TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting People to God and One Another

MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

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

WHAT'S GOING **IN MARCH**

Lenten Bible Study **Sunday School Continues** Wednesday Prayer Group 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 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.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

We will be in our 19th year of awarding scholarships to our members continuing their education. It is time to make an application if you will be furthering your education next year. The awards will be announced in May but now is the time to apply. The deadline to apply is April 30. First time



Scholarship Fund

applicants will need a letter of recommendation from a church member along with their application. Call the church office for an application, if you know of someone who would benefit from one of our scholarships please pass the information along.

MILK MOOLA ENDS



Kwik Trip has announced they are discontinuing the Milk Moola fundraising program. Please have any caps you are saving returned to the church by March 15 so we may make one more request for a donation by March 31. If you have any question call the church office.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

March 10, 2019



After our long snowy winter, it is finally time to think spring! And what better time to think about it than on the day daylight savings begin. Be sure to turn you clocks ahead on Saturday March 9 before you go to bed or you will be late for church on Sunday.

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PASTOR MESSAGE

1 Samuel 16:7 (Paraphrase Rev. K. Lowe) "People judge us based on what they see and label us how they will. But God looks at our thoughts and intentions. God sees us as we truly are."

Last month we spent a lot of time talking about David in the Old Testament. We talked about perceptions; how we see ourselves, how God sees us and how we see others.

Have you ever felt like you were worthless or that your life didn't matter? In scripture, David was a little shepherd boy. He was the least of his father's sons. In fact, when Samuel came to anoint the new king of Israel as God had instructed, he thought it could be any one of Jesse's sons. They were all big and strong, handsome and accomplished! When the Lord chose none of these men, everyone was perplexed. Samuel said, "Is this ALL of your sons?" They all kind of looked at each other and said, "Well, yeah. There's little David, who's out in the field, but he really doesn't matter. It's not going to be him."

Have you ever been in that kind of situation? It hurts.

But, I think what God is showing us here is that people try to label us based on what they perceive... which is pretty limited! God sees the whole of us. God knows us individually. God knows every hair on our head. And, because we are redeemed through Jesus Christ, we are sinless in God's eyes. We are forgiven and we are loved beyond measure.

In my experience, we don't need people to chop us down. We each do a pretty good job of that ourselves. We can be pretty hard on ourselves! Does that mean we shouldn't take responsibility? No. It means that we should do our very best in response to God's love for us and realize that we can't be perfect. It also means we need to love ourselves. It's kind of hard to love others if we don't love ourselves.

I don't know how David felt. The Bible gives us a rough idea that David did not judge himself. He simply had faith that God loved him and that was March 2019 Newsletter

enough. Thus, David loved himself and others because of and through the love of God in him.

There's a picture of a little orange tabby kitten looking in a mirror and seeing a lion. Scripture tells us, "I can do all things through God who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13.

You can do great and mighty things, my friend! And, if the God of the universe thinks you are amazing, who is mere mortal man to say otherwise? Believe in you! I do!

~Pastor Kristen

TO GOD YOU SHALL RETURN

The traditional Ash Wednesday words "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" might seem depressing. But in our often death-denying culture, some might find it refreshing to hear the frank statement that we can do nothing to save ourselves, physically or spiritually — that, no matter how we try to avoid sin, we can't untangle ourselves from selfinterest. How liberating, then, to know we don't have to! God loves us as we are and sent Jesus to break sin's power over us.

A pastor described Ash Wednesday as the point you can pinch in the middle of a long piece of ribbon, such that when you lift it high, the two ends — one symbolizing our baptism and the other, our funeral — meet and touch. We come from dust and will return to dust, but we also come from God and will return to God. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we're always safe in God's love.



APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MARCH 20

Trinity United Methodist Church STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously. (2 Psalm 37:21)

People give to the church for a variety of reasons that form a hierarchy of motivations. Where they fall on the hierarchy is related closely to how much, proportionately, they give; how willingly they give; how they respond to being asked to pledge their support to the mission and ministry of the church, and how openly they talk about their giving. What motivates you to give?

Some people feel **called** to give out of their faith. Giving generously feels right and natural. It is a part of their discipleship. In turn, they are grateful for their own blessings including a place in the church where they can contribute.

Some people feel **fulfilled** by giving. They derive joy, energy and good feelings from giving. They value the church in their lives and want to support it so it is there for others.

Some people **value** giving as a duty. It is the right thing to do and creates good in the world. Giving influences the community for good and connects the giver with the community.

Some people would feel **guilty** if they did not give. They feel giving is something they should do, even if they would rather not. Alternatively, that fear they will be shamed if they do not give.

Finally, some people feel **coerced.** They feel their situation compels them to give. Which of these describes why you give? Which do you think would be most pleasing to God?

Next month, how to move up the hierarchy...

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

CHURCH FINANCES

	Attendance	Giving
February 3	48	1417.00
February 10	60	1599.50
February 17	52	1680.01
February 24	28	297.25

\$2825.37 is needed weekly to pay all bills

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Balance 12/31/18	\$9602.80
Receipts	7589.12
Paid Outs	<u>9676.44</u>
Checking Balance 1/31/19	\$ 7515.48

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 from 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 bimonthly, 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.

Trinity United Methodist Church **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

CARTRIDGES INK 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 website the church at montellotumc.org
- Click on the Giving Tab 2.
- Click on the link 3.
- Follow the on screen directions to create 4. 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



MISSION NEWS



The February Noisy Can brought in \$164.32 for Sunday school. The March Noisy Can will go to National Justice for our Neigbors, an organization that provides free or low costs legal serives to immigrants. Start saving your change.

The Care & Share Food Bank is in need of pasta, rice and side dishes such as potaotes, pasta etc. If you could pick up a couple extra packages of these and bring them to church the next time you come it would be greatly appreciated.

EASTER FLOWERS



EASTER We will be selling 7" pots of daffodils, tulips, Easter mums and Easter Lilies to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The cost will be \$10.00 per flower. If

you miss the sign up sheets please call the church office to place your order.

March 910:00 AM Word WormsApril 1410:00 AM Word Worms

WORD WORMS

The book club will meet on Friday March 8 at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall to discuss the book <u>Death by Chocolate Cherry Cheesecake</u> by Sarah Graves.

"Trading in her hammer for a spatula, Jake and her best friend, Ellie White, have opened a spanking new shop on the main drag of Eastport, Maine. Just next door to Second Hand Rose, a resale shop run by always-trendy Miss Halligan, the Chocolate Moose has been a success since the day Jake and Ellie hung their big wooden sign out front. Even the discovery of cranky Matt Muldoon face down in a vat of melted chocolate does little to stem the tide of customers. Jake and Ellie move temporarily to the kitchen of her massive old Victorian while police chief Bob Arnold checks the Moose for clues, much to the annoyance of Jake's stepmom, Bella Diamond, who's afraid all that baking will mess up her sparkling clean counters. So as soon as the crime scene tape comes off, they plunge back in. After all, they've promised to create a dozen of their signature chocolate cherry cheesecakes to donate to the town's Fourth of July auction, held each year to pay for the fireworks. And even though it's not certain that there will be fireworks, since a hurricane sits poised for a direct hit on Eastport, Jake and Ellie want to keep busy, because Bob's made it clear that as soon as the fundraiser is over, he's ready to arrest Ellie for Muldoon's murder. As her handywoman heroine reinvents herself in chocolate, Graves adds enough physical danger to her comfy tale of small-town mayhem to move it into the somewhat oxymoronic range of the cozy thriller."

Even if you have not read the book join us for some great conversation, a cup of coffee and maybe a snack.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We begin NEW Sunday School curriculum on Sunday, March 10th.



We will be using Children's Ministry's "Easter Eggs" along with their special "Hosanna"

lesson on Palm Sunday. Each week the kids will look at a different "Easter Egg" to learn a fun, Easter bible lesson; Plastic eggs, Rotten eggs, Broken eggs, and Easter eggs. We are also looking forward to taking part in Trinity's Palm Sunday worship as well.

The memory verse is "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." John 11:25 (NIV)

Please note: There will not be Sunday School on March 24th (Montello schools Spring Break).

CHURCH CAMP

We have two awesome Methodist church camps both within an hour of Montello. Camp is not just for kids anymore. There are family camps. Grandparent camps as well as camps for kids. Camp is a time filled with fun activities such as campfires, games, hiking, boating, swimming and fellowship when campers learn about God and his love for us.

Those who finalize their registration by March 31 will receive a camp t-shirt for free. Also if you refer a friend you can get a 50 credit on your registration – a great reason to invite someone to camp with you and they do not have to belong to a Methodist Church!

Remember the church pays for ½ the cost of your camp and there are scholarships from the conference to help with the other half – don't let the cost stop you from attending camp this summer. You can see the camp booklet online at <u>www.wiumcamps.org</u>. For more information, talk to Lauren Olson.

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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 Mary, sister of Beth Turner Mike, father of Charlie Ott Al, Mary Anderson's brother Jeff Kendall, Karlene's nephew Vonnie, niece of Non Parham Ron Graves, Julie Kenney's dad

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.



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.

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.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



It takes many volunteers to help the church run smoothly. Won't you consider helping out, some of the opportunities available are:

HEAD USHER

We are in desperate need of volunteers to be head ushers. The responsibilities are not huge or hard – make sure lights are on, assist with visitors and direct ushers with bulletins and offering. There is always someone around to help you out.

COFFEE HOUR

We are looking for someone to take a turn at setting up the coffee cart for the narthex on a Sunday morning. The coffee and juice are provided by the church; you just need to provide a light snack – a few cookies or fruit is great.

LITURGISTS

Our list of volunteers to be liturgist on Sundays is getting very short. This too is not hard - but is a vital part of our worship service.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer for any of these jobs, please talk to Pastor Kristen or Vikki in the church office.

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.

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.

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:

 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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Rick Oakes 7 Kamryn Beaudry 16 Dennis Veleke 22 Andy Zellmer 25 Mary Reiche 26 Chloe Hill 31 Mike Lardy 31 Kirsten Lowe

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Cathy Crawford Celebrating 19 years March 6

Gene & Susan Hutchings Celebrating 26 years March 13

Dennis & Linda Daniels Celebrating 48 years March 19

Todd & Beth Turner Celebrating 37 years March 20

Wayne & Marcy Janssen Celebrating54 years March 27

Trinity United Methodist Church VALENTINE CARNATIONS

There were lots of surprised smiles and thank yous on our Valentine Sunday as the messages of love and support were read. Thank you to all who bought carnations to decorate the sanctuary and brighten someone's day.

TO

FROM

Dennis & Family (4) Sharon Ahles How sweet you all are Surena Becraft (2) Mom I love you Nola Grace (2) Carter Thank you for everything Nola Grace (2) Beth You are so loved by all! **Tonisha Daniels** Jody Daniels (2) I'm SO proud of you Gail Daniels (2) **Tonisha Daniels** I Love you XOXO Judy Downing (4) Sons Love You Margaret Eddingsaas (2) Roger Love Grandkids and great grandkids (12) Karlene Love you all! Eunice Hutchings (6) Gene & Susan Happy Valentine's Day Beth Eunice Hutchings (2) Happy Valentine's Day Kadie, Abby, Haidley, Jeff (4) Mom & Dad We love you Family (3) **Diane** Lefebre You are always in my heart Gene Hutchings (6) Susan Love you!!

March 2019 Newsletter Gene & Susan Hutchings (4) Eunice For many blessings Susan Hutchings (1) Gene Happy Valentine's Day Mary Kramp (2) Beth Thank you girlfriend for being you Heidi Maass (2) The Trimbles Thank you for your friendship Charlie Ott (2) Beth I Love You! Mary Ott (2) Beth I value your friendship so much! Our Parents (6) Wayne & Mary Reiche Hearts, Faith, Family is what it is all about. Amen Rueb Family (6) In memory of Lloyd Rueb Sage Trimble (6) Nana & Papa Love you to the moon and back Ryker Trimble (6) Nana & Papa Love you to the moon and back Vikki Trimble (6) Gene & Susan Happy Valentine's Day Vikki Trimble (2) Mary Kramp Bless you! Victor Trimble (6) Vikki I Love you! Beth Turner (2) Mary Kramp Bless you! Karlene Utke (2) Brandon & Carter Love you Karlene Utke (2) Mary Kramp Bless you! Sue Zellmer (2) Beth Thank you girlfriend for being you Sue Zellmer (2) **Tonisha Daniels** Thanks for everything

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FAITH JOURNEY

A family was heading on vacation: two little ones were nestled in car seats; the van was packed. As Dad locked the house and Mom secured the garage, an adult neighbor the kids knew walked up and spoke through an open window. "Where are you going?" The kids shrugged. "Well, what road are you taking?" the friend asked with a knowing smile. Of course, they had no idea. "Do you know where you'll eat today, or where you'll spend the night?" Blank stares. Then the friend asked, "Who are you traveling with?" The children broke into grins and shouted, "Mommy and Daddy!"

On the journey of faith, we don't know precisely where we're headed or how all our needs will be met. But we know who we're traveling with: our loving God who is fully aware of the twists and turns ahead; the loving Parent who promises to care for us wherever we go.

March - April 2019 Schedule

March 3	Ushers Beth Turner Mary Reiche Gene Hutchings*	Greeters Barb Steuck Margaret Eddingsaas	Liturgist 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
April 7	Mary Kramp Barb Steuck Shirley Dagner*	Laura Moeller Mary Kramp	Beth Turner
April 14	Morris Vinz Leta Vinz Shirley Dagner*	Eunice Hutchings Sharon Ahles	Sue Zellmer
April 21	Andy Zellmer Sue Zellmer Shirley Dagner*	Roger Eddingssas Margaret Eddingsaas	Laura Moeller
April 28	Robin York Cindy Bloom Shirley Dagner*	Sandy Becker Karlene Utke	Leta Vinz

*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

March 3, 2019 Mindy Trimble & Heidi Maass April 7, 2019 Mary Kramp & Laura Moeller May 5, 2019 Mary Kamin & Susan Hutchings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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