

# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Connecting People to God and One Another*

## FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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

### WHAT'S GOING IN MARCH

Lunch and Game Day  
Lent Continues  
Sunday School Continues  
Word Worms  
Confirmation

### REGULAR FEATURES

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

## EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

We will be in our 20<sup>th</sup> 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 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.



Scholarship Fund



## GAMES AND LUNCH

Sunday March 8 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.

## CHURCH WEBSITE

With winter here remember to check out the church website, [www.montellotumc.org](http://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.

## 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.

## PASTOR ARTICLE

Thank you, Dear Ones, for your love and support over the past weeks while I focused on my daughter and my own healing during our family crisis. I felt a steady stream of God's own heart flowing from the church and it helped sustain the two of us during a most difficult time.

There are many questions that come up in times like these, and to be honest, in those first days, there was only shock. I appreciate your patience while we sorted things out.

I want to thank the leadership of our church for their tenderness to my situation and their tremendous efforts in pulling together worship services to make sure everything ran smoothly. Sam Cartwright had just stepped into the SPRC Chair position and grabbed the reins like a pro! She kept in constant communication with me, with our DS and with the church. We can all be proud of her. I especially want to thank Vikki, who not only handled the hub of information but also blessed the congregation and Kingston with wonderful worship services. I was so grateful that I was with you one Sunday and actually got to hear Vikki preach. We are so fortunate to have her!

I've missed our Sunday mornings together. I've missed our various chats throughout the week. I've missed seeing you around town, which hasn't happened as frequently. I've missed you and I'm looking forward to being back. Many of you have asked what you can do to be supportive. Prayer is very powerful. Please pray for my family. Encouragement nourishes the spirit. Also, I may need some help from time to time. If you're available to hang out sometime with my kiddo or have her hang at your house if I have something else to do, that would be appreciated.

I have learned a great deal during this time that I would have never known otherwise. God has given me the gift of enlightenment. I now have the perspective of one who has stood on this side of such an experience. And, in many ways, I still stand here. I Pray it will help me be a better pastor.

My God is a great and mighty King!  
Pastor Kristen

## SEASON OF LENT AND HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

We begin March in the Lenten season... a time to ponder and repent. It's a season designed to help us remember our humanity and exactly why we need a savior. As we move toward Holy Week, and we reach deeper into ourselves, we might find some discomfort. But that's ok. That's why we travel this road together. That's why we come together and worship and carry each other's burdens.

During Holy Week, you are especially invited to get to know members of our sister church, Kingston UMC as we share services together. On Maundy Thursday, we will worship at Montello at 7 PM with a soup supper before the service. We will worship together in Kingston at 1 PM on Good Friday and there will be two worship services on Easter, Kingston at 8 AM and Montello at 10 AM.

## 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.



*APRIL  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE  
MARCH 18*

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

*To give away money is an easy matter and within anyone's power, but to decide to whom to give it, how much to give, when to give, and to give for the right motive and in the right way, is neither in everyone's power nor an easy matter. Hence, it is that such excellence is rare, praiseworthy, and noble. Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, Book II, Chapter 9*

Recently a church asked me to help determine their congregation's capacity for giving. Here is my simple answer: any congregation's capacity to give is at least 10% (the tithe) of its annual income.

I usually estimate a church's congregation-wide annual income as the median income within a 5-mile radius of the church times the number of giving units in the church. (So that I do not inadvertently overestimate congregational income, I usually work with 90 percent of this number.)

Ten percent of total congregational income is the tithe and is our best scripturally based estimate of congregational capacity to give. God proposed the tithe as a target for giving to support the church with other charitable giving to be over and above that amount. (Our denomination's stance is that "tithing is the minimum goal of giving" (Book of Discipline ¶630.5e) and "God's standard of giving" (¶304.1c)).

In Wisconsin, our actual giving averages 2.9%. We are spending much of God's share on ourselves. How much could our churches accomplish if we tithed and had more than three times as much in giving?

In my talks with United Methodists around the state, I hear a lot of anxiety about the state of our churches, often because they are experiencing budget shortfalls. What they often propose is cutting more costs or getting new people to pay for the church.

Yet, we could reverse the trajectory of United Methodism by simply giving what God has asked us to give. That is the revitalization we need.

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

## CHURCH FINANCES

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
February 2	56	1179.80
February 9	No Church-Snow	
February 16	61	2467.50
February 23	74	989.46

## 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

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](http://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

## MISSION NEWS

The March Noisy Can will go to help update and refill the children's bags that are available for use during worship. These bags are hanging on the wall in the narthex under the windows into the sanctuary. They are filled with small books, coloring and activity books and crayons and are available for any child who would like to use them.



Also the Mission Committee would like to remind everyone that the Care & Share Food Pantry is in need of donations so please remember to bring a couple of donations with you each time you come to church.

## 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.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 12/31/19	20226.12
Giving	7168.69
Transfer from Savings	00.00
Misc Income	69.34
Kingston Church	<u>989.89</u>
Total Available	28454.04
Paid Outs	<u>21126.80</u>
Checking Balance 1/31/20	7327.24

## NEW MEMBER MEETING

Are you interested in becoming a member of Trinity? There will be an informational meeting on Sunday March 15 at 11:15 AM in Pastor's. Come learn more about the Methodist Church and what it means to be a member.





## 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  
Pastor Kristen & Hannah  
Sue Zellmer*

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  
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.

## EASTER FLOWERS

EASTER  
Flowers



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.

## IN THE MAIL



Special and sincere thank you to my family, church family and friends for the prayers, cards, flowers, visits, dog sitting and so many other things. I am truly blessed to know you all.

Karlene Utke and Abby

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We've been enjoying the Parables in the Brick by Brick LEGO study. Thank you to all who have helped! For the season of Lent, 5th/6th grades will continue with LEGOS as they discuss Jesus' journey to the cross, while 4K-4th grade will craft and play as they hear and learn bible stories of Jesus and his disciples.

Please note:

March 29th - Spring Break - No Sunday School

April 5th - Palm Sunday

April 12th - Easter Sunday - No Sunday School

April 19th - Sunday School resumes



## 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 1/2 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 [www.wiumcamps.org](http://www.wiumcamps.org). For more information, talk to Lauren Olson.

## WOMEN'S OUTRECH UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13 10:00 AM-Word Worms

April 10 10:00 AM-Word Worms

Thrift Shop work begins in the beginning of April and opens the first weekend in May

## WORD WORMS

The book club will meet on Friday March 13 at 10:00 AM to discuss the book Visiting Tom by Michael Perry who is a Wisconsin writer who grew up on a farm in northern Wisconsin. He reminisces about his adventures on that farm.

Perry takes us along on his uplifting visits with his octogenarian neighbor one valley over—and celebrates the wisdom, heart, and sass of a vanishing generation that embodies the indomitable spirit of small-town America.

“Somewhere between Garrison Keillor’s idyllic-sweet Lake Wobegon and the narrow-mindedness of Sinclair Lewis’s Main Street lies the reality of small-town life. This is where Michael Perry lives.”  
—*St. Paul Pioneer Press*

If you are interested in some great fellowship and conversation, consider joining us even if you have not read the book.

## 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

Trinity United Methodist Church

## VALENTINE CARNATIONS

It was great to see all the surprised smiles and thank yours on Carnation Sunday. Thank you to all who purchased flowers to decorate the sanctuary and brighten someone's day.

Mary Anderson (12)	Jim	I love you
Sandy Kibride-Becker (2)		Happy Valentine's Day
Surena Becraft (2)	Mom	Love you
Caleb & Olivia (12)	Granny	God Bless you, Love you
Nola Grace (2)	Beth	Love you to the moon and back
Nola Grace (2)	Champ	Love for my best pal
Shirley Dagner (1)	Roger & Margaret	Thanks for your company
Jan Ebert (1)		Thanks you for all you do
Jan Ebert (2)	Beth	Thank you for being a great friend
Margaret (2)	Roger	Happy Valentine's Day
Susan Hutchings (1)		Thank you for all you do
Susan Hutchings (2)	Vikki	Thanks for being my sound room partner
Gene & Susan (6)	Eunice	Bless you
Eunice Hutchings (3)	Gene & Susan	Love you
Grandma Jeri (5)	Cam, Cole, Chloe, Kylie, Noah	Stay Strong we are so proud of you
Mary Kramp (2)	Beth	Thank you for being a great friend
My Grandkids (5)	Grandma Kamin	Love you
Pastor Kristen (5)	Beth	Thank you for being our pastor
Melissa Link (4)	Family	We love you, thanks for being you
Kathy O'Donnell (3)	Renee Happel	Thank you for your friendship
Lauren Olson (2)	Vikki	Thanks for being my sound room partner
Mary Ott (2)	Beth	Thank you for being a great friend
Nona Partham (2)	Nola Grace	Thanks Thanks Thanks
Alice Rueb (1)	Margaret Eddingsaas	You always brighten my day
Elizabeth Smith (3)		Thinking of you
Vikki Trimble (1)		Thank you for all you do
Vikki Trimble (3)	Sharon Schrimpf	Thank you for all you do, blessings
Vikki Trimble (3)	Gene & Susan	Thank you for all you do
Vikki Trimble (2)	Nola Grace	Thanks for your patience and help

Sage & Ryker (6)	March 20 Newsletter
Beth Turner (1)	Nana & Papa Love you to the moon and back infinity
Grandma Karlene (3)	Thank you for all you do
Karen Wilson (1)	Brandon & Carter
Sue Zellmer (2)	Blessed to have you in our lives
	Elizabeth To a good friend
	Beth Thank you for being a great friend



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Rick Oakes  
14 Kamryn Beaudry  
10 Justin Olson  
16 Dennis Veleke  
22 Andy Zellmer  
25 Mary Reiche  
26 Kent Napralla  
26 Chloe Hill  
31 Mike Lardy  
31 Kristen Lowe

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Cathy Crawford  
Celebrating 29 years  
March 6

Gene & Susan Hutchings  
Celebrating 27 years  
March 13

Dennis & Linda Daniels  
Celebrating 49 years  
March 19

Todd & Beth Turner  
Celebrating 38 years  
March 20

Wayne & Marcy Janssen  
Celebrating 55 years  
March 27

Eric & Stacy Sutton  
Celebrating 12 years  
March 29

**March - April 2020 Schedule**

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
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
April 5	Mary Kramp Barb Steuck Shirley Dagner*	Maureen Becraft Mary Kramp	Mary Reiche
April 12	Morris Vinz Leta Vinz Shirley Dagner*	Tonisha Daniels Sharon Ahles	Sue Zellmer
April 19	Andy Zellmer Sue Zellmer Shirley Dagner*	Roger Eddingsaas Margaret Eddingsaas	Roxie Rygiewicz
April 26	Robin York Cindy Bloom Shirley Dagner*	Beth Turner 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 1, 2020

Melissa Link & Kadie Raasch

April 5, 2020

Beth Turner & Sue Zellmer

May 3, 2020

Mary Kramp & Mary Kamin



March 2020

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																		
<b>1</b> Sunday School 9 AM  Worship 10 AM	<b>2</b> AA 6 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> TOPS 2 PM	<b>5</b> Al-Anon 5 PM	<b>6</b> AA 6 PM	<b>7</b>																																																																																																		
<b>8</b> Confirmation 8:30 AM  Sunday School 9 AM  Worship 10 AM	<b>9</b> AA 6 PM	<b>10</b> Quilt Group	<b>11</b> Ad Council 6 PM  Finance 5:15 PM  TOPS 2 PM	<b>12</b> Al-Anon 5 PM  Trustees 6 PM	<b>13</b> AA 6 PM  Word Worms 10 AM	<b>14</b>																																																																																																		
<b>15</b> Sunday School 9 AM  Worship 10 AM	<b>16</b> AA 6 PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Newsletter Articles Due  TOPS 2 PM	<b>19</b> Al-Anon 5 PM	<b>20</b> AA 6 PM	<b>21</b>																																																																																																		
<b>22</b> Confirmation 8:30 AM  Sunday School 9 AM  Worship 10 AM	<b>23</b> AA 6 PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> TOPS 2 PM	<b>26</b> Al-Anon 5 PM	<b>27</b> AA 6 PM	<b>28</b>																																																																																																		
<b>29</b> Sunday School 9 AM  Worship 10 AM	<b>30</b> AA 6 PM	<b>31</b>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">Feb 2020</th> <th colspan="7">Apr 2020</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td> <td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td> <td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td> <td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td> <td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Feb 2020							Apr 2020							S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1				1	2	3	4	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	26	27	28	29	30		
Feb 2020							Apr 2020																																																																																																	
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																											
						1				1	2	3	4																																																																																											
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8	9	10	11																																																																																											
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	12	13	14	15	16	17	18																																																																																											
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	19	20	21	22	23	24	25																																																																																											
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	26	27	28	29	30																																																																																													