

The Circuit Rider

OSWEGO TRINITY UNITED METHODIST

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July Calendar



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| 6 Welcome Pastor Ruth!!
Worship begins at 11am! | 19 T-shirt outing at Bev's at 2pm |
| 9 Trustee meeting at 6:30pm | 20 Finance Committee Meeting 12pm
SAGE Meeting at 2pm |
| 14 Bright and Cheerful at noon | Choir meets on Thursdays at 7pm |
| 16 Ad. Council at 6:30pm | AA group meets on Friday evening |

Chancel Servants for July

Altar Guild: LaDonna Tucker and Missy Lisk

Communion Stewards: Pam Hill and Marge Zeller

Trinity Celebrations!

Graduates!!

From 6th grade:
Luke Mulcahey
Caiden Tucker
Liam Linn

Congratulations to you all!!

From 12th grade:
Caylyn Salmonsens



New Members!!

We recently welcomed Mark Garlock and Carrie Simmons into our Trinity family!!

Next Sunday, we welcome Pastor Ruth! A special coffee hour will be held on **July 13th** to welcome her officially!



Chicken BBQ Update

Our Chicken Barbecue on June 21st was very successful. We sold all 125 dinners in 2 hours and made \$873.00! Our mission portion was given to The Human Concerns Center. Thank you to all who helped and participated!

Birthdays:

- 1 Zemiah Phrance, Patti Shebelske
- 11 Jeffery Lisk
- 12 Dorrie Strobel
- 23 Ann Estabrook, Len Costello, Jr.

Anniversaries:

- 7 Larry and Cindy Fuller
- 22 James and Margaret Butler



If you would like other new dates added,

please just send an email to the church office. 😊😊😊



Bright and Cheerful

We will meet on the 14th 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!



Secret Siblings



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



Daily Prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers this month:

Parishioners, Friends, and Family:

Those with health concerns: Debbie Downs; Ann Rockower; Angel Simmons; Mary Seaton; Connie LeBoeuf; Judy Lake; Zeke Seymour; J.R. Simmons; Dave Wadleigh; Nancy Wadleigh (Dave's Mom); Mark Garlock's father-in-law (Bob); Ed Downs; Aubree, (Maria's granddaughter); 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.

Blessings, strength, and peace for Pastor Alan, as he begins his new ministry to Auburn UMC.

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, Iran, and Israel, as well as in our country. 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.

Immigration Response

Leviticus 19:33-34 (NRSV)

"When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."

Meet The Pastor

Good day, my beloved.

As you know, my husband Dan and I will be coming to serve and worship along-side you in July!

Our greatest joy is making friends and serving the Lord with gladness. We look forward to many opportunities to get to know you and your families and especially to get to know God's love for each of us deeper while extending His grace to one another.

See you soon! Blessings,

Rev. Ruth Rosa Warner A.K.A. Pastor Ruth



WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR!

Letter From: Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez

“I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.”

Philippians 1:3–5

Dear Family of God in Upper New York,

I continue to give thanks to God for a 2025 Annual Conference session filled with deep joy and renewed hope. Our time together affirmed that the Holy Spirit is indeed moving among us with resurrection power—deepening our faith, strengthening our relationships, and energizing our shared mission.

During my episcopal address, I raised two questions you would have an opportunity to share as part of the conference evaluation survey.

What are your joys and hopes for our future?

What important topics still need our attention that were not mentioned in the episcopal address?

More than 300 of you offered heartfelt responses, and I remain deeply grateful. As promised, I’m sharing below the key themes that emerged from your reflections.

Joys and Celebrations

- Youth Leadership: You celebrated the bold witness and fresh vision of youth and young adults for the church.
- Inclusion and Justice: Many lifted growing commitments to racial, gender, theological inclusion, LGBTQ+ belonging and anti-racism efforts.
- Grace Amid Differences: A sense that loving across disagreement is becoming more real.
- Connectional Strength: Affirmation of shared relationships, collaboration, and support.
- Missional Engagement: Meaningful service, both local and global.
- Resilience and Hope: Renewal and signs of resurrection after years of divisions and challenges.

Areas Needing Attention

- Congregational Vitality: Innovation and renewal, especially for small and rural churches.
- Discipleship: Spiritual formation that is rooted in our Wesleyan tradition, deep, creative, and relevant across generations.
- Leadership Development: Equipping bi-vocational clergy and lay leaders with equity.
- Financial Transparency: Clearer communication and resource sharing around budgets and finances.
- Justice in Action: Moving beyond statements toward advocacy and accountability.
- Young People: Investment in youth leadership and belonging.
- UMC Identity: Greater clarity around our theology and values.
- Innovation and Accountability: Embracing creativity with proper accountability.
- Connection and Communication: Stronger ties across churches, districts, and leadership.
- Stewardship and Membership: Renewed understanding of covenant and generosity.

These themes reflect a people willing to hold space for both tradition and transformation, committed to authentic community, courageous discipleship, and a future filled with hope.



May 2025 Current Expense Report

Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$3,138.90
<i>(This includes cash paid; plus Trinity's portion of SS & Medicare taxes, & some insurances)</i>	
Program Expenses	\$12.90
<i>(This includes Cash used to further our mission as a worshipping community)</i>	
Operations Expenses	\$979.26
<i>(This includes all utilities, multi-peril insurance, office supplies, and copier maintenance)</i>	
Conference Billing	\$1,066.32
<i>(This includes shared ministry and retiree premiums)</i>	
Total May Expenditures	\$5,197.38

Prepared 06/07/25 by Lisa Bartholomew

Reflects May 30 Paychecks

What You Need to Know About the Plastic Crisis

Plastic pollution is not just a waste issue to be managed and not just a problem for wildlife. It is a human and planetary health crisis that requires immediate and decisive action at all levels of government. Plastics release harmful compounds into our air, food, water, and the environment



during production, everyday use, and at the end of their life. Plastics shed and are fragmented into microplastics—tiny pieces of plastic that are less than five millimeters long. A recent investigation found microplastics in 94 percent of U.S. tap water samples, which was the highest rate of

contamination in the world, according to the research; bottled water contained even higher amounts. Microplastics have been found in the heart, lungs, organs, breast milk, placentas, stool, and blood of humans. A recent human study found a higher risk of heart attacks, stroke, and death among patients that had microplastics in a key heart artery. In addition, 99 percent of all plastics are made from fossil fuels and are an increasingly important contributor to climate change. God asks us to honor Creation, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

In God's name, can we please reduce or eliminate our use of plastic here at Trinity UMC?

N.O.W. Minutes 6/18/2025

Present at Church: Sheila Buske, Pam Hill, Brenda Holliday, Connie LeBoeuf, Diana McKenna, Marge Zeller.

Excused: Lisa Bartholomew, Barb Downs, Lori Gibson, Linda Lamond, LaDonna Tucker.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Sheila with the following devotional:

Torah Talk - Read **Exodus 20:1-6**. What do you hear?

"I am God. Worship only Me. No graven images or idols."

Next, read **Exodus 31:18- 32:10**. What do you feel?

"The people make a golden calf and worship it! Sadness, anger, repentance. God forgives!"

Opening Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, You are indeed the one true God; Creator of the world and all life within it, including us, your beloved children. We give you thanks for your unending love and forgiveness.

Help us to do your will, as we meet tonight to plan Trinity's nurture, outreach, and witness in the months to come. Guide us to follow the example of Your beloved Son, as we minister to a world which too often looks to false gods and idols for the love that You so freely offer. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Glorify – “We have no design but to promote the glory of God” – John Wesley

How have you seen God's love and forgiveness in the world recently?

“Good doctors, 700 people on the bridge in Oswego to speak out for democracy, Bright & Cheerful fellowship sharing God's love.”

Approve Minutes – Pam moved - Approved

Nurture

Over the last two months, we have nurtured those on our email list with “Imagine No Racism” prayers twice a week. Unfortunately, no Sunday School children have attended during the past two months. “The Jew Named Jesus” by Rebecca Simon-Peter book-discussion group, which was led after coffee hour by Pastor Alan during June, was enjoyed by 8 attendees. The BibleKing small group started up again on June 4th with 5 attendees, and will meet every Wednesday morning at 9:30 at Burger King. Anyone is invited to join us! Possible small group studies can be held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 after Pastor Ruth arrives, and our worship time changes to 11:00 a.m. Pastor Alan recommended that every business meeting begin with 15 minutes of Bible study. We took the challenge for NOW!!! ☺

Outreach

Thanks to our Sunday Morning “Peace with Justice” collection in June, we donated \$1,505.00 to Conference for the cause of world peace. The Free-Will Dinners in both May and June were enjoyed by 27 diners and 5 helpers. Thank you to all who helped! Due to the July 4th celebration, there will be no Free Will Dinner in July, but they will continue in August! Our Nu-2-U sale in May provided \$180 to the Oswego School Nurses for needed children's clothing. Thank you LaDonna and Melissa for buying and distributing the clothes! Our next Nu2U sale on September 12th will support the Human Concerns Center. Also, a Winter Coat Give-away is scheduled for October 11th.

Witness

The UMC sweatshirts and T-shirts continue to spread the Word, and initiate conversation with our neighbors, as does the Prayer Box, containing Bible verses and copies of “The Upper Room”. We plan to take new orders for UMC shirts in July, and will invite our brothers and sisters at Fulton First to participate. Be sure to watch for sign-up sheets soon! The Worship and Lay Leadership Committees will meet after Pastor Ruth gets settled in. If you are interested in serving on one of our many committees, we will have sign-up sheets for those also! The “Jesus said” sayings on the outdoor sign board have been well-received! Be sure to check out the various commandments every few weeks or so! A T-shirt outing is planned at Bev's for ice cream and fellowship on July 19th at 2:00 p.m. Join us even if you don't yet have a Methodist T-shirt, (but please wear something appropriate!) to witness to the joy and love of God! Also, a “Spiritual Renewal in Nature” will be offered at Sterling Nature Center later this year. Watch for announcements!

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 20th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Closing Prayer – Led by Marge at 7:25 p.m.



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***“Know the Love of God, Grow as Disciples of Jesus Christ, and
Go into the World With the Power of the Holy Spirit.”***

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