

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is to become growing followers of Jesus Christ and to reach out to others in unconditional love because God first loved us.

* This mark invites those who are able to please stand.

Please silence or quiet your cell phone so we can worship and celebrate God together.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

* HYMN *That Boy-Child of Mary* 241

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING AND READINGS—

The Perkins Family – Brian, Stephanie, Tora, Teige and Tate

ARE WE THERE YET? - JOY

Reader One: Sometimes on our journey, our feet get heavy, our shoulders feel burdened, and our hearts seem slow. Sometimes in the preparation, the busyness overwhelms us, and we get lost in the doing and the planning and the running. And what we lose is a sense of why. Why do we do all of this? Why is this journey necessary? And the answer is simple: for the joy of it. We forget the joy when we get caught up in the to-do lists. We forget the joy when we worry more about how things look than connecting with others.

Reader Two: Matthew tells us that when John asked if Jesus was the one to come, Jesus responded by saying look around you. Our call in this Advent journey is to look around us to see the one who comes already at work among us and to celebrate that presence with joy.

Reader One: We light the candles of peace and of hope to give us strength for the journey.

(Light three candles on the wreath.)

Reader Two: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace and hope and joy.

* HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 211

SCRIPTURE READING James 5: 7-10

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* HYMN *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph* 215

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

* PRESENTATION HYMN 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:2-11

SERMON "Be Patient, Until the Coming of the Lord"

A TIME OF PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (together)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN *Blessed Be the God of Israel* 209

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Those serving in worship today:

Pianist: Jennifer Hall

Reader: Russ Shannon



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Prayer: Thank you, O God, for the joy in my heart that is deep, deep down in my soul. When tempests rage, there's a joy in the depth of my soul that is undisturbed by the winds blowing around me. For this, I give you all the praise. In Jesus' name. Amen

This Week's Events:

Sunday	15	Third Sunday of Advent Christmas Cantata 7PM @ Peace
Tuesday	17	Tuesday Morning Group 9:30
Wednesday	18	Dance Group 4 – 5 PM

Upcoming Events:

Sunday	22	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Tuesday	24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: Trinity UMC @ 7:00 PM Peace UMC @ 5:30 PM
Wednesday	25	Christmas Day – Office Closed



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Amelia Shannon	12/18	Paul Turgasen	12/26
Benjamin Otto	12/19	Tom Richardson	12/29
Oakley Schneider	12/20	Carrie Richardson	12/29
Jerod McCollum	12/22	Dennis Tracy	12/31
Sally (Hodge) McCollum	12/24	Destiny Shannon	12/31
Nicholas Bastian	12/24	Ayden Ewing	12/31
Tammy (Goodyear) Fritz	12/25		

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY HOST – many thanks to Shirley Wanless for hosting our coffee hour this morning!

MISSION FOCUS FOR DECEMBER – THE SALVATION ARMY! The *last Sunday offering on December 29th* for missions will support the local Salvation Army, a volunteer organization that provides multiple forms of assistance to meet emergency care needs. Please see the Missions' bulletin board in the narthex for more details and about the Red Kettle Bell Ringing.

Announcements Continued >

PRAYING FOR CHURCHES AND CLERGY – please send your prayers and support this week (*December 15th – December 21st*), to the Stitzer UMC and their clergy Bud Budinski and Yeng Yang and the 72 members.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN’S GROUP – will be starting a new book and video series called “*Discerning the Voice of God*”, by Prisilla Shirer. Come enjoy fellowship and support in our walk with God. Group meets every Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the library.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS – Poinsettias have been ordered for our Sunday services on December 15th, 22rd, and the 24th our Christmas Eve candlelight service. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia, please call the church office or use the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Please indicate if you would like to donate the plant in someone's honor or memory. The plants this season are \$15 each. Poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service or left for the remainder of the season.

LOVE FUND ALERT - As we enter the end-of-the-year holiday season, the Finance Committee notes that the Pastor’s Love Fund needs contributions, in anticipation of increased requests for help. The Pastor uses the Love Fund to help individuals who have an emergency need for assistance. The Love Fund is one of the ways that Trinity carries out its mission to care for all of God’s people. Please write “Love Fund” on your contribution envelope.



2020 Trinity Scholarship Now Available. Memorial Ministry is pleased to announce its application period for the 2020 Trinity scholarship. Applications will be sought from Sunday, December 01, 2019, through Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Scholarship recipients are notified after May 12, 2020. Through generous memorial and honor gifts, our scholarship fund has a current balance of **\$8,546.44**. Scholarships are available to all Trinity professing and baptized members and regular attendees (as determined by Memorial Ministry). Scholarship categories include higher and continuing education. Electronic or traditional paper scholarship applications can be obtained in three ways: (1) church office at 647.3203 or trinityumc@mwt.net or <https://trinity.umchurchrc.org/>, (2) Memorial Ministry Chair Paul Murphey at 647.6439 or pmurphey@mwt.net, or (3) paper copies

available on the Narthex literature table. Our Trinity scholarship is partially funded in memory of **Marilyn Joan Anderson, Wayne Braithwaite, Jerry Cooper, Alberta Chellevoid-Couey, Nancy Edwards, Hilda Heidenreich, Eloise Herbeck, Dean & Roger Jewell, James & Lucille Johnston, Ralph & Helen Monteith, Ruth Moser, & Eleanor Strang.** ALL questions should be directed to Paul Murphey.



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Church Office Hours
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9:00AM – Noon



DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 24th / Candlelight Service – Peace @ 5:30 PM
Dec. 24th / Candlelight Service - Trinity @ 7:00 PM
Dec. 24th and 25th / Office closed

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