

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting People to God and One Another

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Pastor: Kristen Lowe
608-297-2326
Office Hours:
Monday-Wednesday-Friday
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

WHAT'S GOING IN FEBRUARY

5 Love Languages Study
Upper Room Discussion
Word Worms

REGULAR FEATURES

Usher/Greeter List
Calendar
Church Finances
Thrift Shop News
Prayer Concerns
Birthdays
Anniversaries

ASH WEDNESDAY/LENT Wednesday March 6

This year the season of Lent begins on Wednesday March 6. We will begin the season with our traditional Ash Wednesday service, with the imposition of ashes at 7:00 PM. All are welcome, invite your friends and family.

CARNATION SUNDAY Sunday February 10

Celebrate Valentine's Day by surprising your friends and loved ones with carnations on Sunday morning. The cost will be \$1.50 each. You may dedicate flowers to a friend, family member or even someone anonymously. You may include a special message to be printed in the bulletin. The carnations will be here on Sunday February 10 and an insert in the bulletin will list them all with the message from each purchaser. If you miss the sign up call the church office to place your order.

CHURCH WEBSITE

Remember to check out the church website, www.montellotumc.org for updates, new programs and any cancellations due to weather. While on the site check out all the great pages – if you miss church you can even hear the sermons.

THREE IN ONE

Everyday objects can serve as simple lessons about biblical truth. To illustrate the profound concept of the Trinity, for example, some teachers use an apple, an egg or a three-leaf clover. During winter, you can point to a kid-friendly snowman to describe how God is Three in One.

The ball of snow on the base represents God the Father, our Creator and strong foundation. The middle ball, with stick arms reaching to the side, reminds us of Jesus, who died on the cross. And the snowman's head stands for the Holy Spirit, our ever-present Counselor who helps us and speaks God's truth to us.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The Upper Room

Did you know we have a wonderful resource for you to use every day in growing your relationship with God? The Upper Room Devotional was started by Methodists 80 years ago to encourage those who needed to hear a good message that day. Each day there is a short scripture, devotion and prayer. Just 5 minutes of your day in this spiritual practice can draw you closer to the Holy Spirit in ways that will astound you!

Not long after its first issue was printed, *The Upper Room* began crossing borders and being translated into Spanish, Korean, and Hindustani. Now, *The Upper Room* is translated into more than 30 languages and can be found in over 100 countries.

Watch for Pastor Kristen's published devotions in the March/ April 2019 issue as well as the January/ February 2020 issue.

The Upper Room Devotionals are available in the lobby of the church in either regular or large print editions. You can also access their website at Upperroom.org to order your own copy delivered directly to you. The website also opens the door to the Upper Room's other resources.

~Pastor Kristen



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ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to provide flowers for the altar on Sundays may do so by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the church office. You may bring flowers from your garden or have them delivered to the church on Friday from your favorite florist.

MISSION NEWS

Our January Noisy Can brought in \$67.44 for the Marquette County share and Care Food Bank. Winter can be an especially challenging time for families to provide food so they are grateful for the extra donations. Please remember to bring a donation to the pantry each time you come to church.

Next month's Noisy Can will go to our Sunday School program so they can continue to provide wonder lessons for our children. Start saving your change now.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

If you have an event or belong to a group in the community and you would like to share its happenings with your church family please let the church office know so it may be included in the newsletter.

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.

NURSERY AVAILABLE

Trinity is again offering supervised childcare for children 5 and under during church. You can bring your child in before church begins or at any time during the service. We are located in the Sunday School room on the left side of the hallway. Any questions, please ask or contact Tanya Daniels 608-369-0449.



STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

Henri Nouwen has said, “As our prayer deepens into constant awareness of God’s goodness, the spirit of gratitude grows within us.” This implies a cause and effect relationship: prayer causes gratitude. Therefore, it seems that just saying, or praying, “Thanks” is not enough.

What does prayer do to grow gratitude?

Focuses us on God. Prayer moves our focus from ourselves to God. It reminds us that we are not intended to be self-sufficient, rather, God provides us with we need, sometimes, even with the gift that moves us toward God’s grace.

Reminds us Who is the Giver. God is the giver of all good gifts and graces. All of our blessings come from God. Through prayer, we come to recognize that we have so much to be thankful for...just pray for the most important people and blessings in your life and you will find that the list gets very long very quickly.

Keeps us Positive. With our eyes on our blessings, we have little room for complaining and negativity. One cannot be thankful and negative at the same time.

Moves us closer to God. Debbie McDaniel has pointed out that prayer, “opens up the door for continued blessings. It invites His presence. Our spirits are refreshed and renewed in Him. God loves to give good gifts to His children. He delights in our thankfulness and pours out His Spirit and favor over those who give honor and gratitude to Him.”

This is what Stewardship looks like in the Kingdom of God. Let us pray ourselves and our churches into the Kingdom.

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
 750 Windsor St. Ste 305
 Sun Prairie, WI 53590
 1-888-903-9863
 wumf@wumf.org

CHURCH FINANCE


	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
January 6	58	1834.00
January 13	74	2062.00
January 20	75	773.21
January 27	42	1002.00

\$2825.37 is needed weekly to pay all bills

TREASURER’S REPORT

Checking Balance 11/30/18	\$ 3856.81
Receipts	15994.87
Paid Outs	<u>10248.88</u>
Checking Balance 12/31/18	\$ 9602.80

SCRIP SHOPPING CARDS

 **ShopWithScrip®** 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 from talk to Susan and she will see if they are available.

KWIK TRIP MILK MOOLA ENDING

The church has been collecting Milk Moola caps from Kwik Trip for a few years now.



Unfortunately, Kwik Trip has decided to discontinue the program. All caps must be in by March 31, 2019 so if you have any at home please bring them in to the church soon. We will mail out our last shipment in the middle of March. Thank you to all who have saved the caps for us.

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. Its safe secure and easy just ask someone who already does it. If you are interested ask Vikki for a form to fill out.

KWIK TRIP REWARDS PROGRAM

If you use a Kwik Trip card to pay for your gas and purchases you know about the Kwik rewards program. Did you know you can have your rewards donated to a group of your choice? Trinity is signed up with their rewards program, our number is 150881. If you would like to supplement your church giving by donating your rewards just call Kwik Trip at 608-781-8988 and let them know. As a bonus Kwik Trip adds about 30% to the total donated. For more information, talk to Vikki in the church office

INK CARTRIDGES AND ALUMINUM CANS



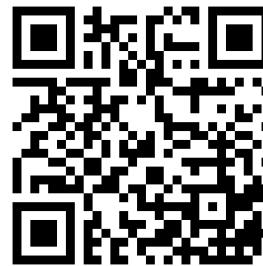
Remember the church recycles ink cartridges and aluminum cans. Just drop your empty cartridges in the box in the narthex, and your aluminum cans in the box next to the shed on the east side of the parking lot. We have volunteers who take them in for payment.

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 anytime 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

UPPER ROOM DISCUSSION

The Upper Room Discussion group continues to meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall. The topics for the week will be the readings from the Upper Room, all are invited to join.



OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Country, Our Leaders, Our Military

Shirley Dagner

Floyd Davis

Pearl Hunborg

Kyle Trimble

Irene Lazar

Jon Ebert

Rick Oakes

Gail Daniels

Jerilyn Koelbl

Carl, Wayne Reiche's brother
Linda, friend of Sharon Ahles
April, Michael Welch's daughter
Dave, friend of Reiches
Betty, Sue Zellmer's mom
Tom, friend of Roger Eddingsaas
Bob Vohland, Shirley Dagner's brother
Dawn, Bob Barton's daughter-in-law
Kim, Nola's daughter-in-law
Carol, Shirley Hanson's mom
Jonathon, son of Peg Harris
Carrie, niece of Cheryl Kreigl
Gil, brother of Joan Lichtfeld
Brenda, friend of Reiches
Lowell, friend of Karlene Utke
Dave, friend of Linda Daniels
Miles, grandson of Jan & Jon Ebert
Al, Mary Anderson's brother
DiVonnie, niece of Non Parham
Mike, father of Charlie Ott
Mary, sister of Beth Turner
Mary Ann, friend of Karlene

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

2018 GIVING STATEMENTS

The giving statements for 2018 have been printed and are ready to be picked up. They are on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

WOMEN'S OUTREACH

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8 10:00 AM Word Worms

March 8 10:00 AM Word Worms

WORD WORMS

The book club will be meeting on Friday February 8 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. They will be reviewing the book The Color of All the Cattle by Alexander McCall Smith.

In this latest installment of the beloved and best-selling No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series, Precious Ramotswe finds herself running for office--much to her dismay.

When Mma Potokwane suggests to Mma Ramotswe that she run for a seat on the Gaborone City Council, Mma Ramotswe is at first reluctant. But when she learns that developers plan to build the flashy Big Fun Hotel next to a graveyard, she allows herself to be persuaded. Her opponent is none other than Mma Makutsi's old nemesis, Violet Sephotho, who is in the pocket of the hotel developers. Although Violet is intent on using every trick in the book to secure her election, Mma Ramotswe refuses to guarantee anything beyond what she can deliver; hence her slogan: "I can't promise anything--but I shall do my best."

Join us for some great conversation and a cup of coffee.

WISH LISTS

CHURCH WISH LIST

- That people will continue to financially support their church
- Funds for Apportionments

MEMORIAL WISH LIST

- Funds for Educational Scholarships
- Funds for Prayer Garden Endowment

PRAYER GARDEN WISH LIST

- More plaques honoring loved one on the memorial arbor

A plaque on the Memorial Arbor is a nice way to honor a loved one, especially one who has a connection to Trinity. Visit the garden and view the arbor. A plaque costs \$40 and if you would like order one, please call the church office.

Gifts are always welcome as memorials or in honor of special occasions. They may include insurance policies, IRA's, bequests and gifts included in wills. Such gifts may be designated or left to the Memorial Committee's discretion. It is suggested that one check with the committee before designating a gift not on the Wish List. Think about including a portion of your IRA, stocks or other assets in your will.

CHRISTIAN RADIO STATIONS

With the new interest for contemporary Christian music here is a list of a few of the Christian Radio stations in Wisconsin. You might just hear some of the songs we use during worship.



Depending on where you are you might not get all of these:

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| AM 1240 – WHWA | FM 102.5 WNWC |
| FM 97.1 – WIXL | FM 89.3 – WEQS |
| FM 101.7 – WEMI | FM 107.7 – WORQ |
| Sirius XM 63 – the Message | |

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Brittany Zellmer
- 2 Hannah Lowe
- 5 Ryker Trimble
- 9 Dennis Kamin
- 11 Linda Tanner
- 11 Margaret Eddingsaas
- 13 Mary Kamin
- 13 Art Grubbe
- 14 Kerilyn Beaudry
- 14 Mandi Genord
- 15 Roger Schoenherr
- 17 Maureen Becraft
- 19 Sandy Liepert
- 23 Bodie Bloom

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Eileen Murre
Celebrating 16 years
February 8

Mark & Shelley Robinson
Celebrating 46 years
February 10

Dave & Joan Lichtfeld
Celebrating 65 years
February 20

Pat & Sue McFarland
Celebrating 50 years
February 22

LOVE AND LAUGHTER GO HAND IN HAND!

Share these jokes with your beloved on February 14 — or whenever some humor can brighten a day!

Q: What valentine did the French chef give his wife?

A: A hug and a quiche

Q: What did the paper clip say to the magnet?

A: "I find you very attractive."

Q: What did the pencil say to the paper?

A: "I dot my i's on you!"

Q: How did the phone propose to his girlfriend?

A: He gave her a ring.

Q: What do you call a very small valentine?

A: A valentiny

February - March 2019 Schedule

	Ushers	Greeters	Liturgist
February 3	Mary Kamin Sue McFarland Roger Eddingsaas*	Geff Gardner Greg Gardner	Leta Vinz
February 10	Mike Crawford Cathy Crawford Shirley Dagner*	Sandy Becker Sharon Ahles	Laura Moeller
February 17	Morris Vinz Leta Vinz Gene Hutchings*	Maureen Becraft Eunice Hutchings	Susan Hutchings
February 24	Andy Zellmer Sue Zellmer Roger Eddingsaas*	Richard Baehler Jean Baehler	Sue Zellmer
March 3	Beth Turner Mary Reiche Gene Hutchings*	Barb Steuck Margaret Eddingsaas	Mary Reiche
March 10	Jack Daniels Tanya Daniels Gene Hutchings*	Karlene Utke Mary Kamin	Beth Turner
March 17	Jan Ebert Robin York Gene Hutchings*	Beth Turner Sue Zellmer	Roxie Rygiewicz
March 24	Lauren Calnin Heidi Maass Gene Hutchings*	Robin York Jasper York	Jan Ebert
March 31	Cindy Bloom Tyler Bloom Gene Hutchings*	Heidi Maass Noah Maas	Roger Eddingsaas

*If you are unable to perform this duty on the above date, please find a replacement and call the church office by Thursday morning. 297-2326. Notes: * head usher*

COMMUNION HELPERS

February 3, 2019

Susan Hutchings & Vikki Trimble

March 3, 2019

Mindy Trimble & Heidi Maass

April 1, 2019

Mary Kramp & Laura Moeller

February 2019

Monthly Planner

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