

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting People to God and One Another

NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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

WHAT'S GOING IN NOVEMBER

Word Worms
Confirmation Begins
Holiday Trail
Church Conference

REGULAR FEATURES

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

ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Our annual church conference is the time we review the past year's work and approve next year's budget and committees. All church members have a vote at this meeting. Our conference will be on November 14 at 6:30 PM.

HOLIDAY TRAIL

November 23

The opening day of deer hunting season has long been a special day for Trinity. Historically the Women's Outreach held their Holiday Bazaar on that day and for the last few years we have joined other businesses in Montello for the Holiday Trail. We will have several vendors set up selling their goods and of course the the famous Trinity Bake Sale and Luncheon.



We will be asking for donations for the bake sale, help with serving the luncheon. Watch for more information as time gets closed as to how you can help out at this event. If you or anyone you know would like a vendor spot please have them call the church office to reserve a space. Tell all your friends and family to stop in.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Daylight Savings time ends on Sunday, November 3, so be sure to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 2.



CONFIRMATION

Just a reminder that Confirmation begins on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 8:30 am. Class will be held every other Sunday morning from 8:30 until 10am. Students in grades 7th - 10th are invited to participate. If you have not yet registered, place contact pastor Kristen at TUMCPastorKristen@gmail.com.



Grateful!

I recently attended a three-day training event led by Christian author, Diana Butler Bass. If you ever have an opportunity to read her writing, take it! One of the many books that we studied was called, "Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks." A clergyperson approaching the Thanksgiving season has much use for such a timely workshop.

I have to admit, that I went into this event with the thought that I knew everything there was to know about gratitude. I mean, how much could there really be? We need to be thankful! There. That's it. Right?

What Bass had to say was extraordinary. First, she talked about gratitude in a broad sense. Did you know that 78% of Americans feel a strong sense of gratitude on a weekly basis? Christians in the faith are highest. There are studies that link gratitude to recovery from serious illnesses and surgeries. And, gratitude produces powerful endorphins that quell pain and anxiety.

Did you know that because fear and gratitude come from different parts of the brain, you literally cannot be in a state of gratitude and a state of fear at the same time? Gratitude and anxiety counter-balance one another. Gratitude is something we can practice and master. Which one will win the day?

One of the things I found most fascinating was the idea that we have privatized gratitude. Bass states, "Individual gratefulness does not appear to make much difference in our larger common life. We don't truly celebrate common gratitude." If we look back in the Bible to various accounts, we read where early believers shared gratitude. They held it front and center. They celebrated their common blessings!

As we move into November, I would invite us to focus on our common blessings and to celebrate in one accord.

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise!" Amen!

UPDATED FAMILY INFORMATION SHEETS

It has been 5 years since we have collected updated family information. Phone numbers change, email addresses change and sometimes home addresses change. We would like to have the most updated information for all our church families. There are pink sheets in the narthex. If you have not filled out a new one please take one, complete both sides of it and then return it to 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.

IN THE MAIL

THANK YOU ALL!

What a wonderful surprise to get a big envelope in the mail containing cards from our friends at Trinity. It really made our day. Thank you everyone for the kind thoughts, cards prayers and visits from Pastor Kristen and others after Bob's accident. They were very much appreciated. God bless you all. We shall miss you. Continued prayers would be very much appreciated.

Bob and Eileen Murre

ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to donate flowers for the altar on Sundays may do so by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may bring flowers from your garden or have them delivered to the church on Friday from the florist of your choice.

Generous God, you have blessed US with your loving presence in all life's ups and downs. What can we say but "thank you."

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

12For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.13He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.14From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight. (Psalm 72:12-14)

In our charitable giving, we strive to assist our God in aiding the poor and in helping the oppressed. In doing this, we share a mission with other churches and many worthy nonprofits. Now, as the year is nearing its end, we will be receiving from them many appeals for year-end giving. You may be surprised to learn that nearly one-third of annual charitable giving occurs in December.

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation urges you to plan your giving and remember the poor and needy during this season of giving thanks and sharing gifts. Your church and local agencies may have a number of opportunities such as giving trees and so forth.

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation has a year-end appeal for four charitable targets plus any you choose to designate:

- Wisconsin United Methodist Health and Welfare Programs
- The Scholars Award Program
- UMCOR Disaster Relief
- The Bishop's Relief Fund
- Your Own Special Interest (you designate the recipient)

You can find more information about each of these charitable targets and make an online donation at - www.wumf.org/year-end-giving-ideas/. Remember, we can help with stock gifts.

Please prayerfully consider your plans for charitable giving this holiday season and give generously to the charities of your choice.


Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
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Sun Prairie, WI 53590-0620
1-888-903-9863 wumf@wumf.org

CHURCH FINANCES

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
October 6	80	1894.50
October 13	72	1463.75
October 20	65	847.00
October 27	62	1347.25


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 Hutchings 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.

We are also encouraging the purchase of cards online to cut the cost of shipping. It's easy fast and secure – you can even do it on your cell phone! If you are interested in learning more, please talk to Susan and she can teach you how it works.

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.

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.

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.



**DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 20**

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



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 ones 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.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Country, Our Leaders, Our Military

Floyd Davis
Eunice Hutchings
Irene Lazar
Jon Ebert
Jasper York
Jerilyn Koelbl
Joan Lichtfeld
Alice Zellmer
Jan Ebert
Bob Murre
Karen Wilson
Gary Cartwright
Margaret Eddingsaas
Karlene Utke

Tammy, Shirley Dagner's daughter
 Carl, Wayne Reiche's brother
 Roger, friend of Reiches
 Dave, friend of Reiches
 Carrie, niece of Cheryl Kreigl
 Bob Vohland, Shirley Dagner's brother
 Dawn, Bob Barton's daughter-in-law
 Judy, Margaret's sister-in-law
 Melissa Link's parents
 Gil, brother of Joan Lichtfeld
 Brenda, friend of Reiches
 Lowell, friend of Karlene Utke
 Mary, sister of Beth Turner
 Al, Mary Anderson's brother
 Linda Daniels brother
 Betty Berg, Mary Kamin sister-in-law
 Chika Springer, Karlene's grandson
 Tammy, Mary Anderson's daughter-in-law
 John Edwards, friend of Sharon Ahles
 Tom, friend of Roger Eddingsaas
 Debbie & Mary, friends of Sharon Ahles
 Dan, Baehler's son-in-law
 Judy, Margaret's sister-in-law



TREASURER'S REPORT

September 30, 2019

Checking Balance 8/31/19	4562.32
Giving	8587.08
Transfer from Savings	00.00
Misc Income	87.74
Kingston Church	<u>989.46</u>
Total Available	14227.03

Paid Outs	<u>10145.53</u>
Checking Balance 9/30/19	4081.50

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

SUPERHERO FAITH has been keeping us energized!! Not only have we had fun activities like silly string superpowers and making capes, we've also been reading about a few superheroes from the bible; like Moses, Joshua, and David. We will finish up our superhero unit on Nov. 17th. We will NOT meet Nov. 24th.



Dates to remember:

Nov. 3rd - Harvest Dinner Luncheon following
 Worship - All Welcome!

No 4K-4th grade Sunday School class

5th&6th grade Sunday School class meets
 at 9 AM

Confirmation meets at 9 AM

Nov. 10 - 4K-4th meets at 9 AM

Nov. 17 - All grades and Confirmation meet at 9 AM

Nov. 24 - No Sunday School

Dec.1 - All Sunday School classes meet at 9 AM,
 Advent series

Dec.15 - Student Led Worship at 10 AM

MISSION NEWS

The Noisy Can from October brought in \$87.06 for the Care and Share Food Bank Thanksgiving Dinners. Thank you to all who donated.

The November Noisy Can will go to the Food Pantry. In addition to the Noisy Can collection the mission committee is asking everyone to bring a couple of food items to church every time you come for the month of November.

LIVE NATIVITY

We are once again joining with our friends from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church to host a community Live nativity. It will be held on Wednesday December 18 in front of the catholic church on Highway 23. We will be looking for people of all ages to portray the nativity scene, people to donated snacks, to help with costumes, to donate animals and help with the set up and take down. If you are interested in any way please let the church office know.



- All who helped with Harvest Supper in any way, it was another great success
- the crew that kept the church grounds looking so nice all year
- The Trustees for all their hard work in keeping our facilities in great shape

WORD WORMS

The book club will meet on Friday November 8 in the fellowship hall at 10:00 AM to discuss the book The Next Person You Meet In Heaven by Mitch Albom.

Fifteen years ago, in Mitch Albom’s beloved novel, The Five People You Meet in Heaven, the world fell in love with Eddie, a grizzled war veteran- turned-amusement park mechanic who died saving the life of a young girl named Annie. Eddie’s journey to heaven taught him that every life matters. Now, in this magical sequel, Mitch Albom reveals Annie’s story.

As this novel opens, Annie is marrying Paulo. But when her wedding day ends in an unimaginable accident, Annie finds herself on her own heavenly journey—and an inevitable reunion with Eddie, one of the five people who will show her how her life mattered in ways she could not have fathomed.

Poignant and beautiful, filled with unexpected twists, *The Next Person You Meet in Heaven* reminds us that not only does every life matter, but that every ending is also a beginning—we only need to open our eyes to see it.

Even if you have not read the book please join us for some lively conversation and a cup of coffee.

WOMENS’ OUTREACH UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 8 10:00 AM-Word Worms
- December 13 10:00 AM-Word Worms

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The shop has been closed for the winter we are grateful to all who helped this season and hope to see you back next year. The following is a list of where our funds will be distributed:

Care & Share Food Bank	100.00
Hope House	200.00
Budda Box	200.00
Marquette County EMTS	150.00
Guardian Angels	200.00
UMCOR	1000.00
Heifer Internation	200.00
Vacation Bible School	150.00
Thrift Shop Designated Fund	1500.00
Trinity Apportionments	1800.00

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.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Advent will soon be upon us and we will once again be selling poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Watch for the order sheets later this month and as always if you miss them please call the church office to place your order. The flowers must be paid for when ordered to insure payment upon delivery. You may then take yours home after the Christmas Eve worship service.

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 97.1 – WIXL
- FM 101.7 – WEMI
- Sirius XM 63 – the Message
- FM 102.5 WNWC
- FM 89.3 – WEQS
- FM 107.7 – WORQ

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carter Daniels
- 3 Sharon Ahles
- 3 Melissa Link
- 7 Noah Maass
- 9 Alex Zellmer
- 11 Iris Mueller
- 13 Connie Waite
- 19 Leta Vinz
- 20 Judy Downing
- 20 Jeff Link
- 23 Sharon Schrimpf
- 24 Alice Rueb
- 27 Mark Hanson
- 29 Wayne Janssen

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sane & Lisa Smith
Celebrating 19 years
November 7

Kent & Linda Napralla
Celebrating 31 years
November 12

Jim & Mary Anderson
Celebrating 6 years
November 22

Geffery & Carmen Gardner
Celebrating 30 years
November 25

Roger & Margaret Eddingsaas
Celebrating 48 years
November 26

Sinners and Saints

As sinners we may not be able to change the world, but as saints we may be able to change our communities.

As sinners we may not be able to change our communities, but as saints we may be able to change our neighborhoods.

As sinners we may not be able to change our neighborhoods, but as saints we may be able to change our homes.

As sinners we may not be able to change our homes, but as saints we may be able to change ourselves.

As sinners we may not be able to change ourselves, but as saints we may offer ourselves up to the grace of God and experience nothing less than a changed world.



JOHN 6:27, NIV

—Homiletics

November - December 2019 Schedule

	Ushers	Greeters	Liturgist
Nov. 3	Jack Daniels Tanya Daniels Roger Eddingsaas*	Eunice Hutchings Maureen Becraft	Roger Eddingsaas
Nov. 10	Beth Turner Cindy Lardy Roger Eddingsaas*	Sharon Ahles Margaret Eddingsaas	Leta Vinz
Nov. 17	Shirley Dagner Mary Kamin Roger Eddingsaas*	Cindy Bloom Bodie Bloom	Melissa Link
Nov. 24	Barb Steuck Susan Hutchings Roger Eddingsaas*	Karlene Utke Sandy Becker	Cindy Lardy
December 1	Andy Zellmer Sue Zellmer Gene Hutchings*	Jeff Link Melissa Link	Roger Eddingsaas
December 8	Morris Vinz Leta Vinz Gene Hutchings*	Sharon Ahles Sandy Becker	Mary Kramp
December 15	Mary Kramp Jan Ebert Gene Hutchings*	Kadie Raasch Eunice Hutchings	Sue Zellmer
December 22	Cindy Bloom Robin York Gene Hutchings*	Richard Baehler Jean Baehler	Roxie Rugiewicz

December 24 PM

V O L U N T E E R S N E E D E D

December 29	Roger Eddingsaas Margaret Eddingsaas Gene Hutchings*	Gary Cartwright Maureen Becraft	Mary Reiche
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*If you are unable to perform this duty on the above date, please
find a replacement and call the church office by
Wednesday morning. 297-2326. Notes: * head usher*

COMMUNION HELPERS

November 3, 2019
Sue Zellmer & Mary Kamin

December 1, 2019
Shirley Dagner & Vikki Trimble

January 5, 2020
Susan Hutchings & Beth Turner

November 2019

Monthly Planner

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