



The Chimes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and Peace in the name of our risen savior. He is risen indeed! I am so happy that we follow a savior that brings us new life. The old is gone, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17) I pray that this Easter season brings some new beginnings in your life.

We just finished our sermon series "Draw the Circle." This series was on prayer, and we looked at how we need to "draw a circle" around those things that we are led to pray for. We learned we are supposed to pray hard and pray long, meaning we are to have a long-range outlook when it comes to prayer. In the final message, I shared how our prayers have a ripple effect in which the lives of those who come after us are touched by them. Our prayers will be answered by God in the lives of our children and grandchildren long after we are gone.

I asked folks to submit to me testimonies of how God had answered prayer in their own lives. I heard several stories, and I want to share just a couple short ones with you here.

Here is part of the story from a parishioner who suffered from a terrible illness: "When I started getting sick from a mysterious illness, I was scared. The doctors couldn't find the answer as to why I was so sick. I prayed and prayed that an answer would be found. The final time I was hospitalized, no one could figure out what was wrong. I had just about lost my faith in God. [After slipping into a coma, the doctors, through a miraculous set of circumstances, figured out what was wrong] Six days later I came out of the coma. For the next five weeks, I prayed to God every morning to help me get through the day. All of my doctors were surprised when I walked out of the hospital five weeks later using a walker. God kept me going. He didn't let me die as I was so close several times. He's helped me live with and overcome the fear. I firmly believe God has plans for me yet."

Another parishioner writes the following: "We lived on our farm between Gotham and Sextonville. Our house was a 6-bedroom house. We rented out the farmland. We didn't need such a big house. I had prayed for a long time, that when the time came for us to move off the farm, God would show us the house we should move to. I prayed this prayer a long time. [Our son's family] decided they needed a bigger house and so we offered our farm if they wanted to buy the farm. They would get the big house. They decided they would buy it and we started looking for a house. We wanted to stay local. We knew of several that were for sale, but not exactly what we wanted. The Shopping News arrived one day and there was a house in Sextonville that had the things we wanted in a house. [My husband] saw it and he said, "Here is the house I want for us". We called the Real Estate person and told him we were interested in seeing the house. We went to see it and I told him I had been praying for the right house for us and he said he had been praying for the right buyer to come along. That is how God answered my prayer."

Message from Pastor Wiley Continued.....

God answers our prayers, in His time, in His way, but always for His glory. What is God laying on your heart to be praying for? If Jesus were to appear before you and ask, "What do you want me to do for you?" what would you say? Draw a circle of prayer around that. Please keep your pastor and my family in your prayers and continue to pray for the ministry of our church. Pray that God would open windows of opportunity to share the gospel message with others. Pray that God would make His vision for our church clear to our leadership.

As always, KEEP PRAYING!
Pastor Wiley Gladney



Youth Ministry News



Ellie Otto at Explorers 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



Ben Otto at Video Games Adventurers



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

Native American Ministries Sunday, April 15th

This work, and hundreds of other ministries, are possible because you give.

Our Giving Allows Native Americans to Encounter, Worship and Serve Jesus

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries.

And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.



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| MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS and <i>SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS (see italics)</i> | |
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| JANUARY | FOOD PANTRY <i>January 14 – Human Relations Day</i> |
| FEBRUARY | TRINITY MEMORIAL MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND |
| MARCH | UMCOR SUNDAY <i>March 11 - One Great Hour of Sharing (UMCOR)</i> |
| APRIL | CLEANING KITS FOR CONFERENCE INGATHERING <i>April 15 - Native American Ministries Sunday</i> |
| MAY | GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY – SCHMITT WOODLAND HILLS <i>May 27 – Peace with Justice Sunday</i> |
| 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 <i>October 7 - World Communion Sunday</i> |
| NOVEMBER | PASSAGES <i>November 25 – UM Student Day</i> |
| DECEMBER | SALVATION ARMY |

Celebrations and More.....



| APRIL BIRTHDAYS | |
|------------------|------|
| Ryan Weber | 4/1 |
| Julie Jewell | 4/3 |
| Christy Koch | 4/4 |
| Lester Studnicka | 4/5 |
| John Storer | 4/13 |
| Donna Bower | 4/28 |
| Jacob Storer | 4/30 |
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Peace UMC Wants You To Mark Your Calendars!

Great news!! We will be combining two well-loved Peace UMC traditions on Sunday, April 22. We will have a soup lunch along with our All Church Birthday celebration! The best of both worlds—lots of wonderful soup and plenty of cake!

This year's event will take place on April 22, starting at 12:15 p.m. We will be collecting a free will offering, which will be donated to our custodian, Gary Johnston, and his family. Gary's daughter is gravely ill, and we hope to ease some financial concerns for the family.

We are also inviting our friends from Trinity UMC to join us on that day to help celebrate our birthdays and to help Gary and his family.

We thank you in advance for your efforts in making this a fantastic event!

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 |
|----------------------|---|--|
| April 1 Sunday | Easter Sunday Worship Services | TUMC at 9:30 AM and PUMC at 10:45 AM |
| April 14 Saturday | "A World of Opportunity – Finding Your Place in Mission" | 9:30AM – 2:30PM / Concordia UMC / 585 Fifth St. in Prairie du Sac. See poster in narthex for details. |
| April 15 Sunday | Native American Ministries Sunday  | The Trinity Missions' Committee is sponsoring this Special Sunday Offering and hope you will help support this ministry with your donations. <i>Special Sunday Offering</i> |
| April 22 Sunday | Hot Soups & Birthday Cake Celebration | Peace UMC is inviting all the Trinity members to join in celebrating church birthdays and a free will offering to help a very ill child. See page 4 for details. |
| Ongoing | Kwik-Trip Gift Cards for Sale on Sundays!  | Most Sunday worship services when Nancy McCauley is present....she will be selling \$25 Kwik-Trip gift cards. These make great gifts for any occasion, for anyone, for any time or any reason 😊 You also will be helping the Missions group with their ongoing ministry too! |
| 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. |

CAMP GLOW is for grieving children ages 6-14 and the grown-ups who love them. Since children often experience grief differently than adults, the camp is designed to specifically address children's grief.

Staffed by SSM Health at Home's Spiritual & Grief Counselors and specially trained volunteers, Camp GLOW gives kids the opportunity to share their grief in a safe space.

Because loss affects whole families, Camp GLOW offers a concurrent session for adults who are not only trying to help their children deal with grief, but are also grieving themselves.

Camp GLOW is offered at no cost thanks to support from the HHU-VNS Foundation



At 4 Locations:

Waunakee – May 19th

Edgerton – June 9th

Baraboo – July 7th

Richland Center – July 14th

See poster in Narthex for more details.

Memorial Ministry Corner



April Memorial Ministry Corner



Thank You for Scholarship Fund Gifts. A tremendous “thanks” to all having given memorial and honor gifts during our February internal missions’ project on behalf of the Trinity scholarship fund. To date, we have raised **\$1,342.64** for this cause. In addition to your honor gifts, this total also includes memorial gifts in memory of Ralph & Helen Monteith and Ruth Moser. Our motto this year was “building for the future,” and your financial support will allow Trinity to offer scholarships well into that future. Our total scholarship account, held by Capital Wealth Advisory Group, now totals **\$6,528.77**. *Kathy Bastian (Missions’ Chair) & Paul Murphey (Memorial Ministry Chair)*

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”
- - Matthew 5:4

Memorial Ministry Notes of Sympathy. Memorial Ministry extends its sympathy on behalf of Trinity UMC to the families of the following:

In Memory of Mavis Brandt Anderson
January 29, 1930 – February 17, 2018

Reverend George & Mavis Anderson
Served at Trinity UMC from 1973 to
1982

Services Were Held at the Newman-
Benson Chapel at Lyngblomsten (St.
Paul, MN) on
Saturday, March 17, 2018.

Cards of Condolence May be Sent to
Daughter & Son-in-Law at the
Following:

David & Debbie Spear
5 Wallingford Road
Greenville, SC 29609
864.271.5242

In Memory of Barbara Jane Schweitzer
July 4, 1928 – February 25, 2018

Trinity UMC Member Since 1976

Visitation & Services Were Held at
Stafford Funeral Home (Richland
Center) on
Saturday, March 3, 2018

Cards of Condolence May be Sent to
Son & Daughter-in-Law at the
Following:

Matthew & Becky Schweitzer
555 East Haseltine Street
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.604.2107

In Memory of Alberta Chellevold-Couey
March 19, 1927 – March 12, 2018

Trinity UMC Constituent Member &
Friend

Services Were Held at Luther Memorial
Lutheran Church (Gays Mills) on
Friday, March 16, 2018

Cards of Condolence May be Sent to
Husband at the Following:

Bernie Couey
903 North Orange Street
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.647.3079

Missions Focus for April



APRIL MISSION FOCUS: UMCOR CLEANING KITS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE INGATHERING

The Missions Committee's April focus is the collection of items to complete two UMCOR cleaning kits, which will be sent to Annual Conference in June. The value of the items needed to complete each cleaning kit is approximately \$65; our goal is to **complete two kits**. These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane. Since the list of supplies is quite lengthy and detailed, it is not included in this article. You can find the complete detailed list displayed on the Missions bulletin board and on tables in the narthex. *The last Sunday offering for missions will go to support the UMCOR cleaning kits.*

In order to make the collection of supplies needed more efficient, **there is a sign-up sheet** located in the narthex. Please sign up for the item or items you will commit to purchase, then place those items in the "Cleaning Kits" tub. **DEADLINE FOR DONATED ITEMS IS MAY 13th**. This will give the committee time to complete the kits if additional items need to be purchased.

Although the detailed list is posted in the church, it can also be found on the UMCOR website: www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning.

Cleaning Kits – these supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane.

Hygiene/Personal Dignity Kits – these supplies contain bath/hand towels, soap/razors, toothpaste and toothbrush.

Hospitality Kits - these supplies include gender specific personal hygiene travel-size products, that are packaged for men, women and kits living in shelters.



Exciting New Spring Releases from “The Upper Room” Website

<https://bookstore.upperroom.org/>



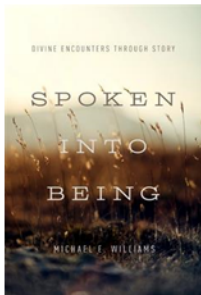
Blessed Endurance

Where is God when we are hurting or in despair? How can we find hope even when we feel hopeless?

Pain, struggle, and despair are part of life, and they test our character as God's people. John Wimmer approaches these challenges to our faith realistically and thoughtfully. He does not offer easy answers or platitudes like "Everything happens for a reason."

We can't always understand or control many things that happen to us, but we can choose how we respond to our circumstances. Wimmer encourages us to view times of difficulty as opportunities for spiritual and personal growth. Rather than diminishing our faith, pain and despair can lead us to greater trust in God. To endure through such times is a blessing.

This inspiring book offers practical help for moving from pain and despair to hope. Wimmer reminds us that with hope we also have faith—not the false belief that our lives will be pain-free but the assurance that God will be with us through our most challenging times and lead us to deeper levels of spiritual growth and wisdom.



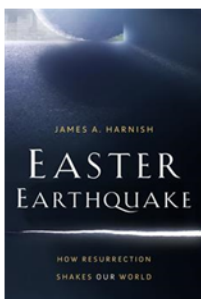
Spoken Into Being

"Tell me a story." Countless parents and grandparents have heard that request from children. People of all ages are captivated by a good story.

Storytelling helps us make sense of the events of our lives, the world around us, and God. When we tell stories, we speak a world into being—just as God did in the creation accounts in the book of Genesis.

"Everyone is a storyteller," says author Michael Williams. You don't have to be a professional storyteller to be able to tell good stories. In this book on storytelling as spiritual exploration, Williams shares stories from his life and offers practical prompts that guide us to tell our own stories. He reminds us that we have been spoken into being as part of a much larger story. Using poetry, personal narrative, and retellings of biblical stories, Williams leads us to a deeper knowledge of the power of narrative.

The stories that capture our attention shape us into who we are now and the persons we will become. Not all stories serve us well, however. Stories of fear stop us in our tracks and become roadblocks on the journey, while stories of fantasy, no matter how alluring, are dead-end streets. *Spoken into Being* points to a path beyond fear and fantasy, a way toward encounters with God, in whom all things are being made new.

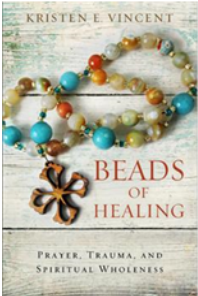


Easter Earthquake

Have you ever been in an earthquake? Earthquakes shake our most basic assumptions: that the ground will remain steady beneath our feet, that the world's current existence is the way it will always be. But when tectonic plates shift under the earth's surface and the ground shakes beneath our feet, it rattles the bedrock assumptions on which we build our lives.

The Gospel of Matthew reports that on the first Easter morning, an earthquake rocked the earth, ripped open the tomb, and scared the Roman guards at the tomb, who "shook with fear and became like dead men" (Matthew 28:4).

In *Easter Earthquake*, James Harnish invites us to place the resurrection at the center of our Lenten journey. This 6-week study explores how Christ's resurrection shakes some of our most basic assumptions about ourselves and God.



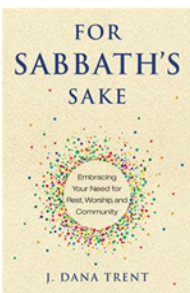
Beads Of Healing

Healing from trauma begins with the courageous act of telling your story.

Yet many survivors of trauma are afraid to tell anyone about their deeply painful and personal experience(s). Trauma survivors often feel shame, guilt, fear, and anger. They may also carry deep spiritual wounds, such as feeling abandoned or punished by God. They may wonder how they can ever trust God.

In *Beads of Healing*, Kristen Vincent shares her story of childhood trauma and how she eventually found God's peace, healing, and wholeness. She tells how, over 35 years after the trauma, she encountered God as never before in the presence of a Christian community. In this setting where she felt safe and loved, and through the help of spiritual practices like scripture reading, prayer, group sharing, and reflection, she finally found the peace she had been seeking since age 7.

Vincent models how to name feelings of grief, anger, abandonment, shame, and fear. She gives readers ideas for ways to use prayer beads as a safe way to enter conversations with God, to talk honestly with their Creator, and open themselves to God's love. This powerful story of one woman's journey to spiritual healing offers hope for all trauma survivors, as well as those who have experienced loss, hurt, or other spiritual wounds.

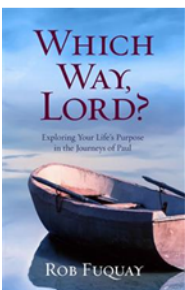


Sabbath's Sake

Discover a spiritual practice that helps you maintain spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental health. In our culture of constant busyness, most of us feel like we're never caught up. The lines between home and work have blurred as we stay tethered to our mobile devices and computers. Many people use weekends to catch up on errands and other work that doesn't get done during the week. God's commandment to "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy" seems like a relic from a simpler time.

Many Americans balk at the idea of setting aside a whole day for worship, rest, and time with those who matter most to them. Yet we long for more time to spend on what matters most—unrushed time to rest, reconnect with friends and loved ones, and deepen our relationship with God.

An ancient spiritual practice exists that can help restore balance to our lives: the practice of keeping Sabbath. But how exactly do we manage to build time for Sabbath into our busy lives? Dana Trent explores this question in *For Sabbath's Sake*.



Which Way Lord?

As Christians, we hunger to know and live out God's purposes for our lives. But how do we know for certain that our choices are moving us in the right direction? *Which Way, Lord?* is a 6-session church wide or small-group study that will help you understand God's desire for your life by unpacking your experiences alongside those of the apostle Paul.

Through many detours, adversity, and time spent thinking about his life, Paul completely reoriented his understanding of faith and God's purpose for his life. God placed Paul in a community that shared God's love with him, and Paul underwent several years of training in preparation for his ministry.

Discover how to discern and follow God's leading, explore ways God can use you and your life experience, respond to God's signals, endure hardships and doubts, and persevere with hope and faith. Rediscover the truths that you are wonderfully made, created for purpose, and equipped to live a life of significance. Join us in traveling together to find your purpose.

Missions' Committee Updates



UMCOR Humanitarian Relief Projects

The Missions would like to thank all those who helped with your gifts to assist and provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own. One hundred percent of your gifts through The Advance, the designated giving channel of the UMC, will go directly to the people who need it most. Thank you for giving so generously.

| Project # | Project Name | Country/State | Amount | Date |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
| 982532 | Living Gifts: Heifer International FLOCK OF HOPE | Global | \$25.00 | 02/02/2018 |
| 901670 | Disaster Response, USA | United States | \$50.00 | 02/02/2018 |
| 12939Z | Daniel Gabler | Congo (Democratic Republic) | \$500.00 | 12/18/2017 |
| 12940Z | Rachel Gabler | Congo (Democratic Republic) | \$500.00 | 12/18/2017 |
| 982532 | Living Gifts: Heifer International | Global | \$47.00 | 12/18/2017 |
| 14517 | Agriculture Program SEEDS OF HOPE | Senegal | \$50 | 12/18/2017 |

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

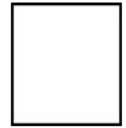
Weekly bulletin postings is every Thursday by noon, keep in mind space is very limited. Deadline for the next CHIMES newsletter is Wednesday, April 18th by noon, keep in mind that not only layout space is limited, there is also a significant postage increase for exceeding the maximum 12-page publication.



APRIL MINISTRY 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|---|--|-----------|---|
| 1 EASTER SUNDAY 9:30 Worship NO Sunday School offered today only | 2 Visitation Team 5 pm @ PUMC Trustee Committee 6:00 pm | 3 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am Joint SPRC Committee 7:00 pm @ TUMC | 4 Dance Group 3:45 – 6 pm Mission Committee 4:30 pm Finance Committee 6:00 pm | 5 MOPS 9-11am Bulletin Deadline 9 am | 6 | 7 Pastor's Day Off PEO Workshop 10am - Noon |
| 8 9:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School Ministry Task Force 12:30pm at Trinity | 9 | 10 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am | 11 Dance Group 3:45 – 6 pm | 12 Bulletin Deadline 9 am | 13 | 14 Pastor's Day Off Youth Group Game Night 6 pm @ TUMC Piano Recital 2-5 pm |
| 15 9:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School | 16 Council Committee 7:00 pm | 17 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am | 18 Dance Group 3:45 – 6 pm CHIMES DEADLINE 4-H Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser 5-7 pm | 19 Bulletin Deadline 9 am | 20 | 21 Pastor's Day Off |
| 22 9:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School Youth Group 6 pm @ Peace | 23 | 24 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am | 25 Dance Group 3:45 – 6 pm | 26 Bulletin Deadline 9 am | 27 | 28 Pastor's Day Off |
| 29 9:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School | 30 | Church Office Hours 9am – Noon Monday thru Friday | | | | |

Trinity United Methodist Church
400 East Seminary Street
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Easter Service will be held on
Sunday, April 1st at 9:30 am



Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Wiley Gladney

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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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