



October 1, 2023

Welcome & Announcements

Honey Walters

Prelude

Amy Berger

As the Deer

***Call to Worship**

Honey Walters

***Hymn # 157**

Jesus Shall Reign

Children's Chat

Prayer Concerns

Honey Walters

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

Choir

Jesus is the Light of the World

Scripture

Erin Garl

Matthew 21: 23-32

Message

Carolyn Wirtz-Poelstra

Am I My Brother's Keeper

***Hymn # 203**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

***Sending Forth**

Postlude

Peace I Leave With You

**Please stand if able*



Church Wi-Fi Password

The church Wi-Fi password is
proverbs15:3 (small p and no spaces)



Hearing Loop Installed

Set your hearing aid to T-Coil.
For information, see our Ushers.

Please Pray For:

Diana Smith had surgery on September 28th.

Vivian Lavine has surgery on October 3rd.

Nicole Bliss has surgery on October 5th.

Ongoing Medical Concerns:

Nicole Bliss

Harold & Betty Collins

Lois Cook

Martha Dinkeldein

Jerry Freet

Betty Gwin

Brian MacGowan

Denny Myers

Kurt Schwartz

Jennifer Smith Taggard

David Willis, Sue Matthews' nephew

Traci, daughter of Dennis & Dianne's friend

Weekly Events

Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Office Hours

Tuesdays through Thursdays,
9:00 a.m. to noon.

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MEETINGS, SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

SCRIPTURE READERS

Don't forget there is a sign-up sheet next to the office for volunteers to read the scripture each Sunday! We still have a lot of blank Sundays!

VISIT FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Monday, October 2 at 6:30 pm, our District Superintendent will be here to conduct a Church Conference, to vote on a Single Board model of governance. Please plan to come, listen to her explanation, and be ready to vote.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

October 22 will be our Annual Charge Conference, at Trinity United Methodist Church, in Elkhart. That Sunday afternoon we will join with other churches in voting on various items for the coming year. Everyone is welcome; this is a different kind of Charge Conference than we have had in the past. It moves quickly and is rather energetic.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

There is a sign-up sheet outside the office for the nursery. Please volunteer to help out from 9:45-11 am on Sunday mornings.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

You will find an offering envelope in your box for you to give to the World-wide Communion Sunday Special Offering. This offering provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Help these students to achieve their educational goals to transform communities around the world.

HELP NEEDED!

We need volunteers to implement the Operation Christmas Child shoebox project. This is a short-term project, working together to plan how you can help with this project. Either tell Dorothy that you'd like to help in some way or sign up on the bulletin board. We will plan to meet next Sunday, Oct. 8 in the library after church for a short meeting to discuss how you can help children around the world to learn about God's love for them.

MEETINGS

- Thrift Shop meeting, Monday, October 2nd, at 9 am.
- Sarah Circle meeting, Wednesday, October 18th, 4-5 pm

INTRODUCTION TO OUR GUEST PASTOR

Carolyn is a certified pastoral candidate in the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. She is enrolled in the License to Preach School and plans to be finished with that next month. Currently she serves at South Bend Clay United Methodist Church as the Director of Operations, where she oversees the facilities, budget, the Preschool, and general Human Resources needs. She preaches at Clay on occasion, which she says she enjoys very much. So far, her favorite parts about being in ministry are connecting personally with people and working on strategic future planning. She is married to Brandon and have just celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary. They have two dogs, Lindy and Callie.

Matthew 21:23-32

Then Jesus was back in the Temple, teaching. The high priests and leaders of the people came up and demanded, "Show us your credentials. Who authorized you to teach here?"

Jesus responded, "First let me ask you a question. You answer my question and I'll answer yours. About the baptism of John – who authorized it: heaven or humans?"

They were on the spot and knew it. They pulled back into a huddle and whispered, "If we say 'heaven,' he'll ask us why we didn't believe him; if we say 'humans,' we're up against it with the people because they all hold John up as a prophet." They decided to concede that round to Jesus. "We don't know," they answered.

Jesus said, "Then neither will I answer your question.

"Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, 'Son, go out for the day and work in the vineyard.'

"The son answered, 'I don't want to.' Later on he thought better of it and went.

"The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, 'Sure, glad to.' But he never went.

"Which of the two sons did what the father asked?"

They said, "The first."

Jesus said, "Yes, and I tell you that crooks and whores are going to precede you into God's Realm. John came to you showing you the right road. You turned up your noses at him, but the crooks and whores believed him. Even when you saw their changed lives, you didn't care enough to change and believe him."