

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting People to God and One Another

FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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

WHAT'S GOING IN FEBRUARY

Carnation Sunday
Lent Begins
Sunday School Continues
Word Worms
Group Study-
Five Love Languages
Confirmation
Game Day & Luncheon

REGULAR FEATURES

Usher/Greeter List
Calendar
Church Finances
Thrift Shop News
Prayer Concerns
Birthdays
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ASH WEDNESDAY/LENT BEGINS

February 26, 2020

This year the season of Lent begins on Wednesday February 26. We will begin the season with our traditional Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 PM. The service will include the imposition of ashes. All are welcome, invite your friends and neighbors.



CARNATION SUNDAY

Sunday February 16



As has long been our tradition we will celebrate Valentine's Day by selling carnations. The cost will be \$1.50 each. You may dedicate flowers to a friend, family member or even someone anonymously. The carnations will be here on Sunday February 16 and an insert in the bulletin will list them all with messages from each purchaser. If you miss the sign up call the church office to place your order.

CHURCH WEBSITE

With winter here remember to check out the church website, www.montellotumc.org for updates on cancellations and plans due to weather. While on the site check out all the great pages – if you miss church you can even hear the sermons, just click on the home tab and then the worship tab.

GAMES AND LUNCH

Sunday February 9 we will host a time of fellowship with lunch followed by game playing after worship in the fellowship hall. The lunch will be provided. Bring your favorite games – board games, cards, etc. to play. All ages are welcome to join us. For more information, talk with Shirley Dagner.



STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

...they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints. (2 Corinthians 8:3b-4)

Self-denial helps us to concentrate on our need for God. It is one thing to say that God provides all the food we need, but is quite another to go without food. It is one thing to say that God provides us with income to provide for our needs, but it is quite another to give 10% of that income back to God to provide for the needs of others.

Fasting and tithing are forms of sacrifice, a Latin word that comes from combining “to make” and “holy or sacred”. Over time, sacrifice has become synonymous with giving something up that is dear to us (self-denial) in order to serve a greater good, like the Kingdom of God.

Lent is a good time to remember that self-denial draws us closer to God. Lenten fasting should not be pro forma as in giving up chocolate, for example. It should be real self-denial accompanied by prayer, repentance and soul-searching.

Sacrificial giving is a fast from spending on yourself and is equally appropriate for Lent, especially if accompanied by prayer, repentance and soul-searching. We are called to sacrificial giving year-round, but at Lent we can especially remember Who and what our sacrifice is for.

Several years ago, I was part of a Disciple Bible Study group that decided during Lent to fast by skipping food between breakfast and dinner. We saved the money we would normally spend on lunch, snacks and coffee and brought this to the class each week. In the end, we were able to donate over \$2,200 to a local feeding program for the homeless and poor.

Join me this Lent in focusing on our need for God.
 Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

CHURCH FINANCES

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
January 5	64	1380.30
January 12	62	1102.00
January 19	51	1433.39
January 26	68	1463.00

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 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

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 online 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

2019 GIVING STATEMENTS

The giving statements for 2019 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.

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.

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.

MISSION NEWS



The January Noisy Can brought in \$60.68 for UMCOR. The February Noisy Can will go to supplies to update our children's activity bags for use during worship.

The mission committee is looking ahead to the Ingathering at Annual Conference in June. They have decided to collect items for Kids Kits. Watch future newsletters and bulletins for things you can donate. For more information talk with Margaret Eddingsaas.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Country, Our Leaders, Our Military

Floyd Davis
Eunice Hutchings
Irene Lazar
Jon Ebert
Karlene Utke
Jerilyn Koelbl
Joan Lichtfeld
Alice Zellmer
Jan Ebert
Bob Murre
Karen Wilson
Gary Cartwright
Margaret Eddingsaas
Dennis Veleke
Elizabeth Smith
Dick Baehler

Tammy Shirley Dagner's daughter
 Betty, Sue Zellmer's mom
 Carl, Wayne Reiche's brother
 Julie, daughter of Don & Nancy Roidt
 Dave, friend of Reiches
 Carrie, niece of Cheryl Kreigl
 Bob Vohland, Shirley Dagner's brother
 Tammy, Patty Pranke's sister-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
 Steve, friend of Sue Zellmer
 Chika Springer, Karlene's grandson
 Tammy, Mary Anderson's daughter-in-law
 Judy, Margaret's sister-in-law
 Tom, friend of Roger Eddingsaas
 Debbie & Mary, friends of Sharon Ahles
 Dan, Baehler's son-in-law
 Michaela. Friend of Surena Becraft

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 11/30/19	8018.17
Giving	14402.56
Transfer from Savings	00.00
Misc Income	7590.55
Kingston Church	<u>989.89</u>
Total Available	
Paid Outs	<u>10775.05</u>
Checking Balance 12/31/19	20226.12

WOMEN'S OUTRECH UPCOMING EVENTS

February 14 10:00 AM-Word Worms
March 13 10:00 AM-Word Worms

WORD WORMS

The book club will meet on Friday February 14 to discuss the book Dead Frenzy by Victoria Houston, a writer from Wisconsin who writes a series of books about fishing in northern Wisconsin.

In this book, fishing pals, (or are they more than just pals?) Doc Osborne and Police Chief Lew Ferris, live in Loon Lake, Wisconsin, which is usually a great place to seek out some mutual solitude in the trout stream. But lately, the town has been teeming with competitive bass fisherman and bikers, too many less-than-savory characters. Meanwhile, there's an old murder case Doc's bent on solving even as he himself is stalked by a mysterious visitor.

Even if you have not read the book please join us for some great conversation and a snack.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Even with all the snow on the ground it won't be long before the shop will open again for the summer season. In preparation for this year the roof on both the shop and the can shed have been replaced and looks great. Thanks to all who worked on the project and who donated time and items to the shop last year so we were able to do this work. Also a special thanks to Thrivent Financial who donated \$250.00.



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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Brittany Zellmer
- 2 Hannah Lowe
- 5 Ryker Trimble
- 9 Dennis Kamin
- 10 Jim Anderson
- 11 Linda Tanner
- 11 Margaret Eddingsaas
- 13 Mary Kamin
- 13 Art Grube
- 14 Kerilyn Beaudry
- 14 Mandi Genord
- 15 Roger Schoenherr
- 17 Jean Baehler
- 17 Maureen Becraft
- 19 Sandy Liepert
- 23 Michael Kenney
- 23 Bodie Bloom
- 28 Adelyn Cartwright
- 28 AJ Cartwright

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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| Robert & Eileen Murre
Celebrating 17 years
February 8 | Mark & Shelly Robinson
Celebrating 47 years
February 10 |
| Dave & Joan Lichtfeld
Celebrating 66 years
February 20 | Pat & Sue McFarland
Celebrating 51 years
February 22 |

February – March 2020 Schedule

	Ushers	Greeters	Liturgist
February 2	Jeff Link Melissa Link Roger Eddingsaas*	Geff Gardner Courtney Gardner	Leta Vinz
February 9	Tonisha Daniels Chloe Stampfl Roger Eddingsaas*	Cheryl Kriegl George Harris	Roxie Rygiewicz
February 16	Morris Vinz Leta Vinz Roger Eddingsaas*	Maureen Becraft Camryn Beaudry	Susan Hutchings
February 23	Andy Zellmer Sue Zellmer Roger Eddingsaas*	Richard Baehler Jean Baehler	Sue Zellmer
March 1	Beth Turner Mary Reiche Gene Hutchings*	Barb Steuck Margaret Eddingsaas	Mary Reiche
March 8	Jack Daniels Tanya Daniels Gene Hutchings*	Karlene Utke Mary Kamin	Beth Turner
March 15	Jan Ebert Robin York Gene Hutchings*	Beth Turner Sue Zellmer	Melissa Link
March 22	Jeff Link Melissa Link Gene Hutchings*	Robin York Jasper York	Jan Ebert
March 29	Cindy Bloom Tyler Bloom Gene Hutchings*	Heidi Maass Noah Maas	Mary Kramp

*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 2, 2020
Susan Hutchings & Vikki Trimble

March 1, 2020
Melissa Link & Kadie Raasch

April 5, 2020
Beth Turner & Sue Zellmer

February 2020

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
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