



The Chimes

Colossians 2:6-7 says, *“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”*

As I was reflecting on the Bible, I selected the above two verses from Paul’s letter to the church of Colossae to reveal to the members of the church the principle that must guide the life of believers in Christ. The invitation of Paul to the Church in Colossae is at the heart of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. He says, “...just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him.” Receiving Jesus was the language of the first-century church. It means that human beings, when they are confronted with the message of salvation, are invited through the proclamation to receive Christ as the personal Savior of their life. If we are his followers, we also need to observe all of his teachings. The first Christian teaching that the church members of Colossae were exposed to was the need to observe the invitation to continue in Christ from the beginning of when they first accepted the Lord as their Savior.

The second point I wanted to make is connected to the first one. They needed to be “rooted” and built up in Christ. This metaphorical language is very powerful. It gives us the idea of a plant. As you plant a seed, the seed experiences a physical transformation from a seed into a plant. It first starts growing roots and then starts pushing up a tender, young plant from the soil. It begins to blossom out in delicate branches and leaves. At the same time that the plant starts growing deep inside the soil, it also starts growing up. In this process the plant establishes itself to be strong and firm as the days pass by. The wind and the weather will not destroy a plant that has established a solid foundation to grow on.

The third analogy comes from the words “built up in him.” This gives us the notion of building a house or a temple. A master builder needs to have a solid foundation before he can erect the structure of the building he is planning to build. The taller the building he wishes to construct, the deeper the underground support needs to be. The engineer also needs to study the soil he is building on so that the building will not collapse when the wind and weather exert forces upon it. Instability in the foundation would destroy the lives of those who are going to live in the building and risk the loss of life, time, resources, and money invested in the project. As Christians, we are building our lives in Jesus Christ. Therefore, Christians need to strengthen their life in the doctrine of Christ. This is learned and taught at home, in Sunday School, in Bible Study, and through preaching. This is an active faith that produces results and a life that is overflowing with thankfulness.

Pastor Rey's Message Continued....

Like a cup that it is overflowing with water, our lives need to be “overflowing with thankfulness.” When your brain is overflowing with thankfulness, no evil thoughts can reside in it. No resentments, no roots of bitterness, no guilt or revenge will have permanent residence there. Sadness will have disappeared because you are overflowing with thankfulness. Perhaps then no one would be in need of a counselor to help them cope with their life, or need to drink or take medications to escape their pain, or not be able to sleep at night.

Christ is offering us all the forgiveness of our sins and transgressions. As a result of accepting this gift, our guilt is removed by the power of forgiveness offered to all by the blood of Jesus, which was shed on the cross for the entire humanity. Again, this is available to all of us through the grace of God and by faith in Jesus Christ.

May God bless you during the coming holiday festivities. I hope that you have a Happy Thanksgiving celebration in the company of your loved ones.

Pastor Rey Díaz

Sunday School News

Sunday School is back in session and we presented a Bible to Austin Ewing during the worship service on October 16th. This is presented by the congregation and is a very important part of their faith journey.

The youth have been reviewing their Bible skills and will start a new unit in November.

The senior high will be doing the study by Max Lucado "3:16 The Numbers of Hope". They are looking forward to learning more about this well loved verse.

Allison Ewing and Stephanie Perkins will be in charge of our Sunday School Christmas program this year. This is an exciting time for the children and a favorite event for the congregation.

Put Saturday, November 26th, on your calendar. This will be the Hanging of the Greens. We will be decorating the church from 10:00 am to noon. The children will be making ornaments and decorating the tree in the narthex. Come and join the fun.

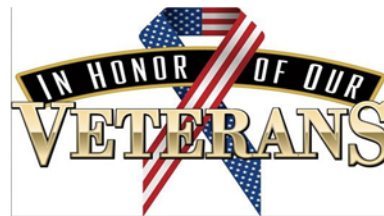
Barb Shannon
Sunday School Superintendent



Mission Focus and Special Sundays 2022

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2022 **Special Sundays in Italics**

November	Needy Veterans Fund <i>UM Student Day</i> November 27th #1055
December	SALVATION ARMY



November's Project
Please see article below

“Needy” Veterans Fund

The Trinity Missions Committee has chosen the “Needy Veterans Fund” for our November Mission Focus. This is a local Richland County project that assists our local veterans in their time of greatest need. The funds raised are administered by a committee of Richland County Veterans whose desire is to help their fellow Veterans in whatever way possible.

The money we collect we go to the Veterans Services Office at the courthouse where it will be given to the committee for distribution. Thank you for supporting the “Needy Veterans Fund” in our county!

Kwik Trip News

Starting November 1st, the Kwik Trip Script cards, we now use, will be different. We still don't know all the details about what is happening. The only thing we do know is that we will be receiving 15% of in store purchases as opposed to 10%. We think, but we're still not sure, the gas purchases may stay at 10%. Kathy will be calling Kwik Trip to find out what all is entailed.

Please watch your upcoming bulletins for more news on the new Script cards.



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

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.



A Request For Help

Matthew Brockett is 28 years old and married to Amber, a young journalist. When she recently entered the hospital to have her third son, she was in labor for 36 hours. She has damaged her liver and she is on a special diet. She can only work a few hours every day from her apartment while Matthew needs to take care of their children 11, 10, and 3 years old.

Recently Matthew had a car accident, the car is a total loss and the insurance company won't pay because the insurance he could afford did not cover the damage after he went into the ditch. They have another car but the transmission is broken.

On Tuesday, October 11, 2022, I took him to buy food for his wife and children at several grocery stores in Madison. I am the Pastor of two small congregations in Richland Center, Wisconsin.

After Matthew called my office manager and asked to talk to me, I agreed to drive him to Madison. He is a very honest man and he is really taking good care of his wife and children. I think he needs help to at least have some money to fix the other car's transmission.

Would you be so kind in helping him to keep taking good care of his family?

If you can help, please speak with Pastor Rey or mark your donation Brockett family. We'll take care of the rest.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Clara Shannon	11/4
Declan Aaron Bee	11/6
Lauri Stephens-Vance	11/10
Kathy Cianci	11/14
Julianna Shannon	11/15
Frances R. Cooper	11/18
Kurt Monson	11/18
Monica Eernisse	11/18
Joan Wheeler	11/22
Kynli Dawn Ludwig	11/23
Sandy Brice	11/23
Patty (Wheelock) Hill	11/24
Corrina Mott	11/25
Jarred Schneider	11/27
Lucas Turgasen	11/27

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None

Thank You

Dear Trinity Church,

Thank you for your recent support with my Confirmation and with me going to camp. Also thank you to Paul Murphey for organizing my Confirmation.

Thank you,
Ben Otto

United Methodist Student Day – November 27, 2022

What Is United Methodist Students Day?

Students are the future of The United Methodist Church. In the 8th Century, our Wesleyan roots were formed around the importance of education and its role in spiritual formation. In fact, the original Special Sunday was created to help advance education for children - and today we call it United Methodist Student Day.



By investing in our students, the Church supports potential in students who will one day pay the investment forward to society. Together, we support their effort to become Christian leaders of tomorrow. Unfortunately, higher education grows more expensive and less accessible each year.

One of the major challenges that students face is a lack of financial support to attain a college education. Worrying about expenses adds to the already existing anxieties students experience. But for students attending United Methodist Churches, we extend a hand to help them accomplish their career goals.

For more than one-hundred years, United Methodists have been supporting their students' educational needs through a special offering. The funds received from the offering go into the United Methodist Student Loan Fund to underwrite scholarships for United Methodist students. Scholarships are awarded to deserving United Methodist students annually.

Right now, there are United Methodist young people who might not have the resources to attend a school of their choice or, for some, any school at all. However, because of people like you, they will be sent into the world with gifts made through United Methodist Student Day. Your contribution is an acknowledgment that the church has confidence in them and in their abilities. The needs exceed what we can fund and your gifts can further growth and success. Please help deserving students continue their education and their faith journeys. Supporting this ministry allows us to invest in future missionaries, engineers, teachers, pastors, film producers and so many other careers. Our students are depending on your support.

Trinity and Peace Visitation Committee



Trinity and Peace Visitation Ministry is in need of more volunteers. Visits are made to members in care facilities and follow their COVID policy of taking temperatures and masking. These are members who are homebound and have contacted the church office. They are unable to attend worship services and are sent cards every month. By visiting and sharing prayer time, it makes us all feel God's love and to know they are loved by their church.

Please contact Joan in the church office, or Rosie Steinmetz if you have any questions or wish to be a volunteer.

Memorial Ministry Corner



November Memorial Ministry Corner



In Memory of Ronald (Ron) Curtis
March 01, 1931 – September 03, 2022

Ron is the stepfather of long-time professing Trinity member John Storer.

Complete Obituary Appears on the Vosseteig Larson Funeral Home & Crematory, Viroqua, WI, website at (<https://tinyurl.com/56cykptx>).

Visitation and services were held on Monday, September 12 & Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at the funeral home and at Viola United Methodist Church.

Cards of Condolence may be sent to Ron's stepson, wife, & family at the following:

John & Chris Storer
P.O. Box 633
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.647.3088



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

All Saints' Day 2022

Sunday, November 06, 2022, is Trinity's All Saints' Day. Our service will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by a special coffee hour sponsored by Trinity's Memorial Ministry team. In addition to our four Trinity saints being recognized from 2022, we will also be consecrating/dedicating an extensive list of memorial & honor gifts. Our four saints, representing a combined 190 years of Trinity membership, are as follows:

- ◆ 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]

Memorial Ministry Corner *(continued)*

Trinity UMC Scholarship 2023

Hard to believe that it is time to look ahead to our 2023 Trinity scholarship. The application period for our scholarship will be Thursday, December 01, 2022, through Friday, March 31, 2023. Paper or electronic copies of our scholarship will be available starting Sunday, November 27, 2022, and can be obtained from the literature table in the narthex, contacting the church office, or contacting Memorial Ministry Chair Paul Murphey at 269 South Park Street, Richland Center, WI, 53581-2303 (or) 608.647.6439 (or) pmurphey@mwt.net.

In addition to honor gifts from our members & friends, our scholarship is partially funded in memory of Marilyn Joan Anderson; Wayne Braithwaite; Jerry Cooper; Alberta Chellevold-Couey; Marilyn Rose Creasey, Nancy Edwards; Hilda Heidenreich; Eloise Herbeck; Dean, Kirk, & Roger Jewell; James & Lucille Johnston; Ralph & Helen Monteith; Ruth Moser; Ileen Shannon; Eleanor Strang; and Julia "Jane" Taylor.

To date, our current scholarship fund balance, invested at Capital Wealth Advisory Group (Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC), is 11,981.49.

Church Membership Notes



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Trinity Celebrates Its 2022 Confirmation Class

"The Lord has done great things for us! We are glad!" (Psalm 126:3) And, on Sunday, September 25, 2022, we were definitely glad to welcome our three new Professing Members (PM) into Trinity membership through the rite of confirmation.

Our Class of 2022 included **Amelia J. Shannon** (parents Chris & Destiny Shannon), **Annabeth L. Sprecher** (parent Melissa Sprecher), & **Benjamin (Ben) K. Otto** (parents Tim & Mary Otto). The class was taught by Pastor Rey Díaz and assisted by Barb Shannon & Rosie Steinmetz.

Pictured are **Row 01 (L-R):** Amelia Shannon, Annabeth Sprecher; and **Row 02 (L-R):** Rosie Steinmetz, Ben Otto, & Pastor Rey Díaz. (Missing: Barb Shannon)

Each confirmation candidate was presented with a gift given in memory of Marilyn Joan Anderson. Marilyn's daughter, Ruth Anderson Foss, stated, "We are deeply honored to have our mother's memorial used to honor your confirmation students. She would be so pleased to have her memory dedicated in this way to help these young people continue their faith education and to share our mother's love for Jesus Christ that she found to be the truth in

Church Membership Notes *continued*

reading His word. Our mother's desire was that everyone would know Jesus Christ as their personal savior. On behalf of the entire Anderson family, we say 'congratulations' to your confirmation students. And, if Marilyn were to give your three students any advice, it would be from Proverbs 4:13, "Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life."

Following the service, Amelia, Annabeth, Ben, and their families were honored with an enhanced coffee hour/reception.

Yes, the Lord has definitely done "great things" for us, and we are "glad"! AMEN!

Thank You!

The Trinity membership team would like to thank the following people for assisting before, during, & after our confirmation service: Pastor Rey Díaz; Administrative Assistant Joan Wheeler; (Past) Administrative Assistant Pat Leonard; Custodian Bill Twining; Pianist Sharon Moore; Photographer Louise Murphey; Coffee Hour Assistant Joan Bethke; Teaching Assistants Rosie Steinmetz & Barb Shannon; Ushers Carl Bethke, Rick Orsburn, & Jim Weber; & the confirmands and their parents/families. Thanks to all!

-- Paul Murphey, Trinity UMC Membership Secretary

Welcome Back, Shirley J. Steiner!

With pleasure, we welcome back to Trinity Professing Membership (PM), Shirley J. Steiner. While Shirley has been a long-time Trinity member, her reinstatement into Professing Membership (PM) was made effective on Monday, October 10, 2022. No public welcoming ceremony is planned; however, Shirley will be receiving, privately, our traditional welcome gift.

With this reinstatement, we are pleased to report that our current Professing Member (PM) list of members now totals 61. Trinity has added ten (10) new Professing Members (PM) since November 30, 2021, a new record for your current membership secretary!

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

-- 1 Corinthians 12:27

Mission Project for November



Hurricane Ian Relief

Our hearts go out to our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the UMC as they seek to respond to and begin recovering from the devastation left by Hurricane Ian.

On September 28, 2022, Hurricane Ian made landfall on Florida's Gulf Coast. Storm surges and Category 4 winds caused significant flooding and damage, devastating the southwest area of the state and beyond. While the damage is still being assessed, churches throughout the UMC Conference nationwide are coming together to assist.

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is responding to the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, which destroyed lives and property here in the United States and elsewhere. Our best response is to *pray* and *give what we can* to help with recovery.

- If you are able to help financially, the UMCOR **U.S. Disaster Response is Advance #901670.**
- If you prefer to give to UMCOR for disaster response outside of the U.S., the **International Disaster Response is Advance #982450.**
- Write a check made out to **Trinity U.M.C. with the Advance #901670 on the memo line for U.S. Disaster Response.**
- **For International Disaster Response, write Advance #982450.**

“Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.” 1 John 3:18 ESV

December Missions

SALVATION ARMY December Mission Project

The Salvation Army Mission Statement - 1865

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

The Salvation Army meets human need wherever, whenever, and however they can.

The iconic Salvation Army red kettle campaign began in 1891 by Captain Joseph McFee, a Salvation Army officer who was looking for a way to cover the cost of the Community Christmas meal. Recalling his days as a sailor in Liverpool, England, he recreated the “Simpson’s Pot”, an iron pot where charitable donations were placed by passerby. Captain McFee placed a similar pot at the Oakland Ferry Landing, at the foot of Market Street where it could be seen by all those going to and from the ferry boats. By 1895 the “kettles” was used by 30 locations along the west coast and by 1897 the campaign was making its mark in the east.

That year, the kettle effort in Boston and other locations nationwide resulted in 150,000 Christmas dinners for the needy. The tradition continues still today. sharing your donation at Christmastime helps The Salvation Army care for homeless and needy families, but also helps serve 30 million people through a myriad of other services all year long. These include:

- Religious Services
- Disaster Response Services
- Social Service Programs
- Youth Services
- Senior Centers
- Christmas Programs
- Human and Sexual Trafficking Advocacy
- Veterans Services
- Prison Services

All the money raised in the red kettle campaign during the Christmas season stays in Richland County. Would you please consider donating to The Salvation Army this Holiday Season?

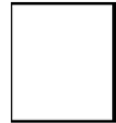




NOVEMBER MINISTRY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM Missions 4:30 PM	2	3 NO Revivalist Prayer Group	4 The office is closed	5
6 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School	7	8 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	9 RCMA Mtg Noon St. John's	10 Revivalist Prayer Group 4:00 PM @ New House - Richland	11 The office is closed	12
13 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School	14	15 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	16 Dance Class 4:00 PM The Chimes Deadline Noon	17 Revivalist Prayer Group 4:00 PM @ Church of the Nazarene	18 The office is closed	19
20 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School	21	22 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	23 Dance Class 4:00 PM	24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> The office is closed	25 The office is closed	26 Hanging of the Greens 10:00 AM
27 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School	28	29 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM	30 Dance Class 4:00 PM	The Women's Bible Study has moved to Trinity on Tuesday mornings. All women are invited to attend. The Study starts at 10:00 a.m.		

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Chimes Deadline
Wednesday, November 16th



Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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Pastor's email: rreydiaz1952@gmail.com

OR zoolaar@live.com

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