Trinity United Methodist Church *March 2018*

The Chimes

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

I pray that you have been blessed in the past month, and that you are striving to observe a holy Lent with prayer and fasting. If you have not already heard, Peace and Trinity churches are undertaking a 40-day prayer challenge during Lent. We began February 19 and will continue through March, ending on Saturday before Easter. What I am challenging all of our members to do is to be intentional about prayer every day for 40 days, asking God what it is they should be praying about, keeping a journal where you record what you are praying for and how God is speaking into that prayer or answering that prayer, praying bold prayers, and joining with others in prayer. I invite you to attend our Wednesday small group as we study and pray together the 40 Day prayer challenge. We meet at 6:15 at Peace church. It's not too late to start!

In recent weeks, I have been asked to invite a representative to come and speak to our churches regarding the Wesleyan Covenant Association. It was suggested that a speaker from the Wisconsin Conference also be invited to come and present their own views on the WCA. The first opportunity to come and hear one of these speakers will be on March 15th, 7:00 pm at Peace church. I am pleased to have Rev. Walter Fenton join us to present information about the WCA and to answer questions folks might have about this organization. Rev. Fenton has recently joined the WCA as its Vice President for strategic engagement. A Yale Divinity School graduate, Walter was ordained deacon (1996) and elder (1998) in the Detroit Annual Conference, and transferred to the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference in 2003. In addition to serving in the local church he has served extension appointments in Illinois and Texas.

We will be inviting members of surrounding United Methodist Churches to join us that evening. There are many people who are unaware of the current troubles in our denomination, and others who want to be informed about how to prepare for the findings of the Bishop's commission on a way forward. I invite you to join us that evening and look forward to having someone from the annual conference, representing an alternate view of things, come and speak to us in the near future.

Rev. Wiley Gladney

Lenten and Easter Worship Services

Palm Sunday – **9:30 am – Trinity UMC**
Good Friday – **1:00 pm – St. John's Lutheran**
7:00 pm – Location to be announced in weekly bulletins

Easter Sunday – **9:30 am – Trinity UMC**

Schmitt Woodland Hills
Lenten Worship Services

In cooperation with the following Churches: First Baptist, Town & Country Presbyterian, Peace United Methodist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church will be hosting Lenten services at Schmitt Woodland Hills in the second floor activity room. *Please see page 10 for details.*

Youth Ministry News

Adventures Prime Camp

Wisconsin Conference UMC is pleased to announce that Summer Camp 2018 is open for registration!

The Wisconsin United Methodist Camping Website is up and ready for registrations for summer camps. Last year they gave each camp cameras and posted the pictures that turned out of each camp. It is fun looking through the camps and finding youth from our congregations that have participated. We had 4 youth attend camp last year. Camp books will be arriving and be available on the back table and Sunday School rooms. There are family camps, Mother-daughter camps, grandparent–grandchild camps, and camps for adults with special needs. Our camp fund pays 2/3's of registration for youth. WI conference scholarships are available if needed.

Contact Rosie Steinmetz 608-647-4247 for assistance.

Camp Office/ www.WIUMCamps.org
877-947-2267
608-837-3388

YOUTH GROUP News

Heather Gladney
Youth Leader
920-509-2258

SAVE THE DATES! YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING FUN OUTINGS

April 14th – game night at Trinity at 6pm
May 12th – pizza movie night at Trinity at 6pm
June 16th – out of school party at Trinity at 6pm

Our youth group will meet every second and fourth Sunday evening at 6:00 pm at Peace.

Missions Committee Highlights

An Appeal for Trinity's Love Fund

The Missions Committee is making a special appeal to replenish Trinity's **Love Fund**, a pastor's discretionary fund for anyone with emergency needs. **Requests are kept confidential and recipients remain anonymous.** The **Love Fund** balance is low and needs to be replenished. Please prayerfully consider supporting this local mission for those experiencing economic hardship. On your offering envelope, please designate **"Love Fund".**

CELEBRATE UMCOR SUNDAY ON MARCH 11

(Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) has been providing compassion and relief services to people and nations in crisis since 1940. UMCOR has helped tens of thousands of people after disaster, conflict, and other disruptive events that leave communities unable to recover on their own. Even now, there are UMCOR relief workers helping people recover from the 2017 floods in Africa and the 2017 hurricanes in the U.S. and the Caribbean. This is what we call Love in action.

When you give to UMCOR Sunday, you help cover the annual operational costs for UMCOR FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR, allowing UMCOR to apply 100% of other donations directly to relief efforts.

Although March 11 is designated UMCOR Sunday, UMCOR is the Mission Focus for the entire month of March. I Peter 4:10 reminds us to "serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." We thank you for your prayerful giving, so that UMCOR has everything it needs to be the hands and feet of Jesus when the need is greater than most can bear.

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS and *SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS (see italics)*

JANUARY	FOOD PANTRY ***January 14 – Human Relations Day***
FEBRUARY	TRINITY MEMORIAL MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
MARCH	UMCOR SUNDAY ***March 11 - One Great Hour of Sharing (UMCOR)***
APRIL	CLEANING KITS FOR CONFERENCE INGATHERING ***April 15 - Native American Ministries Sunday***
MAY	GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY – SCHMITT WOODLAND HILLS ***May 27 – Peace with Justice Sunday***
JUNE	CHURCH CAMP FUND - ICE CREAM SOCIAL
JULY	UW MADISON HOSPITAL MINISTRY (CHAPLAINCY)
AUGUST	TRINITY MEMORIAL MINISTRY WISH LIST
SEPTEMBER	CLEAN WATER PROJECT, DRC, AFRICA
OCTOBER	HARVEST AUCTION TO SUPPORT RACHEL & DANIEL GABLER ***October 7 - World Communion Sunday***
NOVEMBER	PASSAGES ***November 25 – UM Student Day***
DECEMBER	SALVATION ARMY

Celebrations and More…..

MARCH BIRTHDAYS	
Tate Perkins	3/1
Annabeth Sprecher	3/4
Harriet Reese	3/6
Daniel Tracy	3/18
Alberta Couey	3/19
Jerry Bower	3/27
Annie Windstrup	3/30
Jocelyn Storer	3/31
MARCH ANNIVERSARY	
Bernie & Alberta Couey	3/6

St. Patrick's Day - March 17th

Update on Irish Dance/Potato Bar…..

Trinity will not be doing the Potato Bar this St Patrick's Season. Hopefully we will do it again next year. We are glad Brittany Hying is continuing to use Schmitt Hall for Irish Dance instruction on Wed afternoon's. Her group will be performing at the Brewer Library on Saturday March 17th.
Rosie Steinmetz

Flowers for Easter…..

An assortment of colorful spring plants will be ordered for Easter Sunday. If you would like to sponsor a plant, please call the church office or use the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. The selection of plants available and prices will be listed on the sign-up sheet. Please indicate if you would like to donate the plant in someone's honor or memory. Plants may be taken home following the Easter service.

Contribution Envelopes Update - Traditional book envelopes are no longer being used or given out. For the 2018 year, we ask that those wishing to make contributions pick up envelopes from the narthex (back of the church) or send your contributions directly to the church. If you would like a group of envelopes, please contact the church secretary, Pat Leonard, 647-3203, and she will send them to you. Please destroy any 2017 envelopes since we are now using a different numbering system to record contributions. Thanks Kathy Richardson.

Automatic Contributions - are an easy-to-use way to make your contributions to Trinity United Methodist Church. Simply take a voided check to the Westby Coop Credit Union, 2403 US Highway 14 (near Wal-Mart) and fill out an Automatic Payment Plan Authorization. This form lets you decide when your contribution will be transferred to Trinity's account. For more information, contact the church treasurer, Kathy Richardson, at 647-3203

Points of Interest

Date	Event	Description
March 2 Friday	Bishop's Day Apart – Laity Session	Registration 6 pm; event will be 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Oregon People's UMC; 103 N. Alpine Pkwy, Oregon
March 7, 14, 21 Wednesdays	**Draw the Circle Lenten Study**	**Join the 40 Day Prayer Challenge at Peace UMC on Wednesdays at 6:15pm**
March 10 Saturday	Church Finance Training	10am – 12 Noon / 327 N. Iowa St. Dodgeville UMC. See page 8 for more details.
March 11 Sunday	**Praise & Prayer Service**	**7:00 PM at Peace United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited! Bring your family and friends!**
March 15 Thursday	Wesleyan Covenant Association Presentation	7:00 PM at Peace UMC - Guest speaker Walter Fenten, VP for strategic engagement for WCA, will present an informational Q & A .
March 16 Friday	**Family Fun Night!!**	**5:30 – 8pm / Richland Middle School/ Illusionist Ryan Martin will perform at 7:00 p.m. Lots of pizza plus other goodies to eat and fun things to do. Open to all even if you don't have children.**
March 23 & 24 Fri - Sat	Laity Convocation - Bishop Jung	A 2-day presentation with Bishop Jung at the Reedsburg UMC .
March 30 Friday	**Good Friday Services**	**1:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church 7:00 pm - TBD**
Ongoing	Visitation Ministry Team	If you feel called to assist with making contact and personal visits to those who are homebound, hospitalized, or in a convalescent center, please contact Tricia Holley at 305-4788.

Passages
promise possibilities partnerships

"PAPER PUSH"

Missons' Committee has decided to continue the drive for paper products for Passages ***through the month of March***. Our contributions have been gratefully accepted by the staff and residents. So, members of Trinity and children of the Sunday school, thank you for your support. Our donation tub remains in the narthex and any contributions of paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, etc. will be gratefully accepted by Passages.

Makes perfect gifts and supports Missions Ministry! See Nancy McCauley

February 2018 Committee Notes

By Jerry Bower, Lay Leader

CHURCH COUNCIL: We met the 29th of January because our 15 January meeting had been cancelled due to 3 to 4 inches of snow. Our regular February meeting, on the 19th, will be a joint meeting with the Peace Council to discuss enhancing our shared regional ministry. Notes from that meeting appear below.

Pastor Wiley led us in prayer to open the meeting. During Joys & Concerns, several individuals were mentioned that need our prayers. A joy is that Jacob Storer will be dancing a "masterpiece" in Italy at the end of May. In the meantime he is working hard to learn the dance. John & Chris hope to be able to attend Jacob's performance.

OLD BUSINESS: The next meeting of the Ministry Task Force will occur on 18 February at 12:30 at Peace. The group will continue to analyze data to see where we can improve our ministry, especially in our local community. We decided to wait until at least July to schedule an All-Church meeting to discuss joining the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA). Pastor will try to schedule Rom Pegram to address the gathering about the WCA. A later meeting will be scheduled, where not joining the WCA will be discussed. We hope that DS Scott Carlson may be able to be the keynote speaker. The decision will not be rushed! A couple of counters (Jerry & Russ) described how the transition to the new giving envelopes is progressing. It will take the counters a while to adapt to the new system. It would be helpful if everyone would use an envelope for their contribution, instead of just placing a check in the plate. An announcement will be placed in the bulletins about this. (You will have read that announcement by the time you read this.)

GOALS FOR 2018: We will continue to develop our cooperative regional ministry with Peace. As mentioned, a joint Council meeting will be held on 19 Feb. to discuss this. The Visitation Ministry, led by Tricia Holley, is doing well and is an example of what the two congregations can do by working together. However, the Visitation team could use more volunteers, as there are many people who would enjoy a visit. If you wish to volunteer, even if just to find out if the team is something you want to join, contact Pat in the office and she will put you in touch with Tricia. We briefly discussed the fate of our Candlelight Dinner, which has been cancelled for this year. There are plenty of volunteers, what we are lacking is managers of the different areas essential to a successful dinner. If you are interested in learning more, contact Paul Murphey. By mid-summer we will have to decide the fate of the 2019 Candlelight Dinner.

NEW BUSINESS: The Lenten & Easter schedule is as follows: Ash Wednesday service, 14 February, will be at Peace at 7:00 PM; the Maundy Thursday service, 29 March, will be at Trinity at 7:00 PM. Our Easter service, April 1st, will be at 9:30 AM. The Lenten study is "40 Days of Prayer", to begin on 21 Feb. at 6:15 PM. The study will continue throughout Lent. Books and Study Guides have been ordered and will be available at both churches. Because we have several youths of Confirmation age, Pastor Wiley will lead a Confirmation study, beginning sometime in the Fall. Pastor will be seeking help with helping these youth to make their decision about accepting Jesus. Paul mentioned that he and Pat are "almost" done bringing our membership roll up to date. This project has involved many hours of research. Paul is lacking the Church Conference records for 1974 & 1975. If you have these, please let Paul know. You may have already noted that we are no longer putting out a contribution basket during our Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour. This new policy is one idea we have implemented from attending a stewardship workshop in La Crosse. The idea is that a visitor would feel they have to "pay" to join us! We, of course, still need money to offer the coffee hour. If you would like to support this, please place your donation in a giving envelope and mark it "coffee fund" or include it with your usual contribution, but be sure to indicate how much should be placed in the coffee fund. Rhonda Sutton was elected to the Memorial Ministry .

NEXT MEETING: 19 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7:00 PM, IN THE LIBRARY.
(This will be a joint meeting with Peace)

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FINANCE COMMITTEE: Jerry opened the meeting with a prayer.

The review of the January 2018 spreadsheet revealed that all bills had been paid and there was a good balance in the General Fund. Much of this balance was due to a transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund of $2,500.00.

Jerry had prepared an analysis of our 2017 budget. This revealed that the total income received, including $10,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund was $112,485.00. Jerry divided the expenditures into the three categories recommended by the Conference: PERSONNEL (salaries and benefits) $57,637.00=53% of expenses; FACILITIES (building expenses, utilities, office expenses) $35,140.00=33% of expenses ; and PROGRAMMING (education, apportionments, worship, ministries) $15,405.00=14% of expenses. Our Facilities expenditure is a bit higher that the percentage recommended by the Conference, while the Programming is a bit below the recommended percentage.

We discussed the new contribution envelopes. The counters are adjusting to them. It would be helpful if everyone would use them and write their name on the envelope as this would greatly assist the counters in attributing each contribution to the correct giving unit.

We discussed the need for more security for certain confidential records than is currently available. There is a safe but it is no longer lockable. We will take this issue to the Trustees, recommending the purchase of a new safe. The current safe could then be used to store our membership records in a fireproof fashion.

Trinity has received "Thank You" letters from the Food Pantry, Passages, and Lydia's House for our special contributions from the 2017 Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings.

We decided that the 2018 special Easter offering should be directed to the Pastor's Love Fund. Later, you will be receiving a letter about this offering.

NEXT MEETING: 4 APRIL 2018, 6:00 PM., IN THE LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES:

DEVOTION: Russ offered a prayer of thanks and for guidance.

MINUTES: The Minutes of 4 December 2017 were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: $2,500.00 was transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund into the General Fund on 28 January 2018. A review of our investments revealed that 2017 had been a very good year. However, the market drops of the past few days will mean a different report when we next meet.

Jerry mentioned that he has received a stack of Barnes Trust statements from Kathy. He will review these to determine how much more money the secondary beneficiaries have received, compared to Trinity's $1,000.00 per year. It is Jerry's intention to eventually meet with Rick Churan, of the Methodist Foundation to discuss dissolving the Trust and splitting up the money. The bank fees each year are also far more than one thousand dollars.

PARSONAGE: Currently, there are no problems!

CHURCH:

CEILING LIGHTS: Dick Marshall is still searching for a supplier who can provide all of the LED lights we need.

PARKING LOT REPAIRS: Still waiting for spring to pursue.

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GREASE TRAP REPAIR BIDS: Jeremiah Storer bid $985.00 and Schneider bid $938.00. After discussion we decided to accept Jeremiah's bid because he has already consulted on the project and he has indicated that he can do the work in one day. We will wait until after Easter to have this work done, to avoid conflicts in the use of the kitchen.

QUARTERLY LIFT LOAD TEST: Has been scheduled for March.

OTHER:

Pastor Wiley is purchasing a booster for our Wi-Fi reception.

Paul Murphey presented some items to us. He reported that the Montieth Trust interest for 2017, $616.00, was the largest amount we have received. The Trust requires that the money be used for education. Since the Education Department/Sunday School was not using all of the money, we have decided to place the dividend in the Scholarship Fund. It is understood that, if Education needs more money because our Sunday school program has grown, the funds will be transferred out of the Scholarship Fund. Paul reported that he is ready to sell the old folding chairs and dollies. The chairs will be $10.00 and the dollies $25.00. Fifty chairs have been reserved for Trinity's contribution to Worship in the Park, an annual event. The new chairs cost $4,506.00; Paul had estimated $4,000. The cost has been entirely covered by donations to the Chair Fund, $3,000.00 from the Ruth Moser Estate, and money from Memorial Ministries' undesignated funds. Thanks, Paul, for all the work you've done on securing our new tables and chairs!! We briefly discussed our wedding fees and reaffirmed that anyone using the sanctuary, who is not a Trinity member, will be charged the non-member fee. We decided to put reviewing our Wedding and Funeral Policies on our next agenda.

Jim Weber has painted over the green in the central stairway and in the hall way above. He also filled the hole in the ceiling in the girls' bathroom. Thanks, Jim (Our cost was two gallons of paint!)

NEXT MEETING: 2 APRIL 2018 IN THE LIBRARY. 6:00 PM.

JOINT COUNCIL: The joint Council meeting, scheduled for 19 Feb., was canc3elled due to bad weather-freezing rain in this case. It will be rescheduled and I'll let you know what transpires.

Church Finance Training – Saturday, March 10th

10am – 12 Noon / 327 N. Iowa St., Dodgeville

The Wisconsin Conference is pleased to offer training to members of our United Methodist Churches who are involved in the decision making and handling of your local church finances. Church treasurers, finance members, pastors and others who are interested are encouraged to attend. Some of the questions that will be answered include

- What guidelines should I follow for handling my church's finances?
- What are the responsibilities of the Treasurer, Finance Secretary and Finance Chair?
- What are some of the best practices for churches to follow?
- What is Connectional Giving and what is the impact of my church's giving?

Please visit the **Finance Training** section of the website (www.wisconsinumc.org/finance) for dates and details on registering. You can also download the training flyer, on the website, for more information. ***Also if anyone from Trinity UMC wishes to attend, we will take Peace UMC's van.***

March Memorial Ministry Corner

Date to Remember: Saturday, March 31, 2018

- ***Why?*** 2018 Trinity Scholarship Application Deadline by 12 midnight
- ***Note***: Applications can be obtained in paper or in electronic form through the church office, Memorial Ministry Chair Paul Murphey, or in the Narthex literature rack.

FOR SALE: Used Folding Chairs & Chair Dollies (Schmitt Hall)

Buyer's Choice; Sold "As Is"

- **112 chairs @ $10/chair**
- **7 slightly damaged (seats) chairs @ $5/chair**
- **2 dollies (8 ft. x 6 in.) @ $25/dolly**

If interested, please contact the church office (647-3203) or trinityumc@mwt.net, and leave name and contact data for an appointment to review the inventory!

All proceeds from equipment sales will be deposited into the Memorial Ministry's "Wish List" account.

Lenten Worship Services

Schmitt Woodland Hills - Lenten 2018 Schedule

Schmitt Woodland Hills in cooperation with the following Churches: First Baptist, Town & Country Presbyterian, Peace United Methodist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church will be hosting Lenten services at Schmitt Woodland Hills in the second floor activity room.

This continues a long tradition of sharing in very meaningful services which include special music, an offering for Lydia's House Ministries, a message from God's word and a time of fellowship.
The theme this year "Forty Days and Forty Nights" will enhance the journey to Easter. The services will be at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

A special free will offering supper of chicken dumpling soup and ham sandwiches, prepared by the great cooking staff at SWH will precede the first service on February 21st from 5:30 – 6;390 p.m. in the second-floor dining room.

The remainder of the services will be followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship.

The schedule is as follows:

February 21st – Pastor Cathy Van Landuyt speaking
February 28th - Ron Fruit speaking
March 7th - Pastor Wiley Gladney speaking
March 14th - Joan Bethke speaking
March 21st - Pastor Jan Starr speaking

Plan now to attend these services. If you have questions, please call John Tews, Activity Director at SWH, 647-8931.

Last Word ☺

CHECK IT OUT!!

Trinity's website is always up to date with church events, announcements, worship bulletins, monthly newsletters, and recently added informational pages. To receive a monthly email notification, call the office or email us, with your email address and your name will be added to our distribution.

www.trinity.umchurchrc.org
trinityumc@mwt.net

DEADLINE REMINDERS

Weekly bulletin postings is every Thursday by noon, keep in mind space is very limited. Deadline for the next CHIMES newsletter is Wednesday, March 21st by noon, keep in mind that not only layout space is limited, there is also a significant postage increase for exceeding the maximum 12-page publication.

MARCH MINISTRY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church Office Hours 9am – Noon Monday thru Friday		 *March 17th*		1 MOPS 9-11am Bulletin Deadline 9 am	2 Bishop's Day Apart – Laity session at Peoples UMC in Oregon	3 Pastor's Day Off PEO Workshop 10am - Noon
4 9:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School	5 Joint Council Committee 7:00 pm	6 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am Missions Committee 4:30 pm	7 Dance Group 3:45 – 6 pm Draw the Circle Lenten Study 6:15pm @ Peace	8 Bulletin Deadline 9 am	9	10 Pastor's Day Off Finance Training Event 10 AM Dodgeville UMC
11 9:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School UMC Youth Grp 6pm @ Peace	12	13 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am	14 Dance Group 3:45 – 6 pm Draw the Circle Lenten Study 6:15pm @ Peace	15 Walter Fenten speaking on Wesleyan Covenant Assoc. 7:00 pm @ Peace	16 Family Fun Night 5:30-8pm @ Richland Middle School	17 Pastor's Day Off Noon – Pizza Party @ Nazarene Outreach Center
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25 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School UMC Youth Grp 6pm @ Peace	26	27 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am	28 Dance Group 3:45 – 6 pm	29 Bulletin Deadline 9 am	30 GOOD FRIDAY 1:00pm Service @ St. John's Lutheran 7:00pm Service @ TBD	31 Pastor's Day Off

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400 East Seminary Street
Richland Center, WI 53581

Easter Service will be held on Sunday, April 1st at 9:30 am

Sat. March 17th

Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Wiley Gladney
Pastor's Cell Phone: 1-920-509-2630
Pastor's email: revgladney@gmail.com
Pastor's Office Hours: Thursday 9-12 PM and by appointment M - F
Saturday: Pastor's day off

Youth Leader: Heather Gladney
Minister of Pastoral Care: Tricia Holley

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