



The Chimes

There comes a time in the life of every organization where the priority, or driving mission, of the organization must be decided. For Henry Ford, that mission was to “build a motor car for the multitude. It shall be large enough for the family, but small enough for the unskilled individual to operate easily and care for, and it shall be light in weight and it may be economical in maintenance.” I believe the Ford motor company has been successful in its mission. It is telling that Ford was the only one of the big three US auto manufacturers that didn’t need the government bailout of 2009. Ford had already done what it had needed to do, by cutting costs and providing the consumer with a product that was economical yet reliable, to survive the economic crisis of the time. Personally, I have found that Fords are the easiest vehicles I have ever had to work on, and for someone who cannot afford to pay a mechanic to fix every problem, that is a blessing. (Insert your own FORD joke here) The bottom line is, Ford Motor Company had a driving mission, and everything they did was based on fulfilling that mission, and it paid off. This working out the mission is what we can call strategic planning. That’s why a mission or priority is so important; it provides an “anchor” point for the strategic planning.

The official mission statement of the United Methodist Church is to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” but as Nathan Kirkpatrick, managing director of Leadership Education at Duke Divinity School, has pointed out, “Congregational or institutional mission statements once offered some help in this regard. Unfortunately, many mission statements are now too clichéd, too ambiguous, too broad or too generic to orient our work.” Rather, Kirkpatrick says, we should ask ourselves what difference do we feel we are called to make in our community and the world, as the beginning point of strategic planning.

To that end, this month we will be embarking on a process of assessment of our churches’ potential. We are calling it a ministry study. We will be following a process laid out in paragraph 213 of the UMC book of Discipline which states, “every local church is encouraged to study their congregation’s potential.” According to this paragraph, there shall be formed “a study task force to assist in an extensive study of the past, present, and potential ministry of that local congregation.” In consultation with our lay leaders, Jerry Bower and Paul McManaway, and church council chairs, Dave Turk and Russ Shannon, we have identified a group of folks we think would be a great fit for this task force, either because of their particular leadership role in the church, or their particular gifts, or their particular demographic, i.e., young parent or older member. As soon as the task force membership is solidified, we will inform the congregation of who is on the task force.

So, what will the task force be studying? There will be eight areas of focus to the study: 1) unique missional opportunities and needs of the community; 2) present ministries of the congregations; 3) number of leaders and style of leadership; 4) growth potential of the surrounding community; 5) fiscal and facilities needs; 6) distance from other United Methodist Churches; 7) number and size of churches of other denominations in the community; 8) other items that may impact the church’s ability to fulfill the mission of the Church.

But wait, haven’t we done this type of thing before? Yes, Peace and Trinity churches did do a strategic planning evaluation a number of years ago, but it is important to periodically evaluate an organization’s strategic plans to make sure they are fulfilling the mission of the organization. I believe it is that time again for Peace and Trinity Churches. As I recently heard one older, long serving pastor in the conference say, to a group of us new pastors, “We (older pastors) ran a church that was geared toward church membership, and not discipleship. That is why we find ourselves in the place we are in now as the church.”

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The success of Ford Motor Company can be traced back to their ability to reflect upon their mission and make changes to their strategic plans to fulfill that mission. It is now time for us, as Peace and Trinity churches, to reflect upon our mission, and make strategic plans accordingly, to fulfill that mission. Only then will we be assured, indeed, that we are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The question we must focus on is "what difference do we feel God is calling us to make in our community and the world?" This ministry study will help us answer that question.

God's Peace and blessings be with you.

Rev. Wiley Gladney

Baptism Sunday Celebration – August 13, 2017



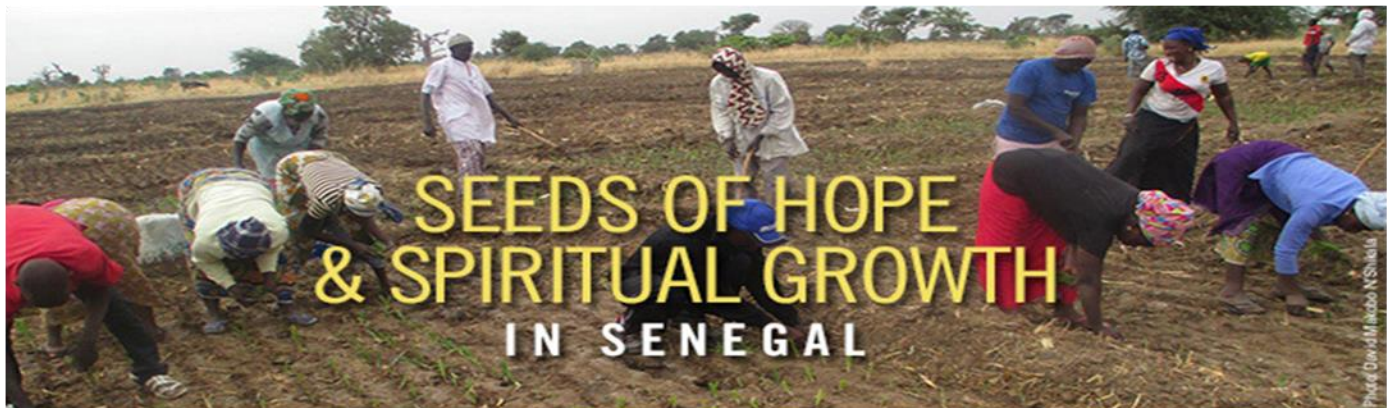
The *Baptism* of **Emilia Marie Ann Tracy** and **Brooklyn Grace Worthington**, on August 13, 2017, at Trinity United Methodist Church, will always represent a milestone in their early years. A *memorable* event, and when we join in holy prayer, may you will feel the overwhelming *love* from all who gather here.

That love is for all children, who are *treasured* and *adored*. Christened in the church and watched over by the Lord. May all your celebrations bring *joy* and such *delight*. And may your children's future be *happy*, safe and bright. May God grant your little ones, all the blessings of His gentle love and may they enjoy a lifetime of health and happiness.

*Congratulations from your Trinity Church
Family and Friends*

A Special Note of Appreciation and Thanks to Paul Murphey, Donna Bower, Rosie Steinmetz, Shirley Wanless and others, for all your loving and caring help in making this such a joyous celebration for all!

Mission Committee Updates



DAVID MAKOBO, SENEGAL, AFRICA SEPTEMBER 2017

The Missions' Committee has chosen the mission efforts of the Seeds of Hope, Senegal, Africa, David Makobo, #14517A for the September focus.

As you may recall, our mission focus in May, 2017 raised \$603.29 and with donations total in 2016 of \$150,00, totaling \$753.29, we were able to support Mr. Makobo's agricultural ministry in Senegal.

Our committee has again discussed his ministry and the needs of this poor nation. His efforts in teaching the local farmers how to restore the soils, fertilize, plant, and harvest crops have resulted in more efficient and profitable ways to improve their lives and the lives of their children.

We, at Trinity, may be a part of this and contribute to ways to help him achieve his goals, not only in agricultural ministry, but in his programs of teaching, building community, pastoral efforts. This poor country, with scant resources: water, education, health care, etc. could benefit from any monetary efforts we may achieve.

When donating, please use his GBGM #14517A , or go to GBGM Advance for more information on his vital ministry.

MISSIONS' COMMITTEE RECEIPTS FOR JULY 2017

UM Hospital Ministry:

\$197.00 (\$3 loose plate)

20.00 (Memorial Scholarship)

TOTAL: \$217.00



Missions' Committee Announcements



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.**

Points of Interest

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
September 3 rd	Worship In The Park 	10 AM - Look for the tents by the Killian Meyer Building. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, if you wish. Folding chairs will be provided by the churches participating. Lots of good music, great food and good fellowship.
September 7th	Trinity and Peace MOPS 	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.
September 17th	Trinity Sunday School Resumes	9:45 AM - Sunday School will resume.
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.



**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.

Memorial Ministry News



Memorial Ministry Corner



August Internal Missions'/Memorial Project. Thank you very much for your over-whelming honor gift financial support for the Trinity "Wish List" fund. The October Chimes will include a complete financial accounting. While the formal internal campaign ended on August 31, it is still not too late to contribute to the cause. Please make checks payable to Trinity United Methodist Church, and notate for the Trinity "Wish List" fund.

Vinyl Table Cover/Folding Chair Update. We are, finally, coming to a close with the vinyl table cover project. The October Chimes will include a detailed instructional use & financial announcement for these table covers. A sample of these covers can be seen on the three tables within the Library. A very solid lead now exists for all new folding chairs throughout the church. Stay tuned for further announcements regarding that long-awaited project!

All Saints' Day 2017. Yes, it is hard to believe that Memorial Ministry is working already behind the scenes for Trinity's 2017 All Saints' Day service scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2017. The October Chimes will include an invitation and complete listing of saints and gifts. To date, our current list of saints will include the following:

- 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

Good Luck, Morgan. Memorial Ministry wishes our 2017 Trinity scholarship recipient, Morgan Goodyear, the best of luck and our blessings as she began her fall 2017 Associate Degree/Nursing studies at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College (SWTC) on Monday, August 21, 2017.

Summer Special Music Thank You. Memorial Ministry expresses a tremendous thank you to our Worship Committee, special music coordinator Jennifer Hall, and accompanist Shirley Steiner for all their work providing us with summer special music. We were all blessed this summer with so much musical talent.

Membership Updates



Church Membership Notes

What a Memorable Day! Sunday, August 13, 2017, was a history-making day at Trinity, as we had the pleasure of two baptisms and the opportunity to welcome two beautiful girls into the United Methodist family:

- **Brooklyn Grace Worthington (Parents – Grant & Stephanie Worthington)**
- **Emilia Marie Ann Tracy (Parents – Dan & Rebecca Tracy)**

We also had the added pleasure to welcome Rebecca Tracy into Trinity membership, as she took her membership vows and transferred her church membership to Trinity UMC from St. John the Baptist Church, Muscoda, WI. Welcome, Becky, to the Trinity family.

Trinity Paper Directory. Administrative Assistant Pat Leonard & Membership Secretary Paul Murphey are working away with church membership records in order to have available an updated and current “member & friend” Trinity paper directory ready for distribution by January 1, 2018. If, for any reason, you need an updated Trinity directory before that time, please contact Pat Leonard for a member/friend listing. Pat & Paul will also be working very soon to prepare a membership report for the scheduled 2017 Trinity Church Conference on Thursday, October 12, 2017.

“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” -- Romans 12: 4-5 (English Standard Version)

Church Photo Directory



Life Touch Notice - if you have a misprinted Church Photo Directory, please bring it back to the office and exchange it for a new one. We need the misprinted copy returned.

Community Highlights



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Nancy McCauley	17
Rick Orsburn	19
Jeff Monson	20
Jaleesa Storer	21
Elaine Coy	30



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	
Brian & Stephanie Perkins	4
Ron & Kathleen Corey-Pittman	13
Fuzz & Lila Spangler	17
Mark & Sally McCollum	22
Gene & Shirley Wanless	24

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

GET READY!! Grandparent's Day 2017



Sunday, September 10

Every day can be Grandparents Day. The official commemorative day is the Sunday after Labor Day. If you're celebrating Grandparents Day throughout the year, learn how to **Do Something GRAND.**

Hospitality Calling- 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

Sharing Thank You Notes

Thank you Pastor Wiley for the beautiful Baptism service.

Thank you all for the lovely coffee hour, flowers, cake and treats, thoughtful decorations, the personalized jams, and your fellowship and support of our family! Proud to be a part of Trinity Methodist Church!

God Bless -
Emilia Tracy
Family



Youth Camp 2017



Dear Trinity Members,

I would like to thank you all for the generous amount of money towards my camp fund. This was my first year at camp and I had a blast!! I went with Clara Shannon, and I met lots of new friends, too.

I had so much fun playing games. Our cabin went on a hike almost every day which was fun. I loved making crafts, I made a tie knot pillowcase!! Then we also went swimming every day. I went in a canoe for the first time!

My favorite part of camp was probably campfire. But overall the whole week was amazing!

Thanks Again,
Katherine Hall

Dear Trinity Church Members,

Thank you for the scholarship to attend church camp at Lake Lucerne. It was really fun! There were also cool activities to do such as crafts, peddle carts, photography, and an egg drop. We also did games after dinner.

I loved to swim in the lake every day! This was my fourth year going to camp, and I am already excited to go back next year.

Thank you again,
Clara Shannon

Dear Trinity Church,

We loved our time at Pine Lake Camp. Ben was in the Video Game Adventures Camp and loved the games, especially the bike race. Ellie was in Explorers Prime and loved sleeping in bunk beds.

Thank you Trinity Church for helping us go to camp! We want to go again next year!

Sincerely,
Ben and Ellie Otto

Sunday School and Youth Group News



Sunday School News- September 17 is kick-off Sunday for our fall session of Sunday School. We will be teaching from the Cokesbury material entitled Learn & Serve from Deep Blue kids. We are looking forward to an exciting year with new bible stories, mission projects, & community outreach. We will adjourn to the classroom following the Children's Message and finish up in time for the kids to enjoy the Coffee Hour. We are looking to impart the love of Jesus and his message of salvation to the children of our congregation and the community. Please encourage friends, neighbors and family member with children to come and learn about these wonderful gifts.

See you on the 17th,
Barb Shannon
Chair of Education



New Youth Leader - The Joint Staff Parish Relations Committee of Peace and Trinity churches are very pleased and happy to announce the appointment of Heather Gladney as our new Youth Leader. Heather has exciting plans for our community youth so please welcome Heather in her new position and stay tuned for further announcements!

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 "12th Annual Worship In The Park" on Sept. 3rd.

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, September 20th 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.

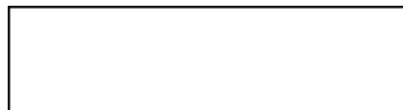
SEPTEMBER MINISTRY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Church Office Hours 9am – Noon Monday thru Friday</p>					1	2 Pastor's Day Off
3 10 AM Krouskops Park 	4 Office Closed 	5 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am Missions Committee 4:30 pm	6	7 Bulletin Deadline 12 pm MOPS 9-11am	8	9 Pastor's Day Off
10 9:30 Worship No Sunday School Grandparents Day 	11 Trustee Committee 6pm	12 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am	13	14 Bulletin Deadline 12 pm	15	16 Pastor's Day Off
17 9:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 	18 Church Council 7pm	19 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am	20 CHIMES 	21 Bulletin Deadline 12 pm	22	23 Pastor's Day Off
24 9:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School	25	26 Tuesday Morning Group 9:45 am	27	28 Bulletin Deadline 12 pm	29	30 Pastor's Day Off

Trinity United Methodist Church
400 East Seminary Street
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Sept. 3rd – 10 AM
Krouskops Park



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

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 - noon

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Custodian: Bill Twining

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

Chimes Newsletter

September 20th