



The Chimes

Judgment and Mercy

James 2: 13 "For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment."

Judgment and mercy are the perfect combinations that keep us from doing wrong in the sight of God. There is a story about a king who made a decree that the person who violated his laws would have their eyes removed and remain blind. Well, the first one who violated the law was his son and he entered into conflict with his own laws. In order to fulfill his law, he thought he needed to show mercy to his son. So, he decided the merciful thing would be to pluck out only one of his son's eyes and ordered this done. In doing so, he fulfilled his law and showed mercy to his son, who would not be blind for the rest of his life.

God is a righteous judge and he is faithful to his own decrees and laws, but at the same time, God is a merciful God. He is moved to have compassion toward his own creation. James, the brother of Jesus, who became the first Bishop of the Early Christian Church, tells us *"For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment."* What I understand from this biblical lesson is that God will justly judge anyone who shows no mercy in his or her judgment of others. All men and women are in the same circumstances as everyone else. This means that we are all sinners in the eyes of God. Look at what the apostle Paul says in Romans 3: 23 *"Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus..."*

What James wants us to know is that judging others can be a very dangerous activity for us. Just judgment needs to include the mercy of God because judgment without mercy is not godly. God, who is pure, holy, and divine in his judgment, is always merciful. When we judge the actions of other humans, are we setting ourselves above God Almighty? I hope not, because we are not above God! James alerts us that a judgment without mercy will come to the one, who has shown no mercy. James reminds us that mercy triumphs over judgment. The key word here is *mercy* when judging someone else. Before you pass judgment on someone else for their behavior, disagreements, manners, or wrong actions, take into consideration to include the necessary ingredient of mercy.

In the end, James' prophetic message is that we all risk being judged without mercy. If mercy triumphs over judgment, then any time I judge someone else, I must allow room for mercy to be part of my judgment. The reason for this is...I want God to be merciful to me, as well as my worst enemies when I am before His judgment seat.

According to Paul J. Achtemeier in the Bible Dictionary, mercy is an attribute of both God and the good human being. The author of this dictionary says, "Hebrew uses several words for "mercy", of which the most frequent is *hesed*, which means loving-kindness, mercy, love, loyalty, and faithfulness. Another Hebrew word and the Greek word for mercy in the New Testament is *eleos*, which refers to the emotion aroused by contact with underserved suffering, that is, compassion and a deeply felt love for a fellow human being. In the Old Testament mercy/loving-kindness is associated with the covenant obligation between God and humans.

Among other things, Paul J. Achtemeier says that in the New Testament God's merciful faithfulness is attributed to his sending of Jesus and saving his people. If we belong to God as His children, then we need to incorporate mercy in our daily activities. Not only in the judgment of others, but in all our dealings with other human beings like us. Mercy is a part of Christianity that needs to be practiced even in our stressful and painful moments, because God shows his mercy to all of us when we do wrong. If Jesus came into the world to save sinners, but not to condemn the world, then we need to follow his example in all that we do and in all that we say.

Pastor Rey Diaz

Sunday School News



Barb Shannon
Education Chair
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We are looking forward to an exciting year with some new changes taking place. The children will be dismissed to the Sunday School rooms after the Children's Sermon and will rejoin the congregation at 10:30 for Coffee Hour and fellowship.

October 16th we will be giving bibles to our children third grade and above who have not yet received this gift from Trinity. We feel this is an important mission of the church to help with the teaching of God's word. If your child has not received a Bible please let me know so I can have one ready for them on the 16th.

Our teachers are dedicated to teaching your child about the God's love and the gift of Salvation Jesus has for us. Please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to come join us on October 16th for Sunday School and worship.

Upcoming events: Annual Christmas Program & Hanging of the Greens, watch for dates and times in The Chimes.

Mission Focus and Special Sundays 2022

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

October'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.....



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Megan Goodyear	10/3
Shirley Pahl	10/3
Alaina (Morgan) Crotsenberg	10/7
Stephanie (Shannon) Perkins	10/10
Ron Shannon	10/12
Dianne Monson	10/12
Howard Nelson	10/13
David Elder	10/14
Austin Ewing	10/16
Heather Vig	10/19
Gabriella Shannon	10/19
Barbara Marshall	10/21
Talena Sprecher	10/21
David Pulvermacher	10/25
Shirley Wanless	10/27

OCTOBER ANNIVERSAIRES

Bob & Linda Kesting	10/6
Dennis & Connie Tracy	10/14
Todd & Monica Eernisse	10/14
Carl & Joan Bethke	10/28

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Pastor

In honor of Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastor, you are always there
To help us when we fall.
We just want to thank you
For answering the Master's call.

To thank you for caring
When things can seem so bad.
To thank you for your humor
That helps us up when sad.

To thank you for the prayers
That you pray for us each day.
You're more concerned with others' needs,
Then the trouble you must face.

To thank you for the sermons.
You always seem to know
The problems we are facing,
And the ways we need to grow.

We must also thank the Lord
For this pastor strong in Christ.
His example and his humbleness
Inspire all our lives.

A pastor that relies on God
Through happy times and tears.
You're such a special blessing
And we thank God – He sent you here.

©Loving Poems and More

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



October Memorial Ministry Corner



The Trinity United Methodist Church Memorial Ministry



2022 All Saints' Day Service of Remembrance and Consecration of

Sunday, November 06, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

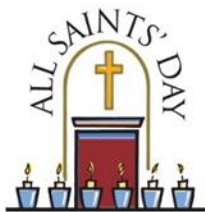
**We will be remembering our Trinity member & friend saints and
consecrating/dedicating memorial and honor gifts from**

November 07, 2021, through November 06, 2022.

Coffee hour (sponsored by Memorial Ministry) will follow this Sunday service.

2022 List of Saints (To Date)

- Beata Ann Elliott.....January 09, 1932 – January 24, 2022
- Sylvena S. (Spangler) Mitri.....December 04, 1921 – March 21, 2022
- John Allen (Al) Halink.....April 15, 1935 – May 30, 2022
- Richard (Dick) Gordon Marshall.....July 03, 1956 – July 05, 2022



**"Going home, going home, I'm just
going home. Quiet light, some still day,
I'm just going home."**

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Church Membership Notes



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Welcome to All the Following New Trinity Members!

Welcome, Marie Rakow!

**Welcome, Marie Rakow, into Professing Membership (PM) at Trinity
United Methodist Church.**

**Marie transferred her Peace United Methodist Church membership to
Trinity UMC effective August 15, 2022.**

Welcome, Joan Wheeler!

**Welcome, Joan Wheeler, into an Affiliate Membership (AM) at Trinity
United Methodist Church effective August 23, 2022.**

**Joan will maintain her Professing Membership (PM) at her home church
– Peace United Methodist Church.**

Welcome, Amelia, Annabeth, & Ben!

**Welcome to our three Class of 2022 confirmands into Professing
Membership (PM) at
Trinity United Methodist Church through the rite of confirmation on
Sunday, September 25, 2022.**

**Amelia Jane Shannon, Annabeth Lizette Sprecher,
& Benjamin Kenneth Otto**

**A complete recap, with pictures, & thank you for our 2022 confirmation
service will appear in the November Chimes.**

A Little Bit of Humor

A CHILD'S VIEW OF THUNDERSTORMS

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the elementary school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school and she feared the electrical storm might harm her child.

Full of concern, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along. At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile. Another and another flash of lightning followed quickly and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother's car drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called to her. "What are you going?"

The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture."⁶

May God bless you today and everyday as you face the storms that come your way. Keep smiling, as God takes your picture!

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 Sinnott 608-216-4210
for advance ticket purchases.

Mission Project for October



Update: Sierra Leone Water and Development Ministry

Many of you remember **Lee Weaver**, who visited Trinity four years ago and shared his experiences in Sierra Leone, Africa, drilling wells, building schools, and sharing the gospel of Christ. Lee is no longer able to travel to Sierra Leone himself, but he continues to oversee teams of experienced workers as they complete projects that improve the quality of life for the people of Sierra Leone.

Lee recently sent an update along with a request for financial help. He and his team were asked to assist in repairs needed at the **Ebert Kakua School of the Deaf**, which consists of a primary and secondary school. The project entails wells in need of repair at the primary school, as well as a new well for the secondary school. This enables the continuation of the important work of ensuring safe water and educational buildings in Sierra Leone.

The Missions' Committee has approved sending a donation of \$1,000 to assist in the completion of this project. The sale of Kwik Trip scrip cards funds the committee's **Mission Projects Fund**. The \$1,000 donation will come from the Mission Projects Fund, which had a balance of around \$1,600. This leaves a balance for the purchase of additional Kwik Trip cards when our supply of cards is depleted.

Lee thanks us for our prayers and continued support. He looks forward to **"sharing the progress of the Lord's work at Ebert Kakua School of the Deaf."** Any updates received will be posted on the Missions bulletin board.

Born in October?

You Are . . .

- Charming, charismatic and romantic
- Very honest
- Are peace-loving and hospital
- Very calm and intelligent
- Gifted with a creative mind
- Blessed with a strong psyche
- Very competitive
- Very optimistic and goal-oriented
- Are solution providers
- Careless when it comes to money
- Family-oriented
- Short tempered



Memorial Ministry Corner *(continued from page 6)*

ASD Memorial Tablecloth Returns!

Starting Sunday, October 02, 2022, our traditional memorial tablecloth will return in the narthex area in preparation for our 2022 All Saints' Day service.

Please add any names you wish to remember as personal saints you may have lost this year or from years past by using the fabric markers, or simply write the name on the slip of paper. Leave the paper on the table, and we will transfer the name for you.

The fabric markers are permanent!

Our Trinity 2022 saints will automatically be added.

This is now a Trinity tradition, as the tablecloth will be used in a place of honor during our Sunday, November 06, 2022, service.

Deadline to add a name will be Monday, October 31, 2022.

Paul Murphey, Memorial Ministry Chair

Thank You, Again, for Your Honor Gifts to the August 2022 Internal Missions' Project. Missions' Chair Kathy Bastian & Memorial Ministry Chair Paul Murphey thank you all for your support (honor gifts) during our August 2022 internal missions' project benefitting the Trinity "Wish List" fund. Our final total was \$345.00; we thank you all for your continuing support! Church projects, for which your Wish List honor gifts have been used, will be dedicated/consecrated during our 2022 All Saints' Day service scheduled for Sunday, November 06, 2022.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers.

Thessalonians 1:2

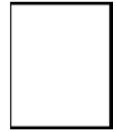
Changing Lives
TOGETHER

OCTOBER MINISTRY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The CHIMES deadline is the 19th at noon.</p> 						1
2 9:30 Worship 	3	4	5 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace	6 Revivalist Prayer Grp. 4 P.M.	7 Pastor's Day Off	8
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16 9:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School	17 PEO 1:30 PM Ad Council 4:00 PM	18	19 Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace Harvest Auction 6:30 PM	20 Revivalist Prayer Grp. 4 P.M.	21 Pastor's Day Off	22
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