Trinity United Methodist Church *January 2021*

The Chimes

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have arrived to a new year! What the new year will bring us I really don't know, but I am going to start by wishing you a Happy New Year 2021!

Most of the time the members of our local church feel more comfortable sending resources to a missionary they know personally or to missions that they have heard of. Some people like to support mission people who they have heard share stories about their mission work and how their missionary jobs are making a big difference in the lives of the people in a foreign country that they are serving.

I don't know how often you have heard the word "Apportionments", but perhaps you have heard this word many times. Apportionment funds are received by our local church through a combination of rules. One rule has to do with the budget of the local church and the second has to do with the membership we have. I want to write this article about apportionments in the simplest way so that you, the reader, have a clear idea about why we need to freely contribute to the apportionments as set by the Discipline Resources of the United Methodist Church.

The local church receives a list for contribution options from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. This list is divided into the different mission services that we are supporting. The Annual Conference Financial Secretary deposits the money sent to the Conference, while the Treasurer (on behalf of the Conference) distributes those financial resources to the different entities that we (our local church) decided to support.

Without getting technical and complicated I want to share an experience of mine. Several years ago I was part of the Wisconsin Conference Committee that received more than a quarter of a million dollars to distribute. The committee was made up of clergy and laity from the Wisconsin Annual Conference UMC. The committee received applications from churches in need of financial resources because of various reasons. They either were facing financial hardship, the Bishop wanted them to open a new church ministry, or churches needed support and financial means to carry the mission of Christ into new areas where the Methodist church was not present. During the year 2020 we have spent 28% appointment of the Conference budget to either new ministries or churches already established that need financial aids.

Our denomination covers a very vast geographical area of the mission and ministry of the UMC throughout the whole world. Among the different ministries we support as part of the mission of the United Methodist Church are Africa University, Black colleges, and many nations that are facing the destruction of natural disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, floods and many other natural disasters.

We support missionaries who are preaching the gospel, or helping people in poor, third world nations to learn new skills on how to use their land and resources in a way that they can make progress that improves the way they are living. This is happening in India, Africa, and South and Central America.

A very small portion of what we give goes to administration, but the administrative staff helps us in Wisconsin to carry out the mission of the church, too. I was part of the committee when a large number of congregations in Wisconsin asked for help. I am not going to tell you specific details about one congregation that asked for help because I would need to write many pages. I will just tell you that we were able to help them to keep their doors open and help them with the mission of the local church in the area they were serving.

Another great example of our apportionments at work is that twenty years ago I went to Central America and visited El Salvador. At that time, they had four new Methodist churches. Today they have 19 United Methodist churches in El Salvador! This is so because of the resources we have been sending to El Salvador from the funds we share and send to the General Board of Global Ministry, which comes from our apportionments. Trinity and Peace UMC are each part of the Methodist family and we do not want to stop doing good because, in due time, we will harvest the fruit of righteousness.

Again, wishing you a blessed and Happy New Year 2021!
In Christ,

Pastor Rey Díaz

Sunday School News

Barb Shannon
Education Chair
647-6522

YOUTH GROUP News

Tate Perkins, Ayden Ewing and Austin Ewing (L to R)

Tate Perkins and Austin Ewing (L to R)

Teige and Tora Perkins (L to R)

The Gifts of the Kings was presented on December 20th by the Trinity Sunday School during the morning worship service. Those participating were Tate Perkins, Ayden Ewing, and Austin Ewing. The congregation learned many facts about the gifts of Gold , Frankincense, and Myrrh and the religious meaning of the gifts. A big thank you to Allison Ewing for planning and implementing the program this year.

The Sr. High Youth talked about the Chrisomons that are found on the Tree in the front of sanctuary. They highlighted seven of them and the Christian meaning behind the symbol.
Thank you to Tora and Teige Perkins.

Missions' January Focus

United Methodist Hospitals Ministry

The United Methodist Hospitals Ministry is an outreach visitation ministry of healing and support of the United Methodist Church of Wisconsin. Our chaplain visits United Methodist patients and their families hospitalized in Madison's major hospitals, including Unity Point Health-Meriter, St Mary's, UW Hospitals, American Family Children's Hospital and upon request, the VA Hospital. Our chaplain also visits Methodists who have no relationship to congregations.

The Rev. Lamarr Gibson is the part time United Methodist Chaplain (15 hours per week). As a retired UM clergy, he has been serving as pastor part time at Henderson UM Church in Beloit since his retirement in 2016. Lamarr has been a pastor for over 30 years, serving parishes both in Michigan and Wisconsin. Lamarr and his wife, Linda, live in Cottage Grove, just east of Madison.

Your prayers for this ministry, Chaplain Lamarr Gibson, and those hospitalized in Madison hospitals ae needed and appreciated.

RICHLAND School District

Snack Pack for Backpacks is a program that is a joint effort between a student and staff team of dedicated individuals that want to make sure students in need have something to eat, even outside of the school day.

Trinity UM Church.....Thank you so much for your contribution towards the "Snack Pack for Backpacks" program! It is greatly appreciated during this time of great need to our youth and families!
Gretchen Kanable, SPFB Chair

Dear Trinity Congregation Family.....Thank you for your very thoughtful Christmas gift and the love and appreciation I feel from all of you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And thank you again.
Kathy Richardson, Treasurer/Financial Secretary

To My Trinity Family and Friends.....Thank you so very much for the great Christmas gift! I so appreciate your extended support and kindness always!
Pat Leonard, Admin. Assistant

Celebrations and More…..

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	
Nancy (Koehn) Pulvermacher	1/2
Anna Pulvermacher	1/3
Kyle Pulvermacher	1/3
Kathy Bastian	1/9
Beata Elliott	1/9
Bernie Couey	1/9
Lynette Schwichtenburg	1/10
Tim Otto	1/10
Mike Windstrup	1/18
Jennifer Richardson	1/19
Mary Otto	1/20
Russ Shannon	1/20
Ed Fink	1/22
Trey Schneider	1/24
Ron Steinmetz	1/27
Melissa Sprecher	1/30
Jeremiah Storer	1/30

POINSETTIAS for Christmas – such a beautiful and traditional flowering plant for the holidays. A very special thanks goes out to Donna Bower for organizing with a local florist to purchase these plants, and once delivered to the church, arranging them on the altar. We also would like to thank each of the sponsors who purchased a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, as you are the ones that make this happen each year. Thanks Everyone!

Whether you've just walked through the greatest year of your life, or are incredibly glad to see this one finally over, one truth still rings clear amidst it all. You are not alone. Not ever. Our God is a "with us" God. On the heels of the celebration of the birth of our King, that reminder has the power to carry us right into a fresh, new start. He is Immanuel, God with us. And though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes.

Points of Interest

Date	Event	Description
January 1st Friday	New Year's Day (Office Closed)	New beginnings for everyone! May the spirit of continued growth and shared positive energy be instilled in us all.
January 3rd h Sunday	Epiphany Sunday	The season from January 3rd through the day before Ash Wednesday. It may include anywhere from four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter.
January 17th Sunday	Human Relations Day	The Human Relations Day offering supports Neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy in the U.S. and Puerto Rico through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.
January 18th Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	This holiday marks the 26th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January as "a day on, not a day off," MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.
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!

January Memorial Ministry Corner

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

In Memory of Ray J. Marshall, Jr.
July 31, 1926 – December 10, 2020

Complete Obituary Appears at the *Farber Funeral Home, Reedsburg, WI,* Website:
https://tinyurl.com/yyuwkfly

A private, family service will be held.

Cards of Condolence May be Sent to Ray's Daughter & Son-in-Law at the Following:

Dianne & Kurt Monson & Family
24230 Highway ZZ
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.647.6247

Memorial Ministry Financial Report. Normally, Memorial Ministry presents its financial status report during our annual All Saints' Day in November. Because we did not have the formal celebration on Sunday, November 01, 2020, we decided to present our current financial status this month. This is merely an estimate, as the final 2020 figures have not yet been calculated. We want to thank all of you having contributed during the difficult 2020 year. We always pledge to use your memorial & honor gifts in the best interests of Trinity and to honor the memory of the named individual for whom the account has been established.

Trinity Memorial Ministry Financial Summary (January 01, 2021)

Current Checking Account Balance.....$11,187.04
TUMC Scholarship Account (Invested).....$ 9,816.56
"Wish List" Account.....$ 4,021.71

"Designated Funds & Accounts.....$10,199.64
Baby Vradenburg (2007) Memorial
Nancy Edwards (2013) Memorial

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Willis & Lillian Cooper (2013) Memorial
Marilyn Anderson (2020) Memorial
Scholarship (2020) Fund
Memorial

John Garner (2015) Memorial
Kirk Jewell (2020) Memorial
Julia (Jane) Taylor (2020)

Undesignated Funds & Accounts…… $987.40

Eleanor Strang (2016) Memorial
Betty Lucille Hardy (2016) Memorial

Cecil Keehn (2016) Memorial
Loran Abraham (2016) Memorial

Mavis Anderson (2018) Memorial
Memorial

Delane Braithwaite (2018)

Lucille Sanner (2019) Memorial
Hope Marshall (2020) Memorial
Memorial

Ben Wilson (2020) Memorial
Francis (Fuzz) Spangler (2020)

He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes. - - Psalm 147:16

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Church Membership Notes

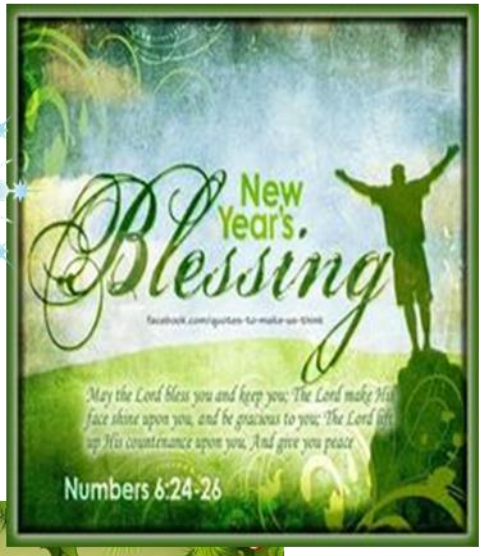
Trinity Paper Directory Request. While we are not quite ready to announce the official publication of the updated January 01, 2021, Trinity "Member & Friend" paper directory, we are making progress with the editing & proofing, as we had many changes in 2020! **However**, if you are not able to attend church to pick one up, please contact **Administrative Assistant Pat Leonard** in the church office to reserve your copy, as we will send it to you in the mail once the publication occurs! Church membership does matter, and your Trinity membership team is your resource for all membership questions. - - ***Membership Secretary Paul Murphey***

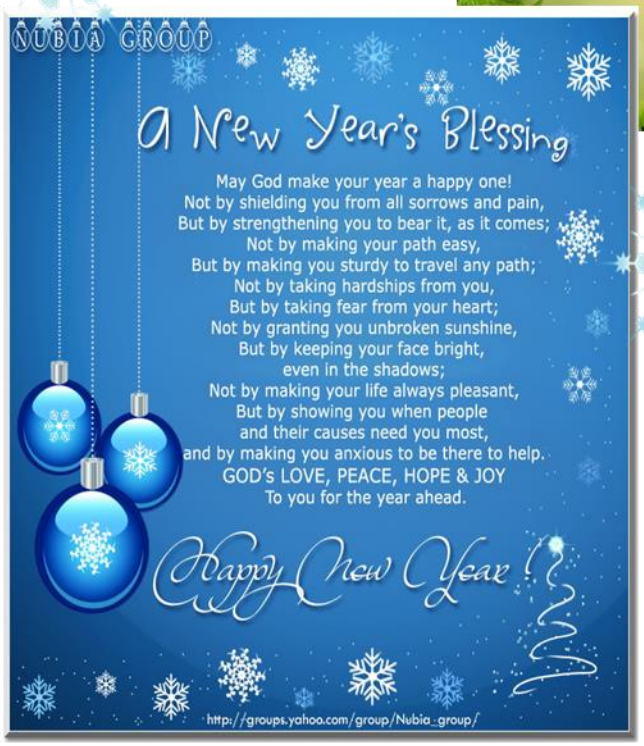
"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."
- - 1 Corinthians 12:27

Two Verses of Hope for a Better 2021

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." - - Isaiah 43: 18-19

New Year's Prayers and Blessings!





Order Your "Dessert Flan" and Help a Special Ministry…..

Pastor Rey's Flan

Pastor Rey has graciously offered to make additional pans of his dessert flan**for a donation to David Makobo's ministry in Senegal.

Call Pastor Rey to make arrangements to order a plan of flan. We aren't setting a dollar amount for your donation. As a guideline, the high bid at the Silent Auction was $20, but you aren't required to match or exceed that bid since this isn't part of the Silent Auction.

Contact Pastor Rey at 608-633-7513 and **make arrangements with him regarding the date and place of delivery.** Please make payment to Trinity UMC by check or cash. Be sure to note on your **offering envelope the amount and that this is payment for Pastor Rey's Flan.** That way, our treasurer will make sure your payment is sent to David Makobo's ministry.

**Flan is a sweet dessert made from eggs, milk, sugar, vanilla and perhaps other flavorings. Pastor Rey compared its texture to that of cheesecake.

We would also like to give special thanks to Pastor Rey for his generous help and support to our church and community events this past year! You are a blessing to us all!

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UMC "Special Sunday" News

2021 UMC SPECIAL SUNDAYS:

The UM Church celebrates seven church wide special Sundays. In 2021, the first of these special Sundays is……

Human Relations Day on January 17th

Being in ministry with the poor requires a radical or fundamental approach to overcoming not jus the consequences but also the causes of poverty. It is a matter of justice. Your Human Relations Day offering supports vital community ministries that teach and advocate for justice, especially among people struggling to survive in the margins of society.

In review of the recent demonstrations in various cities in the United States, voices protesting the disparity of justice between races, there are more peaceful and practical ways for us as Christians to advocate and contribute toward programs that enhance basic human values.

Your gifts to Human Relations Day provide avenues to restored relationships through ministries like Youth Offender Rehabilitation, Community Developers self-improvement programs and United Methodist Voluntary Services, community advocacy programs. It's time to think and support justice, to become radical in changing lives and changing the world.

This is how Jesus changed lives and how we, his followers, are called to change the world. Please give generously to the Advance special Sunday ministry, Human Relations Day #1005

By asking you to support Trinity Missions' Projects, we also ask that you first consider your support of the general fund, which is what keeps our church doors open. Then please prayerfully consider your support of this month's Mission Focus. Thank you.

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2021

Special Sundays in Italics

JANUARY	**UM HOSPITALS MINISTRY** *Human Relations Sunday* *January 17th #1005*
February	**MEMORIAL MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
March	*UMCOR Sunday* *March 14TH #1015*
April	**CONFERENCE INGATHERING PROJECT** *Native American Ministries Sunday, April 18th #1025*
May	*Golden Cross Sunday* *May 10th #1070*
June	**ICE CREAM SOCIAL (DATE TBD)** *Peace w Justice Sunday* *June 7th #1035*
July	**UM HOSPITAL MINISTRY**
August	**MEMORIAL MINISTRY WISH LIST**
September	**TBD**
October	**HARVEST AUCTION:** to fulfill our covenant with David Makobo, Senegal, Africa *World Communion Sunday* *October 3RD #1045*
November	**TBD** *UM Student Day* *November 29th #1055*
December	**SALVATION ARMY**

JANUARY MINISTRY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day (Office Closed)	2
3 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	4	5 TM Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	6	7	8 Pastor's Day Off	9
10 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	11	12 TM Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	13	14	15 Pastor's Day Off	16
17 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	18 Martin Luther King Jr.	19 TM Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	20 CHIMES Deadline	21	22 Pastor's Day Off	23
24 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	25	26 TM Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	27	28	29 Pastor's Day Off	30
31 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	NOTE: All Committee Meetings have been cancelled due to COVID-19 until further notice. Committees will re-evaluate the church guidelines for Covid risks each month, and will keep everyone informed when meetings resume.					

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400 East Seminary Street
Richland Center, WI 53581

Office Closed
January 1st

WINTER WEATHER POLICY: On Sundays, please check the radio (WRCO) before leaving your home in the event the worship service has been cancelled.

COVID REMINDER:

"FLEXIBLE" Church Office Hours **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 an email to trinityumc@mwt.net**

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

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