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The Observer



Clinton First *Ignited* Methodist Church



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Facing Cancer Head on!

Trinity Rector's Story



Joyce, Jocelin and Trinity-Ready for the prom.

The Diagnosis-Trinity Rector is a teen who lives with her younger sister, Jocelin, and her grandmother, Joyce Harvey. In August of 2017, Trinity, while on a trip to Holiday World, suffered from great pain in her leg. Within a week, she was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a rare bone cancer, in her leg and going to Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. The month of

August was filled with many trips to Riley for diagnostic x-rays and scans.

Chemo and Surgery-Trinity started chemo twice a month in September, which required in-patient hospital stays that lasted anywhere from 4-9 days. Jocelin spent those days at her other grandmother's house in Indianapolis. Trinity's chemo was halted at the end of November for her first surgery. Chemo continued until the second surgery in mid-January. The second surgery was major. A tumor was removed in her leg, along with having a total knee replacement and removing 5" of bone above the knee. That was followed by a third surgery to remove more muscle above her knee. Chemo resumed and continued until mid-May. Thankfully, after that, she received a good report and will return August 27 for a check-up. In the meantime, Trinity is still traveling to Indianapolis once a week for physical therapy on her leg. Church



Too much walking after the prom led to a fun ride in a red wagon!



At the prom!

members have been providing meals on those exhausting Mondays.

Love and Support-During and since that time, the family has received an outpouring of well-deserved love and support from both inside and outside the community. Joyce pointed out, “A lot of kids at Riley are having similar experiences in their communities. So many things have happened that have helped keep the kids uplifted.” Here is that part of her story:

Awesome Christmas-In the meantime, good things began to happen. At Christmas, members of the Clinton City Police and Vermillion County Sheriff’s Department appeared with LOADS of Christmas gifts for both Trinity and Jocelin, which included a Nikon camera. They also presented Joyce with a gift card. Those funds were used to go to Georgia to meet cousins that they had never met. This came about due to Officer



Misty, Trinity’s service dog, received a pet blessing from Pastor Tom during the service on June 10.

Brandon Mahady’s friendship with Trinity. He shared with Trinity that he had had a melanoma on his leg, also. They are really good buddies. In fact, whenever the family is gone, the Clinton City Police Department watches the house for them.

Misty, the Service Dog-At Riley Hospital, Trinity’s doctor, Stephen Rhodes, became close to her and her family and has gone out of his way to help them. For example, he approved her receiving a service dog. Thus, Misty, a German shepherd, born on December 27, was purchased in early April. Social Services recommended her to an organization named Little Wish, which awarded a gift certificate to help with expenses of dog food and care. Misty and Trinity are attending service training once a week and will do so for a year.

The Prom!-Riley Cancer Unit hosts a prom for the patients AND their families each year. This year the big day was May 4. Trinity, Jocelin, and Joyce were all treated to a Spa Day with manicures and hair styling. The Unit also provided outfits and shoes for the girls. Dr. Rhodes came to the prom and danced with Trinity to the song, “Let It Go” from the movie, *Frozen*. Even though Trinity had to roll her IV to the prom, she still had a great time!

The Crop-In order to help repay the generosity shown them, Joyce, who is an excellent scrapbooker, organized and led a scrapbook workshop or “Crop” on May 12. \$1,600 was raised to support the Ronald McDonald House and Alex’s Lemonade Stand.

Indy 500-Rolls Royce sponsored an outing on May 19 to see the qualifying and practice runs at the Indianapolis 500 track, to meet drivers, and see the cars. Trinity met Jay Howard, who is connected with One Cure, a foundation working for cancer research for animals and children.



Trinity meets Jay Howard, Indy car race driver

The Rosedale Strawberry Festival and Car Show sponsors and raises funds for a family each year that's going through an unexpected, traumatic experience. This year, Trinity was selected! She was recognized at the festival. When Misty developed Parvo, a disease often deadly to puppies, funds from the festival and car show were used to pay vet bills. Happily, Misty is cured!



Alaska

Going to Alaska!-Dr. Rhodes also recommended Trinity for Make a Wish, an organization that grants wishes to families who are going through traumatic experiences. Trinity's wish was a trip to Alaska! This wish will be realized soon. Joyce, Jocelin, and Trinity will visit Alaska from July 25-31. They will fly into Fairbanks with three stopovers on the way. Make a Wish is providing a Send-Off Party on July 22. See the invite below!

You're invited to the Send Off Party!

Sunday, July 22 from 2-4pm.

Clinton Community Center -Main & Blackman

Drop-ins are welcome to attend!



Dr. Rhodes has commented that Trinity's positive spirit has helped her, but also uplifted those around her. Please continue to pray for and support this special family.



Help Needed to Build Large Ramp!

-A ramp build is scheduled for Thursday, July 19.

This is a big ramp so lots of help is needed. It is in Clinton at the home of William Stuck at 860 Nebeker Street. This is just off South 9th Street. It is a yellow house on the corner. Please let me know if you will be able to help. We will start around 8:30. Please call me if you can help.

THANKS Gary {Andis}

Note: An inside ramp was recently completed in St. Bernice. The woman who received it was extremely grateful, since she now doesn't have to crawl into her home when no one else is home!

Welcome Back, Denise and E.D.!



Denise and ED Doss were in town for the week and we were blessed to have them in church and also able to meet with us for buffet lunch on Sunday, July 8, at noon. We had 29 people join together at China Dragon Buffet. ED sang a beautiful song during the offertory in church and then sang the "Lord's Prayer" at the restaurant before our lunch. It was so good to have the two of them back for a visit. Come back any time, Denise and ED. We love you. Peggy Strobel

Special Fifth Sunday Dinner, July 29 at noon!

Saying Farewell to the Freys



Tom and Sandee Frey have been mainstays both in our church and the community for many years. Please join the congregation in saying farewell at the dinner on July 29th at noon as they begin their new life in Covington.

Meats, drinks, and tableware will be provided. For example, Carter Crouch is planning to cook his famous meatloaf.. Please bring your appetite, a well-filled covered dish on this special day!

THIS is What You Have to Look Forward To!

Fifth Sunday Dinner in April!



Several people check out the feast on April 29! Note Tom Frey in the upper left picture. We will miss the Freys!

Esther Circle News



May 15 Meeting

The Esther Circle met on May 15 at the church. Phyllis Marsof served as hostess and opened the meeting by sharing a devotion, "The Beauty of God's Blessings."

Members attending were Margie Lapworth, Martha Rutan, Mary Ten Have, Kathy Davis, Ruth Hollingsworth, Karen Hartman, Lou Ann Andis, and Audrey Lientz.

President Karen Hartman opened the business portion of the meeting by calling for the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report. Audrey Lientz gave the reports and they were approved. Highlights from the April minutes included news of the church: New sidewalks will be poured in front of the church. The kitchen has been painted, which has greatly brightened up the kitchen. New lights have been installed downstairs in the Fellowship Hall and hallways. She also gave a report about the luncheon that was served to the Parke/Vermillion Retired Teachers Association on May 14. There were 48 people who enjoyed the luncheon. Annette Trotter from a tour company in Terre Haute was the guest speaker.

On June 2, the Circle will serve a luncheon for the Vermillion County Community Foundation to show appreciation for the scholarship recipients and their families.

Karen read an article about the role of mothers. The meeting closed with a prayer circle and refreshments were served by the hostess.



Workers at the June 2 Community Foundation dinner

June 19 Meeting

Margie Lapworth hosted the June 19 meeting of the Esther Circle. She opened the meeting by sharing a devotion from a book entitled "When God Whispers Your Name." Other members attending were Martha Rutan, Karen Hartman, Ruth Hollingsworth, Phyllis Marsof, and Audrey Lientz. President Karen Hartman opened the business portion of the meeting by calling for the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report.

Donations were made to the general fund of the church, Vacation Bible school held at Wayside Methodist Church, Vermillion County Fair 4-H Auction and six months' support for the Compassion Child.

The circle will not meet in July or August. Lou Ann Andis will host the September 18 meeting at her home in Hillsdale and she will also give the program. During the closing prayer circle many prayer concerns were lifted up. The hostess served refreshments and a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

Thank you for Providing Pork for Food Pantry



Audrey Lientz thanked Ed Shew for collecting funds and bidding on pigs at the 4-H hog auction on June 22. Ed was able to buy several hogs and has done this for several years.





Rose at one month old. Blanket was lovingly made by Peggy Strobel..

It's a Girl!!!!

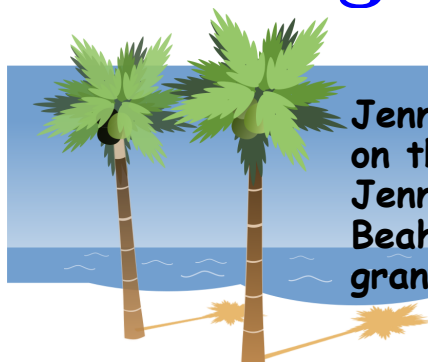
Announcing the birth of
Rose Marguerite Strobel Sangwa.

Rose was born on June 14, 2018, at 6.7 lbs. and 20.5". Proud parents are Madlen Strobel and her fiancé Buledy Sangwa.

Proud American grandparents-in-love are Chuck and Peggy Strobel. Madlen is their "daughter-in-love" from Plauen, Germany.

Madlen, Buledy, and Rose now live near London, England. Madlen has been to visit many times since 1998. She loves and is a part of our church family.

Wedding Bells on the Beach!



Jennifer Miller married Greg Finley on July 8 on the beach at Indian Shores, Florida. Jennifer is the daughter of Joy and Darrell Beahm, sister of Ashley Downs, and granddaughter of Margie Lapworth.

Promotion Sunday!

Congratulations to the following boys and girls!

Promoted to--

Brynn Hoover--First Grade

Jacob Bridgewater—Sixth Grade

Jeffery Davis—Sixth Grade

Carter Crouch—High School



Congratulations to the Graduates!



Daisy Roberts

Daisy is the daughter of Nicole and Mike McDowell and John and Debbie Roberts. She is the granddaughter of Dean and Sally Harris. Daisy graduated May 5 from Indiana University with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She plans to work at a group home this summer, then continue her education to attain a Master's Degree in social work.

Angela Crouch

Angela is married to Loren Crouch and is the mother of six children. She is the daughter-in-law of Carter and Juanita Crouch and the granddaughter of Audrey Lientz. She will graduate from the Florida Institute of Technology on August 26 and receive an associate's degree in Applied Psychology. She plans on continuing her education to get a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Psychology, followed by a Master's Degree to become a substance abuse counselor.



Maci Weeks

Maci is the daughter of Tim & Randi Lyn Weeks and the granddaughter of Janna and Randy Hogan. She will study journalism & continue her career at Wheaton College.



Mostaccioli Dinner

***Everyone is invited for delicious
Italian food and fellowship!***

In the barn

Saturday & Sunday,

September 1 & 2

11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Menu:

***Mostaccioli, salada, Italian bread,
and drinks***

Dessert by donation!

***Presented by the Wabash Valley
United Methodist Church Cluster
Proceeds to help the Cluster Youth Groups
Fellowship and Community Involvement***

***More details to come
Sally Harris, contact person***



Walk to End Alzheimer's, Sun, Sept. 16

Fairbanks Park Amphitheater

***Please put the date above on your calendar!
Once again, our church will have a team!
Peggy Strobel will be providing more details later.***

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place Sunday, Sept. 16 at Fairbanks Park Amphitheater in Terre Haute. Nearly 800 people from Vigo and surrounding counties are expected at this year's event to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer's disease. Participants will complete a 1- or 3-mile walk and learn about Alzheimer's disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical studies enrollment and support programs and services from the Alzheimer's Association.

There are more than 110,000 Hoosiers living with the disease and 338,000 Indiana caregivers, according to the Alzheimer's Association. In the United States, 5.7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, the sixth leading cause of death and the only disease among the top 10 causes that cannot be cured, prevented, or even slowed. Additionally, more than 15 million family and friends provide care to people with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

(Taken from the Terre Haute TribuneStar)

JULY			
Day(s)	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	July 22	2:00-4:00pm	Send-Off Party for Trinity at Community Center (See P. 3)
Sunday	July 29	Noon	Fifth Sunday Dinner
AUGUST			
TBA	Late Aug.	TBA	Cluster Ice Cream Social--Details coming soon
TBA	Late Aug	TBA	BTS (Back-to-School) Bible School at Clinton First!
SEPTEMBER			
Sat. & Sun.	Sept. 1-2	11:00a-8:00p	Mostaccioli Dinner in the barn
Monday	Sept. 3	-----	Labor Day
Sunday	Sept. 16	TBA	Walk to End Alzheimer's- Fairbanks Park Amphitheater
Tuesday	Sept. 18	7:00 pm	Esther Circle at Lou Ann Andis' home



Prayer Concerns

*Telecare Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer request or concern, email at clintonfirst@gmail.com

Pathfinder's New Study



The world encourages you to love yourself, believe in yourself and tell yourself that you are intelligent, capable, beautiful, wonderful. But deep down, what do you most want to know? What does God think of you? What is your true worth?

In these nine Bible studies on self-esteem, you'll gain an essential understanding of who you are and how God is restoring you to wholeness. If you have the least amount of interest, please stop in the Pathfinders'

Sunday school class as they begin a new study, *Self-Esteem: Seeing Ourselves as God Sees Us*. "O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me." Psalms 139:1.



Please Volunteer!

Help is often needed with coffee times and being a liturgist. The dates available are on the tables in the coffee room and in the foyer.



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Upcoming Events:

Fifth Sunday Dinner--Sunday, July 29 Noon

Saying Goodbye to the Freys

BTS Bible School --late August

Cluster Ice Cream Social--August

Regular Events Calendar

Sunday	9:30 am	Worship service
		Communion 1st Sunday
	11:00 am	Sunday school for all ages
Tues.	7:00 pm	Worship at Chateau
Thurs.	6:30 pm	Bible Study, Battlefield of the Mind