

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting People to God and One Another

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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

WHAT'S GOING IN OCTOBER

Thrift Shop Open
Word Worms
Chit Chat
Harvest Supper
Flu Clinic

REGULAR FEATURES

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

HARVEST SUPPER

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16, 2019

4:30 – 6:30 PM

It is once again time for our traditional harvest dinner of turkey and all the trimmings.

Adults.....	\$8.00
Kids (6-12).....	\$4.00
Kids (Under 6).....	\$1.00



Mark your calendars and invite all your friends and family to join us

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.

THRIFT SHOP OPEN

Fridays and Saturdays

The Thrift shop is open every Friday and Saturday from 9:00



AM – 1:00 PM. New items are put out for sale each week. Stop in often to check them out and tell all your friends and family. The shop will only be open until the end of October so don't wait to get those bargains! We are also always looking for volunteers willing to help out on sales days and on Monday work days.



FLU CLINIC

The Marquette County Health Department will be hosting a Flu Clinic here at Trinity on Thursday October 10 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. Protect yourself this flu season.

PASTOR'S PAGE

This past summer I was approached about an opportunity for Trinity. Would we be willing to work with Kingston UMC? They needed a preacher and we needed funds to maintain our current ministries. What would this mean? It would mean that I (as pastor) would take on another service and another congregation on Sunday mornings. I would do pulpit supply as well as emergency care for the Kingston Congregation. For this, Montello would receive approximately 10k to help pad our limping budget. My hope was to take this on in hopes that others would follow suit... what can I do now to push on the flywheel... to help us gain momentum.

All churches are struggling right now. It's not just ours. And the biggest part of the problem is that we don't take the time to tell our story. We don't tell people what their giving is actually doing! Yes, we are called to bring our tithes (first and best fruits, or first 10%) to the storehouse. But at the same time, we want to make sure that our giving makes a difference. We want to be good stewards of what God has blessed us with. We want our giving to propel God's kingdom.

Last Sunday was an average Sunday. It wasn't Christmas or Easter, there was no baptism. Yet, 81 people chose to worship at Trinity United Methodist Church. Our Sunday School has had to reorganize to split into more classes (age groups) because of the number of kids! Our Confirmation program continues to grow before we've had our first class! I've heard testimonies of beloved members we haven't seen for a long time who are feeling God's call to return. Our prayer garden is receiving lots of traffic from folks outside the area. I have been approached by members of our family of faith asking how they can share their spiritual gifts. God is at work!!! In worship this past Sunday our kids were spread all across the front of the chancel! This is just a tiny photograph. Beyond this there are stories of how individual lives have been changed and how we've made an impact around the world.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

One of the enormous blessings I've been given in both my ministry life and my broadcasting life, is the opportunity to be enriched by wisdom of great

leaders. About 15 or so years ago, I attended a workshop called, "Good to Great," by Jim Collins, who developed the flywheel concept. Here's how it works:

"Picture a huge, heavy flywheel—a massive metal disk mounted horizontally on an axle, about 30 feet in diameter, 2 feet thick, and weighing about 5,000 pounds. Now imagine that your task is to get the flywheel rotating on the axle as fast and long as possible. Pushing with great effort, you get the flywheel to inch forward, moving almost imperceptibly at first. You keep pushing and, after two or three hours of persistent effort, you get the flywheel to complete one entire turn. You keep pushing, and the flywheel begins to move a bit faster, and with continued great effort, you move it around a second rotation. You keep pushing in a consistent direction. Three turns ... four ... five ... six ... the flywheel builds up speed ... seven ... eight ... you keep pushing ... nine ... ten ... it builds momentum ... eleven ... twelve ... moving faster with each turn ... twenty ... thirty ... fifty ... a hundred.

Then, at some point—breakthrough! The momentum of the thing kicks in in your favor, hurling the flywheel forward, turn after turn ... whoosh! ... its own heavy weight working for you. (Excerpt from Good to Great by Jim Collins)

That's just a small excerpt, but the concept applies. If we all push together on the flywheel of the church – the body of Christ in the world, we can do things that are beyond human possibility.

I've thought about what pushing on the flywheel together might look like... maybe it looks like each of us giving a little bit more of our time. Could I volunteer another hour a week, could I put one of my skills to work that has been sitting on the sidelines. Could I cancel the cable subscription I never use and give the extra \$30 a month to the church? Can you imagine what our cumulative pushing could produce??? Can you imagine what ministries we can expand to with more budget and resources? Can you imagine what God could do through you?

Please join me in prayer as we think about the weeks and months ahead.

In Him, Pastor Kristen

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

35 "In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

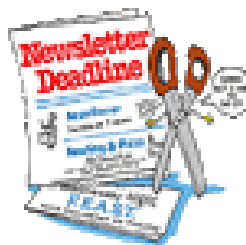
I recently came across a quotation by David Starr Jordan, founding President of Stanford University: "Wisdom is knowing what to do next; Skill is knowing how to do it, and Virtue is doing it." It caused me to think about how this applies to generosity.

Knowing That I Should Give: God calls us all to worship God and support the church. Stewardship is faithful management of all God gives us so that God can use our gifts to transform us spiritually and extend Christ's transforming love to others. We are told in Scripture that "God loves a cheerful giver" and that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Knowing How to Determine What I Should Give: Scripture informs us to love God and love others. Thus, we should divide our giving between the two. The amount to give to God through the church is the tithe, ten percent of our income. In order to reach the tithe, we should prayerfully consider what proportion of income to give, then strive to increase toward the goal of tithing, usually by about one percent of income per year. Although some of our tithe will go to the needy, we should consider another proportion of income to give to those in need.

The Virtue of Giving: The real issue is not whether we give 10%, but what we will do with the entire 100%. John Wesley believed in the spiritual discipline summed up as "earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can." Wesley believed that after earning money honestly and spending only what we need on our families and ourselves, we should give the rest away. Surely, using this approach, he would anticipate that our giving would be much more than the tithe of ten percent. His was.

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NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE
OCTOBER 23

CHURCH FINANCES

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
September 1	57	1173.50
September 8	72	1419.00
September 15	57	1153.01
September 22	81	1222.00
September 29	N/A at this time	

SCRIP SHOPPING CARDS



ShopWithScrip®
Powered by Great Lakes Scrip Center

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.

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.

"When someone is going through a storm, your silent presence is more powerful than a million empty words."
—Thema Davis

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.

DONATE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE

A mobile version of our online giving is available to make it easy for to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply the QR code you here or in the



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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

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.



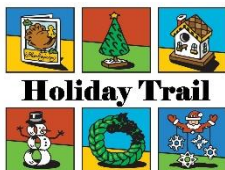
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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.

HOLIDAY TRAIL

Montello's annual Holiday Trail will be Saturday November 23. We will once again be a stop on the map. And will be looking for donations for the bake sale and help with the luncheon and vendors to set up to sell their goods. Watch for more information on how you can help as time gets closer.

If you know of someone who has crafts or other things to sell have them call the church office to reserve a space.



Once again the Trinity Trotters Team was well represented at the annual Alzheimer's Walk held in Portage, WI on Sunday, September 8th. The group was able to raise funds that will be used locally to support individuals and their families impacted by Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia in Wisconsin. We were blessed to have a total of nine active & vibrant walkers and one dog that participated in the walk. Thank you to all who supported this ministry!

HARVEST SUPPER HELP NEEDED

Harvest supper is just around the corner. We usually serve close to 400 so it takes many many hands to help prepare, serve and clean up for this major church event. Susan is passing sign up sheets on Sunday mornings if you miss them please contact her the church office to find ways you can help.

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.

NEW CHURCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS



With our annual conference coming up it is time to nominate new committee chairs and members for the upcoming year.

The Nominations Committee will soon start the process. When you joined the church you made a covenant to support the church with your prayers, presence, gifts, witness and service. So when a member of the committee contacts you won't you please prayerfully consider serving the church? If there is a committee that is near and dear to your heart please talk with Pastor Kristen about it

MISSION NEWS

The Noisy Can from September brought in \$87.74 for Marquette County Veterans. The October collection will be for the Care and Share Food Bank Thanks giving Dinners – start saving your change now so everyone can have a great Thanksgiving dinner.



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

Tammy, Shirley Dagner's daughter

Carl, Wayne Reiche's brother

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

Dale, friend of Nola Grace

Chika Springer, Karlene's grandson

Tammy, Mary Anderson's daughter-in-law

John Edwards, friend of Sharon Ahles

Roger, friend of Reiches

Tom, friend of Roger Eddingsaas

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 31, 2019

Checking Balance 7/31/19	4591.54
Giving	7773.15
Transfer from Savings	00.00
Misc Income	860.55
Kingston Church	<u>989.46</u>
Total Available	13992.22

Paid Outs	<u>9652.38</u>
Checking Balance 8/31/19	4562.32

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.

TRUSTEES UPDATE

The Trustees have been very busy this summer with large and small projects to keep the church looking spiffy. Some of the things they have completed are:

- New lights in Sunday School room
- New eave troughs on parsonage
- Installed air conditioner in Thrift Shop
- Road clean up and lawn mowing

Thanks to all who helped on these projects.

Future projects include new steel roof on thrift Shop, looking into options for flooring in fellowship hall, replacing more lights with new energy efficient ones and winterizing the prayer garden.

We are always looking for more people to serve as a trustee or just volunteer for projects.

WOMENS' OUTREACH UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11 10:00 AM-Word Worms
November 8 10:00 AM-Word Worms

Thrift Shop work days every Monday 9:00 AM
Thrift Shop Open Every Friday and Saturday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

WORD WORMS

The Word Worms Book club will meet on Friday October 11 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall at the church. They will be discussing the book The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton.

At Nell's joyous 21st birthday party her world falls apart when her father tells her she was adopted as a 4-year-old in 1913, seemingly abandoned on an Australian wharf and unable to remember her name. The knowledge shatters her self-image and changes the course of her life. In 1975, the only surviving clues to Nell's past are given to her after her father's death; the memories they trigger lead her to travel to England to unravel the puzzle, part of which is connected to the author of a rare fairytale book in her possession. She discovers her true identity despite having been thought dead for more than 60 years,

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

THRIFT SHOP



After an amazing season our Thrift Shop is winding down for the year. There are only 5 more weeks to find the perfect treasure you can't live without. We are always looking for volunteers both on Monday work days and Friday and Saturday sales days. We have lots of laughs and fun please think about volunteering.

CHIT CHAT NEWS

The Chit Chat group has decided to go on hiatus until next spring. Have a safe and warm winter.

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Peg Harris
4 Cindy Bloom
16 Kyle Trimble
19 Shirley Hanson
28 Gene Hutchings

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kyle & Mindy Trimble
Celebrating 10 years
October 10

Tom & Joan Knorre
Celebrating 40 years
October 20

Wayne & Mary Kramp
Celebrating 28 years
October 26



September 19, 2019
Irene Lazar's 103rd
Birthday party
(Irene -left with Nola, age 96, right)

October - November 2019 Schedule

	Ushers	Greeters	Liturgist
Oct. 6	Robin York Cindy Bloom Shirley Dagner*	Barb Steuck Mary Kramp	Beth Turner
Oct. 13	Andy Zellmer Sue Zellmer Shirley Dagner*	Dick Baehler Jean Baehler	Roger Eddingsaas
Oct. 20	Mary Kramp Beth Turner Shirley Dagner*	Barb Steuck Robin York	Sue Zellmer
Oct. 27	Geff Gardner Beth Turner Shirley Dagner*	Robin York Mary Reiche	Laura Moeller
Nov. 3	Jack Daniels Tanya Daniels Roger Eddingsaas*	Eunice Hutchings Maureen Becraft	Sue McFarland
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

*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

October 6, 2019

Mary Kramp & Beth Turner

November 3, 2019

Sue Zellmer & Mary Kamin

December 1, 2019

Shirley Dagner & Vikki Trimble

October 2019

Monthly Planner

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