



The Chimes

How To Be Prepared And Ready For The Second Coming Of Jesus Christ

Meeting the Lord Jesus Christ will be one of the most joyful moments for the faithful ones, but before this event takes place, we need to be prepared and ready. According to the prophecy of the last days, Jesus will come like a thief in the night. The New Testament makes reference to people working, sleeping, or doing something together, but one will be taken away and the other will be left behind. No one knows the day and the hour of His coming, so the invitation is to be prepared and ready to go. The prophetic voice of the New Testament tells us we need to always be prepared for that moment.

Then what shall we do to be prepared? First, it is essential that we start searching the Holy Scriptures about the signs, and the social and spiritual conditions of the last days. Many false messiahs will come in the name of Jesus, pretending to be Christ. The instruction is to not go after them. People will be searching for the truth and at the same time, many false teachers and prophets will come in the last days. Many of them will be teaching apostasy and heresy like never before in the history of the world.

Sinful men will be present in the world and in the Christian church and they will be introducing doctrines of demons. We see that happening in the world today. In addition, great commotions will take place around the world: earthquakes, famines, evil and violence everywhere, people searching for peace living in their country of origin, great deceptions affecting the mission and the ministry of the church, people living in the Christian church, and churches closing down because of the lack of faith and attendance. An increase in idolatry will prepare the hearts of people to worship the beast, listen to the false prophets, and the anti-Christ.

Rebellion against God will take place, with people blaspheming the most holy and secret name of God Almighty. People will be more lovers of evil than lovers of God. They will hold onto the sinful desires of their flesh, rather than trusting God's word. They will be looking to satisfy the desires of their flesh, rather than living by the Spirit of the Living God and inclining their actions toward becoming more a worldwide hedonist society. They will be haters of the truth.

A major cultural shift it is taking place in the today's world like never before. Instead of forgiving one another, and accepting each other as Christ received us, we are becoming antagonists against each other. What we observe in society is major division over many issues, even with those who claim faith in the Lord. As the second coming of Jesus is getting closer people are becoming more intolerant with anyone with whom they may have disagreements. The question Peter asked the Lord Jesus in Matthew is relevant: *"Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"* Jesus said to him, *"Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times."* (Matthew 18:21-22) Jesus puts no statute of limitations on the forgiveness of sins for you to your brother.

Therefore, the healthy and spiritual way to be prepared, ready, and waiting for the second coming of the Lord is by having fellowship with God and with one another. 1 John 1:6 says, *"If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."* And 1 John 3:15 says, *"All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them."* Hebrews says, *"Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled."* (Hebrews 12: 14-15)

Reading and studying the Holy Scriptures, praying, fasting, having fellowship with one another, being involved in the ministry of the Church, gathering weekly for Bible study and worship, sharing the word of the Lord with others, and keeping ourselves holy will help us to be ready for the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Rev. Rey Díaz

Happy Valentine's Day !



SPECIAL TRINITY CHURCH CONFERENCE

On Sunday, March 13th, immediately following our worship service, we will be voting on the future of Trinity and where we are headed. Material will be handed out on Sunday, February 27th, frequently asked questions regarding the new Methodist Church (formerly the United Methodist Church) and the Global Methodist Church. This material will also be mailed /emailed as well.

This is a very important meeting that affects all of us as members of Trinity UMC and a vote needs to be done prior to the Annual Conference so we can present it at that time as say where we are heading.

The vote will be by ballot only with no names written on the ballot itself, so we keep this as confidential as we can. Basically your decision will be between you and God. No one will know who anyone voted for. We feel this is the best way to handle it so there are no hard feelings.

March Mission Focus: UMCOR Special Sunday / March 27th

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.



United Methodists celebrate UMCOR Sunday on the Fourth Sunday in Lent. This year, it will be March 27, 2022. 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.

2022 MONTHLY MISSION FOCUSES AND SPECIAL ENVELOPE SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Month	Monthly Focus / Special Sunday Offerings	Advance #
January	TRINITY UMC LOVE FUND	
	<i>Human Relations Day Sunday, January 16</i>	#1005
February	MEMORIAL MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
March	UMCOR	
	<i>UMCOR Sunday, March 27</i>	#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	
	<i>Native American Ministries Sunday, May 1</i>	#1025
JUNE	ICE CREAM SOCIAL (Recipient of funds TBD)	
	<i>Peace with Justice Sunday, June 12</i>	#1035



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

Trinity UMC Administrative and Program Committees for 2022

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development Report Administrative Committees 2022

Church Council (7:00)

Kathy Bastian
Jerry Bower
Paul Murphey
Kathy Richardson
Barb Shannon
Russ Shannon (Chair)
Rosie Steinmetz
John Storer

Conference Delegates

Jerry Bower (Alternate)
Annie Windstrup

Finance (6:30)

Jerry Bower (Chair)
Bev Fink (22)
Helen Nelson (21)
Kathy Richardson
Russ Shannon

Lay Leadership (6:00)

Jerry Bower
Russ Shannon
Shirley Wanless (22)
Annie Windstrup (22)
To be filled by Ad. Council (20)
Pastor Diaz (Chair)

Membership

Paul Murphey (Secretary)
Pat Leonard (Admin. Asst.)

SPRC (6:00)

Jerry Bower (Co-chair)
Stephanie Worthington (22)
Russ Shannon (Co-chair)
Chris Storer (20)
Annie Windstrup (22)

Trustees (6:00)

Jerry Bower
Barb Marshall Secretary (Co-chair) (20)
Howard Nelson (21)
Rick Orsburn (22)
Russ Shannon
John Storer (Chair) (22)
Shannon Trebus (22)
Jim Weber (22)

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development Report Program Committees 2022

Note: Program Committees have standing membership.

Communion Stewards

Ed & Bev Fink
Mike & Annie Windstrup

Coordinator of Readers & Counters

Jerry Bower

Education

Donna Bower
Stephanie Perkins
Kathy Richardson
Barb Shannon (Chair)
Melissa Sprecher
Rosie Steinmetz

Historian

Jerry Bower

Hospitality

Melissa Sprecher
Shirley Wanless

Memorial Ministry

Joan Bethke
Jerry Bower
Fran Cooper
Rosemary Jewell
Paul Murphey (Chair)
Kathy Richardson (Treasurer)
Russ Shannon
Barb Shannon (Secretary)
Melissa Sprecher

Mission Committee (4:30)

Kathy Bastian (Chair)
Chris Storer
Joan Bethke
Dianne Cox
Shannon Trebus

Worship Committee

Donna & Jerry Bower
Ed & Bev Fink
Kathy Richardson
Russ Shannon
Melissa Sprecher
Jennifer Hall

Trinity Staff

Pastor: Rey Diaz
Administrative Assistant:
Pat Leonard
Treasurer: Financial
Secretary:
Monica Eernisse
Custodian: Bill Twining
Music Coordinator:
Jennifer Hall
Pianists: Jennifer Hall & Sharon Moore

A Message From the Missions' Committee.....

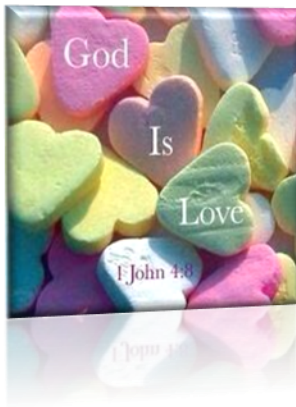
A REMINDER REGARDING KWIK TRIP CARDS

The Missions Committee would like to thank you for supporting Trinity's mission projects by purchasing and using or giving Kwik Trip scrip cards. Here is an important reminder about using the cards:

If the card has been inactive for a year or more, Kwik Trip will start deducting a certain amount each month until there is a \$0.00 balance. We have received reports of some people who used Kwik Trip scrip cards being surprised when they discovered their balance was less than it was supposed to be. This is most likely because, during the time Trinity didn't have services due to the pandemic, very few cards were sold or used. The **older** Kwik Trip cards were then sold when church services resumed. Some of those may have been a year or more old, and the clock on the balance started ticking, so to speak, when **TRINITY purchased the cards, NOT when the cards were purchased by church attendees.**

There is a simple way to fix this. You can call Kwik Trip and ask that your card be **"refreshed."** Before you use a Kwik Trip scrip card, call the 800 number on the back of the card. If your card is an "older" card and an amount has already been subtracted from that card due to inactivity, Kwik Trip will add that amount back onto your card. For technical reasons having to do with lost or stolen cards, they have a policy of subtracting a monthly fee from **long-time inactive cards.** **HOWEVER,** Kwik Trip does not want unhappy customers, so if you call Kwik Trip and state that you want your card refreshed, they will happily load the "inactive card" amount back onto your card.

If you give or have given Kwik Trip cards as gifts: please tell the recipient to call the 800 number on the back of the card to check the balance. If any amount was subtracted before they used the card, they should then request that the card be **"refreshed."** Please inform the Missions Committee if you have any issues with the scrip cards that you can't resolve. Thank you, and we apologize to anyone who may have encountered problems using scrip cards.



Ministry Opportunities in February

Valentine's Day offers an excellent opportunity to be in contact with the homebound. Asking the congregation to adopt every homebound person in your care as their special "Valentine." Shower them with cards and chocolates. It could be a fun project for the congregation. February features two important birthdays to remember, presidents Lincoln and Washington celebrated as President's Day. February is also Black History month, and so we remember the role of many courageous African-American leaders throughout our history as a country.

Memorial Ministry Corner



February Memorial Ministry Corner



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

In Memory of David C. Caygill
July 19, 1933 – December 19, 2021

Complete Obituary Appears at the *Luloff-Peterson-Houck Funeral Home, Dodgeville, WI*, Website:

<https://tinyurl.com/mv3hs3yz>

Visitation & Funeral Services Were Held at the Dodgeville Funeral Home on Thursday, December 23, 2021.

Cards of Condolence May be Sent to David's Daughter & Son-in-Law (or) Grandson & Family at the Following:

Dave & Kelly Worthington

24670 Cooper Hill
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.647.2776

Grant & Stephanie Worthington & Family

415 East 7th Street
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.604.8888

Memorial Ministry 2022 Meeting Schedule

Currently, our meetings have been **cancelled** until further notice; however, the 2022 meeting schedule is as follows:

- ◆ Tuesday, February 08, 2022, @ 1:30 p.m. (Church Library) - **CANCELLED**
- ◆ Tuesday, May 10, 2022, @ 1:30 p.m. (Church Library) - Pending
- ◆ Tuesday, August 09, 2022, @ 1:30 p.m. (Church Library) - Pending
- ◆ Tuesday, November 08, 2022, @ 1:30 p.m. (Church Library) – Pending

Our special events' schedule is as follows:

- ☐ February 2022 (Internal Missions' Project to Benefit the Scholarship Fund)
- ☐ August 2022 (Internal Missions' Project to Benefit the Wish List Fund)
- ☐ Sunday, November 06, 2022, @ 9:30 a.m. – All Saints' Day 2022

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 06 & 27; however, gifts will be accepted the entire month.
- ♦ To date, we have distributed three 2022 scholarship applications – a new record!

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; Marilyn Rose Creasey; 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 (Ameriprise/Capital Wealth Advisors) scholarship balance is \$11,151.92.

Church Membership Notes



Church Membership Notes



Trinity Member Address Update

Please update your personal records for the following address change:

Dr. Tom & Kathy Richardson
3706 Spring Hill Court
Middleton, WI 53562



Welcome, Hadlee Jo Wilmot! On Sunday, January 02, 2022, we all had the pleasure to welcome Hadlee Jo into the Trinity family through the rite of baptism.

Hadlee, born May 18, 2021, is the daughter of Dawson Wilmot & Maycee Knowler.

In addition to the Wilmot & Knowler families, the Trinity membership team thanks the following for this special day: Pastor Rey Díaz, Administrative Assistant Pat Leonard,

Custodian Bill Twining, Pianist Sharon Moore, Ed & Bev Fink, Shirley Wanless, Diane Cox, Joan & Carl Bethke, Jim Weber, Rick Orsburn, & Russ Shannon.

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." - Ephesians 4:4-6



Happy Birthday, Beata Elliott! On Sunday, January 09, 2022, long-time Trinity member, Beata Elliott, celebrated her 90th birthday – congratulations. According to Beata's daughter, Laurie Stephens-Vance, Beata asked for a low-key celebration with a trip to Walmart and a Phoenix Center pizza. We all hope Beata got her wish. You can still send Beata goodwill wishes at **Pine Valley Community Village, 25951 Circle View Drive, Room 518, Richland Center, WI 53581**. Our thanks to Joan Bethke for the picture.

"May He Grant You Your Heart's Desire and Fulfill All Your Plans."
- Psalm 20:4

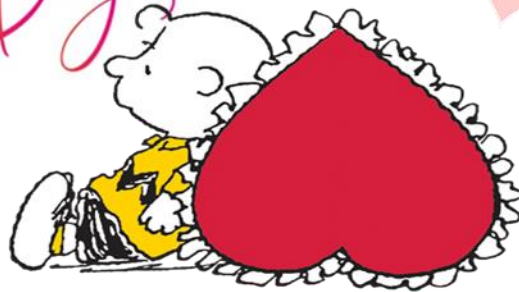
Celebrations and More.....



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

A VALENTINE'S DAY PRAYER

Eternal and Loving God,

In your very being we discover the essence of relational, triune love. You are the Lover, the Beloved, and the Love that Flows Between Them. As one created in your image, empower me today to be a person of deeper love, encompassing heart, soul, mind, and strength, both for you and for those around me.

Teach me to love those dearest to me, those with whom I am most vulnerable and most guarded. Help us to rebuild trust and authenticity with each other.

Enable me to forgive and to ask for forgiveness, that I may share in the reconciling work of Jesus. May the impact of hurtful memories wane over time, along with ill will and resentment of others.

Grant me deeper friendships with those who can help me be the best version of myself. May they help me be accountable for my actions, offer me godly advice, and speak the truth to me without judgment.

Sharpen my awareness of those who feel unloved and unlovable. Strengthen my resolve to be an agent of hospitality to the lonely, of comfort for the frightened, and mercy for the hurting.

Open my heart to a greater sense of your love for me. A love that is tenacious, patient, and unconditional. Remove the barriers that I have erected in my spirit that block the free flow of your love in my life. Work through my doubt, do not be deceived by my pride, and heal me of my guilt and shame.

Loving God, in you I find my truest and best self, as one created in your triune, relational image. Thank you for your grace, and thank you for your love.

In Jesus' name, Amen

The Rev. Margrey, Senior Pastor,
Hyde Park United Methodist

Thank You Notes and Announcements!



Two Words That Mean So Much!

Thank you for your generous gift of \$252. We want you to know that your gift will make a real and tangible difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate in our community. May you experience a special place, knowing this thoughtful donation will enable the Salvation Army to continue offering Christ's blessing to our neighbors in need.

Christy Duhr, The Salvation Army



Thank you letter received from the DAV organization on 1/13/22, that is posted on our bulletin board for reading in its entirety.

"Disabled American Veterans Dept. of Wisconsin sends a sincere thank you for the very generous donation of \$424, as part of your November Mission Special. Your thoughtful contribution will go a long way in supporting our New Van/Transportation Program."

*Larry Hill, Dept. Adjutant
"Keeping Our Promise To American Veterans"*

To the Trinity Congregation

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift card I received! I truly appreciate it, and I also thank you for the welcome you have extended to me as I have taken over the Treasurer position. God bless each of you!

Monica Eernisse, Trinity Treasurer



Pancakes Are Calling! Save this Date for Breakfast and Help Mandy Brewer!

The Ithaca Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Feb 6th from 7am to 1 pm at Ithaca High School. Proceeds from this breakfast will go to assist area resident Mandy Brewer with her medical costs.

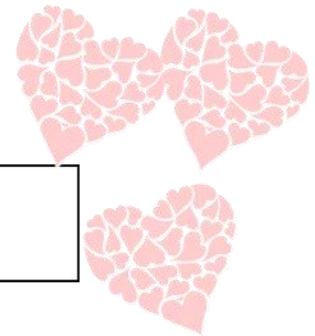
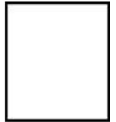


**Pastor Rey will be leading
Peace and Trinity UMC
"Joint Confirmation Classes" for 7th
grade youths and up.
Classes will begin Monday, January
10th at 6:30 p.m. at Peace UMC.
Trinity UMC will host in 2023.**

FEBRUARY MINISTRY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	2 Ground Hog Day	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5
			NOTE: All Committee Meetings have been Cancelled for the time being, due to COVID. Will keep you informed when they resume.			
6 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School COMMUNION Sunday	7 Joint Confirmation Classes 6:30pm at Peace	8 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	9	10	11 Pastor's Day Off	12
13 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School	14 Joint Confirmation Classes 6:30pm at Peace Valentine's Day	15 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	16 CHIMES Deadline 	17	18 Pastor's Day Off	19
20 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School	21 Joint Confirmation Classes 6:30pm at Peace	22 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	23	24	25 Pastor's Day Off	26
27 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School	28 Joint Confirmation Classes 6:30pm at Peace	<div> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Church Office Hours</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">M-Thurs / 9 – Noon (Friday work remotely)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For assistance please call 647-3203 and leave message</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or for quicker response send an email to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">trinityumc@mwt.net</p> </div>				

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



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