

# The Circuit Rider

## OSWEGO TRINITY UNITED METHODIST

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### June Calendar



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| 1  | Freewill Dinner at 4:30     | 18 | N.O.W. at 6:30                   |
| 11 | Trustee meeting at 6:30     | 19 | Juneteenth                       |
| 15 | Father's Day                | 21 | Chicken BBQ at Noon              |
|    | Peace with Justice Offering | 24 | Altar Guild Meeting at 11am      |
|    | SAGE at 2pm                 |    | Choir meets on Thursdays at 7pm  |
| 16 | Bright and Cheerful at noon |    | AA group meets on Friday evening |

### Chancel Servants for June

**Altar Guild:** Pam Hill and Carrie Simmons

**Communion Stewards:** Diana McKenna and Connie LeBoeuf



### Sunday Book Study



Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Alan will be leading a study on the *Jew Named Jesus* by Rebekah Simon-Peter following coffee hour.



### Bright and Cheerful



We will meet on the 16<sup>th</sup> at noon to enjoy lunch and fellowship, as we write cards to our friends of Trinity. We would love to have more people join this wonderful ministry!



### **Chicken BBQ**

Exciting news!! We have a date for our next Chicken BBQ!! It will be **June 21<sup>st</sup> from noon until sold out.** We found someone who will give us an excellent price on our chickens. Please come and support this fundraiser. We will be asking for donations, money, cookies or brownies and people to help in the kitchen. Please spread the word. The cost of the dinners will be: \$12.00 for regular, \$10.00 for seniors and \$8.00 for half chicken only.

The menu is: half chicken, salt potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, roll, drink, and dessert.

There are sign-up sheets to donate items and to help. Hope to see you there!!

Blessings, *Marge Zeller*

### May Nu 2 U Sale Results

The church Nu-2-U and Bake Sale went very well. We made over \$1,800 and \$180 will go towards school clothing. Thank you to everyone who baked, donated, set up, and worked the sale.

### **Birthdays:**

11 Lori Gibson, Celia Stone  
12 Debbie Hough  
20 Pastor Alan Kinney  
25 Janice Costello  
26 Larry Fuller, Walter Langlois  
29 Angel Simmons

### **Anniversaries:**

5 Rodger and Tammy Adydan



If you would like other new dates added,  
please just send an email to the church office. ☺ ☺ ☺



### **Secret Siblings**



Please remember your new 'Siblings' with daily prayers, monthly cards, and a small birthday gift!



### **Daily Prayers**



Please keep the following in your prayers this month:

*Our condolences to Mark Garlock and family on the death of his niece,  
to the family and friends of Dave Wadleigh on the death of his aunt,  
and to the family and friends of Barbara Burritt, who died on May 17<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Parishioners, Friends, and Family:**

Those with health concerns: Ann Rockower; Angel Simmons; Mary Seaton; Connie LeBoeuf; Pastor Alan and his brother; Judy Lake; Zeke Seymour; J.R. Simmons; Dave Wadleigh; Nancy Wadleigh (Dave's Mom); Mark Garlock's father-in-law (Bob); Ed Downs; Debbie Downs; Will Abare; Grace Truell; Nancy Sawyer; Wuxin Shen; Gerrick (Brenda's nephew); Betty Holliday (Brenda's sister-in-law); Cindy Abare; Donna (Gail's sister); Valerie Palmer (Pam's sister); Kelly and Alana (Nancy Sawyer's nieces); Avril Newton (Eleanor's great nephew); Cheryl Coe DeLoff (Eleanor's niece); Chuck Himes (Eleanor's brother-in-law); Barbara Buske; those suffering from cancer; those who are homeless; all caregivers; and the health and safety of our families and friends.

**Community and World Concerns:** Please pray for democracy, those who have been illegally deported and imprisoned, and leaders to be merciful everywhere. Pray for courage for those speaking out against injustice, running for local government offices, and for those federal workers and military personnel who are being removed from their jobs without cause. Pray also for all victims of natural disasters. Please pray for those living in fear; especially in Ukraine and Europe, as well as in our country, Syria, Haiti, Sudan, and the Middle East. Prayers for all those doing God's work in the world; an end to racism, and the coming of world peace! Prayers also for Pope Leo XIV.



### **What is a father?**

Being a male species does not make a man a father, for a dad is a special blend of hero; disciplinarian; a friend; someone to look up to; someone to model ... someone with a touch of the "mother" in him; someone who is big enough to say, "The fault was mine" ... someone who lives the kind of life that makes you want to say, "I, too, shall follow him!" ~Alton Kaul

## **Kinney's Korner**

Some Congregations are easier to leave than others. I must admit that Trinity will be one of the (if not the) hardest congregations I will ever leave. This is after only 11 months together. I have found you to be some of the most gracious and hard working people of faith that I have ever had the pleasure of coming along side of in pastoral ministry. The care that comes from this church for all people is truly an amazing and faith-filled experience, for those who receive the monthly free will dinners to the clothing that is offered. The generosity to UMCOR is an example of how the care and faith of Trinity goes far beyond and is larger than our weekly times of worship and praise on Sunday mornings.

There are congregations that speak and repeat the Good News of the Gospel but there are none that live into the Gospel more than the people of Trinity. Your doors and hearts are open to all people who are in need, and all who want to live the Good News the best they can. It is rare, as a preacher, to experience this in any congregation, and I have been blessed to experience it here in Oswego.

I am going to miss each and every one of you and will continue to hold you in my heart and in my prayers. I am sure that Pastor Ruth will have a very similar experience here, and that the ministries will continue to change lives and bear witness to the faith of this blessed congregation. May God continue to watch over and bless each of you.

Blessings, *Rev. Alan*

### **Administrative Council Minutes May 21, 2025**

Present: Marge Zeller, Mike Lund, Sheila Buske, Pam Hill, Diana McKenna. Excused: Connie LeBoeuf, Lisa Bartholomew.

Marge opened the meeting at 6:38pm with scripture (Ecclesiastes 3:7-8) and prayer. The minutes of March 19, 2025 were reviewed with one correction. Pam moved to accept, approved.

#### **Current Expense Report through April 30th:**

Income:

- Received for budget: \$19,865.00
- Local mission: \$302.00
- Conference mission: \$2,175.00
- Total income: \$22,342.00

Expenses:

- Personnel: \$13,143.85
- Program: \$86.00
- Operations: \$6,171.48
- Conference: \$4,265.28
- Current Expense total: \$23,667.00

Sheila moved to accept, approved.

#### **Trustee Treasurer Report through April 30<sup>th</sup>:**

- Trustee income: \$1,971.00
- Restoration income: \$186.00
- Memorial/misc. income: \$460.00
- Total income: \$2,617.00
- Total expenses: 528.00
- Balance of all accounts: \$125,987.96

Pam moved to accept, approved.

#### **Trustee Report**

Mike replaced the broken hinges on the salt shed. He will buy extra salt this fall so we won't run out.

Art Jones has given a verbal quote of \$2,800.00 to seal the basement bathroom drain and replace flooring and mopboards. He will also address the soft spots in the kitchen floor.

The light in the organ closet needs to be replaced.

The temporary fence needs to be constructed at our back border.

The window in the sanctuary door needs to be repaired.

## **Pastor Report**

Pastor Alan's last day with us will be June 22nd. A special coffee hour is planned.

Rev. Ruth Warner will lead worship beginning on July 6th. She will be present at Ad. Council and N.O.W. meetings, and will also help create a new Lay Leadership slate.

## **Nurture**

Sunday School met on March 30th with 3 children. Thanks to Sheila and Connie for leading!

The Lenten study, "The Hardest Part", had 15 attendees. Pastor Alan is leading Lectio Divina in May, and will offer a 3-week study on "The Jew Named Jesus" in June.

Bright and Cheerful meets monthly, and Discipleship prayers are sent twice weekly.

## **Outreach**

Freewill dinners have been well attended. The April dinner served 34 guests (and ran out of food!), and the May dinner served 23 guests and 4 helpers. Thanks to all cooks and helpers!

The 3-day Nu2U sale made \$1806.00, with \$180 going to provide clothing to school students. The bake sale on both weekends was very popular. Thanks to LaDonna Tucker for providing lunch one day, and to everyone who baked, donated, and worked the sale! The mission portion from future fundraisers will benefit Human Concerns and possible other charities.

\$1,460.00 was given to UMCOR in March, and \$838.00 was donated to Native American ministries in April-May.

## **Witness**

Thanks to Diana, Connie, and Lori for cleaning for Easter!

Our UM shirts continue to bear witness of the love of God to our neighbors.

Upper Room daily meditations are available in the sanctuary, and are being offered in the prayer box.

Our signboard will be displaying "Jesus said....." sayings.

## **Finance**

The committee met April 27th to go over the Internal Accounting Controls. The church inventory, that was begun in September 2022, needs to be updated and completed. Instead of meeting on May 31st, Pam will distribute sheets to volunteers so they can record the remaining areas on their own time.

We also need to update the counting committee list.

## **Altar Guild**

Members met on May 20th to update the schedule. Communion Stewards will serve once each quarter. New Altar Guild members will be trained and added to the new schedule.

We will meet on June 24th to sort and replace silk arrangements, and inventory contents of the closets.

## **SPPRC**

On April 29th, our District Superintendent, Rev. Sherri Rood, introduced us to our new pastor.

Rev. Ruth Rosa Warner will begin to serve Trinity on July 6th. She currently is pastor at Fulton 1st UMC full-time, and will transition to 70% there and 30% at Trinity. She has been an ordained elder for 7 years, and is full of joy, spirit, and sincerity. She and her husband, Dan, are both musical (new choir members!), and love to lead Bible studies.

They will continue to live in the parsonage in Fulton, and we will pay a portion of the utilities there. Rev. Rood suggested that Fulton 1st meet for worship at 9:30, and Trinity at 11. Cash salary is \$16,021.80.

## OLD BUSINESS

A new lavalier microphone costs about \$60. Pastor Ruth has her own, which should be compatible with our system.

Mike and Marge are looking for chicken cookers for a possible BBQ this summer.

## NEW BUSINESS

Changes to the counting committee are as follows: Ann Rockower and Eleanor Lund will be removed. Sheila Buske, Diana McKenna, Brenda Holliday and Carrie Simmons will remain. Possible new counters would be Maria Linn, Dorothy Caldwell and Debbie Hough. A once-a-month schedule will be set up for groups of three.

New Pastoral package:

Pastor Ruth is a full elder, serving 30%.

Gross salary: \$16,021.80

Pension: \$1,802.45

CPP: \$600.82

Health insurance: \$4,536.00

Professional expenses: \$787.50

Continuing Ed.: \$787.50

Total: \$24,536.00

Sheila moved to approve, Pam seconded, approved.

The Internal Accounting Controls will be approved at the next meeting.

Next meeting is **July 16, 2025 at 6:30pm**. Sheila moved to adjourn, approved at 7:45pm

## March 2025 Current Expense Report

<b>Staff Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>\$3,388.90</b>
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*(This includes cash paid; plus Trinity's portion of SS & Medicare taxes, & some insurances)*

<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$73.49</b>
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*(This includes Cash used to further our mission as a worshipping community)*

<b>Operations Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,386.97</b>
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*(This includes all utilities, multi-peril insurance, office supplies, and copier maintenance)*

<b>Conference Billing</b>	<b>\$1,066.32</b>
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*(This includes shared ministry and retiree premiums)*

<b>Total March Expenditures</b>	<b>\$6,915.68</b>
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*Prepared 04/05/25 by Lisa Bartholomew*

*Reflects March 28 Paychecks*

## April 2025 Current Expense Report

**Staff Salaries & Benefits** \$3,138.90

*(This includes cash paid; plus Trinity's portion of SS & Medicare taxes, & some insurances)*

**Program Expenses** \$12.90

*(This includes Cash used to further our mission as a worshipping community)*

**Operations Expenses** \$1,039.29

*(This includes all utilities, multi-peril insurance, office supplies, and copier maintenance)*

**Conference Billing** \$1,066.32

*(This includes shared ministry and retiree premiums)*

**Total April Expenditures** \$5,257.41

*Prepared 05/03/25 by Lisa Bartholomew*

*Reflects April 30 Paychecks*



### Celebrating Juneteenth

Recently, the Rev. Dr. Zan W. Holmes wrote on our site that “Juneteenth is the best known and one of the oldest American holidays that celebrates the end of slavery in the United States.” We, the Worship Team at Discipleship Ministries, concur with that statement, but also declare that where Juneteenth is not known and/or not celebrated, it needs to be.

Juneteenth ought not be a celebration only for those in the Africana tradition, but for all of God’s people. In this era of debate about what should and should not be taught about our history of racial strife, this is history that needs to be remembered and celebrated. We encourage all worshipping communities to not only acknowledge this event in our history, but to celebrate the ongoing struggle for emancipation that continues to this day. As a part of the denominational efforts toward dismantling racism, Juneteenth can be an observance of solidarity and hope for God’s people and a sign of unity within the body of Christ. For further information visit:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/celebrating-juneteenth-2021>.



**“For everything there is a season...”**

**(Ecclesiastes 3:3-8)**

**And thanks to the Creator, what a wonderful season June is!**



June beckons us outside to see God at work! For yourself, family, and friends **speak aloud the connection** of this ordinary yet spectacular experience in nature to the Creator. **Pray your praise and gratitude.**

Weddings, graduation celebrations, holidays, get togethers—all are important. Make them an opportunity to celebrate, be sustainable, and influence friends and family. Choose service ware that can be washed and reused; collect compostable food waste. **Show by your example.**

**Decorate with home or locally grown seasonal flowers**, resulting in fewer transport emissions and less likelihood of poor treatment of farm workers—a justice issue. After the event, deliver the flowers to a hospital, nursing home, or to someone you love or who needs a lift. Compost any flowers that have withered.

**Give party favors that give back.** Look for something plant-able, like herbs, succulents, seed packets. Or display a sign that you’ve made a donation in your guests’ honor, such as planting trees or caring for endangered wildlife. Invite additional contributions and follow up with the amount raised and a thank you for caring for God’s creation.

As in the biblical story of Joseph, June is often a time of plenty, but the hot, dry months are coming. **Be intentional about conserving water.** Install a rain barrel, low-flow toilets, and shower heads; wash the car using a bucket and just a quick rinse off; pay attention to ways you can care more for the gift of water.

It’s vacation time! Enjoy the mountains or beaches. Carry with you gloves and **collect the trash you see.** You may feel the task is overwhelming, but others will see you and are likely to be more thoughtful about not littering. Your actions can be a catalyst for change.

Start complaining! You can be nice, but firm. When you see a practice at home, at church, in your workplace, in a restaurant, at a grocery, or other business that is harmful, speak up. Write a letter. **Be a squeaky wheel—ask for change.** Be sure to choose and compliment those providers that have more sustainable practices.

**Call your lawmakers regularly.** You don’t have to talk directly to them or for more than a minute or two. The recording or the staff person will add your yay or nay to the tally column to give the lawmaker a sense of support or opposition to an action. Do state that you are both a constituent and a person of faith. Visit this webpage for further information: <https://umcreationjustice.org/june-2025-tips-what-a-glorious-season/>.





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Go into the World With the Power of the Holy Spirit.”***

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