



The Chimes

Happy New Year 2022!

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

In this New Year, I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The birth of Jesus brought us joy, peace, and hope for a world that was living in darkness. The first time Jesus came was to fulfill the prophetic message of God. He took the human form of a babe when he was born of virgin Mary. It is because of his birth and ministry that life has meaning on earth. Then, three shepherds came from the East, guided by the word of the angels and the star that was shining in the middle of the night. With these events, God reveals his grace and love toward all the inhabitants of the world. This New Year 2022 gives us the chance to live according to the word and the Spirit of the living God.

Not no doubt at all that we need to take some form of precaution over the pandemic. These new forms of viruses are being spread rapidly all over the world. Jesus' words of encouragement are "fear not". Fear paralyzes many of us, to a point that we don't do what we are supposed to do. There are people who do not want to take any risks. Besides, people control by fear seldom consider the risk in any opportunity to advance in their careers, or in business, or as leaders in a local church.

The Apostle Paul, says to young Timothy "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline." This means God gave us the power, love, and self-discipline so we cannot be intimidated by internal or external factors. The spirit of fear and timidity controls the mind and the heart of a person. Those who are driven by the spirit of fear and timidity make little or no progress in society. The parable of the talents is a good example of what I am making reference right here.

A man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. The one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.

When the master returned, he settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. Master; he said, you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more. The man with two bags of gold also came. Master, he said, you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more." Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. Master, he said, I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathered where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you." The first and the second men received from their master a reward and words of praise and encouragement for their hard work. However, the third man received one bag of gold. He did nothing to gain profit from it. His master said, "throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Together in Peace and Trinity UMC, we can work like the first and second servants. Instead of being controlled by fear like the third man, they went and invested their times, talents, and resources in gaining interest from their bags of gold entrusted to them. The third man, dig a hole and hid the treasure given to him. He did not use his ability to gain interest. All of you have gifts from God, if you use them God will richly bless you. In the word of Jesus, there are two good examples to follow. The two men were rewarded by their Master, the third one, however, was thrown into the darkness. He was left with nothing, but the other two enjoy the eternal company and presence of their master.

In Christ,
Pastor Rey Díaz

Happy New Year 2022!

Sunday School Christmas Program – Great Success!



Barb Shannon
Education Chair
647-6522



Stephanie Worthington and Allison Ewing were in charge of our Sunday School Christmas program last month on December 5th. Always an exciting time for the children and their families, as well as a favorite event for the entire congregation. Many THANKS Stephanie and Allison.

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January Mission Focus: Trinity Love Fund



The January Mission Focus will support Trinity's LOVE FUND, a pastor's discretionary fund for anyone with emergency needs. Requests are kept confidential and recipients remain anonymous.

Pastor Rey has confirmed to the committee that the Love Fund is currently depleted. This has been a difficult year for many in our area, and Pastor Rey anticipates that the trend for requests for help to fulfill emergency needs will continue in 2022.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this local mission for those experiencing economic hardship.

"... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

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.

2022 MONTHLY MISSION FOCUSES AND SPECIAL ENVELOPE SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Month	Monthly Focus / Special Sunday Offerings	Advance #
January	TRINITY UMC LOVE FUND	
	Human Relations Day Sunday, January 16	#1005
February	MEMORIAL MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
March	UMCOR	
	UMCOR Sunday, March 27	#1015
	(This is both a Special Envelope Offering Sunday and the monthly focus)	
APRIL	CONFERENCE INGATHERING PROJECT	(TBD)
MAY	GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY	#1070
	This offering helps support Schmitt Woodland Hills	
	Native American Ministries Sunday, May 1	#1025
JUNE	ICE CREAM SOCIAL (Recipient of funds TBD)	
	Peace with Justice Sunday, June 12	#1035



JULY	FOOD PANTRY	
AUGUST	MEMORIAL MINISTRY WISH LIST	
SEPTEMBER	HEIFER INTERNATIONAL	
OCTOBER	HARVEST AUCTION to fulfill our covenant with missionary	
	David Makobo	
	World Wide Communion Sunday, October 2	#1045
NOVEMBER	A VETERANS' PROJECT (specific project TBD)	
	UM Student Day, November 27	#1055
DECEMBER	SALVATION ARMY	

Sunday School News Continued.....



Barb Shannon and Austin Ewing

Front Row: Austin and Ayden Ewing
Back Row: Tate Perkins, Barb Shannon, Clay Johnson



"HANGING OF THE GREENS"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

Many thanks to our volunteers who have offered to help with this year's Christmas decorations.



Austin and Ayden Ewing, Tate Perkins and Clay Johnson

2021 UMC SPECIAL SUNDAYS:

The UM Church celebrates seven church wide special Sundays. In 2022, the first of these special Sundays is.....

Human Relations Day on January 16th

Being in ministry with the poor requires a radical or fundamental approach to overcoming not just 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 view 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 this **Advance Special Sunday ministry, Human Relations Day #1005.**



“Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve... ..You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love. And you can be that servant.”



Memorial Ministry Corner



January Memorial Ministry Corner



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

In Memory of Ronald R. Otto
December 17, 1949 – December 12, 2021

Complete Obituary Appears at the *Clary Memorial Funeral Home* Website:
<https://tinyurl.com/38vj9b7r>

A private family burial will be held at a later date with no public funeral services.

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

[Tim & Mary Otto Family](#)
29771 Dog Hollow Road
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.647.5719

Note: Tim, Mary, Ben, & Ellie Otto are Trinity members.

Welcome, Monica Eernisse!

Memorial Ministry welcomes [Monica Eernisse](#) as our new treasurer. Chair Paul Murphey is currently working with Monica to handle the sometimes complex Memorial Ministry treasury as gifts come and go! If he doesn't "scare her off," she is a welcome addition to the Memorial Ministry team. To reach Monica for any Memorial Ministry questions, please use the following:

Trinity United Methodist Church
Attn: [Monica Eernisse, Treasurer](#)
400 East Seminary Street
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.647.3203 (or) tumctreasurer@mwt.net

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

Church Membership Notes



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Thursday, November 18, 2021

Hi, Paul & Trinity Members:

I received the card from church; thank you ALL so very much!!! It is unbelievably hard right now and this was such a huge blessing!! I am so grateful for all the things you are doing for me! You have no idea what this means to me; I am truly Blessed not only by you but also by the church as well.

Zach is THRILLED to be able to apply for the Trinity scholarship. He is currently going to school for IT and he definitely could use it. He said thank you so much for thinking of him!

Could you please tell everyone thank you from us both. We would love to come to church again soon when I get a little more stable. Sincerely and God Bless You All!

[Mandy & Zach Brewer](#)

236 South Sheldon Street, Apartment A

Richland Center, WI 53581

608.649.4545 (or) mandyjobrewer@hotmail.com



Praying for Oscar Díaz & Family

Oscar is Pastor Rey's son and lives in Madison, WI.

Oscar & his entire family are struggling with the COVID virus. Oscar is currently at home and still in recovery.

Cards can be sent to Pastor Rey and his family at the following:

Pastor Rey Díaz

1811 West Fern Street

Richland Center, WI 53581

608.475.3677

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Welcome, Shirley A. Pahl!

It's always a great day for a Membership Secretary to welcome a new Trinity member. Shirley comes to Trinity a full Professing Member (PM) as a transfer member from Willow Valley United Methodist Church (Ithaca). This transfer became effective on November 30, 2021. At some point in January 2022, the Membership Team will do a short, informal presentation to welcome Shirley into the Trinity family.

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



Two Verses of Hope for a Better 2022

"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*

United Methodist Publishing House



After this past year, connecting with our faith communities is more important than ever. But – also because of this last year – our gathering together may look different than ever before. As leaders prepare and plan for people returning to church, there are many questions, such as:

[The United Methodist Publishing House \(resourceumc.org\)](https://resourceumc.org)

- Who will return and who will stay home? How do we stay connected with everyone?
- What digital communities do we want to keep and nurture? What resources will that require?
- How do we grow relationships with the new people who found us online this past year?
- What resources will both our congregants and our leaders need?
- After this past year, what do people expect from churches?

Join in this new webinar series as pastors, small-group leaders, congregants and digital experts discuss how church leaders can help their congregations and communities continue to grow spiritually, whether online or in person.

Celebrations and More.....



HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Nancy (Koehn) Pulvermacher	1/2
Anna Pulvermacher	1/3
Kyle Pulvermacher	1/3
Morgan Ellen (Goodyear) Crotsenberg	1/4
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



Beata Elliott's "Secret Birthday Card Shower"

At the request of Beata's daughter, Lauri Vance-Stephens, please help celebrate Beata's 90th birthday with an avalanche of birthday cards. Her birthday will be celebrated on January 9, 2022. Please send all cards to: Pine Valley Community Village, 25951 Circle View Lane Room 506, Richland Center, WI 53581

Joint Confirmation Classes Starting January 7th



**Pastor Rey will be leading Peace and Trinity UMC
"Joint Confirmation Classes" for 7th grade youths and up.
Classes will begin Monday, January 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Peace UMC.
Trinity UMC will host in 2023.**

Christmas Cards and Thank You Notes!

Visitation Team!

Thank you for the visitation cards sent to me. I appreciate them. I'm blessed to have family and friends near me for the holidays and the other days too. Merry Christmas!

Ruby Hodge

Let It Snow!

May the simple joys of the holidays be yours. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ron Robinson, Neshkoro, WI

To the Trinity Congregation

Many thanks for the Christmas gift card I received. It takes a lot of time and effort to keep a church going.....and I couldn't do it without each one of you!

I also appreciate everything you have done for me here at Trinity UMC. Always extending your kindness, love and support, especially when I lost my dear husband Jim of 40 years this past summer. You helped me when I needed help the most.

Forever Grateful, Pat Leonard

Peace Begins at Home

Thank you for your support of PASSAGES and your generous donation. It is very needed and appreciated.

Sharon Robert, Passages

Christmas begins in Wonder and grows with Gratitude

Sending prayers and blessings this week and always. May God wrap his loving arms around your congregation, and keep all safe this holiday season and everyday. Sharing God's Blessings,
The Shared Ministry of Eastman Salem and Prairie du Chein, WI United Methodist Churches

Trinity UMC

We are praying for your church this week. May God touch your ministry today and always.

Sun Prairie UMC

Greetings and Prayers!

From your friends at
Dell United Methodist Church, Westby, WI



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.

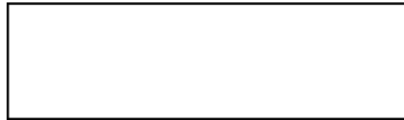
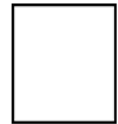
Thanks Everyone!



JANUARY MINISTRY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School 	3	4	5	6	7 Pastor's Day Off	8
NOTE: All Committee Meetings have been Cancelled for the time being, due to COVID. Will keep you informed when they resume.						
9 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	10 Joint Confirmation Classes 6:30pm at Peace	11 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	12	13	14 Pastor's Day Off	15
16 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Confirmation Classes 6:30pm at Peace	18 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	19 CHIMES Deadline 	20	21 Pastor's Day Off	22
23 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	24 Joint Confirmation Classes 6:30pm at Peace	25 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	26	27	28 Pastor's Day Off	29
30 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School	31 Joint Confirmation Classes 6:30pm at Peace	<div> Church Office Hours M-Thurs / 9 – Noon and Friday / 9 – Noon Remotely For assistance please call 647-3203 and leave message or for quicker response send an email to trinityumc@mwt.net </div>				

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



Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rey Díaz

Pastor's Cell Phone: 608-475-3677

Pastor's email: rreydiaz1952@gmail.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, Wednesday and Thursday / 9am - 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: Monica Eernisse

Custodian: Bill Twining