Memorial Ministry Mission & Purpose

A program committee within the church charged to solicit, monitor, and use in support of the church’s mission statement memorial and honor gifts given to the church.

Memorial Ministry Goals 2019

1. Continue the 2019 Trinity United Methodist Church scholarship ministry.

2. Repeat the All Saints’ Day event on Sunday, November 3, 2019.

3. Continue to develop/implement a Memorial Ministry public relations and instructional campaign (memorial & honor gifts) using the following communication channels: Chimes, TUMC website, brochure/s, announcements, internal campaigns with Missions’ Committee, personal letters to families & area funeral homes, etc.

4. Complete (to date) and display permanently in the Library the church’s official Book of Remembrance.

5. Develop with Peace UMC one fundraising event with Trinity’s profits designated for the scholarship account or other worthy project as designated by MM.

Trinity Memorial Ministry Financial Summary (October 31, 2019)

Current Checking Account Balance ................................................................. $5,276.96
TUMC Scholarship Account (Invested) .......................................................... $8,506.44
“Wish List” Account .............................................................................. $3,466.71

“Designated Funds & Accounts .............................................................. $ 722.93
- Scholarship (2019) Fund

Undesignated Funds & Accounts ........................................................... $1,087.32

A Service of Remembrance and Consecration of Gifts

Remembering Our Saints and Dedicating Our Gifts

from

November 04, 2018, through November 03, 2019

Pastor Rey Díaz and Chair Paul Murphey, Officiants

Trinity United Methodist Church Memorial Ministry 2019

Jerry Bower, Fran Cooper, Rey Díaz (pastor), Rosemary Jewell, Paul Murphey (chair), Kathy Richardson (treasurer), Barb Shannon (recording secretary), Russ Shannon, Melissa Sprecher, & Rhonda Sutton
Our 2019 Trinity Saints

- Ruth Ghastin .........................(January 08, 1920 – October 29, 2018)
- Marilyn Joan Anderson ..............(August 18, 1932 – May 11, 2019)

The Service of Remembrance

“Those who trust in Him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with Him in love because grace and mercy are upon His elect, and He watches over His holy ones.” - Solomon 3:9

Paul  (Opening Remarks on Behalf of Memorial Ministry)

Paul  We are surrounded by a “great cloud of witnesses.”

People  Death has no dominion over them.

Paul  Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

People  For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Paul  Let us pray. Almighty God, Your people of all the ages live and praise You without ceasing. In our communion with You, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn. Before Your throne, we are one with a great multitude, which no one could number, and in praising You we join with those from every nation. Grant to Your church on earth that as we celebrate the triumph of Your saints in glory that we may profit by their example and enter with them into the inexpressible joys You have prepared for those who love You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor  For the immense crowd of angels and archangels who praise Your name with us today, O Lord, and who present to You our prayer unceasingly;

People  Blessed be You, O God, throughout eternity.

Pastor  For the immense crowd of saints who overcame the great trial and for the blessings that You worked and still work in and through them;

People  Blessed be You, O God, throughout eternity.

Pastor  For the immense crowd of saints who live in our midst today and who inspire us and others through their example and their teaching;

People  Blessed be You, O God, throughout eternity.

Pastor  For the high calling to which You have called us and for the love of Your son Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in it;

People  Blessed be You, O God, throughout eternity.

Pastor  On the day of All Saints, we remember with thanksgiving the members & friends of our church who have died during this past year. In our prayers we thank You for granting them eternal rest and that we would be kept in communion with all the saints until we are reunited with them around the heavenly throne of God and the Lamb.

(People respond with the phrase, “Lord hear our prayer,” as each name is read, a candle is lit, and a bell tolls in remembrance.)

Pastor  Let us pray. O God, the generations rise and pass away before You. You are the strength of those who labor; You are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of Your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in You. Because of their faith, they influenced many people in their day and in our day. Remind us that we have a unique purpose in this world, and help us to be an example of Christian living. Thank You for the “great cloud of witnesses.” Amen.

Our 2019 Memorial and Honor Gifts – Please See Gift List Insert.

The Service of Gift Consecration/Dedication

“Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless Thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in Thy hand.” - Samuel Longfellow, 1886

Paul  (Opening Remarks on Behalf of Memorial Ministry)

Paul  On behalf of Trinity United Methodist Church Memorial Ministry, I present these memorial and honor gifts to you and to the church for consecration.

Pastor  As Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, I accept these gifts to be consecrated to the glory of the Almighty God and for service in this church.

People  We accept these gifts as a sacred trust and will guard and use them reverently in loving memory or in honor of those who donated these items.

Pastor  In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I consecrate these gifts to the glory of God. The memory and honor of the righteous are ever blessed. Let us pray.

People  Most loving God, without You no words or works of ours have meaning. Accept the gifts of our hands as symbols of our devotion. Grant us Your blessing, as we have consecrated these gifts to Your glory, that they may be an enduring witness before all Your people, and that our lives may be consecrated in Your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.