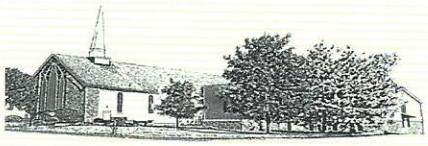
# Trinity Tidings

## August, 2017 - Tidbits



Baseball theme! Right after church!! Wear your Favorite team and enjoy the food, Fun, games and fellowship!!

### Change 4 Change

Please give your loose change on Sunday Mornings
to our
Change for Change Mission.

This Month's Mission

*ICCF*

We are teaming with Inner City Christian Federation for our mission focus this summer. ICCF helps those who are in need of family housing by providing opportunities and services that encourage family responsibility and independence, thereby helping to build stable communities.

During the next Sundays through July, our collections for ICCF's Family Haven will focus on Kitchen items such as: dishtowels, dishcloths, potholders, brooms/dustpans, mops, floor cleaner, disinfecting wipes, dish soap, paper towels, wastebaskets, garbage bags, used dish sets, utensils, pots & pans, silverware, food containers and bowls. Please consider the kitchen items that you use each day and be generous in helping these families as they set up a new household.

Come One
Come All
Children
Kindergarten through 8th grade.

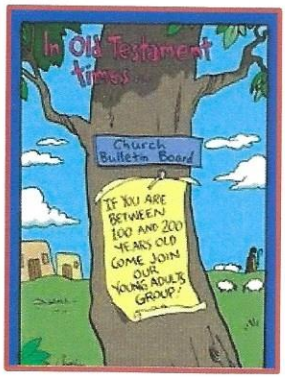
Arts and Sports Camp
August 14-17th
6:30pm to 8:30pm
We are having our very own

*Highland Games*

Come join in the Fun !!!

Breakfast
Aug 5th at
ICCF
8:00 am

Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall




### Monthly Meetings

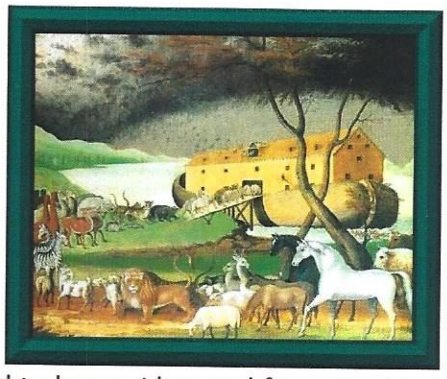
Christian Ed
Aug 6th
After Church
*Chairman*
*Aaron Smith*

Diaconate
Aug 2nd
6:00pm
*Chairman*
*Wally VanHouten*

Trustee Meeting
September 13th
6:30pm
*Chairman*

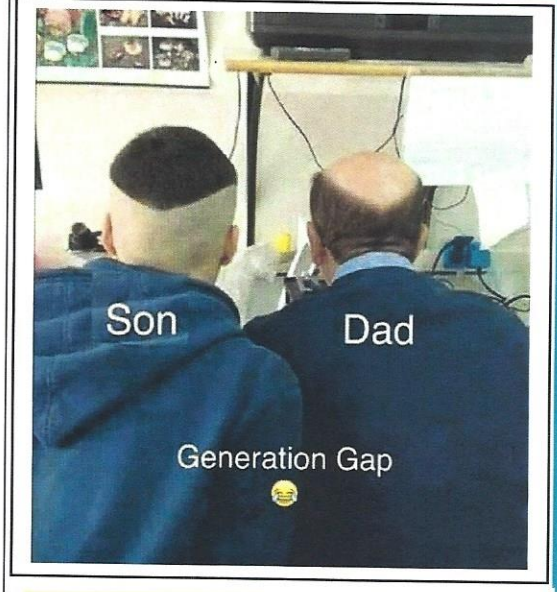
Council Meeting
September 20th
6:30pm
*Moderator*
*Steve Dyke*

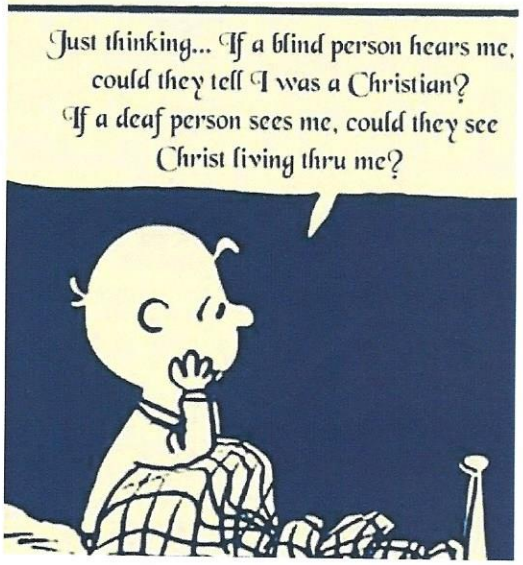
# Noah's Ark



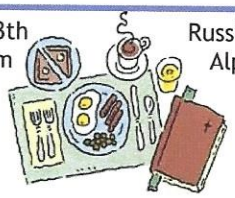
Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark
Don't miss the boat.
Remember that we are all in the same boat.
Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big
Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
Build your future on high ground.
For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
When you're stressed, float awhile.
Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

- Author Unknown




Aug 13th 8:30am Russ' on Alpine



MEN'S BREAKFAST

FIRESIDE chats

Sep 27th at 6:30pm

8:45am Bible STUDY Join us! 6:00pm

## Openers for August

1st - Cherie DeHaan
10th - Phil Stewart
17th - Eric Schweinzger
24th - Mike Hoogewind

## Serving Among Us For September

Deacon of the Month
Elaine VanHouten

| Date | Acolyte | Coffee | Greeters | Opener | Ushers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Sammy Timm | Mike & Ann Shannon | Bill TenBrink | Cherie DeHaan | Keane & Amy Quinn |
| 10 | Jennifer Dyke | Nancy Trew & Betty VerStrat | Donna VanZytveld | Phil Stewart | Rose Baker |
| 17 | Addison Wright | Eric & Jane Schweinzger | Jamie Hoogewind Addison Wright | Eric Schweinzger | Mike & MaryBeth Hoogewind |
| 24 | Ethan Reynders | Kathy Wilson Judy York | Mike & MaryBeth Hoogewind | Roger Alberts | Roger & Fern Alberts |

**Pastor Izzy Ramblings...**

What is August for most of us?

August is a time of preparation. It is a time when football players go to camp and begin to prepare for a new season. It is a time when families go on their final vacations as they begin to prepare for a return to normalcy. It is a time when students go back to school shopping in preparation for a new school year. It is a time when the church begins to prepare for the new church year as it gathers in those who have been gone for the summer.

So what must we begin to prepare for here at Trinity as we look ahead to September?

We must begin to prepare for a pivot or a change to the rhythm of our church cadence.

**Tuesday Night** church night is a change or a pivot that is going to take place. We are in the process of putting together many entry points for those at Trinity to enter small group ministry on Tuesday night.

Some small groups on Tuesday night are: youth group, comparative religions, book study on Ragamuffin Gospel, craft and sewing, men's ministry, and children's ministry.

If there is anyone who has a request for a small group that they would like to see formed or they would like to lead please let a deacon or me know so we can include you with our Tuesday night small group night.

**Wednesday Night** board meetings will return. Most of our church boards have been on Sabbatical over the summer and they are going to reconvene once the calendar turns to September. Our boards left a lot of things on the chalk board in May that must be picked up and decided on when we get back together.

**Music Ministry** is moving from Wednesday nights. Over the past year it became evident that music and board night didn't co-exist very well. Many nights our meetings would run late and interfere with choir. So music ministry is in the process of finding a new night. So stay tuned for more details.

**Unity/Diversity** will be our running undercurrent for the next church calendar year. How do we as a church remain united as a very diverse church? The training/workshop that was scheduled for July 29 has been moved to August 27 so that more folks are able to attend.

We as a church are united under the banner of Jesus Christ. But how do we go about honoring the diversity of our growing church so that it can properly bear fruit?

We are a church of folks who have been here for a long time and also a church that has seen a tremendous influx of new members/attendees over the last 3 years.

We are a church steeped in tradition, yet we are a church that has a growing population that seeks more than what is traditional church.

We are a church that is growing with children/youth while also ministering to an aging population.

We are a church that has for a long time been a rural/farming church that is seeing lots of Grand Rapids growth easing its way into our backyards.

We are a church that has traditionally been a homogenous group of people who look, think, and speak alike but how do we minister to those who are different than us that are our next door neighbors as Grand Rapids growth moves into our part of the world?

We as a church should not be looking to create a culture in our church that does not exist but instead we need to be a church that is aware and able to respond to what is happening in our church and in our neighborhoods, so that when it comes to our church and our neighborhoods (and it is coming) we are ready to minister in new and different ways all the while being united and uncompromising that Jesus Christ is our lord, savior, and truth.

All of these things will be on the table as we meet in August and I hope and pray that you are able to join us.

August is a time of preparation. Are you ready for what God is doing and is going to do in the year ahead?

Blessings,

Pastor Izzy

# Help Wanted

Position: Volunteer Teacher (4 position available)

Description of Job: You would be responsible for leading a Sunday school class. Sunday school class includes going over the rules, going over the bible verse, singing 2 songs and then teaching the lesson.

Qualifications:

- Must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Must have a desire to work with kids.
- Has a basic knowledge of the bible.

No experience in teaching needed because there will be training before you start! If interested or have questions please contact Pastor Aaron at aaron.smith135@Gmail.com by August 27, 2017.

# Trinity Congregational Church ~~ August 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1<br>Youth Group 1-4<br>Art Museum (bring Money for snacks)<br>b-Jamie Hoogewind | 2<br>Diaconate 6:00p<br>Softball Game 6:15p<br>Brown Bag and Prayer 12p<br>b-Brooke DeGraaf | 3<br>a-Dave & Linda Borck | 4 | 5<br>ICCF -Breakfast |
| 6<br>Worship 10:00am w/Communion<br>Bible Study 8:45a or 6:00p | 7<br>b-Dave Borck | 8<br>b-Bill TenBrink | 9 | 10<br>Green Acres 10:00<br>Herron Woods 11:30 | 11 | 12<br>Men's Breakfast 8:30a – Russ' |
| 13<br>Worship 10:00a w/ICCF Speaker<br>Bible Study 8:45a or 6:00p<br>b-Aaron Smith | 14 | 15 | 16<br>Boulder Creek 1:30p<br>Brown Bag and Prayer 12p | 17<br>a-Tom & Jackie Lamoreaux | 18<br>b-Signe Engman | 19 |
| 20 Church Picnic<br>JAM Worship 10:00a<br>Bible Study 8:45a or 6:00p | 21 | 22 | 23<br>Brown Bag and Prayer 12p<br>b-MaryBeth Hoogewind | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27<br>Worship 10:00a<br>Bible Study 8:45a or 6:00p<br>Discipleship Training 12:00 – 5:00 pm | 28 | 29 | 30<br>Brown Bag and Prayer 12p<br>b-Dort Bishop | 31<br>b-Hayden Hoogewind | Opener of the Month<br>Jan Hoogewind<br>b-Birthday<br>a-Anniversary | **Deacon of the Month**<br>**Ruth Stewart** |

**Pastor Izzy on vacation August 7-August 13th**

**Highland Games: Arts and Sports Camp****** 5:30 to 8:00pm**

| *Date* | *Acolyte* | *Coffee* | *Greeters* | *Ushers* | *Nursery* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | Becca Hoogewind | Jim & Josie Piccard | Keane & Amy Quinn | Keane & Amy Quinn | Jan Hoogewind |
| 13 | Caleb Smith | Tom & Jackie Lamoreaux | Rose Baker | Mike & MaryBeth Hoogewind | Mayra Smith |
| 20 | Jayna Dyke | Church Picnic | Jan Hoogewind | Harry Moore | Mary Beth Hoogewind |
| 27 | Autumn VanDyke | Cherie DeHaan | Cherie DeHaan | Ryan & Amber Bouwkamp | Mary VanDyke |