



The Chimes

What Is Your Vocation?

Ephesians 4:1-2 *“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”*

I am greeting you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are living in the middle of a pandemic that is affecting the world and thousands of Americans have died. Many thousands are ill and in the process of recovering from Covid-19. We pray on behalf of all Americans who are suffering the consequences of the coronavirus. I am also inviting you to pray for our nation as we face division and disagreements about political issues. May the Good Lord extend His mercy upon us, so that those who are severely ill and struggling with Covid-19 can get better and have a second opportunity to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Today, I want to share with you these two verses from the letter of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians. First, Ephesians was a circular letter written by him to be read in the Asia Minor churches while he was in jail for preaching the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul was a prisoner for his testimony and mission in carrying the good news of salvation to the world. He was under house arrest, but could have visitors and could write letters to teach new believers. He used this correspondence for instructing old and new members because he could reach out to people far away from his house. In those days, Christian leaders used this means for mass communication. Today, reaching out to the rest of the world is done through newspapers, magazines, social media, radio and television.

Paul's instructions were for the evangelization, edification, and transformation of the world. Holy Scriptures accelerated the process of learning and he had a great impact on the transformation of the ancient world in many different forms. By doing so, he built the Christian church.

These two verses taken from Ephesians 4 deal with the best desires of Paul for the Christian community. Paul was not in a comfortable position to demand anything from them. Therefore, he urged them to live a life worthy of the calling they have received. In our contemporary world, we talk about “vocation”, in reference to the type of work someone is inclined to do. If your inclination is to be a teacher, doctor, nurse, carpenter, professional cook, truck driver, politician, or whatever your chosen vocation...you need passion, love, and great interest in doing what you feel called to do. Living worthy of the calling you have received is doing what God calls you to do with passion and love. Paul is giving us the key to a successful ministry in our vocation.

Paul says, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." When a person is not pleased with a job they are doing, they are not happy. Instead of living a happy life, that person may spend his or her life complaining and making others miserable their presence. The worst scenario in life is doing something you do not find pleasure in doing. However, when you are following your vocation...the thing you are called to do...and doing it with all four of these elements Paul describes in this letter, you are pleasing God and "bearing with one another in love" for the mission of the church. No doubt about it, the members of the church and the entire Christian world then benefit greatly!

Please keep praying for the new president, for our country, for all who are ill, and those in need in our community. Please, also pray for the future of our United Methodist Church and for our members who cannot attend church because of Covid-19.

Many blessings to you in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Rey Díaz

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DAN AND RACHEL 2020 NEWS LETTER December 2020

Dear Friends and Family, I don't know about you, but I am so tired of hearing that word—the “U” word— “unprecedented”. Actually, in my case this year has been precedent. I've heard numerous missionaries confess that a lot of what has been going on in 2020 is déjà vu for them. Let's see if I can explain. Being a foreign missionary means:

- Feeling isolated and lonely.
- Difficulty communicating
- Being thankful for communication technology—when it works.
- Learning to shop differently.
- Worship in a different style/culture/way.
- Concern about health issues and different ways to stay healthy.
- Getting creative about staying in touch.
- Plans getting topsy turvy.
- Wondering sometimes what God is doing.

Does any of that sound familiar? I found it easy (perhaps too easy) to lean back and feel at home. I hope I haven't been smug. We have been very comfortable and have gotten a lot done around the house. The “house bound” issues I am dealing with have more to do with the weather than lockdowns.

Maybe God is training all of us to be missionaries right where we are!

One precedent for missionaries is they don't seem to be able to retire. We continue to follow precedent, even in these times. We were in Ohio for two weeks to help Matthias start the work to prepare a helicopter to go to Africa to serve. This medical evacuation helicopter had been donated with all the bells and whistles that are wonderful for work in the United States. These bells and whistles are too heavy and not appropriate for Africa. The helicopter needs to be modified to fit its job. We hope to be back later in 2021 to assist.

In Zambia they have broken with precedent. Pastor Diaman organized seminars without me, ran them efficiently and intensely. Instead of relaxed “Africa time” schedules, they figured out how to stretch funds and squeeze in teaching into less time. A lesson I can't claim to have taught them. God is training all of us.

Blessings, Rachel and Dan Gabler

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.

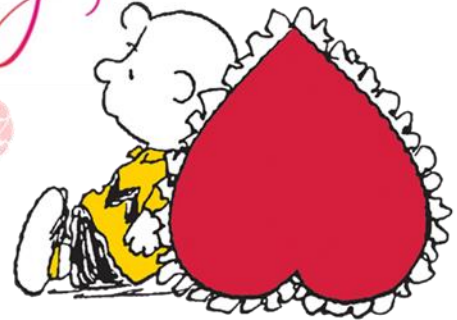
Celebrations and More.....



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Connie Tracy	2/2
Samantha McNamer	2/3
Brooklyn Grace Worthington	2/8
Angelica Black	2/9
Allison (Spangler) Ewing	2/10
Shannon Trebus	2/11
Kathy Richardson	2/11
Shirley Goplin	2/14
Steven Bethke	2/15
Ruby Hodge	2/16
Rebecca Turgasen	2/16
Helen Nelson	2/17
Paul Murphey	2/18

Happy Valentine's Day



Kwik Trip Gift Cards
 Make perfect
 Valentines and Easter
 gifts and supports
 Missions Ministry!
 See Nancy McCauley



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!

Bill Twining



The Missions' Committee would like to thank the congregation once again for their enthusiastic support of the Silent Harvest Auction.

The total raised for David Makobo's Senegal ministry, including the Silent Auction and other donations was \$1,340!

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give. . . for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

Points of Interest

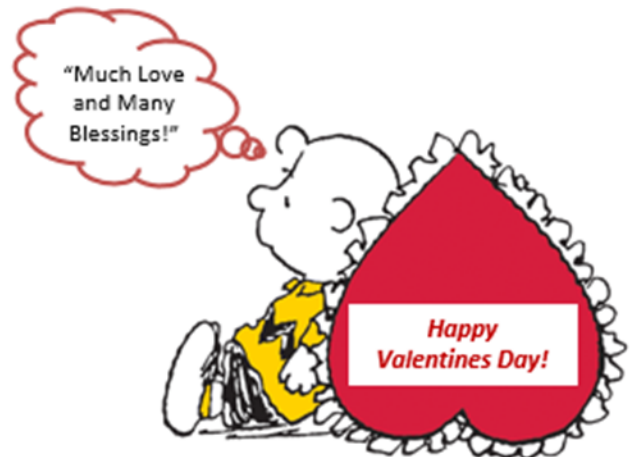
Date	Event	Description
February 14th Sunday	Valentine's Day	Also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14.
February 15 th Monday	President's Day	President's Day is a day set aside to honor all of the U.S. presidents. Look at this day as a tribute to each and every person who has ever served in the office of the President of the United States of America. It is a national holiday,
February 17th Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer and fasting. It falls on the first day of Lent, the six weeks of penitence before Easter. Note: NO WORSHIP SERVICE IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS DATE.
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 the office at 647-3203.



February 17th



February 15th



Memorial Ministry Corner



February Memorial Ministry Corner



“God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” - - Matthew 5:4

In Memory of Kenda Nimocks Lundgren
1943 – September 06, 2020

Kenda’s Richland Center birth parents were Kenneth & Florence Nimocks;
stepfather was Loyd Goplin (Blue River)

Complete Obituary Appears at the *Ruck Towson Funeral Home, Inc.*, Towson, MD,
Website: <https://tinyurl.com/y45ytjse>

Memorial Services were held on September 26, 2020, at the
Towson United Methodist Church, Towson, MD.

Cards of Condolence May be Sent to Kenda’s husband & family at the Following:

Mark Lundgren
302 East Joppa Road
Apartment 1909
Towson, MD 21286

Memorial Ministry 2021 Meeting Schedule

Currently, our meetings have been cancelled until further notice; however, the 2021 meeting schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, February 09, 2021, @ 1:30 p.m. (Church Library) - **CANCELLED**
- Tuesday, May 11, 2021, @ 1:30 p.m. (Church Library) - Pending
- Tuesday, August 10, 2021, @ 1:30 p.m. (Church Library) - Pending
- Tuesday, November 09, 2021, @ 1:30 p.m. (Church Library) – Pending

Our special events’ schedule is as follows:

- ▮ February 2021 (Internal Missions’ Project to Benefit the Scholarship Fund)
- ▮ August 2021 (Internal Missions’ Project to Benefit the Wish List Fund)
- ▮ Sunday, November 07, 2021, @ 9:30 a.m. – All Saints’ Day 2020/2021 – Praying for it to Happen This Year!

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February Internal Missions' Project – Trinity UMC Scholarship Fund

Please consider an honor gift, of any amount, during February to support our scholarship fund.

- ◆ Checks should be written to Trinity United Methodist Church with a memo note "Scholarship Fund" to help our counters credit your church account.
- ◆ Special offering envelopes will appear in the bulletin on Sunday, February 07 & 28; however, gifts will be accepted the entire month.

As always, please remember your overall financial commitment to the church before making this special gift.

Kathy Bastian, Missions' Chair & Paul Murphey, Memorial Ministry Chair



*"The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge; the ears of the wise seek it out." - -
Proverbs 18:15*

Our scholarship is partially funded in memory of Marilyn Joan Anderson; Wayne Braithwaite; Jerry Cooper; Alberta Chellevoid-Couey; Nancy Edwards; Hilda Heidenreich; Eloise Herbeck; Dean, Kirk, & Roger Jewell; James & Lucille Johnston; Ralph & Helen Monteith; Ruth Moser; Eleanor Strang; and Julia "Jane" Taylor.

Current invested scholarship balance is \$10,079.55 including a total of \$90.27 (2020 Interest).

Membership News!



Church Membership Notes



Congratulations Dr. Tom Richardson!

Trinity congratulates Dr. Tom Richardson on his semi-retirement (effective January 01, 2021) from his long medical practice. While Dr. Tom has ended his private practice at the Richland Hospital Clinic, he will still serve as the resident doctor for our area nursing homes: Schmitt Woodland Hills Retirement Community, Pine Valley Community Village, Harvest Guest Home, & Greenway Manor (Spring Green). In addition, Tom still acts as the official WI Department of Transportation (DOT) physical examination doctor for area truck drivers.

So, what may Dr. Tom do with his bit of extra time? More time with the grandkids? More time for Pickleball? Whatever, I am sure Kathy Richardson has a list of “things to do” to keep him busy. Congratulations can be sent to Tom at the following:

**Dr. Tom Richardson
1980 Snyder Drive
Richland Center, WI 53581**

Who Knows the Answers?

1. What does the term 'Lent,' which comes from 'lencten,' mean?

- Time
- Length
- Sacrifice
- Spring

2. How did the early church observe Lent?

- They remembered the mercy and forgiveness of Christ
- They reconciled relationships among church members
- They prepared converts for baptism
- All of the above

3. When did United Methodists start the 'imposition of ashes?'

- 1877
- 1933
- 1992
- 2008

4. Does The United Methodist Church have official rules for observing Lent?

- Yes, members should abstain from meat on Fridays
- Yes, members should fast once a week during Lent
- Yes, members should abstain from sweets during Lent
- All of the above
- None of the above

Lent and Easter Quiz 2021

Lent Begins.....



Answers found on the following page.....

Lent & Easter Quiz Continued

5. What do some United Methodists not sing at Lent?

- Alleluia
- Doxologies
- "In the Garden"
- The communion liturgy

6. Many people fast during Lent. How often did John Wesley fast?

- Twice a week
- Twice a month
- Twice a year
- Rarely
- He did not fast

7. When do congregations 'strip the Lord's Table'?

- At the conclusion of Ash Wednesday worship
- At the conclusion of Maundy Thursday worship
- At the conclusion of Good Friday worship
- At the conclusion of Holy Saturday worship

8. What does INRI mean on a crucifix?

- Pontius Pilate, Prefect of Rome
- Nazareth, Kingdom of Jerusalem
- Sign of the Cross
- Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews

9. Why are eggs associated with Easter?

- They symbolize new life
- They have a shell around the body inside, just as the tomb was around Jesus' body and then was cracked open
- They can be dyed pretty colors to represent joy, just as we have joy that Jesus has risen
- All of the above
- None of the above

10. Why do some churches hold Easter sunrise services?

- Jesus is sometimes called the light of the world
- The women are said to have come to the tomb early in the morning
- Easter prayer vigils were often ended as the sun rose
- All of the above
- None of the above



For more Lent quiz questions or to take one of the other quizzes, visit www.UMC.org!



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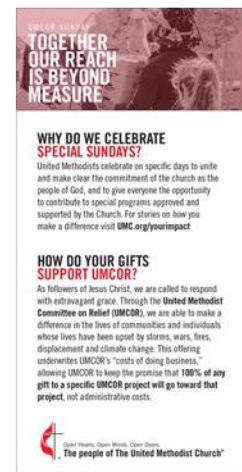
Answers to Quiz.....
1. Spring 2. All of the above 3. 1992 4. None of the above 5. Alleluia 6. Twice a week 7. At the conclusion of Maundy Thursday worship 8. Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews 9. All of the above 10. All of the above

Missions' Upcoming Special Sunday

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2021	
Special Sundays in Italics	
January	UM HOSPITALS MINISTRY Human Relations Sunday January 17 th #1005
FEBRUARY	MEMORIAL MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
March	UMCOR Sunday March 14 th #1015
April	CONFERENCE INGATHERING PROJECT Native American Ministries Sunday, April 18 th #1025
May	Golden Cross Sunday May 10 th #1021
June	ICE CREAM SOCIAL (DATE TBD) Peace w Justice Sunday June 7 th #1035
July	FOOD PANTRY
August	MEMORIAL MINISTRY WISH LIST
September	TBD
October	HARVEST AUCTION: to fulfill our covenant with David Makobo, Senegal, Africa World Communion Sunday October 3 rd #1045
November	TBD UM Student Day November 29 th #1055
December	SALVATION ARMY

What is UMCOR Sunday? In 2016 General conference approved the name change from One Great Hour of Sharing to UMCOR Sunday. UMCOR Sunday call United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Your monetary gifts to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to share God's love with communities everywhere. The special offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business". This helps UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.

What is UMCOR? UMCOR is the humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church. UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. UMCOR provides humanitarian relief when war, conflict or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities cannot recover on their own.



UMCOR maintains a corps of trained disaster response specialists for quick reinforcement of local efforts, and it keeps a supply of relief materials in warehouses for dispatch when and where required. Disasters may be caused by upheavals of nature, such as the volcanic eruptions in the Philippines or by inhuman actions of human beings, such as the brutalities in Rwanda and Burundi. Whatever the cause of the disaster, UMCOR moves in concrete ways to ease human suffering and do whatever may be possible to restore normal life. Special emphasis is given to the emotional needs of disaster victims, who may lose their confidence and their ability to meet the new demands forced upon them when they are traumatized by the loss of family members, homes, and jobs. Recently, UMCOR has added a special program to bring pastoral care to children involved in disasters.

United Methodists celebrate UMCOR Sunday on the Fourth Sunday in Lent. This year, it will be March 14, 2021. Advance #1015. Please consider donating to UMCOR and help share God's love to communities everywhere.

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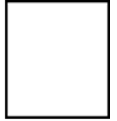


FEBRUARY MINISTRY 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
	1	2 Groundhog Day TM Group 10:00 AM @ Peace Mission Committee 4:30 PM	3	4	5 Pastor's Day Off	6 
	7 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	8	9 TM Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	10	11	12 Pastor's Day Off
14 Valentine's Day 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	15 Presidents Day	16 TM Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19 Pastor's Day Off	20
21 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	22	23 TM Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	24 CHIMES Deadline 	25	26 Pastor's Day Off	27 
28 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	<div style="background-color: #FF69B4; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid black;"> <p>NOTE: Most 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.</p>  </div>					

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400 East Seminary Street
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Happy
Valentine's
Day



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

Trinity Church Office

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 - noon

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Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Kathy Richardson

Custodian: Bill Twining