUMMER EVENTS

Come and take an exciting 3-day trip with the VBS Team!



Three-Day Vacation Bible School

July 11-13, 2018 – SAVE THE DATES

5:30-8:30pm

See Sharon Auger for details.



Join us for ***Worship in the Park*** on July 22, 2018 at 10am. Instead of meeting at TUPC, we will gather at 10am at Elms Road Park located 4125 Elms Rd, Swartz Creek, MI where we will worship under the pavilion followed by our ***Annual Church Picnic***. The park offers a playground, ball fields, barbecue grills, a playground and restrooms.

July – Month of Sabbath

Once again we will suspend most business meetings in July in order to focus on rest and enjoyment with family and friends. The choirs will also take time off and we will hear from other gifted members and friends.

SPOTLIGHT

. . . *Recovery of the Sabbath is the most crucial and most demanding covenant command (spiritual discipline) now to be faced in the technological society.*

–Walter Brueggeman

Sabbath Bible Quiz

1. Where is *Sabbath* first mentioned in the Bible?
2. What does the word Sabbath mean?
3. Is Sabbath-keeping one of the 10 Commandments?
4. What occurs in Exodus 20?
5. What happens when we forego Sabbath?



SUMMER SABBATH READING

GET BUSY WITH SABBATH: All of the following resources are available on Amazon.com for \$15 and under and most are available on Kindle.

- Provides an introduction to the meaning of Sabbath time and the importance of sabbatical taking: Dorothy Bass's profound little book, *Receiving the Day: Christian Practices for Opening the Gift of Time*
- Wayne Muller's *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives* challenges our sense of what it means to be busy and productive.

- ***Keeping the Sabbath Wholly: Ceasing, Resting, Embracing, Feasting*** by Marva Dawn is a straightforward invitation to Christians to experience the “wholeness and joy that come from observing Sabbath time.
- ***Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People***; Dorothy Bass explores 12 practices that can become an integral part of how we live as the body of Christ.
- Wendell Berry’s ***A Timbered Choir: the Sabbath Poems*** is a beautiful collection of poetry written by Berry during Sunday morning walks.
- ***Catch Your Breath: God’s Invitation to Sabbath Rest*** by Don Postema is a guide for small groups who wish to learn and practice Sabbath rest.

CALENDAR

JUNE

- Jun 1 Grief Support at 11:30am
- Jun 4 Membership Team at 4pm
- Jun 5 PLH Mtg., Lapeer 9:30am
- Jun 11 Personnel Team at 11am
- Jun 11 Finance Team at 1pm
- Jun 11 Session Meeting at 3pm
- Jun 12 Sarah Circle at 6pm
- Jun 12 Girl Scouts at 6pm
- Jun 15 Soup Kitchen 2-5pm
- June 16-23 General Assembly
- Jun 20 PW Luncheon - DCC
- Jun 23 Weir/Bradley Wedding
- Jun 26 Game Day at 1pm
- Jun 27 Naomi Circle at 10:30am

JULY

- Month of Sabbath
- July 11-13 Vacation Bible School
- July 22 Worship in the Park & Picnic

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June Birthdays

- 3 Kathy Henderson
- 11 Ryan Wier
- 13 Terry Bausack
- 13 Anthony Lawson
- 13 Jane Harger
- 16 Granville Granberry
- 20 Jackie McClellan
- 23 Delores Generes
- 23 Georgia McCall
- 25 T.J. Graham
- 25 Denise Dixon
- 26 Pat White
- 29 Pam Pascal
- 29 Noah Smith

June Anniversaries

- 11 Larry & Margaret Tilley
- 16 Terry & Margaret Bausack
- 24 Craig & Roberta Hardy
- 25 George & Katie Granberry
- 26 Anthony & Desiree Lawson

July Birthdays

- 2 Monica Bradley
- 4 Jerry Auger
- 5 Charles Atwater
- 6 Julie Auger
- 8 Michelle Fischer
- 12 Levi Smith
- 13 Allison Bradley
- 13 Larry Shoup
- 25 Evan Auger
- 25 Shirley Hale
- 27 Craig Hardy

July Anniversaries

- 12 Chris & Cyndy Lyttle
- 25 James & Nancy Dunlap
- 29 Ken & Gay Grover

If you have a submission for the August September *Trinity Times*, please send your article or information to Pastor Lawson at revlawsond@yahoo.com by no later than July 25, 2018. Thank you.