



The Chimes

Happy New Year 2023!

Brothers and Sisters,

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have just arrived at the New Year 2023, and my prayers on your behalf are addressed to the Good Lord so that He may keep you under His protection and care as the human race is facing many challenges in the present world.

I want to remind you that the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter—will be a part of our world until the Lord's new creation will be established. Until that time, I want to affirm that God is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore. His goodness, mercies, love, and grace will guide His children in the way of the Lord until we meet Him and rejoice in His presence forever.

In the meantime, God is calling us to his mission. You and I are part of God's master plan designed to carry His blessings to the four corners of the earth. As the world population increases, our mission in the world is not growing at the same rate. We now have more than 8 billion people in the world, but we are not evangelizing and making disciples at the same rate as the world population is increasing.

Institutions of higher learning in the United States of America, like Christian seminaries in other parts of the world, are not producing enough clergy and missionaries to supply the actual demands required to keep up with the birth rates of the world's population. Also, many churches in America are not carrying out the great commission of teaching, preaching, and making disciples for the transformation of the world, as we should be doing. It is not time to rest; it is not time to give up! On the contrary, it is time to be alert and to keep watching while we are producing the fruits of the kingdom of God.

While Jesus was on earth, he encouraged his disciples to pray to the Lord of the crop because "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; Therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

Pastor Rey's Message Continued....

We still have a lot of people who are in need of the church's ministry and the service of the true disciples of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Therefore, our job is not done until God calls us into his presence. We need to work together in coordination with God, his Word, and the Holy Spirit to produce the end results for which God calls us into his ministry. So, this year young and old, male and female, rich and poor, are called to join forces to produce a great harvest of new believers for God's kingdom. Keep playing the Lord sends the Holy Spirit, so that under His anointing leadership we may carry on the mission of His Grace.

I hope you can join Trinity United Methodist church in carrying out the Great Commission in Richland Center, or in any other place where this letter is reaching you. God calls you, not in vain, but to manifest His love, grace, and power through you and me.

God bless you in this New Year as you pray that His will be done, now and forever. Amen.

In Christ Jesus,

Rev. Rey Díaz, Pastor

Sunday School News



Stephanie Perkins and Allison Ewing were in charge of our Christmas Program on December 11th - "The Twelve Days of Christmas" it was enjoyed by all who attended. If you are interested in a copy of the script, please let me know.

In the Sunday School classes also talked about Hanukkah and played dreidel, with chocolate coins known as gelt. They learned why our Jewish friends celebrate "The Festival of the Lights".

We are looking forward to our study by Max Lucado on John 3:16 in our teen class. "Who Jesus is" will be the focus of the upper elementary/Jr. high classes teaching about compassion.

Barb Shannon
Education Chair
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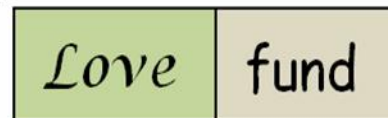
Wishing all of you a year filled with God's blessings.

Barb Shannon

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Mission Focus and Special Sundays 2023

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2022 <i>Special Sundays in Italics</i>	
January	TRINITY UMC LOVE FUND <i>Human Relations Sunday</i> <i>January 15th #1005</i>
February	MEMORIAL MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
March	UMCOR Sunday (<i>This is both a Special Envelope Offering Sunday and the monthly focus</i>) <i>March 19th #1015</i>
April	CONFERENCE INGATHERING PROJECT (TBD) <i>Native American Ministries Sunday April 23rd 1025</i>
MAY	<i>Golden Cross Sunday</i> <i>This offering helps support Schmitt Woodland Hills</i> <i>May 14th #1070</i>
June	ICE CREAM SOCIAL (TBD) (Church Camp Fund) <i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i> <i>June 4th #1035</i>
July	FOOD PANTRY
August	MEMORIAL MINISTRY WISH LIST
September	PASSAGES
October	HARVEST AUCTION: to fulfill our covenant with David Makobo, Senegal, Africa <i>World Communion Sunday</i> <i>October 1st 1045</i>
November	VETERANS PROJECT (project TBD) <i>UM Student Day</i> <i>November 26th #1055</i>
December	SALVATION ARMY



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 in good shape. 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 2023.

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.

Celebrations and More.....



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Nancy (Koehn) Pulvermacher	1/2	Jennifer Richardson	1/19
Anna Pulvermacher	1/3	Mary Otto	1/20
Kyle Pulvermacher	1/3	Russ Shannon	1/20
Morgan (Goodyear) Crotsenberg	1/4	Ed Fink	1/22
Kathy Bastian	1/9	Trey Schneider	1/24
Bernie Couey	1/9	Diane Cox	1/26
Lynette Schwichtenberg	1/10	Ron Steinmetz	1/27
Timothy Otto	1/10	Melissa Sprecher	1/30
Cheryl Stanley	1/16	Jeremiah Storer	1/30
Mike Windstrup	1/18		

Kwik Trip Gift Cards
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Missions Ministry!
See Nancy McCauley

Sunday School News continued



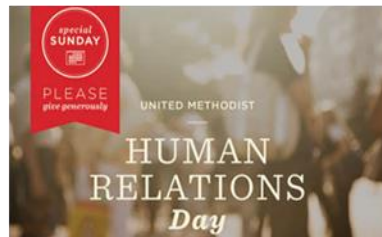
Clara Shannon
 Amelia Shannon
 Teige Perkins
 Ayden Ewing

Gabriella Shannon
 Tora Perkins
 Tate Perkins
 Austin Ewing



The 12 Days of Christmas
 Sunday, December 11, 2022

HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY – JANUARY 15, 2023



WHAT IS HUMAN RELATIONS DAY?

Human Relations Day is a denomination wide Special Sunday designed to celebrate and raise awareness to further the development



of outreach. A special offering taken the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Gifts received for the offering build King's vision of "the beloved community" through programs such as Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

Fifty-seven percent of the funds received support community developer programs that strive to build, maintain, promote and strengthen racial-ethnic minority congregations through local UMC congregations. Community developers engage depending on a community's needs.

Thirty-three percent of the funds received support The United Methodist Voluntary Services (UMVS) that serves as a resource to congregations, volunteer-based groups, and programs that challenge unjust political, social, and economic systems which threaten the livelihoods of people.

Ten percent of the funds received support rehabilitation programs. These programs work to strengthen youth empowerment programs that provide positive avenues for youth participation in their communities through the churches, mentoring programs, and boys/girls clubs.

For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: all of God's children are important.

One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. Our gifts are part of building "the beloved community."



Memorial Ministry Corner



January Memorial Ministry Corner



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

In Memory of Theresa Jeannette Fields
March 30, 1973 – December 01, 2022

Theresa is the daughter-in-law of Trinity's Administrative Assistant Joan Wheeler.

Complete Obituary Appears at the *Pratt Funeral & Cremation Service, Richland Center, WI*, Website: <https://tinyurl.com/3mrnhdk2>.

A private family service was held at the Pratt Memorial Chapel in Richland Center, WI.

Cards of Condolence may be sent to the following:

Joan Wheeler & Family
PO Box 534
Richland Center, WI 53581
(608) 475-2203

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



Church Membership Notes



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

Two Verses of Hope for 2023

"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

Church Membership Notes continued

List of Professing Members (PM) as of Sunday, January 01, 2023

Permission/Background: Permission to publish this list of Professing Members (PM) was granted to Trinity UMC by Southwest District Superintendent Amanda Stein on Sunday, October 30, 2022. “Date” is the documented church record (or Church Conference report) when individual joined (reinstated) Trinity to become a “Professing Member (PM).”

Obligation: Professing Members obtain all rights within the United Methodist Church including the right to vote on all church matters. Further Professing Member obligations, as one is able, include, but not limited to, the following: (1) United Methodist Church loyalty, (2) prayers for the church, (3) presence at church, (4) financial/other gifts, and (5) service to the church. (Source: The United Methodist Hymnal, “Reception into the United Methodist Church,” pp. 47 – 49).

Further Action: If your name is not on this list and you wish to find out your Trinity UMC member status, please contact the church office. If you wish to become a Professing Member (PM), please contact any of the following: (a) church office, (b) Pastor Rey Díaz, or (c) Membership Secretary Paul Murphey.

ALEXANDER, Anita
Date: April 20, 1950

BASTIAN, Kathy
Date: November 30, 1988

BEE, Jalessa (Storer)
Date: 2004

BETHKE, Carl
Date: January 01, 2020

BETHKE, Joan
Date: January 01, 2020

BETHKE, Steven
Date: January 01, 2020

BOEING, Betty
Date: May 15, 1991

BOWER, Donna
Date: December 10, 1967

BOWER, Jerry
Date: December 10, 1967

BRICE, Jeff
Date: May 31, 2022

BRICE, Sandy (Pahl)
Date: May 31, 2022

COOPER, Frances R.
Date: April 8, 1962

COUEY, Bernie
Date: July 19, 1959

COX, Diane
Date: March 06, 2022 (Reinstated)

Church Membership Notes continued

BRICE, Sandy (Pahl)
Date: May 31, 2022

COUEY, Bernie
Date: July 19, 1959

CREASEY, Bruce
Date: April 3, 2016

FINK, Bev
Date: May 15, 1988

GOPLIN, Shirley
Date: June 30, 1957

JEWELL, Rosemary
Date: May 5, 1957

MARSHALL, Barbara
Date: May 2, 1971

MURPHEY, Paul
Date: October 18, 1981

NELSON, Howard
Date: December 18, 1974

OTTO, Benjamin Kenneth
Date: September 25, 2022

PERKINS, Stephanie (Shannon)
Date: May 15, 1988

PERKINS, Tora
Date: May 2016

REESE, Harriet
Date: November 15, 1970

SCHWICTENBERG, Lynette
Date: March 26, 1972

COOPER, Frances R.
Date: April 8, 1962

COX, Diane
Date: March 06, 2022 (Reinstated)

DRONE, Emmett
Date: May 19, 2019

FINK, Ed
May 15, 1988

HODGE, Ruby
Date: November 11, 1962

LUDWIG, Zada
Date: May 19, 2019

MURPHEY, Louise
Date: November 11, 1995

NELSON, Helen
Date: December 18, 1974

ORSBURN, Rick
Date: 2006

PAHL, Shirley A.
Date: November 30, 2021

PERKINS, Teige
Date: May 19, 2019

RAKOW, Marie
Date: August 15, 2022

RICHARDSON, Kathy
Date: July 18, 1983

SHANNON, Amelia Jane
Date: September 25, 2022

Church Membership Notes continued

SHANNON, B. Russell
Date: March 26, 1972

SHANNON, Barbara
Date: March 26, 1972

SHANNON, Chris
Date: May 18, 1986

SHANNON, Clara
Date: May 19, 2019

SPRECHER, Annabeth Lizette
Date: September 25, 2022

SPRECHER, Melissa
Date: June 1, 2000

SPRECHER, Talena
Date: May 19, 2019

STANLEY, Cheryl M.
Date: February 08, 2022

STEINER, Shirley J.
Date: October 10, 2022 (Reinstated)

STEINMETZ, Rosie
Date: April 17, 1983

STORER, Chris
Date: February 22, 1998

STORER, John
Date: March 23, 1976

STUDNICKA, Lester
September 19, 1973

STUDNICKA, Nancy
Date: September 19, 1973

TRACEY, Daniel
Date: February 10, 2019 (Reinstated)

TRACEY, Rebecca
Date: August 13, 2017

TRACEY, Connie
Date: November 30, 1980

TREBUS, Shannon
Date: April 3, 1966

WANLESS, Shirley
Date: October 9, 1994

WINDSTRUP, Annie
Date: October 6, 2007

WINDSTRUP, Mike
Date: October 6, 2007

TOTAL (PM) = 61 (January 01, 2023)



Thank You and Christmas Greetings

Dear Trinity Family,

My family wishes to thank everyone for your cards of sympathy, expressions of sympathy to Joan at church and phone calls when we lost my daughter-in-law. Theresa was 49 and died unexpectedly from Covid complications. Yes! It does kill even fully vaccinated people! We need to be very careful of everyone we are around.

We are healing and getting over the shock of her death. My son and children are doing fine, now. Hopefully, God will show them He is there for them as He's been here for me.

Again, thanks from the entire Fields family.

Blessings,
Joan Wheeler

Dear Trinity Sunday school and Their Teachers,

Thank you for the thoughts, the card and the ornament.

Wishing you the best.

Love,
Betty Boeing



Trinity Church,

May your Christmas be a special time of much happiness and joy.

Prayers and Good Wishes.

Betty Boeing

Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to my Methodist Family and Friends.

Thank you,
Ron Robinson

Joy to the World!

Thank you to the Trinity Sunday school Gabby, Tora, Amelia, Austin, Clara,

Teige, Ayden, Tate

The Did You Know This? And the decorations for tree also pretty card. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Ruby Hodge



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.,

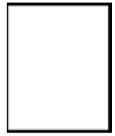
Thanks Everyone!

JANUARY MINISTRY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 9:30 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Sunday School	2 The office is closed	3 4:30 P.M. Missions Mtg	4 4:00 P.M. Dance class	5 4:00 P.M. Revivalist Prayer at New House	6 The office is closed	7
8 9:30 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Sunday School	9	10	11 4:00 P.M. Dance class		13 The office is closed 7:00 p.m. – House of Presence – Upper Room	14 7:00 p.m. – House of Presence – Upper Room
15 9:30 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Sunday School	16 <i>Martin Luther King Jr.</i>	17	18 Noon The CHIMES Deadline 4:00 P.M. Dance class	19 4:00 P.M. Revivalist Prayer at Church of the Nazarene	20 <i>Inauguration Day</i> The office is closed	21
22 9:30 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Sunday School	23	24	25 4:00 P.M. Dance class	26 4:00 P.M. Revivalist Prayer at Trinity	27 The office is closed	28
29 9:30 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Sunday School	30	31				

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Pastor's email: rreydiaz1952@gmail.com

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Trinity's email: trinityumc@mwt.net

Websites: www.umchurchrc.org & www.trinity.umchurchrc.org

Administrative Assistant: Joan Wheeler

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Monica Eernisse

Custodian: Bill Twining