



The Chimes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Springtime begins Saturday, March 20th and ends Sunday, June 20th, 2021 with the beginning of summer. Spring is the time when the grass turns green, the trees start sprouting leaves, and the flowers begin blooming. Mother Nature brings to life every plant in the northern hemisphere as the weather changes from the cold of winter into weather more comfortable for us to be outside of our houses. During the last year many of us have been less active in doing what we enjoy doing outside the house, but those among us who like to do gardening will find it good to go again out into our back and front yards and work in our gardens.

When we deal with our gardens, we need to clean around the plants growing in the soil and remove anything that will not allow the plant to keep growing. We need to water the plants and make sure they get the right amount of sunlight to grow healthy and strong. The intense care of the gardener during planting begins to show its rewards after the plants start growing. Then the fruits of the plant bring us joy as we see that the day of the harvest gets closer and closer.

Life itself is like a garden, so we need to take good care of our body, soul, and spirit. The church's ministry needs the care of the people like you and me the same way plants need a gardener that, with constant care, helps the plant to reach its full potential designed by God. Spring is also a time to plant the seeds of the gospel. As we are preparing the soil, let us ask God in prayer to send upon the land showers of his blessings, so that the people in this place will be ready whenever God moves us to go out into our community and proclaim the good news of salvation.

The second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ is near. Therefore, we the members of the Christian church need to be on guard and declaring to the world that Jesus will bring peace into our hearts. We need to be ready for the glorious day of the Lord. Jesus wants everyone to repent, to turn away from his or her evil ways, and accept the pardon Jesus offers to all sinners. Easter is a good time to remind everyone who is living in our time, that Jesus is the only way to experience peace with God. With his death, Jesus opened up the heavens to us, so that those who believe in him can pass from death to eternal life.

Let us also pray for one another that the Lord God Almighty will strengthen our faith and our devotion to God and keep us marching to Zion.....beautiful, beautiful Zion! We are marching to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

In Christ,

Rev. Rey Díaz, Pastor

Sunday School/Youth News



Barb Shannon
Education Chair
647-6522



The Sunday School classes have been busy fulfilling their Lenten covenants. Ask them what they are doing to prepare themselves for Easter Sunday.

We have made unleavened bread and talked about the sacrament of Communion. They have also explored the kinds of prayers we pray depending on what is happening in our lives.

During Lent they have chosen to collect money for the Heifer Project. We are half way to our goal of \$50.00. If you would like to help us meet our goal just mark on your envelope Heifer Project and put it in the offering plate. The kids are excited about helping others help themselves.

Wishing you a blessed Easter,
Barb Shannon

United Methodist Camps

<https://wiumcamps.org>



Wisconsin Conference UMC is pleased to announce that Summer Camp 2021 is open for registration!

This year all camp materials , promotional packets and registration will be available online only. The website is filled with lots a great camp photos and FAQs. Also there are so many different and exciting youth camps for all agesthat there is something for everyone young and old!

Visit www.wiumcamps.org to learn more or to register.



CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!!

Also the Trinity camp fund pays 2/3's of registration for youths, and the WI Conference Scholarships are also available if needed. In addition, you may contact Rosie Steinmetz at 647-4247 for assistance.

WIUM Camps latest COVID-19 protocols and precautions have been posted on the general informational bulletin board, as well as found on their website too.

Missions' Upcoming Special Sunday

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.

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.



Greetings From the Gablers, General Board of Global Ministries, Missionaries

Greetings from Gablers:

We have a couple of things to share. We have been asked to go to Ohio again to help with the work on the helicopter that is being prepared for service in Africa. We don't have a date yet, but probably soon. I am also attaching some files for your information about what we have been working on while here in Ashland.

First of all, is an update from Gaston Ntambo. He is the pilot/mechanic for Wings of the Morning North Katanga that Dan and I worked with in DRC. He asked us to proofread his newsletter. We are still able to help out from time to time.

Secondly, I am attaching the ministry report from Pastor Diaman on the seminars he was able to hold, thanks to the support from Trinity United Methodist Church. His thanks is expressed in it.

Thirdly, I also attach the financial report from him.

Fourthly, I am attaching the cover of the book, "A Letter to Africa About Africa" that I was able to get republished last summer.

Blessings, Rachel and Dan

NOTE: Please see Missions bulletin board to read newsletter from Gaston Ntambo and see page 8 for report from Pastor Diaman.

Celebrations and More.....



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Linda Kesting	1-Apr	Megan Sommer	21-Apr
Ryan Weber	1-Apr	Braden Turgasen	26-Apr
Julie Jewell	3-Apr	Donna Bower	28-Apr
Lester Studnicka	5-Apr	Jacob Storer	30-Apr
John Storer	13-Apr		

APRIL ANNIVERSARYS

Jeff & Sandy Brice	15-Apr	Timothy & Mary Otto	19-Apr
Becky & Dan Tracy	18-Apr	Chris & Destiny Shannor	29-Apr

HAPPY EASTER



Native American Ministries Sunday – April 18th



Happy Easter
 May this day bring you blessings of love, joy, peace and hope, May it linger in your heart forever.



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

Points of Interest for April.....

Date	Event	Description
4/1/21 Thursday	April Fool's Day	It is a day which celebrates the custom of playing practical jokes on friends, or sending them on fools' errands.
4/1/21 Thursday	Maundy Thursday	Commemorates the Washing of the Feet and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles
4/2/21 Friday	Good Friday	Commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.
4/4/21 Sunday	Easter	Commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD.
4/22/21 Thursday	Earth Day	An annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection.
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!



Easter Flowers.....



- An assortment of colorful spring plants were sponsored by several members in honor of or in memory of a loved one for display on the altar on Easter Sunday worship service.
- > **A very BIG thanks to Donna Bower** who ordered and arranged these beautiful Easter flowers on the altar for all to enjoy.
- > Sponsors may take home their spring flowers following the Easter service today.

Memorial Ministry Corner



April Memorial Ministry Corner



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

In Memory of Elaine L. Coy
September 30, 1928 – March 02, 2021

Elaine was a dedicated Trinity UMC Professing Member Since November 28, 1951.

Complete Obituary Appears at the *Pratt Funeral & Cremation Website*:

<https://tinyurl.com/66ed8zks>

Services Were Held at Pratt's on Saturday, March 06, 2021.

Cards of Condolence May be Sent to Elaine's Local Sons & Daughter at the Following:

Ron & Rosie Coy
1050 State Highway 80 South
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.647.8301

Jude & Cindy Elliott
24590 Gerald Lane
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.647.8369

Tim & Lisa Coy
364 South Park Street
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.383.1011

Final Financial Update for February 2021 Internal Missions' Campaign. A tremendous "thanks" to all having given memorial and honor gifts during our February internal missions' project on behalf of the Trinity scholarship fund. Our final total is **\$1,532.76**, which is the equivalent of three full Trinity scholarships. This year's total definitely will enable Trinity to maintain its scholarship ministry. We thank you for your gifts. Our total scholarship account, invested with Ameriprise/Capital Wealth Advisory Group, now totals **\$11,362.31**.

Kathy Bastian (Missions' Chair) & Paul Murphey (Memorial Ministry Chair)

May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done. -- [Ruth 2:12](#)

Membership News!



Church Membership Notes



Welcome to the Trinity Family, Danielle Kay Worthington!

Our congratulations to **Grant & Stephanie Worthington** on the March 05, 2021, birth of their third daughter. Danielle joins her sisters, Morgan & Brooklyn, who, we are sure, are taking good care of their new baby sister! Grandparents are Stephen & Rita McCarthy and Dave & Kelly Worthington. Great-grandparents are Charles & Georgine Worthington and David Caygill.

Address Changes to Update Your Trinity UMC Directory

Trinity has received word of the following address changes:

**Pine Valley Community Village
Attn: Shirley Goplin, Assisted Living
25951 Circle View Lane
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.647.2138**

Note: Shirley would appreciate cards & notes of support as she adjusts to her new home.

**Angelica Black
33449 Valley Lane
Lone Rock, WI 53556-4144**

Trinity has also received the following permanent address change for Cal & Eleanor Wise:

**Cal & Eleanor Wise
2230 Tomahawk Lake Road
Barnes, WI 54873
715.795.2485 (or) 863.398.5327**

Cal & Eleanor are in the final stages of converting their former summer home in Barnes to a year-round residence. No more Florida winters!

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater." - - Isaiah 55:10

Missions Receives Letter From Rev. Mainsa Daiman

(Rev. Mainsa Daiman, Pastor of the Soluwezi Parish of the Zambia United Methodist Church)

Greetings to you mama Rachel. Here is how we used the money we received.

Money received was \$ 1000 = K20,040,00

Expenditures:

1, On 06th December 2020 we had a one-day seminar for all the leaders and it took place at Kabangwe. On this first day we had a lot of people since the seminar took place on a Sunday after church service, and we then remained with 24. We had two speakers, Rev. Daiman and Mr. Kayombo and we taught about the role of a leader in the church. Money used on this day for food was K4,500, and a K 500 was given to the speaker.

2, On 02 December 2020 we had another seminar only for women and we had three speakers Rev. Daiman, Madam Juliet and mama Mervice Malunga . Rev. Daiman talked about the influence of a woman in the church and society. Madam Juliet talked about Development in every angle of a Christian leader. The third speaker talked about the role of a woman in the church, family and society. The expenses for this was K3,200,00 for food, transport and appreciating speakers. Attendance was of 28 people.

3, On 15th December 2020 we had another seminar only for the young Adults which took place at Matero church we had 25 people in attendance. Speakers Mama Monica Sibanda, Madam Juliet Mukonta and Rev. Daiman . Madam Juliet talked about development, Mama Monica talked about health issues and about how women can protect themselves from H I V and AIDS, even about Covid 19 since she is medical personnel. We had 25 people in attendance, and the money used for food and transportation was K 4,200,00.

4, On 27th December 2020 we had a combined one for all the new voted leaders 5 from each group of 5 and we had 25 in attendance, the speaker was Rev. Daiman and the topic was the Role of a leader in the church. on this one we spent K 3,400 for food.

5, On 08th February 2021 we had the last seminar with all the youths at Matero church about 26 youths attended and the speakers were Mr. Kasweka Patience and Rev. Daiman. Mr. Kasweka talked about how can a youth raise above the youth's challenges and Rev Daiman talked about how can a youth maintain the relationship with God and others as a leader. We had group discussions and the groups did the presentations of the group discussions. Total money used on this one was K3,600,00. Some members contributed with the sum of K 6 ,800,00 which was used to buy the Bibles and we gave them to all the participants.

6, Total money received was k 20,040,00 for the seminars but the total expenditure was K26,840,00.

NB this K6,800 was the contribution from the local members towards the seminars.

THANKS: We give thanks to our almighty God for his leading and protecting us all this long even in this pandemic that He has been able to provide for us, may His name be glorified. Thanks goes to Mama Rachel for helping us to raise the funds so that we can be able to organize these seminars in our District. Thanks to Sanborn United Methodist Church, to Trinity United Methodist Church and to Grace Bible Fellowship for supporting us financially through Mama Rachel. To God be the glory

Amen and thanks.

Rev Daiman Mainsa , District Superintendent

March 2021 Committee Notes



MARCH 2021 COMMITTEE NOTES

By Jerry Bower

Trinity's Committees have not met for several months. However issues do arise that need to be addressed. An "Executive Committee" of committee chairs has been responding to most issues, although committees have been polled by e-mail for a few issues. The committee chairs are John Storer, Trustees, Russ Shannon, Church Council, and Jerry Bower, Finance. What follows is a summary of the more significant issues.

TRUSTEES: A few weeks ago, John received a call from City Utilities warning that the Church's water use had skyrocketed. John and Bill Twining, our custodian, checked into the situation. They noted that the water meter was not running. They checked all the fixtures and faucets and did not find that there had been any leakage. They repeated their inspection several times, with the same result. The meter was not running. I guess this is one of those "all's well that ends well" situations.

You may recall that we had a serious leak into the church last Fall, during the "monsoon season." There was damage to the west sanctuary wall, above and in front of the balcony. The lights under the balcony were shorted out. The lights have been repaired. The electrician noted that these are really old fixtures which may again fail. Then they should be replaced. Jim Weber has repaired the damage to the west wall, in front of the balcony. He has also matched the paint and has painted the repaired area. We will keep a close eye on the problem area during the April showers. The roofer still needs to return to complete the patching.

FINANCE: Thanks to our dedicated contributors, our finances remain stable. We were able to finish 2020 in the black, including paying all of our apportionments. At the end of January 2021, our checkbook balance looked like this: Balance \$14,250.00

Designated \$11,975.00

End of Month Balance \$ 2,275.00

The designated funds are monies that have been given toward certain projects and are being held until the payment is made. We try not to use designated funds for general expenses.

The Finance Committee members voted to divide our Easter offering equally between the Free Clinic and Passages. You will be getting a letter describing this special offering. Perhaps you will have it as you read these notes. Please give generously to help those in need.

MISC.: After lots of discussion and exchanging many e-mails, we have decided to allow Jane Baldrige and her piano students to use the sanctuary for a recital on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Bill Twining was involved in the decision, as he is the person who will need to sanitize the church for worship the following morning. Bill will serve as Trinity's "monitor" for the recital.

April Mission Focus: Ingathering Kits

CORRECTION to last months March Chimes/Mission Focus: Ingathering Kits. There has been a change to the type of "kit" in high demand by the Conference. Instead of "UMCOR School Kits", Trinity UMC will be doing the "Personal Dignity Kits". If anyone has already purchase school items, please bring them in, as Missions will make sure these items are donated to the Conference, as well. We apologize for any inconvenience, and appreciate your understanding.

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.

The Mission of the Month for April will be collecting items for the 2021 Annual Conference. This year we have chosen to make "Personal Dignity Kits" for the Ingathering. Listed below are the items contained in kit. The estimated cost of a kit is about \$15.00. We prefer you purchase a whole kit or you may make a financial donation and the Missions Committee will purchase the needed items and package them for the Ingathering. We have set a goal of collecting 10 kits this year. Thank you for your continued support of missions and the work that is being done around the world to share the Gospel and help those in need.

The deadline for donation of items is SUNDAY, MAY 16.

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
 - 1 Bath Washcloth - No kitchen towels
 - 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks
 - 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 ozs.
 - 1 Shampoo - 15-18 ozs.
 - ! Deodorant - 2-3 ozs. - stick, roll-on, or pump
- Place items in a 1-gallon resealable plastic bag (We can supply if needed)
\$2.00 for toothpaste and razor



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.

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Ingathering



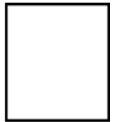


APRIL MINISTRY 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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>				1 HOLY THURSDAY	2 GOOD FRIDAY 	3
4 EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION 9:30 AM Worship	5	6 TM Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	7 Missions' Committee 4:30 PM	8	9 Pastor's Day Off	10
11 9:30 AM Worship	12	13 TM Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	14	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	16 Pastor's Day Off	17
18 9:30 AM Worship <i>Native American Ministries Special Sunday</i>	19	20 TM Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	21 Administrative Professionals CHIMES 	22 Earth Day	23 Pastor's Day Off	24
25 9:30 AM Worship	26	27 TM Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	28	29	30 Pastor's Day Off	 

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



EASTER SUNDAY
April 4, 2021



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

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