

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 in the United States turned first to interceding for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and its devastation. While continuing to respond to that disaster, Hurricane Irma barreled through the Caribbean and through Florida, Georgia and neighboring states. Our 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. From an earthquake in Mexico, to flooding in Pakistan, to flooding in India, Nepal and Bangladesh, 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 members of the United Methodist Commission on a Way Forward who met for the fifth time in Berlin, Germany from September 18 to 20. The Commission's deliberations have not been open to the public and little of significance has been disclosed about any proposals which will emerge from the Commission, but the Commission is at a critical juncture in their deliberations. The Commission will deliver a preliminary report to the Council of Bishops when they meet in November, with a final report to be made by the spring meeting of the Council of Bishops.

Join me in praying for the Council of Bishops – 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).

Second, I urge you to join me for the simulcast of the Wesleyan Covenant Association's global gathering in Houston Texas on October 14. Hundreds of spirit filled United Methodists will gather at The Woodlands 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, which had their first meeting on September 17. They were prayed over and commissioned in worship that Sunday; now they begin 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 Mc Manaway, Victor Vlasak, Kathy Richardson, John Storer, Dave Foley, Beata Elliot, Rick Jones, Pam Peterson-Kintz, Gretchen Kanable, Rev. Don Greer (coordinator of circuit ministry for the conference). We are also very happy that Ron Fruit has accepted our invitation to be a part of our task force. Their next meeting will be on December 3rd. God bless you and yours this month and always.

Your brother in Christ, Rev. G. Wiley Gladney

Sunday School and Youth Group News



Barb Shannon Education Chair 647-6522

<u>Sunday School</u> kick-off was September 17th. This year we have four classrooms for grades 4k - Sr. High. Twelve kids were in attendance. We are off to a great start.! Third graders and those who hadn't received a bible from Trinity were presented with one during the church service. Taylor Killoy, Hunter Johnson, Annabeth Sprecher were present to receive them. Amelia Shannon, Ben Otto, & Henry Drone will be receiving bibles also.

In October we will be studying about the life of David, with many exciting stories and activities to help us . Our mission focus for the fall will be on Guatemala and the mission Pura Vida. This mission provides educational opportunities for underprivileged children in Guatemala, which is one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere.

We are also in need of teachers this year. Call me and let me talk with you about the duties and benefits of teaching the youth of our church about becoming disciples for Christ.



Heather Gladney Youth Leader 920-509-2258

<u>Youth Group</u> will be meeting *every other Sunday night* starting on Sunday September 24th at Peace UMC. Our first meeting will start a 7 PM, thereafter, all meetings will begin at 6 PM. There will be worship with Pam PK and a video from the Noma series. There will be games and snacks. I hope all the youth plan to come on October 8th and the 22nd. We will be having additional activities as we go through the year. Hope to see you there!

Trinity Harvest Auction Set for Tuesday, October 17th

The recent crisper evenings remind us that it will soon be time for Trinity's annual Harvest Auction. The Harvest Auction is an evening of fellowship and fundraising to fulfill our \$1,000 annual covenant with Rachel and Daniel Gabler, missionaries to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The auction will be held on Tuesday, October 17th 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 supply table service and beverages: coffee, hot apple cider, and water.

There will be time to fellowship with friends, look over the auction items, and plot your bidding strategy. Auctioneer extraordinaire, Kurt Monson, will begin the **auction at 7:00 P.M.**Expect lots of laughs along with good natured, competitive bidding as

Kurt moves things along at a lively pace.

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

HARVEST AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

The Missions Committee is requesting donations to the annual Harvest Auction to be held on Tuesday, October 17th. 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.

Community Highlights



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS				
Megan Goodyear	3			
Stephanie Perkins	10			
Diane Monson	12			
Howard Nelson	13			
David Eder	14			
Austin Ewing	16			
Gabriella Shannon	19			
Barb Marshall	21			
Talena Sprecher	21			
Heather Vig	21			
Ryan Monson	23			
Ellie Otto	24			
David Pulvermacher	25			
Shirley Wanless	27			
Angela Monson	30			



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARI	ES
Larry & Susan Hallet	4
Cal & Eleanor Wise	6
Dean & Julie Jewell	13
Dennis & Connie Tracy	14

(Please feel free to notify the office with any and all adds/deletes for the Trinity Birthday and Anniversary lists)

the little things in life, for one day you will look back and realize they were the big things.

<u>Hospitality Calling</u>- for Coffee Hour Hosts, Greeters and Ushers for Sunday services here at Trinity Church. Please see clipboards in the narthex for signup sheets.



Makes the perfect gift and supports Missions Ministry! See Nancy McCauley

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2017					
January	Food Pantry				
February	Trinity Memorial Ministry Scholarship Fund				
March	One Great Hour of Sharing (UMCOR)				
April	A Clean Water Project				
May	Wisconsin Conference Golden Cross Offering				
JUNE	Church Camp Fund (Ice Cream Social)				
July	UW Madison Hospital Ministry (Chaplaincy)				
August	TRINITY MEMORIAL MINISTRY WISH LIST				
September	David Makobo's Ministry, Dakar, Senegal				
OCTOBER	HARVEST AUCTION, Rachel & Daniel Gabler's ministry, DRC				
November	Heifer Project				
December	Salvation Army				

Points of Interest

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS		
October 5 th Thursday	Trinity and Peace MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers	9:00 – 11:00 AM MOPS (Mothers Of Preschoolers) will resume on Thursday, September 7th and meet 9-11 AM at Trinity Church the first Thursday of each month. For more information please contact Heather Gladney at 920-509-2258.		
October 7 th Saturday	Canyon of Lights Parade "Richland Rocks-Light Up the Night	Who will have the brightest float or entry? Parade entry is FREE!! Line up will begin at 5:30 pm with parade beginning at 7:30 pm. See http://richlandcentertourism.com/event-directory/ for parade route and more details.		
October 12 th Thursday	WI Charge Conference	6:30 PM at Willow Valley UMC in Ithaca.		
October 17 th Tuesday	TRINITY'S Harvest Auction	6 PM snacks and finger foods and coffee, hot apple cider, and water will be served. Kurt Monson, will begin the auction at 7:00 P.M.		
October 24 th Tuesday	PEACE's Fall Auction	Pot luck at 6:00 p.m. and auction at 7:00 p.m. with Dave Turk as auctioneer.		
October 31 st Tuesday	Halloween Trick or Treat	Get ready for all the trick or treaters coming to your doors!!		
Ongoing	Kwik-Trip Gift Cards for Sale on Sundays!	Most Sunday worship services when Nancy McCauley is presentshe 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.		



Tuesday, October 31st

Halloween is just around the corner. And kids have already been thinking of how much Candy they are going to get one minute and then the next what Costume they are going to wear.

This is a fun and exciting time for kids....so make it a safe one with lighted, unobstructed pathways to your front doors.

Memorial Ministry Corner

August 2017 Missions' Project THANK YOU! We (Kathy Bastian, Missions' Chair & Paul Murphey, Memorial Ministry Chair) are humbled by your tremendous financial support of honor gifts for our August "Wish List" internal missions' project. To date, you have given \$1,273.00! Specific honor gifts that were designated for either folding chairs or the preschool room speaker will be held in the appropriate category by Memorial Ministry and will be used when the time arrives. All other honor gifts will be placed in the Memorial Ministry "Wish List" fund, some of which has already been used for a long-awaited cause (see below). Upcoming issues of the Chimes will detail other long-awaited projects for which "Wish List" funds will be used. Thank you, again!

<u>Vinyl Table Cover Project COMPLETED!</u> With great pleasure and after a long wait, we can report that all new, white vinyl table covers have now been cut and placed on all Trinity tables (Sunday school rooms, library, and Schmitt Hall). We actually, now, have custom-cut vinyl table covers for our Narthex tables (exception: round tables) for your use, when needed. Contact Paul Murphey should you wish to use these Narthex table covers. We ordered 156 yards for approximately \$740.44, which will also give us around 12 extra yards for future use. Memorial & honor gifts used to pay for these covers will be dedicated/consecrated on November 5 (see below).

The plan for Schmitt Hall is as follows: When tables are set-up in the Hall, they will be covered at all times. Extra covers for all our eight- and six-foot tables are being stored in the "refrigerator" room off the kitchen. When internal or external events are booked for Schmitt Hall, AA Pat Leonard will ask the contact person if he/she wishes to use these vinyl table covers or provide personal covers. The contracting party will <u>not</u> be responsible for removing or replacing, if they are not used, these vinyl covers. For more formal internal church events, as usual, our cloth table covers will be used; that will not change. The whole purpose here is to protect, at all times, our new tables. It's much easier to replace a vinyl table cover than it would be to replace a table! Thank you, all, for your patience and financial support for our vinyl table covers.

"Remembering Your Personal Saints" 2017 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 9 through Friday, November 3, as we continue to add names to the same tablecloth year after year. Our Trinity 2017 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.

Memorial Ministry Corner

While the names and messages from this tablecloth will not be read during our November 5 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 2017 "SAVE THE DATE!" We are back on schedule with our 2017 All Saints' Day service, as 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



Invites You to its



2017 All Saints' Day Service of Remembrance and Consecration of Gifts

Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

We will be remembering our Trinity professing and baptized member & friend saints and consecrating/dedicating memorial and honor gifts from November 6, 2016, through November 5, 2017.

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

2017 List of Saints (To Date)

- Reverend Robert J. Trobaugh (March 4, 1921 January 22, 2017)
 - Ruth Moser (January 20, 1933 May 21, 2017)
 - Donald E. Goplin (May 20, 1927 May 31, 2017)
 - Judith "Judy" Andresen (September 2, 1941 June 21, 2017)
- Jacqueline "Jackie" A. Larson (May 15, 1925 August 11, 2017)

Sharing Thank You Notes

I would like to thank Russ Shannon, Ed and Bev Fink, Pam Peterson-Kintz and Pastor Wiley for helping with the chairs at both churches for Worship in the Park. Also I wish to thank Pat Leonard, and Sue Fowell, for helping with the bulletins. I appreciate all of the assistance given before, during and after the Service. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Thank you. Joan Wheeler



AUCTION, AUCTION, AUCTION SOLD, SOLD, SOLD!

The Peace UMC Hospitality Ministry is sponsoring the fall auction and pot luck on Tuesday, October 24. Pot luck at 6:00 p.m. and auction at 7:00 p.m. with Dave Turk as our auctioneer. This year the auction will feature baked good, craft items, gift cards, new items, canned goodies from the garden, garden items and surprises you might think of.

We are backing away from rummage sale items.

The Church basement will be open on Monday, October 23 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for your convenience to bring in items. Items will be accepted the day of the auction also.

This event is open to the public and we are encouraging everyone to invite a friend or family to come. The more the merrier.

If you have any questions contact Bev Harper at 383-1051, Jennifer Hall 536-3444 or Judy Shadewald at 647-3422.

MORE AUCTION NEWS!

The Hospitality Ministry group is "thinking outside the box".

On Saturday, October 7th, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., we will be having the baskets and boxes on the lawn for people to come and put their bid(s) on a number of silent auction boxes and baskets filled with new "theme items". Then on Sundays, October 8th, 15th, 22nd, you will be able to check your bid or to place your bid on these same boxes and baskets.

For example, how about a movie night box with a movie or two and popcorn, etc. OR a Christmas box, camping box, handyman box, craft basket, baking goods, chili basket, cereal box, Fall basket, coffee and tea basket, first aid box and more!

You will be able to register for a bidder's number to be used at both auctions. The successful silent auction bidders will be announced at the Tuesday, October 24th, auction. Bids on the silent auction will be accepted until 7:00 p.m. on the 24th of October.

Once again, bring a friend or two, a family or Uncle Henry. The more the merrier!

September 2017 Committee Notes: By Jerry Bower, Lay Leader

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE: The Minutes of 5 June 2017 were approved.

Financial Reports: All of our investment funds are doing well. The second portion of our 2016 property tax on our rental house has been paid. The Finance Committee sends 1/12 of the taxes to the Capital Improvement Fund each month to provide the funds to pay the taxes.

Parsonage Report: John will complete a check list for our Church Conference, which is scheduled for 12 August at Willow Valley. The chimney repairs and venting of the furnace have been made. The weather finally cooperated to get the chimney work done.

Church Report: Sheldon's Paving will survey our parking lot and provide an estimate to have the "dents" filled, the lot seal coated, and repainting, when they are in the area to do work. Consideration is being given to removing the sidewalk at the east end of the church and replacing it with blacktop. This would eliminate the cracked concrete and blend the walk into the lot. Wallace Electric will install a speaker in the Nursery and install an outlet in the Narthex for \$1,900.00. Doing electrical work in a brick building is a challenge, and expensive! The Memorial Ministry will see if it can provide the funds to cover this expense. Tri State Basement Repair estimates \$8,300.00 would be needed to get rid of the water problem on the west side of Schmitt Hall. They would dig up the floor inside, next to the wall, and install tile and a sump pump to get rid of the water. We quickly decided that the expense was too large and we decided to seek a less expensive solution. We will try to find someone to dig out and reseal the window wells on the west side. John will contact Doug Tyler to see if he would be interested. The lift/elevator is still periodically acting up. It appears that the latches in the door are not engaging properly and that causes the lift to be inoperative. We'll try some WD 40 on the latches and see what happens. Our longest conversation concerned the grease trap in the kitchen. The trap plugged up last February, right before the Candlelight Dinner. Strang's did emergency repairs, so that the dinner could go forward. The problem is that the trap was never cleaned, since its installation in 1955! To say it was plugged tells very little of the story. Anyhow, we have begun to consider how we can get the trap replaced. This will be an expensive project because the bank of cupboards that contain the sinks must be moved to give access to the entire trap. That means plumbing and electricity will need to be disconnected. We decided to begin to set aside some money toward the project by designating that the interest earned by the Hinds Fund between September and next April will be used for the project.

NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING: 2 OCTOBER 2017, 6:00 PM, IN THE LIBRARY.

<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</u> Finance did not meet, but Treasurer Kathy reports that all of our accounts are up to date. We have navigated this summer better than in the past. Thanks for your contributions that have made this possible. We are able to carry on God's work as a result.

NEXT FINANCE MEETING: 4 OCTOBER 2017, 7:00 PM, IN THE LIBRARY.

CHURCH COUNCIL: There were just three of us in attendance and this was a short session. Russ called us to order with a prayer. Kathy Bastian, Chair of the Missions Ministry, raised the only issue we discussed. She noted that there is around \$3,000.00 in a Honduras Medical Mission account. The trip did not occur this summer as planned and it appears that it would not occur in 2018, either. Kathy wondered what should be done with the funds that have been raised. Russ & Jerry suggested several possibilities for using the money for medical mission work. Kathy will take those suggestions to her group for a decision. Kwik Trip cards will continue to be sold but now the money will go toward the Missions Ministry budget.

We noted that the Paragraph 213 Task Force has been created and has had an initial meeting to get organized. There are seven members each from Trinity and Peace. The group will study our churches and the local community to determine where improvements could be made. You will be kept informed as the reports are produced.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: 16 OCTOBER 2017, 7:00 PM, IN THE LIBRARY.

FIVE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP NOW!



- 1) Please pray for those whose lives have been impacted by multiple hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires and mudslides. Please also pray for Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief.
- 2) Make relief kits. Download the packing list and shipping label at umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies.
- 3) Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts: U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670 at umcor.org/donate.

To give by mail:

Advance GCFA

P.O. Box 9068

New York, NY 10087-9068

Please note in the memo line: Advance 901670

- 4) Donate only those items requested. (To keep relief supplies in stock, give to Material Resources Advance #901440 at umcor.org/donate.)
- 5) Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.

The United Methodist Committee On Relief is grateful for your relentless prayers and support.

Last Word ©



CHECK IT OUT!!

Trinity's website is now up to date with church events, announcements, worship bulletins, monthly newsletters, and recently added informational page about the Harvest Auction on Oct. 17th and UMCOR Relief Efforts and how you can help!

www.trinity.umchurchrc.org
CHECK IT OUT!!

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, October 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.

OCTOBER MINISTRY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
World Communion Sunday 9:30 Worship	2 Trustee Committee 6 PM	3 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am Missions Committee 4:30 PM	4 Finance Committee 7pm Dance Group 3:45 – 6 PM	5 MOPS 9-11am Bulletin Deadline 12 pm	6	7 Pastor's Day Off
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Trinity United Methodist Church 400 East Seminary Street Richland Center, WI 53581



October 1st



October 31st

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

Trinity Church Office

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Custodian: Bill Twining



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