

Trinity United Methodist Church

Connecting People to God and One Another

FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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Monday-Wednesday-Friday
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

WHAT'S GOING ON IN FEBRUARY

Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday Service
Praise Worship
Carnation Sunday
Lenten Book Study
Prayer Study

REGULAR FEATURES

Usher/Greeter List
Calendar
Church Finances
Women's Outreach News
Prayer Concerns
Birthdays
Anniversaries

Ad Council will meet
Tuesday February 9 at 6:30
PM (Day changed due to
Ash Wednesday)

CARNATION SUNDAY

Once again we will celebrate Valentine's Day with our traditional sale of carnations. The cost will be \$1.25 each. You may dedicate carnations to a friend, family member or even someone anonymously and include a special message. The carnations will be here on Sunday February 14 and an insert in the bulletin will list them all with a special note from each purchaser. If you miss the sign up call Vikki in the church office to place an order.



LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 10

The season of Lent will begin on Wednesday February 10. We will begin the season with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. The service will feature communion and the imposition of ashes. Mark your calendar and invite all your friends and family.

VALENTINE BAKE SALE

Valentine's Day Bake Sale: Cold winter weather is a great time to indulge in baking! Cakes, pies, cookies, bars, or maybe make some candy treats. Bring them to church for a big spread! To make it a festive day, ladies are asked to wear a hat, cap or special headpiece.



Items for the sale may be brought in on Friday during office hours or early Sunday morning. Please, if possible, price the items and remember, all profits of the sale will be a church benefit.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Wednesday morning Prayer Breakfast will be on hiatus until March 30, 2016 – have a great winter.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Courage to Challenge our Comfort Zone

Habakkuk 2:3 Common English Bible (CEB)

"There is still a vision for the appointed time; it testifies to the end; it does not deceive. If it delays, wait for it; for it is surely coming; it will not be late.

February Greetings,

Are we seeing clearly the potential God would have for us as the church in the world today? It is also possible that we are uneasy about the consequences of casting a vision that may be a challenge to complete? Casting a vision requires leadership to guide us collectively out of our comfort zone for worthy causes, and challenges us to individually do the same.

If the church were what God designed the church to be in the world today, what would/could it be like? By discerning this question, we have to begin understanding what it means to challenge the status quo. A shared vision has the potential to move us much closer to that ideal. Leaders are aware of the cost, but they are also willing to take risks to achieve the vision that is of so much greater value.

Visionaries must allow their minds to capture new images of what could be. That takes courage, and it involves risk. God has called people throughout history to be visionaries. This is not a new idea or concept. Moses was told by God from a burning bush, "I've come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that's full of milk and honey, a place where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live." (Exodus 3:8).

Not only do we need a vision in our personal lives, but as a community of faith we need to capture a vision unique to Trinity United Methodist Church as we work to live out our mission statement, "Connecting People to God and One Another". Unless we are moving in that direction, we cannot be content in our lives.

I desire to share, via this message, that a visionary piece is about to take place at Trinity. The Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee has directed that all future newsletters will be sent

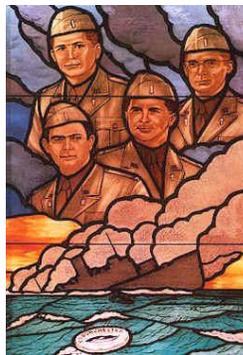
out in an electronic (pdf) format. Beginning with the March 2016 issue, please look to your e-mail inbox to find your monthly newsletter. If you have yet to provide your e-mail address to the church please do so as soon as you are able. You may send it to mtumc@frontier.com.

A few copies will be available to those that may not be connected/wired. You may pick that up when you are in the building.

Blessings to you in this winter season,
Pastor Jeff



FOUR CHAPLAINS INTERFAITH MEMORIAL SERVICE



On February 3, 1943 the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was tragically sunk. Of the 902 young men on board only 230 survived. Many of those survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership exhibited by the heroic Four Chaplains, who in sacrificing their lives, created a unique legacy of brotherhood.

For more on the story of these four brave men <http://homeofheroes.com/brotherhood/chaplains.html>.

Everyone is invited to participate in the Four Chaplains Service on February 2 at 11 AM at St. John's Catholic School in Princeton. The school is located at 125 N 4th St.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

 During the six weeks of Lent Pastor Jeff will be leading a book study. The book is John, The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton. The class will meet Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM starting February 17 until March 23. The cost of the book is \$15.00. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. For more information talk with Pastor Jeff.

PRAYER STUDY

We live in a world of noise. Everywhere we go, we hear sounds that compete for our minds and hearts. Listening to God requires a deliberate choice to shut out the noise. Do you sometimes have trouble doing that? Then we have the answer for you - Dorthy Radley will be leading a Sunday morning study on prayer. It is called *Listen...Praying in a Noisy World* by Bishop Ruben P. Job. The class will meet at 8:45 AM on February 28, March 6 & 13, April 3, 10 & 24. There is a book to go along with the class and we are looking into used books and will have the cost of the book later. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex as time draws nearer. For more information talk to Dorthy.



HEAD USHERS NEEDED

We are looking to expand our list of head ushers. The job is easy – help hand out bulletins, collect offering, make sure lights are on for worship. It is usually a monthly rotation and if we had two or three more volunteers you would only have to usher about once every five or six months. If you are interested in learning more about this please talk to Vikki in the church office.



MISSION NEWS

The Mission Committee is looking for suggestions of missions to support this year, especially through our Noisy Can collections. There has been a suggestion sheet in the bulletin but if you missed it or have thought of a new mission idea please let Margaret Eddingsaas know.



The January Noisy Can brought in \$61.62 for the Marquette County Salvation Army. Our February Noisy Can will go to help pay for our new furnace here at church. Save you change and as always remember the Food Bank when you come to church

BULLETIN DEDICATIONS

Each Sunday the opportunity is available to anyone who wishes to donate the bulletins for the worship service. The cost of \$12 (the cost of the bulletins) will allow you to have a message printed in the Sunday bulletin honoring a loved one, celebrating a special event – whatever you wish. Please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board next to the office, or you can call the church office, 297-2326 to make a dedication. The following dedications were made this past month:

January 10: In celebration of Karlene Utke and Brandon Daniels birthdays

January 17: In memory of my brothers and parents from Susan Alexander



STEWARSHIP MESSAGE

President and Congress make IRS Charitable Rollover Permanent

If you are 70 1/2 or older and have a Traditional or Roth IRA you may give up to \$100,000 to a charitable organization without being subject to income tax on the distribution. In addition, the gift satisfies all or in part the annual **Required Minimum Distribution** from the IRA.

We encourage you to consider an IRA Charitable Rollover gift to your local church or any United Methodist ministry of your choosing. You may make a direct charitable gift to fund your church's operating budget, fund a special project or establish a permanent endowment fund to benefit your church in perpetuity.

It is wise to consult your IRA custodian or financial planner to assist you. The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation is available to assist you as well. Please call us toll-free at 1-888-903-9863 or email us at wumf@wumf.org.

If you prefer to channel your IRS Charitable Rollover gift through the Foundation office to your local church or a number of United Methodist ministries, we are happy to do so. Please call the Foundation!

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
750 Windsor Street Ste 305
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
1-608-837-9582
wumf@wumf.org

CHURCH FINANCES

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
January 3	43	1532.00
January 10	48	4452.00
January 17	48	1226.00
January 24	56	904.51
January 31	N/A at this time	

\$11,373.00 is needed monthly to pay all bills

SCRIP SHOPPING CARDS

Many stores and businesses sell their shopping cards to the church at a discounted rate. If you buy these cards through the church you still get the full face value of the card and the church gets the discount so it costs you nothing extra to support the church. If you are thinking of a large purchase such as a new TV or computer why not ask Susan to order extra cards for you to pay for it. It would make a great addition to your giving to the church.

Susan usually has the basic Walmart and Kwik Trip cards on hand all the time. If there is a special store you are interested in purchasing cards talk to Susan and she will see if they are available

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Do you have a hard time remembering your giving envelope each Sunday? Would you like to not have to write a check to the church each week? Then electronic giving might be for you. You can have funds transferred directly from your checking or savings account to the church account – it can be done bi-monthly, monthly or quarterly. Only regular offering to the general fund can be done electronically all special giving must be done manually, it's safe secure and easy just ask someone who already does it. If you are interested ask Vikki for a form to fill out



ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

The 2015 giving statements are now available in the narthex. Please pick yours up the fewer we have to mail the more we save on postage. If you did not get yours please give Vikki a call in the church office and she will make arrangements for you to receive it.



EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS



For the past 16 years Trinity has been blessed to give scholarships to our college students. It is once again time to make your application if you will be

furthering your education next year. The award will be announced in May but now is the time to apply. The deadline for applications is March 31. First time applicants will need a letter of recommendation from a church member. Call the church office today for an application

ONE HEART WOMEN'S SEMINAR

Saturday February 27

This annual inter-denominational seminar speaks to each woman's heart as together we prayerfully search for a more meaningful relationship with God. This year's speakers are Kim Ciolkosz who will draw lessons from the lives of the women of the Bible to encourage us to seek God in our own season of life. Janet Wigel will share how God rearranged her life and prepared her to serve Him in a new way and Trich Propson will encourage us to strengthen our relationships and share the light of Christ in our world.



Tickets are \$25 by February 13 and \$35 after February 13 and include lunch. Brochures are on the bulletin board in the narthex next to the office.

PRAISE WORSHIP Come As You Are

Each month on the third Sunday we have an extra worship service at 8:30 AM. This is a contemporary praise worship service. There is lots of music, all on the screens with the words, and Pastor Jeff gives an inspiring message. If you have never attended a contemporary service you should join us on February 21 for our next one. They are very informal and high energy. We would love to see you there – bring a friend or two.



MARQUETTE COUNTY FOOD BANK

Volunteers at the Food Bank have noted that while food supplies are adequate to provide for the needy there are items that are not usually available. Things such as personal supplies: Soaps, shampoo, shaving cream, toothpaste as well as baby supplies of diapers and baby food.



Please keep the above things in mind as well as food supplies and bring something to church with you when you come. Don't forget brown bags and egg cartons.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Country, Our Leaders, Our Military

John Sumwalt

Kerry Dagner

Tom Bloom

Olga Pejchar

Rosalie Milner

Scott Turner

Jack Giencke

Pearl Hunborg

Peggy Giencke

Irene Lazar

Jon Ebert

Dick Roidt

Sharon Ahles

Michael Welch

Iris Mueller

Nancy Thalacker

Tyler Bloom

Margaret Eddingsaas



Bill, Nola's friend

Carl, Wayne Reiche's brother

Ann, Jan Ebert's sister-in-law

Danielle Vultaggio, Karlene Utke's daughter

Jenny Hurley, Susan Hutching's mom

Kim, Nola's daughter-in-law

Kathy, Linda Napralla's sister

Marie, friend of Radleys

Stephan Rose, friend of Ramona Hill

Bonnie, friend of Nola Grace

Dick Charles, friend of Nola Grace

Bruce, friend of Ed Thalacker

Bob Vohland, Shirley Dagner's brother

Cathy, friend of Linda Napralla

Charles, Linda Napralla brother-in-law

Marsha, Sharon Ahles cousin

Cindy, Nancy Thalacker's daughter-in-law

Tommy, friend of Michael Welch

Connie, friend of Vikki Trimble

Anne Morin, friend of Nola

Tom, friend of Roger Eddingsaas

Jennie, Roger Eddingsaas's mom

Mirko, friend of Ruebs

Natalie, friend of Jan Ebert

Heidi, Andy Zellmer's cousin

Marilyn, friend of Beth Turner

Rae, friend of Reiches

Alexis Mahler family, friends of Linda Napralla

THE PRAYER CHAIN



We have a wonderful group of prayer warriors just waiting for your prayer requests. If you have someone or something you would like us to pray for please call the church office to have it added to our chain. Prayer helps – let us help.

CHURCH WEBSITE

With winter here remember to check out the church website, www.montellotumc.org for updated cancellations and plans due to weather. While you're at it check out all the information on the site – if you miss church you can hear the sermons under the home tab and then under worship.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEWS

Work continues on the home in Wild Rose, the Eilers family (recipients of this home) have been working on the build and are anxiously waiting the completion sometime this spring.



If you know of a family that would benefit from a Habitat house please pass the contact information on to the Habitat office at 920-787-2888. The next house in 2016 should be built on one of the Green Lake or Marquette county lots.

There are many volunteer opportunities within the Habitat organization. There are construction crews, a fund raising committee, family selection committee, publicity committee and church relations committee. We are always looking for new members to achieve a cross blend of the 3 county area so give us a call at 920-787-2888 if this sounds interesting and exciting.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Brittany Zellmer
5 Ryker Trimble
9 Dennis Kamin
11 Margaret Eddingsaas
11 Linda Tanner
13 Mary Kamin
14 Kerilyn Beaudry
14 Mandi Genord
15 Roger Schoenherr
17 Maureen Becraft
19 Sandy Liepert
23 Alex Oakes
23 Bodie Bloom
27 Pearl Hunborg



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Eileen Murre
Celebrating 13 years
February 8

Mark & Shelley Robinson
Celebrating 43 years
February 10

Dave & Joan Lichtfeld
Celebrating 62
February 20

Pat & Sue McFarland
Celebrating 46 years
February 22



NEW GIVING OPTIONS

MANAGE YOUR GIVING ON LINE

You can now manage your giving online! Giving on line is easy and allows you to make a one time donation or to set up recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at montellotumc.org
2. Click on the Giving Tab
3. Click on the link
4. Follow the on screen directions to create an online profile and to schedule your giving.

DONATE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE

A mobile version of our online giving page is available to make it easy for you to give anything from your smart phone. Simply scan the QR code you see here or in the Sunday bulletins using your smart phone's QR reader and locate the online giving page.



For questions on any of our electronic giving options please talk to Vikki in the church office

CARD REQUEST

Jim Young, son of Stan & Dorothy Young would like to have a card shower for Stan & Dorothy for their 75th anniversary on March 8. The cards should be sent to:

Stan & Dorothy
735 Clardell Dr,
Sun Prairie, WI 53590.

