



The Chimes

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I hope you have a wonderful Labor Day weekend.

Two years or so ago, I watched a real life story TV series about a Chinese woman, who became a legend. The name of the series was “Nothing Lasts Forever”. A man had adopted her as his daughter, but he was a homeless drifter, who loved to drink alcohol and he remained homeless for the rest of his life. However, she grew into a very wise and intelligent woman, who had some natural talents for doing business. She became very entrepreneurial and led the family who had adopted her in many successful business deals, especially after her husband passed away and she took over the family business.

The series showed the viewers the many changes that China was going through at that time and also the physical and mental changes that took place in the area where she was born. Among these changes were the attitudes of the people, the governments, the culture, politics, and the economic changes that produced a lot of tensions between the people and their government. It also showed how new immigrants from England were perceived. The series presented all the biases and prejudices the Chinese people had against the people of England. At the end of the series she died, but the series showed how different people react to cultural, political, and economic changes. She was the main character in the series and she was a woman who was capable of adjusting and implementing new ideas according to the situations that changed radically in her society. In the end, she was a very successful woman in all her endeavors.

Watching that series brought me to thinking that never before have we had to live in a time with so many radical changes taking place in our global society as we are now. These radical changes are producing in us a sense of uncertainty, and perhaps insecurity. There has been a revolution in the way we are communicating. Thanks to the use of smart phones, the internet and web pages, we are able to communicate with each other faster than at any previous time. The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in a sense of panic in many. Then there is the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and many consequences due to the embargo imposed on Russia, which has increased our financial crisis and made the cost of living increase to what seems to be the sky’s the limit!

The domino effect upon our economy, jobs, cost of living, cost of gas, plus the fears of many people may have us thinking that we are looking at the birth of the New World Order. All the different crises have had a domino effect on our economy, government, health care system, job market, religious activities, and perhaps even in rethinking and formulating new moral values. Furthermore, several different denominations here in the USA and around the world have been affected by divisions caused by different ways of interpreting the Bible, human sexuality, marriage, what we ought to believe and what we ought not to believe in relationship to those issues. Many of these ideas we have either agreed or disagreed with each other about for many years, so we now have different points of view, and therefore, conflicting ideas and different opinions and interpretations.

John Wesley considered himself a man of only one book...the Bible. For almost two thousand years, the majority agreed on the basic principle that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God. Some no longer believe this is the truth. According to some, we need to interpret the Bible in new ways, adjusting the Bible to the present times. Some disagree with the notion that the Bible is even the Word of God.

In the political arena, we used to be able to manage to leave our political thoughts outside our daily routines, but that is not true anymore. The truth of the matter is that we debate, we fight with each other as enemies, and we are divided politically, theologically, and morally because what was true years ago, is no longer held true anymore. There is no doubt that the world we are living in at this present time is not the same as it was in the past.

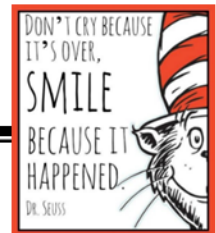
In spite of the many ways our society and our cultural values have been shifting in the last three years or so, the uncertainty of the present financial crisis is also related to the increase in the cost of living, which is contributing to an increase in the level of stress these problems are causing us. We have reached an unprecedented level of stress in our global society and we see this resulting in increased crimes, shootings, and killing of people due to this tension level. There has also been an increase in suicides all over the world and a sense that life has no value or meaning at all.

Therefore, I do believe that at this present time we are called to pray for our world, our country, and our family members. At the same time, we have the need to recognize that we are part of the human race and accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ over all his creation.

Paster Rey

Farewell and Many Thanks To All !!

To All My Trinity Church Family and Friends....



Most of you are aware by now, but for those that may not know, I will be leaving my position as administrative assistant here at Trinity UMC, and my last day will be August 31st. Its hard to believe it has been 6 years, and so fast too!

I wanted to reach out to let you know that I have so enjoyed working with the many members of Trinity, and absolutely loved my job here! It has been a true blessing and pleasure to have had this wonderful opportunity it was perfect!

This is my second retirement ☺ and intend to relax and do a little travelling in the coming months. As the old saying goes "Life is Short"..... and at my age, I need to get moving!

Starting September 1st, the new Trinity UMC Administrative Assistant will be Joan Wheeler from Peace UMC. Joan will be both churches administrative assistant, and will work morning hours at Peace and afternoon hours at Trinity, Monday through Thursday.

She is highly qualified and an excellent choice which makes me extremely happy that my Trinity Church family and friends will be in good hands ☺

Blessings and best wishes to all!

Pat Leonard

Mission Focus and Special Sundays 2022

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2022 <i>Special Sundays in Italics</i>	
September	HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
October	HARVEST AUCTION: October 19th to fulfill our covenant with David Makobo, Senegal, Africa <i>World Communion Sunday</i> <i>October 2nd #1045</i>
November	VETERANS PROJECT (project TBD) <i>UM Student Day</i> <i>November 27th #1055</i>
December	SALVATION ARMY



September's Project
Please see page 9 for details



Special Sunday Coming October 2nd

October 2: World Communion Sunday

The sacrament of Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity and invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday.

Your "special envelope" offerings on World Communion Sunday support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities.

Fifty percent of this offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries.

Thirty-five percent supports racial and ethnic scholarships for students pursuing ordained ministry (deacon or elder) and includes a mentoring program.

Fifteen percent funds Ethnic-In-Service Training Grant for leadership development, recruitment, training, and retention of ethnic United Methodists in leadership positions in every level of the church and its ministry. Through our gifts, we can invest in talented, qualified students from around the globe to transform the world as witnesses for Christ.

In the words of two WCS scholarship recipients:

"I use to hear people talk about miracles but today I can testify of the miracles in my life because (of) the WCS scholarship . . ." --Clarice Ndaya Kadima, Africa University

"My calling is to be a doctor and God wants me to use my knowledge and skills to help others. In the Philippines, there are a lot of people dying without even seeing a doctor." – Karl Wesley E. Dillozon, Centro Escolar Univ., Manila, Philippines.

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.....



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Scott Turgasen	9/9	Rick Orsburn	9/19
Nancy McCauley	9/17	Jaleesa (Storer) Bee	9/21

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSAIRES

Brian & Stephanie (Shannon) Perkins	9/4
Mark & Sally (Hodge) McCollum	9/22
Shirley & Gene Wanless	9/24
Bill & Amie (Perkins) Twining	9/27



**Monday,
September 5th**

HOW TO CELEBRATE LABOR DAY.....

Although the day's focus on organized labor has diminished over the years, the holiday has become the last hurrah of summer—with a barbecue and day off work for many Americans.

And even though the American work force has changed dramatically since the industrial revolution, many Americans still work more hours and take less vacation than our western counterparts. We are constantly connected to our jobs with little respite; we all desire a good standard of living.

So, whether you work on a farm, at a plant, in an office or at a home business, we hope that you will take this day of honor, find some work/life balance, and reflect on your good work. After all, at work is where and how we spend the majority of our time!

Also, take a moment to reflect on this history and the many American workers who came before us—to build our railways, roads, infrastructure, and more. Then go to a picnic or barbecue as our ancestral workers did so many years ago!



**Please join us for our Community
Ecumenical Worship Service as we
"Worship in the Park"
Sunday, September 4th at 10 AM
Krouskop Park**



Sunday, September 11th

2022 Harvest Auction Updates.....

Trinity Harvest Auction Set for WEDNESDAY, October 19th

There is a slight tint of color in some of the leaves of our maple trees, a hint that autumn is in the air. So, it's time to save the date and to start thinking about our annual Harvest Auction. The Harvest Auction promotes a spirit of community while raising funds to support our covenant missionary, **David Makobo**, who is an agricultural specialist serving, along with his wife, in **Senegal, Africa**.

This year's auction will be held on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH** in Schmitt Fellowship Hall. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FROM TUESDAY EVENING TO WEDNESDAY EVENING.** Fellowship will begin at 6:30 P.M. with snacks and beverages provided by the Missions Committee. Socialize with friends while looking over auction items and planning your bidding strategy! Auctioneer Kurt Monson will begin the auction at **7:00 P.M.** You can look forward to good-natured, spirited bidding and lots of laughs as Kurt moves things right along.

While a Silent Auction alternative was provided during the pandemic, it was the Mission Committee's decision to return to the traditional evening format alone this year. If you're unable to attend, we hope you will support the auction by donating an item or items to the auction, and/or supporting this missions focus financially. Your prayers for the ministry of David and Solange Makobo are greatly appreciated.

HARVEST AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

The Missions' Committee is busy planning the annual Harvest Auction to be held in Schmitt Hall on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19**. A successful auction depends upon having a variety of interesting and appealing items to present for bidding, and we need your help!

In the past, popular auction items have included garden/orchard produce; food items—fresh, canned, or frozen; specialty baskets; hand crafted items; seasonal décor; plants and herbs; puzzles; tools; hobby items; toys, and much more. **Blank auction certificates** for donated goods or services to be delivered in the future to the buyer are posted on the Missions bulletin board and will also be available the evening of the auction. Certificates may be used for such services as food items to be delivered in the future to the buyer (e.g., *Rosie's famous lasagna*); leaf raking; babysitting; a load of chopped wood; --use your imagination and be creative!

Please bring your nonperishable Harvest Auction donations to the room across from the choir room downstairs. **It is very helpful if you identify Harvest Auction donations as such, as other things may be stored in the room.** Nonperishable items should be at the church by the afternoon of October 19th if possible; perishables may be brought the evening of the auction.

We request that donated items be clean and either NEW or VERY GENTLY USED. Any items not sold at the auction may be donated to the local thrift shop. **PLEASE—NO LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT OR OUTDATED COMPUTER SOFTWARE OR HARDWARE.**

If you're unable to participate in the Harvest Auction, please prayerfully consider a monetary donation to our covenant missionary, **David Makobo, of Senegal, Africa**. David and his wife appreciate your prayers for their ministry.

Memorial Ministry Corner



September Memorial Ministry Corner



Thanks to all having contributed during the month of August to our annual internal missions' project for the Trinity Wish List Fund. To date, we have been blessed with \$ 345.00 in honor gifts for the cause. It's not too late to contribute to our Wish List fund, as final financial figures will appear in the October Chimes. Kathy Bastian, Missions' Chair & Paul Murphey, Memorial Ministry Chair

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." - - Ephesians 1:16

Farewell, Pat Leonard!

The Trinity Memorial Ministry & Membership teams wish a fond farewell and a grateful thanks to retiring (August 31, 2022) Trinity Administrative Assistant Pat Leonard. While it is very difficult to imagine our work without Pat's capable assistance, we know we will "carry on" with our new (September 01, 2022) Administrative Assistant Joan Wheeler.

Pat always approached our requests with good humor, professionalism, and efficiency. Plus, she made our written documents for announcements, signs, bulletin services, etc. look great.

Pat was instrumental to bring our membership records into the electronic age of the twenty-first century with our Church Windows software so that we have an organized, accessible, and systematic database for our church membership records. What a blessing because membership records change or need to be researched by request on a regular basis.

We wish Pat a wonderful time of retirement – well deserved & well earned!

- Paul Murphey, Memorial Ministry Chair & TUMC Membership Secretary

Church Membership Notes



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Praying for Diane Cox

Diane is a Long-Time Trinity Member.

Diane had major back surgery at UW-Hospital the week of August 08, 2022.

Diane is currently recovering at home; we wish her a complete and rapid recovery!

Additional cards can be sent to Diane through her home address at the following:

Diane Cox

540 South Rosa Street
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.604.0020

Farewell Prayer for Pat Leonard

- ◆ As you go my friend, you walk upon a bed of love, on which our prayers are falling softly every day.
- ◆ As you go, remember that our hearts will hold you close. You're treasured, and we will cheer you on your way.
- ◆ As you go my friend, you travel with Christ at your side. His light will show a path and be your guide.
- ◆ As you go, be hopeful that you're following your dreams. We celebrate this new season of your life.

Source: *Farewell Prayer*. lords-prayer-words.com. (n.d.). Retrieved August 20, 2022.

A BIG WELCOME To Trinity's New Administrative Assistant !

Hello, I'm Joan Wheeler. A little bit about myself as some of you may not know who I am. I'm a mother of 8. Five are mine and three are my late husbands. I have four daughters and four sons, even though one has now passed away. My grandchildren number 19; 12 boys and 7 girls. Ten great-grandchildren: 7 boys and 3 girls. Yes, we have a house full when we all get together.

I've been the Administrative Assistant (now Office Manager) at Peace for 22 years and counting. I really have no intentions of retiring anytime soon. When Pat told me she was retiring, I prayed and prayed about seeking the position at Trinity. I spoke with Pastor Rey and he gave me a very energetic "Yes!" So I walked my application over, was interviewed and hired. My friends tell me I am wearing too many hats, but I like the idea of staying busy. I'm a work-a-holic. I need to be kept busy. I'm not one to just sit and do nothing even though my cat (Mack) would like that. Then she could climb in my lap and help me read a book or drink my coffee.

I love to work with flowers as is evident with all the flowers around Peace and my home. My youngest grandson and I planted 16 Spirea bushes around my home, as a border, this past spring and all are growing very nicely. I am also an avid reader of murder mysteries (not the gruesome kind) and I have several favorite authors.

I look forward to working with all of you and getting to know all of you as we move forward. I know I will forget somethings and make mistakes, but we are all human. Pat has also agreed to be a back-up when I yell "Help!"

Trinity Hosting "Greg Zelek" Concert – SAVE THE DATE!!



Praised as "extraordinary in the classical music world" (Jon Hornbacher, PBS Wisconsin Life) and a "musical star" (Bill Wineke, Channel 3000), Greg Zelek is the Principal Organist of the Madison Symphony Orchestra and Curator of the Overture Concert Organ, where he oversees all of the MSO's organ programming. Since September 2017, Greg has proudly held the Elaine and Nicholas Mischler Curatorship.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST HOSTING
A CONCERT EVENT
FOR THE RICHLAND CONCERT ASSOCIATION

Greg Zelek
Principal Organist of the
Madison Symphony Orchestra returns!

PERFORMANCE TIME: 2 PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

Doors Open @ 1:30 PM
TICKETS \$15 / Students Free

Tickets can be purchased at the door.
Contact Elaine Stafford 608-604-4827
or Dale Sinnett 608-216-4210
for advance ticket purchases.

Mission Project for September



September Mission Project Heifer International....

In 1944, Dan West began outlining a simple but groundbreaking plan to tackle hunger around the world. West, a farmer from the Midwest and Church of the Brethren member, had recently returned from feeding weary refugees during volunteer service in the Spanish Civil War.

He'd seen firsthand that giving people food was a short-term solution, whereas providing them with animals offered a steady supply of nutritious food for an entire family.

His philosophy still inspires Heifer's work today. Partnering with farmers across a range of different livestock and crops, we create unique solutions to local challenges. Together, we build inclusive, resilient economies, so communities can develop effective ways to end global hunger and poverty in a sustainable way.

These days, Heifer International generally provides animals to participating families through local channels in the countries we serve. But early on, the organization shipped livestock from the United States to other countries. During their travels, these animals were cared for by "seagoing cowboys": ranchers and farmers who aided Heifer in its mission by lending their expertise in animal husbandry and agriculture.

The Seagoing Cowboys: A Part of Heifer History

In the years following World War II, more than 7,000 men and women accompanied shipments of cattle, pigs, goats and other livestock across land, sea and air to deliver them to families in Europe. For many of them, these trips presented a series of firsts — the first time setting sail on a ship, the first time crossing the ocean and the first time visiting another culture. For many of these seagoing cowboys, their faith was tested as they witnessed the devastation of the war, but came away with a renewed sense of hope and purpose after helping families in need.

A Timeline: 75 years of impact

Heifer International was born from that simple idea of empowerment, and for 75 years the organization has worked tirelessly to give families a hand up, rather than just a handout.

Explore the history of Heifer International and see how donors like you have helped bring over 34 million families out of poverty.

By giving families a hand-up, not a handout, Heifer empowers them to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity. The animals don't just provide project partners with a reliable source of food, but also a reliable source of income. Extra agricultural products, such as milk from cows or goats, honey from bees or eggs from chickens, can be both shared within the community and sold at market. This new income, coupled with the training in sustainable practices that their partners receive, allows partners to clothe their families, provide them with medical care and send their children to school.

Please consider donating to this worthy cause. One family aided is one family changed.

Worship in the Park – Sunday, September 4th *(No service will be held at Trinity)*

COMING
SOON!

Please join us for our Ecumenical Worship
Service as We "Worship in the Park"

Worship in the Park
Sunday, September 4, 2022
10:00 a.m. in Krouskop Park



Look for the tent by the Killian Meyer Building!

Everyone is invited to come and participate in our worship service. Bring the kids, grandkids, friends, neighbors and your relatives.

It's a wonderful experience to Worship the Lord with others in this beautiful park setting! Lots of good music, great food and good fellowship.



If desired please bring a blanket or lawn chair.
Folding chairs will be provided by each church.



This event is sponsored and supported by the Churches in the Richland County Ministerial Association.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost? This event is Free.

Do I need a ticket? No tickets are needed.

Can my kids come? All ages of worshippers are invited to attend. Please note that if you bring children, you will be responsible to monitor their behavior. We encourage you to allow your children to worship, however, we ask that you and your children are respectful of those around you and do not distract people from worshipping.

What if I don't attend any of the sponsoring churches? This worship service is open to Anyone who would like to attend and take part in worship. Even though it is being hosted by multiple local churches, we truly see this as a community event and all are welcome.

Where do I park? There is ample parking available in the parking lot and surrounding street areas. Please obey all posted signage in regards to parking restrictions and private businesses/homes.

The following Churches planning the event are: Five Points Lutheran, First Baptist, St. Barnabas and Richland Center Free Methodist.

SEPTEMBER MINISTRY 2022

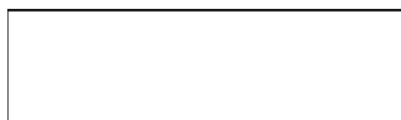


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>NEW Church Office Hours 1pm – 4pm Mon. thru Thurs.</p>				1	2 Pastor's Day Off	3
4  <i>No service will be held at Trinity</i>	5 	6 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace Missions Committee Mtg 4:30pm	7 Dance Class 4-7pm	8 RAREA Exec. Board Meeting 10 AM In library Revivalist Prayer Grp 4 PM	9 Pastor's Day Off	10
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Trinity United Methodist Church
400 East Seminary Street
Richland Center, WI 53581



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Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rey Díaz

Pastor's Cell Phone: 608-604-3094

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