



The Chimes

1 John 4:18 *“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, I want to share with you what John wrote to the members of his community during the first century. The church was going through turmoil everywhere. The members of the church were persecuted, tortured, killed, and wrongly abused by Roman and Jewish authorities. They had to hide from the persecution, run away, and move from one place to the next. Previous to the verse we are using for this reflection, he is talking about having confidence in the Day of Judgment, because in this world we are like him.

How could they have confidence in the Day of Judgment, if they were facing so much turmoil around them? The only way they could have confidence was when they were living in God. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in him. Now we are discovering why we need to have confidence inside us! It is because God lives within us. Love is not outside us; love is living inside us! That is the reason why love is made complete among us--so that we will have confidence on the Day of Judgment.

The Christian community of the first century had many reasons to be afraid. The level of adrenaline rose in them when they were under the stress of persecution. It is almost impossible not to feel fear, especially when you do not know what the outcome of any dangerous situation will be. How can we paraphrase “there is no fear in God?” Our perfect God drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in God.

If God is love, you can substitute the word love for God. When someone has been filling up with God, who is love, love drives out his or her fear. Fear leads to punishment, but Christians are perfected in God’s love.

Why have I chosen this verse from the letter of 1 John? God wants his children not to be living in fear. If you believe in God, God dwells in you. Fear is eradicated. Everyone needs to be careful in observing his or her doctor’s recommendations, but we cannot live in fear.

I encourage you to come to church on Easter Sunday and stop living in fear because God wants to perfect you in love. If you cannot come to church Easter Sunday because of your health conditions, I understand and hope you have a Happy Easter.

In Christ,

Rev. Rey Díaz, Pastor

Sunday School/Youth News



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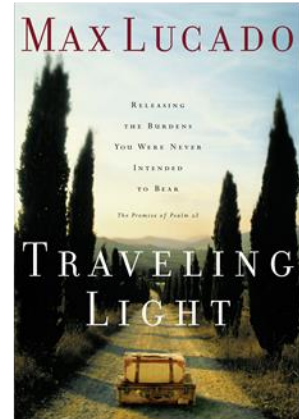


The Sunday School has been active in February spreading GOD'S Love. They made Valentine's and sent them out to many of our congregation. We let them know we were thinking of them and reminded them of GOD'S love. They also handed out bags of sweets after church on Valentine's Day, to those who braved the cold.

Our teen class will be starting a book by Max Lucado entitled "*Traveling Light*" - the promise of Psalm 23. While our elementary class continues with their memory work and exploring the meaning of Lent.

Please continue to encourage and support the young people of our church as they learn of GOD'S love and the salvation Jesus brings.

Yours in Christ,
Barb Shannon



United Methodist Newsletter

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United Methodist Now is a **bimonthly e-newsletter for church members** to highlight examples of Christian living, share inspirational messages, and focus on what it means to be part of our connection.

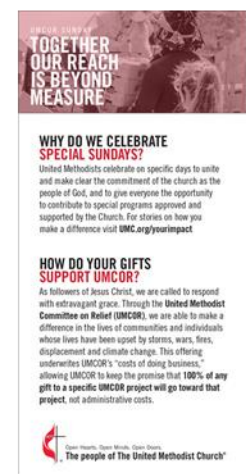
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Missions' Upcoming Special Sunday

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2021	
<i>Special Sundays in Italics</i>	
January	UM HOSPITALS MINISTRY <i>Human Relations Sunday</i> January 17 th #1005
February	MEMORIAL MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
MARCH	UMCOR Sunday March 14 TH #1015
April	CONFERENCE INGATHERING PROJECT <i>Native American Ministries</i> Sunday April 18 th #1025
May	<i>Golden Cross Sunday</i> May 10 th #1070
June	ICE CREAM SOCIAL (DATE TBD) <i>Peace w Justice Sunday</i> 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 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> October 3 RD #1045
November	TBD <i>UM Student Day Sunday</i> 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.



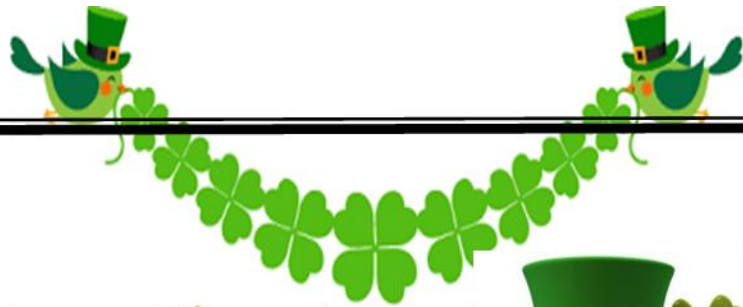
UMCOR maintains a corps of trained disaster response specialists for quick reinforcement of local efforts, and it keeps a supply of relief materials in warehouses for dispatch when and where required. Disasters may be caused by upheavals of nature, such as the volcanic eruptions in the Philippines or 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.

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.....



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Tate Perkins	3/1
Annabeth Sprecher	3/4
Harriet Reese	3/6
Novali Monica Ludwig	3/9
Daniel Tracy	3/18
Jerry Bower	3/27
Annie Windstrup	3/30
Jocelyn Storer	3/31
Emilia Marie Tracy	3/31



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



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 Shenanigans
 for all!



**DON'T FORGET TO
 SPRING FORWARD**

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR
 CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR
 SATURDAY NIGHT

Sunday, March 14th

Points of Interest

Date	Event	Description
March 14 th Sunday	UMCOR SUNDAY	UMCOR Sunday is one of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. UMCOR Sunday calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Your gifts to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to share God's love with communities everywhere.
March 14 th Sunday	Daylight Saving Begins	When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 14, 2021, 2:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, March 14, 2021, 3:00 am local daylight time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on March 14, 2021 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.
March 17 th Wednesday	St. Patrick's Day	Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland.
March 20 th Friday	Spring Begins	In 2021, the spring equinox occurs on Saturday, March 20. This event marks the astronomical first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.
March 28 th Sunday	Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four canonical.
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!



Memorial Ministry Corner



March Memorial Ministry Corner



TUMC Scholarship Fund Thank You! On behalf of the Missions' Committee and Memorial Ministry, thank you very much for your prayers and financial support during our annual February internal missions' project to support the TUMC scholarship ministry. A final tally will be reported in the April Chimes; to date, we have raised **\$1,432.76** in memorial & honor gifts. It certainly is not too late to contribute. Please note on your check "Trinity scholarship fund." **As always, we remind you to meet your Trinity general budget financial goal before giving to this missions' project.**

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.

2021 Scholarship Application Period Nearing an End!

Applications for our 2021 scholarship will be available through **12 midnight on Wednesday, March 31, 2021**, and can be obtained in paper or electronic form through the church office, Memorial Ministry Chair Paul Murphey, or in the narthex literature rack.

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



Trinity UMC 2021 Scholarship

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Membership News!



Church Membership Notes

2021 Paper Directory Done!



The Trinity Membership Team is pleased to announce the completion our 2021 **Member & Friend** paper directory. Copies can be picked up in the box located on the narthex bookshelf. If you are unable to attend church to pick up a copy, contact the church office; we will send you one in the mail.

My thanks to Administrative Assistant Pat Leonard and to Hynek Printing for all the work they did to complete our new, improved, and updated directory.

Paul Murphey, Trinity UMC Membership Secretary



"For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way: Good Health, Good Luck, and Happiness for today and every day."

-- An Irish Blessing

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- Make (don't buy) a gift for someone who needs to be reminded of the love of God made known in the Risen Christ.
- Play. Not a video game or a phone app. Physically play. Move. Dance. Interestingly, the Irish jig and tap dancing have their roots in an early Saxon tradition called the "hop-egg." The purpose was to step among [a dozen eggs](#) as if walking the Stations of the Cross. This egg dance is likely the distant relative of hopscotch.

The Council at Nicaea in 325 AD gave the Church a revised creed. The last line reads: "We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."

As Easter people, we don't have to look further than spring for an exclamation point to that affirmation.

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Spring Symbols Remind Us of Resurrection

When the weather turns warmer and the grass grows greener, it's easier to understand the promise of new life and renewed hope that Christians proclaim as "[Easter people](#)." The reminders are all around us so be sure to keep an eye out on your next spring stroll.



Birds

The robin, a very common bird in the U.S., has a red breast and a [legend](#) to explain it. Seems that once a gray robin flew to Christ's crown of thorns to draw out a thorn, and when it did, a drop of Christ's blood fell on its breast, leaving a stain forevermore.

Bees

It takes lots of [buzzing bees](#) to spread the pollen and make flowers grow. The honey these creatures create is a biblical symbol of God's favor. The Torah agrees, for it describes God's promised land again and again as "flowing with milk and honey."

Flowers

Long considered a symbol of hope and new life, the [daffodil](#) is one of the blooms most often connected to the Resurrection. Tradition says that giving a gift of daffodils will ensure happiness for the receiver—but always give a bunch: a single bloom signals doom.

The flowering shrub known as the [forsythia](#) is what I call the Easter tree, because when its spidery branches are moving with the wind, they seem to be arms waving in praise of the season. According to tradition, forsythia means anticipation—an appropriate companion word for Resurrection.

It is said the [dogwood tree](#) used to grow straight and tall, but after it was used as a crucifix for Christ, God made it short and twisted with a thin trunk so it could never be used as a cross again.

The dogwood bloom has four parts, each with a rusty red color on the end and a small hole, a reminder of where the nails were driven into the cross. The center stamens look like the crown of thorns.

Faith

The traditions that developed around these spring symbols helped explain the concept that God in the flesh took on death and came back to tell us there is life on the other side. [What fantastic news!](#)

This spring, [be a witness to the good news](#) that Christ is risen:

- Learn about the symbols and notice them when you are outdoors this season. Even better: plant some dogwoods and flowers in your yard and on the grounds of your church.
- [Fashion a cross](#) from cuttings of spring flowers. Invite others to help. Set it out in front of your church, or even your house, for all to see.

Ways We Grow

Get Them Talking: I'm sorry

United Methodist Communications

Everyone makes mistakes. When that happens, Jesus tells us to make it right, which often starts with the words, "I'm sorry."



[*Get Them Talking*](#) is a series of resources to help families start conversations about issues of faith.

Scripture

"Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift at the altar and go. First make things right with your brother or sister and then come back and offer your gift." [*Matthew 5:23-24, CEB*](#)

Reflection

Everyone makes mistakes. Everyone. No matter how young or old, we can hurt someone's feelings, lose our temper, or be mean without meaning it. When that happens, it's important to say, "I'm sorry." In this Bible story, Jesus tells us how important it is to "make things right" with someone we've hurt, even if it means interrupting our worship.

Get them talking

- How does it feel when someone says, "I'm sorry," to you?
- Share a time when you found it difficult to say you were sorry. Why was it difficult? How did you feel better afterwards?
- What does Jesus mean when he says we should "make things right" with people we have hurt? Why do you think that is so important to Jesus? Is that more saying you're sorry?
- What is the difference between *saying* you're sorry and *meaning* you're sorry? Why does that matter?

Prayer

Dear God, give me courage to say, "I'm sorry," when I hurt someone, and the wisdom not to do it again. Amen.

Activity

Before you attend worship (perhaps on Saturday night) ask each member of the family if there is someone with whom they need to make things right.

April Mission Focus: Ingathering Kits

Ingathering is a way that United Methodists gather goods, supplies, food, and more and deliver them to people who are in need. We collect for this worthy cause every year at our Annual Conference. These items are then sent to one of the United Methodist Church supply depots, where volunteers assemble, verify, and pack the kits so that they can be sent where they're needed most.

This year the Missions' Committee will be collecting supplies for UMCOR School Kits. School supplies will be collected and the kits will be assembled by the Missions' Committee. The kits will be taken to Annual Conference in early June. In order to allow enough time for the congregation to donate supplies or funds for the committee to purchase school supplies, **the deadline for donation of items is SUNDAY, MAY 16**. Following is the list of supplies needed to assemble one kit. **Our goal is to complete 10 kits** to send to Annual Conference. The value of supplies to complete one kit is approximately \$11. There will be a sheet in the narthex to sign up for the items you wish to donate. If shopping is difficult, you may donate funds and the committee will purchase needed items. Please save this list for your shopping convenience. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW.**

UMCOR SCHOOL KITS (\$11 Value)

- 1 pair round tip scissors (NO PLASTIC SCISSORS)
- 1 box of 24 crayons (ONLY 24-count boxes)
- 3 1-subject notebooks, spiral or gum-bound (No 3 or 5 subject notebooks, no composition books)
- 1 pack of loose-leaf lined paper: 100-200 sheets, either wide or college ruled
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener – 1 inch or bigger
- 1 ruler – 12 inches long *with metric* – hard or flexible
- 6 unsharpened pencils – No advertising
- 1 pencil eraser – 2 inches or larger

Thank you for helping to meet our goal of 10 UMCOR School Kits.

Native American Ministries Sunday – April 18th

Your Wisconsin United Methodist congregations have a historically Native American ministry focus, namely Oneida, Odanah and Milwaukee. Through our shared offerings, Wisconsin United Methodists help support the General Board of Discipleship, which, in turn supports the Native American Comprehensive Plan. The Native American Comprehensive Plan seeks to equip United Methodist Native American ministries.


These ministries and contributions are made possible by our continued faithful generosity. In 2010, Wisconsin United Methodists lead the way by 100 percent giving to our shared offering (apportionments). Native American Ministries Sunday is one of the six church wide Special Sundays with offerings of the UMC. Your generosity gifts help develop and strengthen Native American ministries within the Wisconsin Annual Conference and across the United States. This Wisconsin Conference mission focus provides money for scholarships through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for attending United Methodist schools of theology and other schools approved by the University Senate of the UMC.





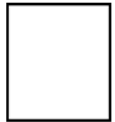
MARCH MINISTRY 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 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 Pastor's Day Off	12
14 Daylight Saving Begins UMCOR SUNDAY 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	15	16 TM Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	17 Saint Patrick's Day 	18	19 Pastor's Day Off	20 Start of Spring (Spring Equinox)
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 Earth Hour
28 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	29	30 TM Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	31	March 14th – UMCOR Sunday March 14th – Daylight Saving Begins March 17th – St. Patrick's Day March 20th – Spring Begins March 28th - Palm Sunday		

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.

Trinity United Methodist Church
400 East Seminary Street
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Wednesday, March 17th



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

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

and by appointment M - F

Saturday: Pastor's day off

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