

The Circuit Rider

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September Calendar



2 nd	Lay Leadership at 11:30am	19 th	Nu2U and Bake Sale 9am-1pm
6 th	Freewill dinner at 4:30pm	21 st	Bright and Cheerful at noon
11 th -12 th	Nu2U and Bake Sale 9am-3pm	30 th	Worship Meeting at 1pm
16 th	Ad. Council meeting at 6:30pm		

AA group meets on Friday evening

Choir rehearsals are 7pm on Thursdays. All are welcome!



Chancel Servants for September



Altar Guild: Mark and Mary Powell

Communion Stewards: Diana McKenna and Connie LeBoeuf



Needed...Food for our Neighbors



The Human Concerns food pantry is in need of non-perishable food items, especially tuna, peanut butter, and boxed mac and cheese.

Just bring your items to church, and they will be delivered. Thanks!!



Upcoming Nu2U Sale



We'll be having our fall Nu2U and bake sale on **September 11, 12, and 19**. The hours are from **9am to 3pm** the first weekend and from **9am to 1pm on Saturday, September 19**. We need donations and baked goods for both weekends. We will accept donations and be setting up on **September 7th, 8th, and 9th from 9am to Noon**. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Human Concerns Food Pantry. Thank you for your help!

Harmonic Voices Rising

Steven Cohen, a retired music teacher from Pulaski, has requested to use our chapel area on **Saturday mornings at 10:00am** to host a new children's chorus. Mr. Cohen is a retired elementary music teacher with the Syracuse City School District, and would like to invite any children from ages 5 through 12 to learn a variety of popular songs which emphasize acceptance in our world-wide community. (Think the old cola advertisement, I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing". I think I just dated myself. 😊). We will be looking for volunteers to provide rotating adult supervision. Mr. Cohen is also an accomplished accordion player, if that piques your interest! **Please spread the word! Harmonic Voices Rising Children's Chorus is looking for new members. If interested, text or call Mr. Cohen at 315-412-5275, or email at smfcohen@gmail.com.**



Bright and Cheerful

We will meet on the **21st 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!



Winter Wear Giveaway



Please help us clothe our neighbors by bringing in gently worn (or new) coats and jackets. We could also use boots, mittens, scarves, and other warm clothing. We especially need coats and jackets for children. Our give away will be **October 10th from 9am to 1pm**. Thank you for any help you can give.



Birthdays:

- 2 Carrie Simmons
- 4 "Conchie" Rosa Laguer
- 12 Kathy Flaherty
- 14 Brenda Holliday
- 19 Patricia Michel
- 22 Dorothy Caldwell
- 23 Barb Downs
- 26 Billy Pierce

Anniversaries:

- 8 Kevin & Heather Heft
- 12 Leonard & Janice Costello
- 17 Mike & Connie LeBoeuf

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

Morningstar Holy Communion Service

You are all invited to join us at Morningstar Nursing Home, (on Fourth Ave. in Oswego), on the **first Wednesday of every month at 1pm** for a 30-minute Communion Service led by Pastor Ruth. The residents and staff, along with guests from Oswego and Fulton, gather in the community room for a time of singing, prayer, worship, and Communion. Two of the resident regulars, Ann Rockower and Chris Dennison, are familiar members of Trinity UMC. Please plan to attend with us on **Wednesday, October 7th at 1:00pm** for a meaningful experience with old and new friends. If you can't make it then, future dates include November 4th and December 2nd. Blessings and peace to all.



Condolences to Wendy Geroux on the passing of her beloved mother-in-law, Marion Geroux Tuttle, who passed away on Aug. 25, 2026 at the age of 97.

🙏 Daily Prayers 🙏

Parishioners, Friends, and Family:

Those with health concerns: Mary Seaton; Kathaleen DeMott; Martha Lyon (wrist surgery); Brenda Holliday; Angel Simmons; Mark Powell; Carrie Simmons; Dave Wadleigh; Nancy Wadleigh; Mary Seaton's brothers; Rebecca's sister Leah and mother Donna; Mark Garlock's father-in-law Bob; Lisa Langlois' brother David Stout; Wuxin Shen; Gail's sister Donna; Nancy Sawyer and family. Those in assisted living: Bea Holliday; Betty Holliday; Ann Rockower; Judy Lake; Valerie Palmer; Gail Draper; Zeke Seymour. Please pray for all those who are homeless; all caregivers; and the health and safety of our families and friends.

Community and World Concerns:

Please pray for democracy, the end of senseless wars, and leaders to be merciful everywhere. Pray for U.S. service members. Please pray also for those living in fear, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine, as well as in our country; and prayers for those affected by storms, with the recent hurricanes in Hawaii and tornadoes in the Midwest and natural disasters including the flash flood in Nepal, wildfires worldwide, and the victims in recent earthquakes. Prayers for all those doing God's work in the world; an end to racism, and the coming of world peace! Prayers for Pastor Ruth in her ministry. Also, please pray for "Haven of Hope", as they reach out to the homeless in our neighborhood.



July 2026 Current Expense Report

Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$4,262.24
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(This includes cash paid; plus Trinity's portion of SS & Medicare taxes, & some insurances)

Program Expenses	\$18.60
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(This includes Cash used to further our mission as a worshipping community)

Operations Expenses	\$1,360.17
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(This includes all utilities, multi-peril insurance, office supplies, and copier maintenance)

Conference Billing	\$1,070.18
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(This includes shared ministry and retiree premiums)

Total July Expenditures	\$6,711.19
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Prepared 08/15/26 by Lisa Bartholomew

Reflects July 31 Paychecks

Circle of Prayer

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Savior, and Friend, Jesus Christ.

Across the Susquehanna and Upper New York Conferences, we continue nurturing a culture of prayer that grounds our life and mission. As part of this commitment, we are expanding a Susquehanna initiative—the Circle of Prayer—to the entire episcopal area. Through this weekly rhythm, congregations and our Camp & Retreat Centers lift one another before God in intentional, sustained prayer.

Each week, Conference staff and churches across our area will be praying intentionally for the ministry, leadership, and people of our congregations. At least one congregation will be lifted in prayer each day.

This shared practice reflects Jesus' prayer for unity (John 17:21) and his call to love God and neighbor (Matthew 22:37–39). It strengthens our connectional identity and reminds us that every church and every disciple is part of one body—diverse yet united in Christ.

Please share this schedule with your congregation, include it in your weekly bulletin, remember one another in your worship gatherings, post it on your social media platforms, and join the circle by praying for the churches listed during their assigned weeks. Current and future schedules are available online, and will also be posted regularly in the Weekly Digest mid-week e-newsletter.

As we enter this rhythm of prayer, I hold this blessing from 2 Thessalonians 1:12: ***“We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”*** May this be true for every congregation across our episcopal area.

I continue praying for a season of revival! A renewed life of prayer will be the foundation as we form disciples who—empowered by the Holy Spirit—love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously so that lives and communities are transformed through Christ's healing and liberating love. Thank you for the ways you are living the Gospel and being God's love to your neighbors in all places.

Together in the journey, **Bishop Héctor A. Burgos-Núñez** The United Methodist Church
August 30 - September 5, 2026 15th Street Huntingdon UMC, Huntingdon, PA; Albright Bethune UMC, State College, PA; Alderson UMC, Harveys Lake, PA; Aline UMC, Mt Pleasant Mills, PA; Adamsville UMC, Red Lion, PA; Adirondack Community Church UMC, Lake Placid, NY; Afton UMC, Afton, NY; Agape UMC, West Seneca, NY; Altmar UMC, Altmar, NY; Adams Basin UMC, Spencerport, NY; Adams UMC, Adams, NY



Creation celebration added to church year

United Methodists are joining a Christian movement around the globe that aims to put more focus on God, the Creator. The new worship focus, shared by Catholics, Eastern Orthodox and fellow Protestants, comes as Christians of various traditions have committed to an Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action. Christians across traditions already reserve set times of the year to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, the birth of the church and all the saints who preceded us. So why not have a special time to celebrate what God did at the beginning of it all — the creation of the heavens and the earth? From Sept. 1 to Oct. 4, many United Methodists will have a chance to do that by joining with Catholics, Eastern Orthodox Christians and fellow Protestants in observing the Season of Creation. The new addition to the church calendar honors the triune God's role as creator. This year's theme, "Living Water," is based on Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 — a biblical vision of hope and ecological restoration. In the meantime, many Christians across traditions still plan to share a focus on creation through Oct. 4 — the feast day of the nature-loving St. Francis of Assisi and a time when many Catholic and Protestant churches already hold pet blessings. Not all traditions have the same understanding of what a feast day is. United Methodists rarely use the term, but in the wider Christian tradition, a feast is often another way of referring to a church holiday. We have good reasons to celebrate creator God and to rejoice in creation, which will hopefully inspire us to better care for God's gifts. The new observance that brings together Protestants, Catholics and Orthodox Christians

quite intentionally comes amid the Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action (2025-2034), organized by the World Council of Churches. As it happens, the world has just seen the devastation that can be caused by a warming planet with the rupture of a glacier that triggered flash flooding in Nepal and Tibet. At least 939 people are dead and more than 3,900 are missing as a result of the Aug. 26 floods.

The United Methodist Social Principles, approved at the 2024 General Conference, include what the denomination teaches about creation care. **“The climate emergency is not merely an environmental concern — it is a spiritual crisis and gospel moment rooted in our faith,”**

Discipleship Ministries and the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement, have assembled prayers, hymn suggestions and worship resources to mark both the new feast day and season. If churches don’t have time to join in this year’s festivities, they can always adopt the new holy day and season next year. John Wesley was clear that God is continuously at work in all creation and that we are stewards, not owners of the earth. And he called the people called Methodists in to become co-workers of God towards life for all. By *Heather Hahn* - Aug. 31, 2026 | UM News.

N.O.W. Minutes 8/19/2026

Present: Sheila Buske, Pam Hill, Connie LeBoeuf, Marge Zeller.

2 Timothy 1:6-7 (CEB) *Because of this, I’m reminding you to revive God’s gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands. God didn’t give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.*

Opening Prayer (unison) *Gracious God, we come together as a United Methodist community to open our meeting. Stir into flame the gifts you have given us. Remove any fear or doubt from our hearts. Fill us instead with your power, your deep love, and a clear, sound mind as we plan and serve. In the name of your loving son, Jesus. Amen.*

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

How have you seen God’s glory in loving acts lately?

New family in church, volunteer workers, healthcare workers, hope-filled Youtube podcasters.

Approve Minutes of 6-17-26 – Connie moved, approved.

Discuss Bishop Hector's Challenge – Bishop Hector sent a list of ten mission questions to all Conference churches, with a request that they be discussed at a leadership team meeting. The thought questions revolved around our nurture, outreach, and witness programs, and the general consensus was that we are doing pretty well in these areas, given our small size and average age. Our Nu-2-U Sales and Free-Will Dinners continue to serve the community, and regular small group studies including BibleKing are offered to all. Additionally, we support community programs such as Haven of Hope and Alcoholics Anonymous. Pastor Ruth leads monthly Communion services at Morningstar Nursing Home, and we participate every year in combined Lenten Services with Oswego First UMC, Journey of Faith UMC, and Minetto UMC. All-in-all, we feel that the Bishop would be pleased with our efforts. Our only expressed concerns are the shortage of workers and troubling national and world events. We pray as a congregation to, in the words of the Bishop, “move from anxiety and discouragement toward truthful, resurrection-shaped hope”.

Nurture – We have continued our Sunday School youth offerings, Bright and Cheerful cards, twice-weekly Discipleship Ministries email prayers promoting love of neighbor, and Secret Siblings program of prayers and monthly cards. Marge will lead the latest Adam Hamilton six-week study, “The Message of Jesus”, beginning September 13th. A “Spiritual Retreat in Nature” day will be offered later this Fall.

Outreach – Our August hamburger Free-Will Dinner served 13 guests and 6 workers. Thank you to all those who worked! September will feature pulled pork, roasted potatoes and veggies. It will be held downstairs in the newly renovated Abrams Hall. The Winter Coat Give-away will be held on October 10th from 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. The Nu-2-U Sale will be held on September 11th and 12th, with the \$5.00 bag sale on the 19th. Donations may be brought in from 9:00 a.m. until noon on Mon.-Thurs. starting in the first week in September.

Witness – Our T-shirt ice-cream outing at Bev’s was enjoyed by seven Trinity folks on July 11th, and Worship meetings continue to be held monthly. We are encouraged to wear our T-shirts to the annual Quilt Show at Oswego First UMC on October 17th, and a T-shirt lunch at Brittany’s will be on October 24th at noon.

Next Meeting – October 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Closing Prayer – *Gracious God, as we leave this place, fan into flame the gifts you gave us. You did not give us a spirit of fear. You gave us power, love, and a sound mind. Send us out into the world to love and serve our neighbors with bold hearts and calm spirits. Amen.*



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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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