



The Chimes

Jesus said to his disciples, "How difficult it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." Jesus dialogued with a rich man, who wanted to inherit eternal life, and said, "Go, sell what you have, give it to the poor and you will have treasures in heaven. Then come and follow me." That rich man went home very sad because he had so much wealth. The invitation of Jesus is to lay up treasures in heaven where thieves do not enter, nor do moths, and rust cannot destroy your riches.

The purpose is to have your eyes fixed on the things above because where your treasures are, your focus and concentration follow and your heart will also be there. And what is the use for a human being to gain the whole world and then lose his soul? Or what reward can man pay in exchange for his soul?

We are assured in the Gospels that everyone who has left home, brothers and sisters, father, mother, wife, children and land for the name of Jesus will receive 100% more in heaven and will inherit eternal life. Jesus also said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he is dead, will live and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Remember that, for the one who believes, everything is possible. He who doubts does not have the approval of God, because without faith it is impossible to please God. It is necessary that whoever approaches God knows that He is real and that He also rewards those who seek Him.

According to the Bible, anyone is poor who invests all his energy and life into obtaining material wealth, but neglects the most important wealth...the spiritual. The word of God is not to instill fear in people, but the God's proclaimed message is meant to transform what the human being cannot change by his own means. It is necessary to receive help from heaven.

That is why Jesus said that whoever loses his life for the kingdom's sake will find it, but whoever finds it in the things of this world will lose it. If you have Christ, you have life. If you refuse to believe in the Son of God, you will not see life eternal.

The wrath of God will fall on whoever refuses to believe in Jesus. It is the free choice of every individual that determines their final destination. It is not destiny that determines our salvation or final punishment. So, you must not blame anyone else for your final destination; it is your own choice. Those things that may not matter to you today, like the good news of salvation, will be more relevant to you then because there is no other name under heaven in which you can be saved! Only in Jesus Christ is there salvation, the forgiveness of sins and a new life that begins here on earth and extends through all eternity.

In the midst of the confusion we live in right now let's fix our eyes upon Jesus, the author of eternal salvation. Share this message with other people. Christ loves you!

Happy Labor Day!

Pastor Rey Díaz

Trinity's Guidelines For A Safe Return to Worship

In our effort for continued communication to everyone of our commitment to safely reopen our church, we have uploaded to the Trinity Website (www.trinity.umchurchrc.org) a letter from Pastor Rey, dated 6/10/20, that provides the exact guidelines that have been implemented. These guidelines are posted on bulletin boards, as well as handouts too.

In addition, you will also find on our website the following "alternatives" and the WCCU Automatic Payment Authorization form for your use.

CHURCH WORSHIP, COMMUNION AND GIVING ALTERNATIVES

WORSHIP SERVICE ALTERNATIVES:

Pastor Rey's Sunday worship services at Peace UMC are video recorded and made available later in the afternoon. Now that Trinity has "reopened" our doors for in-person worship, we realize some of you may not be ready to return just yet. We want to reaffirm that Trinity will continue with online worship services and communion alternatives

Pastor Rey's worship services can be watched at home either on your TV or computer at the following:

> **Television** – Service on NOVA: 3:30 p.m.

Channels: Genuine Telecom - 12, Charter (No HD) – 95, Charter (With HD) – 984

> **Computer** – Trinity UMC website (on the Home page/select Sermons/Worship Service Videos)
<http://trinity.umchurchrc.org/>

COMMUNION SERVICE ALTERNATIVES:

Pastor Rey has asked all members who wish to participate in taking communion at home to consider the option of pre-filled 'home communion cups'. You are encouraged to watch the video recorded services in your home each Sunday, and especially on Communion Sundays.

For all Communion Sundays (1st Sunday of every month), we are offering to deliver to your home the communion elements, at your request, at no charge. The juice and wafer are pre-filled and packaged together in one unit for easy use. Please call the church for a home delivery.

GIVING ALTERNATIVES:

During this continued Covid crisis, many were happy to learn of other ways to help support Trinity Church. One could arrange with their financial institution to give electronically (***call the office for a WCCU Automatic Payment Authorization form that can be mailed to you directly***)

Or one could write a monthly check rather than weekly. For the duration of this emergency, please mail your checks to **Trinity United Methodist Church, 400 East Seminary Street, Richland Center WI 53581**. Please send your donations to the church as Pat gets the mail a couple times a week.

Our prayers and wishes for all to please stay safe. When this is over and we are once again able to open up the church, we can all be together again to worship our Lord and Savior.

It is important for us to remember that, although we are not gathering for worship, God's Holy Spirit is always with us, as Jesus promised!! May God's presence bolster all of our spirits.

GOING BACK TO CHURCH? WHAT TO EXPECT.....

A UMC.org Feature by Joe Iovino

Please note: Those considered at [high risk of contracting coronavirus](#) are recommended to refrain from in-person worship gatherings at this time.



After weeks of worshipping online, some United Methodist congregations are beginning to resume in-person services. We are excited to go to church again, but it would be unrealistic to expect things to be as they were before the global pandemic. “Worship will be different and feel strange,” one United Methodist church shares with their [‘Guidelines for Reopening.’](#) That’s good for each of us to keep in mind as we prepare to go back to church.

Not a comprehensive list

Because decisions and processes for resuming in-person worship are made by each United Methodist congregation in consultation with their [district](#) and [annual conference](#), every church will approach things differently. Maybe none of us will encounter all of these changes. Some may see something not mentioned here. Still, it is wise to consider what *may* be different.

Outdoor worship

Some congregations will worship outdoors, inviting us to stay in our vehicles and listen to the service on our car radio—similar to the old drive-in movie theaters. *We can experiment with honking our horns instead of shouting ‘Amen!’ or applauding.* Others may ask us to bring a camping chair or blanket to church for worship on the lawn at a safe social distance. It can be an adventure!

Entering the building

If our congregation chooses to worship indoors, we may not be able to enter as we did previously. Certain doors may be designated as entrances and others as exits. Church leadership may also limit how long before the service we can enter the building.

Policies like these are especially helpful for congregations with multiple services. They allow us to maintain proper social distancing between those leaving the earlier service and those entering for a later service.

Health screenings may be performed at building entrances. Using a no-contact thermometer, a greeter may take our temperature on the way in, as a means of keeping us well during and after worship.

Masks will likely be required when entering the building and strongly encouraged for worship on the lawn. We may also notice hand sanitizer stations at entrances to the building, sanctuary or worship area.

Continued Page 7

Celebrations and More.....



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Scott Turgasen	9/9
Nancy McCauley	9/17
Rick Orsburn	9/19
Jaleesa Storer	9/21
Elaine Coy	9/30



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Brian & Stephanie (Shannon) Perkins	9/4
Fuzz & Lila Spangler	9/17
Mark & Sally (Hodge) McCollum	9/22
Shirley & Gene Wanless	9/24

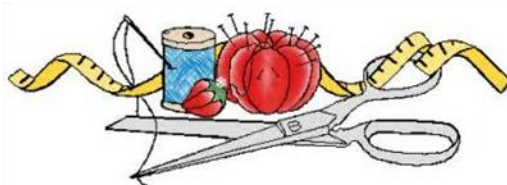


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

Grandparents Day serves to honor and recognize the contributions of grandparents in our lives. Grandparents are a society and a family's ties to its past as they pass on important values, beliefs and ideals to future generations. Their wisdom and love are recognized every year on the first Saturday after Labor Day in September.



Monday,
September 7th



A HUGE THANK YOU!



Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the donations of cloth, sheets, pillow cases, ties, ribbons etc. for the "Drawstring Bag Project" to be included in the shoe boxes to be sent over seas at Christmas time to needy children. To date I have made over 550 bags and with the left overs I have made over 1,500 masks to give away.

Thank you again for all your help. *Susie Sewer* as my husband calls me, Nancy McCauley



Until further notice, all TUMC Committee meetings have been cancelled for the remaining part of this year due to Covid.
Will re-evaluate at the beginning of January 2021.

“Weekend Of Unity” Annual Labor Day Outdoor Worship Service



Please join us as churches from around our region gather together in a spirit of unity and community to worship the Lord and pray for healing and peace in our nation and world.

Saturday, September 5—The Weekend begins with a 24-hour public reading of the entire New Testament and Psalms. The readings will take place on the courthouse lawn beginning at 8 am and continuing non-stop until 8 am Sunday morning. A Prayer Tent will also be available for anyone wishing to be prayed for by a volunteer.

Sunday, September 6—10:00 am—Weekend Of Unity Worship Service at the Starlite Drive-In Theater on Hwy. 14. All are invited to come and participate in a service of praise, prayer, and preaching. The service will be an outdoor drive-in style, so that people may stay in their cars safely. Depending on circumstances, the service may also be livestreamed. Nonperishable food items will be accepted for donation to the RC Food Pantry.

We encourage all believers to safely gather together for a wonderful time of worship as we seek the face of God and pray for His peace to work in us and in our world.

The Weekend Of Unity is sponsored by the Richland Center Ministerial Association, an alliance of Christian pastors and church leaders from many different denominations who work together for the betterment of our community.

Memorial Ministry Corner



September Memorial Ministry Corner



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

In Memory of Julia "Jane" (Kelley) Taylor
April 12, 1921 – August 14, 2020

Complete Obituary Appears at the *Clasen-Jordan Mortuary* Website:
<https://tinyurl.com/yxky7gbp>

Services were held in Austin, MN, on Friday, August 28, 2020; Private family services will be held with interment at Oakwood Cemetery.

Cards of Condolence may be sent to Julia's (Jane's) daughter & son-in-law at the Following:

Barb & B. Russell Shannon
201 North Stewart Street
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.647.6522



Thanks to all having contributed during the month of August to our annual internal missions' project for the Trinity Wish List Fund. To date, we have been blessed with \$355 in honor gifts for the cause. It's not too late to contribute to our Wish List fund, as final financial figures will appear in the October Chimes. Kathy Bastian, Missions' Chair & Paul Murphey, Memorial Ministry Chair

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." - - Ephesians 1:16

Worship - To help maintain safe social distancing, seating will likely be modified. Pews may be roped off. Chairs might be rearranged. In some churches, an usher may escort our family to specific seats. *We may not be able to sit in our regular spot—unthinkable!* Following plans like these help the congregation use the worship space most effectively until social distancing and occupancy restrictions are lifted.

It will be good to see our fellow worshipers in person again, but we'll need to refrain from greeting them with hugs or handshakes for now. A nod of the head or a simple gesture like praying hands works *almost* as well, both before the service and during the passing of the peace.

We may not receive a printed bulletin and the hymnals, Bibles, attendance pads and the other high-touch items we're used to seeing near our seats, may be removed. Speaking of high-touch items, we probably won't pass a [collection plate](#) for the offering. Instead, we'll be invited to drop our offerings in a designated location on our way into or out of worship.

We can also continue to give online or via automatic withdrawal. Your congregation needs your continued financial support. *Do you have concerns about digital offerings? Read '[Understanding the safety of online giving... without getting too geeky](#)' for more helpful information.*

Also, and this is a hard one for us United Methodists, [congregational singing](#) will likely be discouraged. So may responsive readings, congregational prayers and other worship elements that encourage us to join our voices. Maybe we'll get to hum along to a hymn or praise song as we read the lyrics, which sometimes offers a new appreciation for words we've sung many times before.

Communion - is another important part of our worship that congregations may suspend during this time. Others will choose to modify the practice. A common chalice, for example, will likely not be used. When the sacrament is offered, it's okay not to participate if we're uncomfortable.

Other possible changes - A less-sacred favorite of many United Methodists, the fellowship time before and after worship, will also likely be on hold. Not only is it difficult to [serve food](#) and beverages safely, our church doesn't want to encourage us to gather too closely together during this time. *Maybe we can each bring our own coffee and chat in the parking lot while maintaining a safe social distance.*

Unfortunately, Sunday school classes, the nursery, childcare and other Sunday morning children and youth ministries may not be available. The rooms used for these activities are often not big enough to be able to maintain social distancing. *It can also be difficult to convince a toddler she shouldn't hug her friends.*

Not ready? Worship online - If any of us don't feel ready to return quite yet, that's okay. We can continue to support our church by [worshiping online](#) until we're more comfortable.

As we return, whether now or later, let us do it well. Stay healthy, and in the words of [John Wesley](#), let's continue “to watch over one another in love,” whether together or from a safe social distance.

**[Joe Iovino](#) is Director, Member Content for [United Methodist Communications](#).*

This story was published June 4, 2020

“Harvest Auction” Canceled This Year...

BUT WORKING ON A FUNDRAISING SILENT AUCTION FOR GIFT BASKETS.....



With fall officially just around the corner, the Missions Committee is usually busy planning the annual Harvest Auction. However, this is not a usual year, and out of an abundance of caution due to COVID 19, the Missions Committee has decided not to hold the Harvest Auction this year.

The purpose of the Harvest Auction is to raise \$1,000 annually to support our covenant with David Makobo, a missionary in Senegal, Africa. David's wife, Solange, is an accountant and teaches basic financial stewardship as a volunteer. David is a commissioned missionary and is supported through the General Board of Global Ministries.

Since we can't look forward to an evening of fun and fundraising this fall, the Missions Committee is asking that you consider donating an amount that you would have spent at the auction through an offering or offerings that will be collected throughout the month of October.

The Harvest Auction fundraiser is the mission focus for October, so please consider your special offering to David Makobo even if you hadn't planned to attend the auction. The last Sunday offering for missions will also support the Makobo covenant.

The Missions Committee is trying to put a little bit of fun into the fundraising by coming up with a way to have a safe silent auction for various gift baskets that would have been available at the Harvest Auction.

Stay tuned for details, and thank you for your understanding.

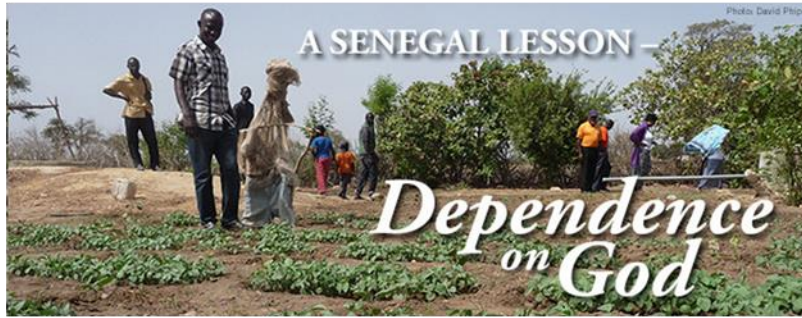


MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2020

September	SIERRA LEONE WATER & DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY, Advance #181000 (Lee Weaver)
October CANCELED	HARVEST AUCTION: to fulfill our covenant with David Makobo, Senegal, Africa World Communion Sunday, October 4 th #1045
November	SNACK PACKS FOR BACKPACKS (local school district project for kids who are at risk for not having food over the weekend/school vacations) UM Student Day, November 29 th #1055
December	SALVATION ARMY – Offering and opportunity for bell ringing



Missions' Highlights.....



GET TO KNOW OUR COVENANT MISSIONARY, DAVID MAKOBO

David Makobo is an agricultural specialist; he teaches the local Senegalese population **sustainable agricultural methods to improve crop production and support self-sufficiency**. Through their ministry, David and Solange also have duties in the area of **Christian education**. They also provide a **wellness program**, working with Volunteers in Mission programs to provide **medical care** and help **feed malnourished children**. In addition, they **teach girls skills so they can support themselves** (boys' education has priority, many girls don't attend school), and they coordinate a **prison ministry**. David also has **administrative duties** related to church employees.

Senegal has a population of approximately 16 million. Over 90% of the population is Muslim, around 3% is Christian, mostly Roman Catholic. The Methodist Church is a minority within the Christian population. In Senegal there are 21 United Methodist churches, including smaller chapels. The United Methodist Church in Senegal is no longer a Mission initiative, which means those churches are expected to become self-supporting over time. This is one of the great challenges for the UM ministry in Senegal.

Please keep David and Solange Makobo in your prayers as they spread the gospel and help people attain better lives in Senegal.



David Makobo

-

Senegal, Africa

Helpful Resources



Some resources and links we hope you will find helpful.....

Trinity UMC Website – Our church’s website is for our congregation to be able to quickly look up activities, events, newsletters, weekly bulletins, Pastor’s Desk and much more — and you may even want to share the website with your friends and family. (<http://www.trinity.umchurchrc.org/>)

Chuck Knows Church – Fun, short videos explaining some of the mysterious inner workings of churches from a Methodist perspective. (<http://www.chuckknowschurch.com/>)

Hymnary – An online database of church hymns from many traditions, including The United Methodist Hymnal. Includes history on the hymns. When hymns are public domain, sheet music, lyrics, and song files are available. (<http://www.hymnary.org/>)

Olive Tree Bible+ – Free bible app for mobile and desktop. Includes the KJV bible. Other translations and bible study resources are available for purchase. All resources synchronize across all your devices. (<https://www.olivetree.com/bible-study-apps/>)

Pray As You Go – Free devotional podcast offered six days each week by British Jesuits. These 10-15 devotions include music, scripture reading, and guided prayer. (<http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/>)

Common Grounds Campus Ministry – Shared outreach of the United Methodist Church and other denominations to the students of UW-La Crosse, Viterbo, and Northwest Technical. (<http://commongroundcampusministry.com/>)

Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church – United Methodists in Wisconsin. News and information about our many shared ministries and missions. (<http://www.wisconsinumc.org/>)

Wisconsin United Methodist Camps – Check out our camps at Pine Lake and Lake Lucerne, with opportunities for kids, families, and adults. Special facilities include retreat centers, cabins and campgrounds for individual use, and horse riding. Sign up for camps here. (<http://www.wiumcamps.org/>)

Wisconsin Volunteers in Mission – WisVIM plans several affordable mission trips each year locally, nationally, and globally. Details of upcoming trips are listed on the website. (<http://www.wisvim.org/>)

The United Methodist Church – Our global denomination, with information about the many ministries we support, what our denomination believes, news, and other helpful information. (<http://www.umc.org/>)

United Methodist Committee on Relief – UMCOR is our church’s global disaster relief operation, one of the most respected worldwide. (<http://www.umcor.org/>)

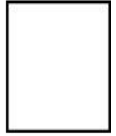
United Methodist Board of Global Missions – General information about the missionaries and programs the UMC supports worldwide, ways to donate, and how to get involved. (<http://www.umcmmission.org/>)



SEPTEMBER MINISTRY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Tuesday, September 22nd		1 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 am	2	3	4	5 Pastor's Day Off
6 9:30 Worship No Sunday School 	7 	8 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 am	NOTE: All Committee Meetings have been Cancelled through the end of the year, at that time will re-evaluate Covid risks.			12 Pastor's Day Off
13 9:30 Worship No Sunday School	14	15 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 am	16	17	18	19 Pastor's Day Off
20 9:30 Worship No Sunday School	21	22 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 am	23 CHIMES DEADLINE 	24	25	26 Pastor's Day Off
27 9:30 Worship No Sunday School	28	29 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 am	30	<u>"FLEXIBLE" Church Office Hours</u> in effect until further notice. Office staff are working remotely from home. For assistance please call 647-3203 and leave message or for quicker response send email to trinityumc@mwt.net		

Trinity United Methodist Church
400 East Seminary Street
Richland Center, WI 53581



Join the RCMA Community of Churches
Labor Day Weekend

"Weekend Of Unity"

Saturday, September 5th at 8 AM
for a 24-hour prayer vigil in front of the
RC Government Bldg.

Sunday, September 6th at 10 AM
for Worship Service on the big screen at
the Starlite Drive-In, Hwy 14 East



Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rey Díaz

Pastor's Cell Phone: 608-475-3677

Pastor's email: zoolaar@live.com

Pastor's Office Hours: Wednesday and Thursday 9-12 PM

and by appointment M - F

Saturday: Pastor's day off

Trinity Church Office

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 - noon

Trinity UMC Office: (608) 647-3203

Trinity's email: trinityumc@mwt.net

Websites: www.umchurchrc.org & www.trinity.umchurchrc.org

Administrative Assistant: Pat Leonard

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Kathy Richardson

Custodian: Bill Twining