

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting People to God and One Another

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Pastor: Kristen Lowe

608-297-2326

Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday-Friday

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

WHAT'S GOING IN JANUARY

Sunday School Resumes

Word Worms

Group Study-

Five Love Languages

Confirmation

Chili Lunch & Program

REGULAR FEATURES

Usher/Greeter List

Calendar

Church Finances

Thrift Shop News

Prayer Concerns

Birthdays

Anniversaries

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CELEBRATING LIFE IN OUR CHURCH - 2019 BE PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER:

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Hour After Services

Alzheimer's Walk

Camping programs

Primetimer Group

Women's Outreach

Walking Group

MINISTRY GROWTH

* Health Ministry Team with Parish Nurse program

* Participated in a successful Vacation Bible School (with St John's) 50+ children in attendance

* Celebrated February with Carnations and Messages of Love

* Sunday School

* Celebrated Pentecost with a church overflowing with flowers

* 20th year to issue Education Scholarships

* Our Harvest Supper is a strong outreach for us into the community

* Collected food items for local school Operation Backpack

* Offered electronic transfer for giving

* Continued SCRIP fundraising program

* Live Nativity

* Celebrated Easter with church full of lilies

* Blood Drives

* Celebrated Advent with sanctuary full of Poinsettias

* Upper Room Discussion Group

* Host Flu Clinic

* Christmas Caroling

* Hosted Community Car Show

* Participated in county wide Touch a Truck Event

*MISSIONS

Noisy Can Collections

Salvation Army

Care Center Ministry

Heifer Project

Highway Clean Up

Local Food Pantry

Open building to non-profits such as AA, Rotary, Masons, Neighborhood Quilter, TOP, Giving Tree

Thanksgiving Share Dinners and more...much more

*PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

New Roof on Thrift Shop

Began installing energy efficient lights and thermostat

*WOMEN'S OUTREACH

We had a great season at the Thrift Shop

Holiday Trail

Continue Small Groups

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

It's just another passing day - January 1st. Yet, it somehow represents a new start... a clean slate... an opportunity to do things differently or re-evaluate what we can do in a better way. It offers us a chance to think about who we want to be and to explore the wisdom and meaning of the year prior.

What am I celebrating from this past year?
What surprised me the most?
Did I learn things from the challenges of this past year?
Were there things I would have done differently?
Where did I see God?
Where did I feel most vulnerable?
Where did I feel strong?
How did church help my faith grow?

These are all good questions to reflect on. Also, in looking at the year ahead, we can think about how we can find ways to grow closer to God. We can do this through the reading of scripture, through listening to Christian music, attending church regularly, surrounding ourselves with people we can share our faith with and talking with God regularly.

Trinity United Methodist Church's mission statement is; "Connecting People With God and One Another." How can we help others grow in their faith? We can give encouragement at all times! 1 Thess. 5:11 says, "Encourage one another and build each other up!" We can do things together. We can sit with someone we don't normally sit with in worship and get to know them. We can reach out to someone in our neighborhood and invite them to church.

How do we connect people to one another? First, we have to be approachable. We must practice being ambassadors for Jesus Christ at all times. When someone visits our church, introduce yourself and then introduce them to someone else. When you're out in the community, find something positive to say to someone you wouldn't normally talk to. Maybe it's the first kind word they've heard all day.

As we head into 2020, we do so celebrating many wonderful things. God is at work! Worship attendance average in 2017 was 50.9, in 2018 average was 53.9, in 2019 average is 64.3! We are

moving in a very positive direction! People are coming and feeling welcomed! One person told me, "I knew the first Sunday that this was like a family!" Our Sunday School increased in 2019 enough to add an additional class and more teachers. We started a Confirmation Class with 10 students.

In 2020 continue to allow the Holy Spirit to move through you, and as Paul tells us in Philippians 4:8 "...if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise."

Blessings in the new year!
Pastor Kristen

ONLINE DIRECTORY

As part of our services from Lifetouch we have access to an online directory of our members. Anyone can access this directory by going to <https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/379133/trinity-united-methodist-church>, then use access code 53949. If you have any trouble connecting to this, please talk to Vikki.



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JANUARY 22**

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

“For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.” (2 Corinthians 8:12)

This year, join me in taking care of the problematic and typical shortfalls in our local church budgets. Many stewardship books propose **a step of 1% of income** per year as you grow toward tithing. In Wisconsin, if the roughly 34,000 giving households increased their giving by an average of 1% of income in 2020, **our churches would receive \$18 million more in 2020 than in 2019.** Overall, we would increase our giving from 3% to 4% of our collective income.

If you make the median income in Wisconsin, then one percent is about \$600. That is \$11.54 per week in 2020. Coming up with another \$12 per week for the church may take some effort and sacrifice, but you can see that for most families earning the median, this would be doable.

If your household earns \$100,000 per year, one percent is \$1,000, or about \$19 per week. If your household earns \$25,000 per year, one percent is \$250 or just under \$5 per week.

Generosity is not a big check; rather, it is these weekly increments that today you will resolve to give to God in 2020. If you have already pledged, tell them you want to change it, or just starting giving the additional \$5 or \$12 or \$19 or whatever is 1% of your income over and above your giving last year.

If most giving units increased their giving in this way, **your church would close the budget gap** that people have been worrying about. Apportionments would be paid and delayed maintenance would be done. More importantly, your congregation would be able to feed the hungry, help the poor, send youth on mission trips, sponsor missionaries and do good in many other ways. **Isn't this why you are a church?**

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

CHURCH FINANCES

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
December 1	71	2571.55
December 8	58	2757.11
December 15	89	1803.00
December 22	68	1511.10
December 24	95	1264.00
December 29	44	1403.00

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.

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 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.

GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2020 giving envelopes are here. They are on the table in the narthex. Please pick yours up to help cut down on mailing costs. If you are unable to pick yours up please call the office and we will get yours to you.

MISSION NEWS

The December Noisy Can brought in \$69.22 for the Salvation Army. We also sold 11 Bucket Passes! All this money stays in Marquette County. Thank you for your generosity.



The January Noisy Can will go to UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief. As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR works with vulnerable communities to strengthen self-sufficiency and encourage partnerships. UMCOR responds to U.S. and international disasters, addresses diseases of poverty, ministers to refugees and immigrants, provides clean water and actively works to reduce hunger.

The season of natural disasters is quickly approaching so please start saving your change and give generously.

NURSERY AVAILABLE

Trinity is offering supervised childcare for children 5 and under during worship. Your child can join us any time during the service or before it begins. We are located in the Sunday School room on the left side of the hallway in the fellowship hall. We are looking for volunteers to supervise the nursery, if you are interested please contact Tanya Daniels at 608-369-0449.



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

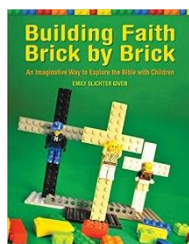
FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES



Back by popular demand! This Six-week Group Study starts January 21st and runs Tuesday Evenings from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Couples and singles are welcome! Everyone will need their own material. The Cost is \$15.00 per person due at the first session. Learn to understand your love language and the love language of your spouse. Work toward improving your relationships as you practice other love languages. Learning the five love languages will help you not only in your marriage, but it will help you better understand yourself and every relationship in your life! All registrations are due back to the office by January 5th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We will resume Sunday School at 9:00 AM on Sunday January 12. We will use LEGO bricks to build and explore the kingdom of God; becoming “master builders” four faith, one brick at a time. This will be a fun exciting interactive session, invite all your friends to join us.



THANK YOU TO...

-The decorating of the tree crew, Mary Kramp, Jan Ebert, Jerilyn Koelbl, John Giencke and Kris Thomley it was fabulous
-all who bought the poinsettias to dress up the sanctuary for Advent

WOMENS' OUTREACH UPCOMING EVENTS

January 10	10:00 AM-Word Worms
February 4	10:00 AM-Word Worms

WORD WORMS

Our book club will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Friday January 10 to discuss the book Memory of Muskets by Kathleen Ernst. This is a Chloe Ellerson mystery series about Old World Wisconsin where Chloe is a curator. She is planning a Civil War reenactment and someone shows up dead.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the PARENTS who have been so committed to bringing their kiddos to Sunday School and to Worship!! You are AWESOME!!

Sunday, December 15 was just heartwarming! Everyone did such a fabulous job; God was truly Worshipped and Glorified! I sense we might be seeing some of these younger readers in the near future, as they felt the power of the Holy Spirit and the encouragement of others.

I was reminded that in addition to learning about Jesus and hearing the Bible stories, the kids are creating friendships and connections; that Trinity is a safe and welcoming place that values each individual child and that Sunday Mornings are a time to gather and be a part of a loving community. I hope they have also come to know that their voices, smiles, and laughter each Sunday brings hope and joy to all of us grown-ups!

Enjoy this season of celebrating our Saviors birth. You are a blessing to Trinity as well as your littles!

Peace, Love & Joy
Cindy Lardy

OUR 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

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
Betty Berg, Mary Kamin sister-in-law
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
Steve, friend of Sue Zellmer



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.

CHILI LUNCH AND PROGRAM

Stay after Worship for Food & Fellowship!



We will have a Free-will Chili & Cornbread Lunch from 11-12 on the 5th, followed by a short presentation by Pastor Kristen of her trip to the Middle East and Asia Minor where she discovered some interesting facts about the Apostle Paul and the life of Jesus as she studied the ancient sites where the first churches were founded.

Cindy will welcome as much help as she can get 😊 ... food prep, set-up and clean-up too.

Great ministry happens over a meal. So plan on a hot bowl of chili and some good conversation. You never know who you'll meet and what you'll learn.

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.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our new church directory is here and looks great! Everyone whose picture is in the directory gets a copy. If you have not gotten yours just call the church office.

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 30, 2019

Checking Balance 10/31/19	8550.19
Giving	7168.96
Transfer from Savings	00.00
Misc Income	1097.19
Kingston Church	<u>989.46</u>
Total Available	17806.23

Paid Outs	<u>9788.06</u>
Checking Balance 11/30/19	8018.17

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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 Sandy Becker
 6 Carmen Gardner
 10 Karlene Utke
 12 Brandon Daniels
 19 Sue Zellmer
 20 Tonisha Daniels
 25 Kaine Beaudry
 27 George Harris
 28 Linda Daniels
 30 Patty Pranke

HOW TO FIND PEACE

Blessed are the single-hearted, for they shall enjoy much peace. If you refuse to be hurried and pressed, if you stay your soul on God, nothing can keep you from that clearness of spirit which is life and peace. In that stillness you will know what his will is.

—Amy Carmichael

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.

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	

January - February 2020 Schedule

	Ushers	Greeters	Liturgist
January 5	Barb Steuck Beth Turner Shirley Dagner*	Mary Kramp Haidley Link	Roger Eddingsaas
January 12	Jack Daniels Tanya Daniels Shirley Dagner*	Brian Pranke Patty Pranke	Jan Ebert
January 19	Cindy Bloom Robin York Shirley Dagner*	Mary Kamin Sharon Ahles	Mary Kramp
January 26	Sue Zellmer Susan Hutchings Shirley Dagner*	Cindy Bloom Bodie Bloom	Roger Eddingsaas
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

*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

January 5, 2020

Mary Kramp & Mary Kamin

February 2, 2020

Susan Hutchings & Vikki Trimble

March 1, 2020

Melissa Link & Kadie Raasch

January 2020

Monthly Planner

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