# *The Chimes*

More than one person has observed that adversity brings out the best in us and frequently produces a sense of community that was unanticipated. Plenty has occurred in recent weeks to put this observation to the test. The United Methodist Church continues to intercede for our neighbors experiencing natural disasters, as we navigate troubled waters as a denomination.

As people of faith, we are confident that our prayers make a difference. Prayer brings our will into alignment with God's purposes. Prayer opens our eyes that we might see that which might otherwise be overlooked. Prayer summons resources we did not know existed. Prayer initiates the transformation of circumstances that seemed hopeless. Prayer is not our last option. Prayer is our preeminent priority. So, our prayers must abound. Whatever else is going on in our lives, we will not forget the needs of those who have encountered adversity in recent weeks.

Within the last month, our thoughts turned first to interceding for those impacted by the flooding here in Wisconsin and its devastation. While continuing to respond to that disaster, Hurricane Florence blasted the Carolinas and neighboring states. United Methodist churches have responded with incredible generosity, sending financial contributions to the United Methodist Committee on Relief ("UMCOR") and other disaster relief agencies, assembling flood buckets and sending Early Response Teams into stricken communities. Long after others have moved on to fresh crises, Christ-followers will continue to make a difference in communities that will take years to return to a new normal. No one could respond to the enormous needs presented alone, but working together a difference is being made.

Our vision is limited, so we must be reminded of countless other natural disasters that are being experienced in parts of the world, that are not featured in our daily news. The impact of these disasters is not lessened simply because they are miles from where we live.

Even as we are mindful of the significant needs around us, our prayers are also with the leadership of the UMC as they seek to navigate a way forward for our denomination. Join me in praying for the delegates to General Conference – that the Holy Spirit will direct their actions, that the authority of Scripture and the Lordship of Jesus Christ will be affirmed, and that their decisions will create a way forward that honors the deeply held beliefs and conscience of all the people of the church, allowing us to bless one another and go forward in peace and good will. We are confident that God is at work in this even as God has been at work in the difficulties we have faced because of recent natural disasters.

In the midst of all of this, the people of The United Methodist Church are confident in the future because we know who holds the future securely in His grasp – the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, I ask you to do three things:

First, I urge you to take time in this season to join me in fervent prayer to the One who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. (Ephesians 3:20).

## *Pastor Wiley's Message Continued…..*

Second, I invite you to join me for the simulcast of the Wesleyan Covenant Association's global gathering in Marietta, Georgia. Hundreds of United Methodists will gather at Bethel United Methodist Church to worship together and hear some amazing Wesleyan theologians and pastors. The event will be simulcast to dozens of locations across the country. One location is right here in Wisconsin, at Asbury UMC in Madison. I will be attending and would like to take a van load of folks with me. Check out the wesleyancovenant.org website for registration information and let me know if you want to share a ride.

Lastly, I urge you to join me in praying for the members of our Ministry Study Task Force. It has been a year now that they started their work. They were prayed over and commissioned in worship on Sunday September 17, 2017. They continue their work of gathering information and data to look at the future of our churches. The question they are striving to answer is "how is God calling us to make a difference in our community?" The members of the task force are: Russ and Barb Shannon, Dave Turk, Jerry and Donna Bower, Paul McManaway, Victor Vlasak, John Storer, Dave Foley, Bert Kelsey, Pam Peterson-Kintz, and Gretchen Kanable. Rev. Scott Carlson, our district superintendent, is leading our efforts as Rev. Don Greer has taken a pastoral position in Cedarburg, WI. I expect that they will be giving an update of where they are in the process in the coming month. God bless you and yours this month and always.

Your brother in Christ,
Rev. G. Wiley Gladney

## Sunday School News!

Barb Shannon
Education Chair
647-6522

Sunday School is up and running with 10 children attending our Kick-Off Sunday. Bibles were presented to our third graders Clay Johnson, Ellie Otto, and Tate Perkins. If your child is a third grader or above and has not received this gift from Trinity please let me know so we can present them with one. We are using the Cokesbury Deep Blue Material for our fall curriculum. Families are the focus for the next few weeks. The children will discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and part of GOD's big family.

I am looking for a volunteer to head up the Christmas Program on December 16th. Please contact me at 647-6522. It's not to early to start planning for this special event.

**UM Disaster Response – Flood Relief volunteers needed – call today!**

The Conference is hosting several Emergency Response Team Training events throughout the State of Wisconsin. The latest one we know of was held in Boscobel on September 23rd. An email was sent out to all we have email addresses for informing everyone of the training session.

As more training sessions are known to us, we will pass them along to you. The office has a list going of people interested in helping in the flood relief. If you are interested but haven't signed up yet, please call the office at 608-647-4559 and let Joan know. She'll be more than happy to put you on the list.

## October TaP Auctions Coming this Month!

### Trinity United Methodist Church
### "HARVEST AUCTION"

**Tuesday, October 16th**
**Schmitt Fellowship Hall**

6:00 p.m. – Potluck snacks/finger foods
*(table service and beverages provided)*
7:00 p.m. – Auction
Kurt Monson, Auctioneer

Proceeds to support of Sierra Leone Water and Development Ministry Advance #181000, Lee Weaver, Project Manager and General Board of Global Ministries spokesperson

Free child care will be available 7-9 PM
***Event sponsored by the***
***Trinity Missions' Committee***

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### Peace United Methodist Church
### "FALL AUCTION"

**Tuesday, October 23rd**
**Founders Fellowship Hall**

AUCTION

6:00 p.m. – Pot luck
7:00 p.m. – Auction
Dave Turk, Auctioneer

**BAKE and CRAFT SALE**
Saturday, October 6th
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Items for **Silent Auction** available on
October 7, 14, 21

***Silent Auctions winners will be announced at our Fall Auction***
***Proceeds will go towards lighting a Christmas Tree in the Light Park with the rest to be held for future church projects***

## Celebrations and More…..

| OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS | |
|---|---|
| Stephanie Perkins | 10/10 |
| Dianne Monson | 10/12 |
| Howard Nelson | 10/13 |
| David Eder | 10/14 |
| Austin Ewing | 10/16 |
| Heather Vig | 10/19 |
| Gabriella Shannon | 10/19 |
| Marjorie Craig | 10/20 |
| Barbara Marshall | 10/21 |
| Talena Sprecher | 10/21 |
| David Pulvermacher | 10/25 |
| Shirley Wanless | 10/27 |
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| OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES | |
|---|---|
| Cal and Eleanor Wise | 10/6 |
| Bob and Linda Kesting | 10/6 |
| Dennis and Connie Tracy | 10/14 |
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## *Trinity Harvest Auction Set for Tuesday, October 16th*

| MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS and SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS (see italics) | |
|---|---|
| OCTOBER | HARVEST AUCTION TO SUPPORT SIERRA LEONE WATER PROJECT<br>*October 7 - World Communion Sunday* |
| NOVEMBER | PASSAGES<br>*November 25 – UM Student Day* |
| DECEMBER | SALVATION ARMY |

# Points of Interest

| Date | Event | Description |
|---|---|---|
| September 30th Sunday | "SILENT AUCTION" INVITATION | Peace UMC invites Trinity to come by during the week from 9-Noon and 1-3pm to check out these awesome baskets and place you bids. Winners will be announced on 10/23 at their Fall Auction. |
| October 6th Saturday | "BAKE & CRAFT SALE" INVITATION | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm / Peace UMC invites Trinity to come to their bake and craft sale and enjoy all the delicious and crafty offerings. |
| October 7th Sunday | World Communion Sunday<br>*A Special Sunday Offering* | This date is the Missions' October Project to highlight how this Special Sunday offering supports scholarships and In-Service training to inspire new leaders in UMC ministries. See article on page 8. |
| October 16th Tuesday | TRINITY'S "HARVEST AUCTION" | 6:00 pm -9 pm / Trinity UMC will have potluck snacks/finger foods, and auction to begin at 7pm with Auctioneer Kurt Monson. Free child care available 7-9pm. Event is sponsor by the Trinity Missions' Committee, with proceeds to support the Sierra Leone Water and Development Ministry. |
| October 23rd Tuesday | PEACE'S "FALL AUCTION" INVITATION | 6:00 pm - 9 pm / Peace UMC will have a potluck at 6pm and auction begins at 7pm and Trinity is invited to join. |
| October 31st Wednesday | HALLOWEEN FUN!<br>"Trunk or Treats"<br> | 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Community Center parking lot. Lots of fun for kids and their parents too!<br>"Trunk or Treats" events have grown in popularity in recent years, as families seek fun and safe alternatives to trick-or-treating and door-to-door. At "Trunk or Treats", costumed children walk through the parking lot, stopping at cars that have decorated trunks and receiving candy. |
| Ongoing | Kwik-Trip Gift Cards for Sale on Sundays! | See Nancy McCauley….she will be selling $25 Kwik-Trip gift cards. Sales support Missions' projects. |
| 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 rctapvisitation@gmail.com |

# October Memorial Ministry Corner

## "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" -- Matthew 5:4

**In Memory of Ellen J. (Storer) Gridley**
**November 16, 1958 – September 2, 2018**

**Complete Obituary Appears at Pratt Funeral & Cremation Service Website:**
**https://tinyurl.com/y82aum3w**

**Visitation & Services were held in Richland Center on Sunday & Monday, September 9 – 10, 2018.**

**Cards of Condolence May be Sent to Ellen's Mother & Brother at the Following:**

**Marlene (Ron) Curtis**
**218 East Wisconsin Street**
**Viola, WI 54664**
**608.627.1534**

**John & Chris Storer**
**21223 County Highway SR**
**Richland Center, WI 53581**
**608.647.3088**

***Thank You! August Internal Missions' Project.*** Missions' Chair Kathy Bastian & Memorial Ministry Chair Paul Murphey thank you all for your support (honor gifts) during our August 2018 internal missions' project benefitting the Trinity "Wish List" fund. To date, **$424** was given for this cause. These honor gifts will be consecrated/dedicated during our 2018 All Saints' Day service (***see below***).

**"Remembering Your Personal Saints" 2018 Tablecloth Returns.** Memorial Ministry is asking you again this year to remember your personal saints (deceased family members and friends) from this year or from years past on our commemorative tablecloth.

You may recall from previous years, a tablecloth appears in the back of the narthex for you to add the names of your personal saints (need not be Trinity members). During the past year, this tablecloth has been carefully stored and will be available to you from **Monday, October 1 through Wednesday, October 31**, as we continue to add names to the same tablecloth year after year. Our Trinity 2018 saints will automatically be added. We are asking you to write the names (fabric markers provided) and any personal messages you may provide right on the tablecloth. If you are not comfortable writing the names on the cloth (permanent markers), small slips

of paper will be provided for you to write the name/s and any message you wish to give for transfer to the tablecloth.

While the names and messages from this tablecloth will not be read during our November 4 All Saints' Day service, the tablecloth will be used as a part of the planned service. Trinity committees may wish to remember their deceased members.

If you would like to have a name added but are unable to come to church to do so, please contact AA Pat Leonard in the church office (647-3203 or trinityumc@mwt.net), and we will transfer the name for you. Please help us to continue what should be a long-standing Trinity tradition.

**All Saints' Day 2018 "SAVE THE DATE!"** The first Sunday in November of each year is recognized as the United Methodist All Saints' Day. Please "clip & save" the following invitation. A complete list of memorial & honor gifts that will be consecrated/dedicated during this service will appear in the November **Chimes**.

## *The Trinity United Methodist Church Memorial Ministry*

### 2018 All Saints' Day Service of Remembrance and Consecration of Gifts

### *Sunday, November 4, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.*

**We will be remembering our Trinity member & friend saints and consecrating/dedicating memorial and honor gifts from November 5, 2017, through November 4, 2018.**

***Coffee hour (sponsored by Memorial Ministry) will follow this Sunday service.***

**2018 List of Saints (To Date)**

- **Scott Andresen (January 15, 1963 – November 9, 2017)**
- **Alycedine "Alyce" Sugden (January 28, 1925 – December 29, 2017)**
- **Mavis (Brandt) Anderson (January 29, 1930 – February 17, 2018)**
- **Barbara Jane Schweitzer (July 4, 1928 – February 25, 2018)**
- **Alberta Chellevold-Couey (March 19, 1927 – March 12, 2018)**
- **Karen (Spangler-Lane) Fowell (August 21, 1957 – March 20, 2018)**
- **Dean Allen Jewell (May 23, 1955 – March 28, 2018)**
- **Delane Marie Braithwaite (August 27, 1934 – April 7, 2018)**

# Trinity Charge Conference Update

## *CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE SET*

We have received word that our Church Conference will be held **Thursday evening at 6:30 PM on November 1st and the hosting church will be Trinity UMC.**

The Finance Committee will be holding meetings this month to determine the budget. Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations Committee) are busy securing nominations for Ad Council, Trustees, Finance, Committee on Lay Leadership and SPRC. Finance consists of the Committee chairs of various groups.

Committee on Lay Leadership plans to have all vacancies filled or noted as TBD by the time our Church Conference begins. We welcome all interested people to contact a member of the Committee on Lay Leadership, if you would like to know more about what each committee does or how often they meet. Those members are Pastor Wiley, Jerry Bower or Russ Shannon.

As in the past, all churches in Circuit South West 9 will meet as a group with Pastor Scott Carlson, our District Superintendent, who will preside.

Church Conference is open to all members of Trinity United Methodist Church.

# Please Help Spread the Word!

## "General Conference 19 – Listening Sessions"

The Wisconsin Delegation to General Conference 2019 (February 23 – 26, 2019, St. Louis, MO) has scheduled an additional listening session for the **Commission on a Way Forward** report a bit closer to southwest Wisconsin than was previously announced.

Plan to attend this listening session with the members of our Wisconsin delegation on:

**Saturday, November 3, 2018**
**10 a.m. at the Dodgeville UMC**
**327 North Iowa Street, Dodgeville, WI**
***Each session is listed to last from 60 to 90 minutes***

This is a unique opportunity to voice your opinions and/or concerns regarding this important issue to the very Wisconsin delegates representing us. The full 93-page report can be found on the Trinity website, and more detail can be found at https://tinyurl.com/y9ew8zga.

# Missions' October Project - *Special Sunday Offering*

***October 7 World Communion Sunday***

## YOUR GIFT HELPS PROMISING SCHOLARS BECOME LEADERS

Ellery Paraso Ortiz is proud of his family's long, involved history as Methodists, which stretches back to 1902, three years after the first Methodist church in the Philippines was planted in Manila.

A scholarship funded by the churchwide World Communion Sunday offering is helping him pursue a deeper understanding of his church's heritage from a Filipino perspective. It's an understanding he plans to share with others, so that a remarkable heritage can inspire a resilient future for his church and nation.

After earning two history degrees, Ortiz now focuses his attention on Methodism and church history. He wrote a published paper in 2009 on the church's role in the development of Filipino nationalism during the first two decades of American rule there (1898–1918). During his research, he discovered a need for more documenting and publishing of church history with Filipino perspectives and "with a different kind of methodology … to offer pastors, deaconesses and laity a different way to view their ministries," he says.

His own life has been steeped in ministry from his childhood in Manila, having served in leadership roles at local, district and conference levels.

Ortiz chairs his annual conference's Archives and History committee. "We are praying to organize the United Methodist Historical Society of the Philippines."

Studying at the University of Santo Tomas, where he is learning to be "meticulous and critical in research and analysis," has broadened his awareness of historical sources and modern perspectives. More than anything, he wants to "document this part of the world and make it known."

The World Communion Scholarship, funded by our gifts on World Communion Sunday, may help Ortiz make known worldwide the story of Filipino Methodism in ways that can inspire new, indigenous perspectives on ministry and mission.

## YOUR GIFT TODAY MATTERS

Your contribution supports World Communion and Ethnic Scholarships and Ethnic In-Service training. The World Communion Sunday offering makes a difference for people like Ellery Paraso Ortiz. Thank you for your generous gift!

***By asking you to support Trinity Missions' Projects, we also ask that you first consider your support of the general fund, which is what keeps our church doors open. Then please prayerfully consider your support of this month's Mission Focus. Thank you.***

# Missions Committee Highlights

## *Trinity Harvest Auction Set for Tuesday, October 16th*

Back-to-school sales are in full swing, which means that it's time to start thinking about our annual Harvest Auction. The evening promotes a spirit of community while raising funds to support our covenant missionaries.**

This year's auction will be held on Tuesday, October 16th in Schmitt Hall. Fellowship will begin at 6:00 P.M. with pot luck snacks and finger foods rather than a full pot luck meal. The Missions' Committee will provide table service and beverages. Socialize with friends while looking over auction items and planning your bidding strategy! Auctioneer Kurt Monson will begin the auction at 7:00 P.M. You can look forward to good-natured, spirited bidding and lots of laughs as Kurt moves things right along.

For the convenience of parents with young children, child care will be available from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

**Due to the recent retirement of Rachel and Daniel Gabler, the Missions' Committee will be sponsoring Lee Weaver, Project Manager for GBGM Project #181000, Sierra Leone Water and Development Ministry, as their mission focus for 2018-2019.

Our of support remains at $1,0000, which we hope to raise at the Harvest Auction. Mr. Weaver is supported through the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, and serves in Sierra Leone, Africa. More information about Mr. Weaver and his ministry will be forthcoming.

### HARVEST AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

The Missions Committee is requesting donations to the annual **Harvest Auction to be held on Tuesday, October 16th.** A wide variety of items makes the auction more interesting. There are many possibilities which may include, but are not limited to the following: Garden/orchard produce; many types of homemade food items that are fresh, frozen, baked, canned, etc.,; hand crafted items that are sewn, quilted, knitted, crocheted; home décor, including seasonal and holiday items; potted plants/herbs; specialty baskets; outdoor gear; toys; tools; games; puzzles, art work; woodwork--the possibilities are endless.

There are certificates available for those who wish to donate a service such as a meal, a special occasion cake, baby sitting, yard raking, a monthly pan of bars, etc. Be creative! Certificates are located on the Missions bulletin board in the narthex and will also be available the evening of the auction. We ask that donated items be clean and either new or gently used. **PLEASE—NO OLD OR OUTDATED COMPUTER HARDWARE OR SOFTWARE, AND NO LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT**. If there are any items not sold, they will be donated to the Thrift Shop.

Items may be brought the evening of the auction, especially food items or perishables. Nonperishables may be placed in the downstairs room across from the choir room**. PLEASE LABEL SUCH DONATIONS "HARVEST AUCTION," AS OTHER THINGS ARE STORED IN THIS ROOM**.

***Gentle readers, we do not wish to offend. <u>However, please note that the Harvest Auction is not a rummage sale</u>.*** *Donations of* ***new or very gently used*** *items are encouraged. PLEASE—NO OLD OR OUTDATED COMPUTER HARDWARE OR SOFTWARE, AND NO LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT. In the past, compassionate attendees have bid on items they would otherwise not have purchased in order to avoid possible hurt feelings if a donor's items don't elicit bids. We hope to avoid that situation if donors will keep these donation guidelines in mind.*

## **September Committee Notes** – *by Jerry Bower, Lay Leader*

**CHURCH COUNCIL**: This was the only committee to meet in September.

Chairman Russ opened the meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES: The minutes for May 21, 2018, and for our joint meeting with Peace, August 20, 2018 were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

We reviewed the meeting with District Superintendent Scott Carlson, 23 August, and noted that the Task Force will again meet on 9 October at 6:30.

Russ reviewed his notes from the joint council meeting with Peace.

Roof Replacement Progress: John Storer reported that Church Mutual has hired a new appraiser and he will be getting together with John to review our project. We have received a check from Church Mutual but have not deposited it because we were not informed what it covers. We want to be sure that by depositing the check we are not agreeing that our claim is complete. The original appraiser had balked at covering the cost of repairing damage to the copper on our steeple. Edge, our roofing contractor, offered to "fight" this decision and we accepted the offer. We are awaiting information from Church Mutual, so that we can proceed.

NEW BUSINESS:

List of coming events:

Charge Conference, 1 November 2018, at Trinity.

*A Firm Foundation-Hope and Vision for a New Methodist Church.* A class taught by Pastor Wiley starts September 19th and meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 at Peace through November 17th.

Lee Weaver, the new missionary our Missions Committee has selected to support will describe his well drilling projects in Sierra Leone on Saturday September 29th at 2:30 at Schmitt and at Trinity at 6:30. Lee will also be delivering the message/sermon on Sunday September 30 at Trinity. Please attend and become acquainted with the missionaries our Harvest Auction proceeds support.

The Harvest Auction will occur on October 16th. Spread the word and plan to attend. Bring cash!!

**NEXT MEETING: 15 OCTOBER AT 7:00 IN THE LIBRARY. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

# OCTOBER MINISTRY 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| October 31st<br>TRUNK OR TREAT<br>5 – 7 PM<br>Community Center Parking Lot | 1<br>Trustee Committee<br>6:00 PM | 2<br>Missions Committee<br>4:30 PM | 3<br>Wed. Morning Group 9:30 AM<br>Firm Foundation<br>6:30pm Peace<br>Finance Committee 6PM | 4<br>MOPS<br>9 – 11 AM | 5 | 6<br>Pastor's Day Off<br>RC Historical Society 9-12 Library |
| 7<br>COMMUNION<br>9:30 AM Worship<br>9:45 AM Sunday School<br>Confirmation Class 7PM @ Trinity | 8 | 9 | 10<br>Wednesday Morning Group 9:30 AM<br>Thrift Shop 1 -5 PM<br>Firm Foundation<br>6:30pm Peace | 11 | 12 | 13<br>Pastor's Day Off |
| 14<br>9:30 AM Worship<br>9:45 AM Sunday School<br>Confirmation Class 7PM @ Trinity | 15<br>Church Council<br>7:00 PM | 16<br>Trinity UMC Harvest Auction<br>6-9pm<br> | 17<br>Wednesday Morning Group 9:30 AM<br>Firm Foundation<br>6:30pm Peace | 18 | 19<br>Wedding Rehearsal<br>6:00 PM | 20<br>Pastor's Day Off<br>Wedding Ceremony<br>2:00 PM |
| 21<br>9:30 AM Worship<br>9:45 AM Sunday School<br>Confirmation Class 7PM @ Trinity | 22 | 23<br>Peace UMC Fall Auction<br>6-9pm<br> | 24<br>Wednesday Morning Group 9:30 AM<br>Firm Foundation<br>6:30pm Peace | 25<br>Lunch Bunch @ Noon | 26 | Pastor's Day Off |
| 28<br>9:30 AM Worship<br>9:45 AM Sunday School<br>Confirmation Class 7PM @ Trinity | 29 | 30 | 31<br>Wednesday Morning Group 9:30 AM | CHIMES DEADLINE<br>10/17<br> <br>Church Office Hours<br>9am – Noon<br>Monday thru Friday | | |

**Trinity United Methodist Church**
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# Trinity United Methodist Church

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Saturday: Pastor's day off

Youth Leader: Heather Gladney
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