



The Chimes

A New Covenant with Israel

The author of “The Abingdon Bible Handbook”, Edward P. Blair, says about the book of Jeremiah: “Jeremiah has particularly rich information about the life, the personality, the times, and the message of the prophet who stands behind it.” Then he adds, “We know more about Jeremiah than about any other Old Testament prophet. Jeremiah’s ministry, like Isaiah’s, extended over some four decades.”

Jeremiah was born at Anathoth, a village of Benjamin, about two and one-half miles northeast of Jerusalem and, apparently, into a family of exiled priests (I Kings 2: 26-27). God called him while he was just a little boy. He writes: ...the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to him, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,” says the Lord.

His prophetic ministry took place during turmoil, harassment, intimidation, and national decay. Other powerful nations came to Israel and took away the younger generation of young men and women into captivity to live in Babylon for several decades. Destruction and chaos reigned all over the nation of Israel after the social and political activities collapsed due to the corruption implemented by the kings, the nation, their religious priests, and the false prophets who were working together to infect Israel with the sins of their neighboring countries. After breaking God’s first covenant over and over again, Jeremiah’s prophecy contained the following words, “The days are surely coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah”. At that time Israel was divided into two kingdoms: The Northern and the Southern Kingdoms.

Jeremiah continued, saying, “It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt---a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,” says the Lord, “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, know the Lord, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” says the Lord, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

The story of Israel is full of transgressions, punishment, repentance, and forgiveness. But other nations are not better than Israel. It is because of this that God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to fulfill God's amazing promise to the nation of Israel, which comes to us through the voice of the prophet Jeremiah. This New Covenant was much better, with a better promise to both the Jewish and the Gentile nations. John the Baptist was the bearer of God's fulfilled prophecy and Jesus, like Moses, embodied the promises of this New Covenant. Jesus offered his body and blood to liberate Israel and all those who believe in Him of their sins. The New Covenant is now written in the heart of every individual, not on tablets made out of stone. It is written in the hearts of those who are longing to be with the Lord, who enjoy being in God's company, and who are waiting for all of God's promises to be fulfilled.

The Lenten season reminds us of the forty days Jesus was tempted in the wilderness by Satan. It reminds us, also, that He conquered all temptations. Good Friday and Easter point to the victory Jesus had and because of His victory, we are becoming victorious through faith in Him.

Are you waiting for the manifestation of Jesus? His death and resurrection are the best signs of His love and the mercy He has for us. Thanks be to God for His New Covenant and for His amazing love and grace, which has been included in His plan for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

God bless your life and ministry through this Lenten season. This is my prayer to God for you.

Pastor Rey Díaz

Sunday School News



The Sunday School has been spreading GOD'S love. They made valentines and sent them to some of our parishioners we haven't seen in a while. We wanted to let them know we are thinking of them and to remind them of GOD'S love. They continue to send out birthday cards to those on the monthly birthday list.

This month, in Sunday School, we will focus on how to connect Jesus' teachings about GOD'S love to others as well as to ourselves. We will explore the season of Lent and learn of the sacrifices that Jesus made for us.

Barb Shannon
Education Chair
647-6522

Please continue to encourage and support the young people of our church as they learn of GOD'S love and the salvation Jesus brings.

Yours in Chris,
Barb Shannon



March Mission Focus: UMCOR Special Sunday – March 19th



WHAT IS UMCOR SUNDAY?

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This offering understates UMCOR's "cost of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go towards that project and not administrative cost.

UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR builds relationships and helps communities rebuild, in the years following a disaster.

United Methodists celebrate UMCOR Sunday on March 19th. 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.

Monthly Mission Focuses and Special Sunday Offerings

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2023	
<i>Special Sundays in Italics</i>	
March	UMCOR Sunday (This is both a Special Envelope Offering Sunday and the monthly focus) <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>

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2023	
<i>Special Sundays in Italics</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

Celebrations and More.....



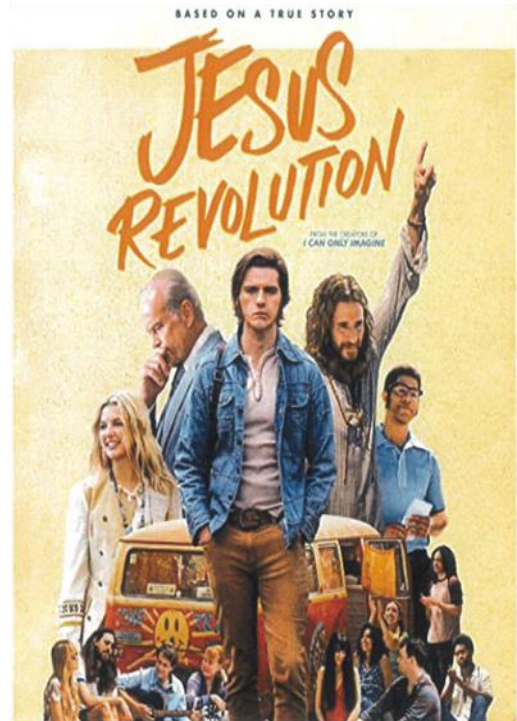
MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Tate Perkins	3/1	Dan Tracey	3/18
Annabeth Sprecher	3/4	Jerry Bower	3/27
Danielle Worthington	3/5	Annie Windstrup	3/30
Harriet Reese	3/6	Emily Tracey	3/31
Novali Ludwig	3/9	Jocelyn Storer	3/31

MARCH ANNIVERSARY

Avery & Carissa Hatfield 3/19



Jesus Revolution Movie

A true story of a national spiritual awakening in the early 1970's and its origins within a community of teenage hippies in Southern California.

Starring Kelsey Grammer, Ashley Williams Paisley and Jonathan Roumie.

The movie will be shown at the Cinema Theater in Richland Center the weekend of March 10th starting at 7:00 P.M.

Why Choose Camp?

A Faith of Their Own

Through worship around a camp fire, singing and sharing, campers learn about God's love for all of us and how we can share that love with others.

Safety First

Your children – all campers are in our safe care with highly trained and screened staff. We assess and limit risks while still providing exciting experiences.

Self-Confidence

Camp is filled with new experiences. Being away from home is a step towards growth for many campers. Our staff facilitates and encourages a sense of accomplishment and growth for all campers.

Place for Everyone

Our campers come from varied family structures, faith-traditions (including no faith traditions), and economic situations. We welcome campers equally with love and care for who they are.



Mission Committee Thanks You!

The Missions Committee wishes to thank you all for your generosity in 2022. We had 2 “big” fundraisers last year: the Ice Cream Social in June that raised \$830.00 for our camp scholarships, and our Harvest Auction in October where we raised \$1,779.00 for our covenant missionary, David Makobo in West Africa.

We also raised fund by selling Kwik Trip cards, and we are very grateful to Nancy McCauley for selling the cards on Sunday mornings for us. Thank You Nancy!!

The remainder of our funds came for your generous donations throughout the year. In 2022, you gave \$875.00 to the Love Fund, \$1,000.00 to UMCOR for Ukraine, \$590.00 to UMCOR for Hurricane Ian relief and \$645.00 to our local Needy Veterans fund. Together, we made 31 Personal Dignity Kits for our annual conference Ingathering.

Later in the year, we sent \$1,000.00 to Lee Weaver, a UM Missionary in Sierra Leone, for repairs to the School of the Deaf, including a new well. We also sent \$1,000.00 to Pastor Ramon Alcantaro and his wife in Honduras. This money was used to help families who have suffered devastating damage in the multiple hurricanes that ravaged their homes and lives.

These are just the bigger gifts. Many smaller gifts are given throughout the year to other worthy causes.

We really do appreciate your support and your prayers for our missionaries and the work that is being done in the name of Jesus. We are all called to be His hands and His feet in our world and together we are making a difference for those in the greatest need. THANK YOU!!!

More Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity Sunday school and Teachers,

Thank you for the pretty Valentine.

Really appreciated it.

Love,

Betty Boeing

Passages – Thanks You

Thank you for your continued support of Passages. Your donation of \$325.00 is greatly appreciated.

Sharon Robert

Dear Trinity UMC,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$371.00 for the Salvation Army.

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 your community.

May you experience a special place, knowing this thoughtful donation will enable the Salvation /army to continue offering Christs’ blessings to our neighbors in need.

Thank you for caring.

Blessings,

Christy Duhr

Memorial Ministry Corner



March Memorial Ministry Corner



TUMC Scholarship Fund Thank You! On behalf of the Missions' Committee and Memorial Ministry, thank you very much for your prayers and financial support during our annual February internal missions' project to support the TUMC scholarship ministry. A final tally will be reported in the April Chimes; to date, we have raised \$ 2,658.07 in memorial & honor gifts. It certainly is not too late to contribute. Please note on your check "Trinity scholarship fund." **As always, we remind you to meet your Trinity general budget financial goal before giving to this missions' project.**

Our Trinity scholarship is funded through generous memorial/honor gifts from **Russ & Barb Shannon & Cheryl M. Stanley**, member/friend honor gifts, and 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; Ileen Shannon; Eleanor Strang; and Julia "Jane" Taylor.**

2023 Scholarship Application Period Nearing an End!

Applications for our 2023 scholarship will be available through **12 midnight on Friday, March 31, 2023**, and can be obtained in paper or electronic form through the church office, Memorial Ministry Chair Paul Murphey, or in the narthex literature rack. **ALL** completed scholarship applications should be mailed to the attention of **Paul Murphey @ Trinity UMC.**

"The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge; the ears of the wise seek it out." - -
Proverbs 18:15

Trinity 2023 "Wish List." Listed within this month's Chimes is the revised 2023 Trinity "Wish List," as updated by Memorial Ministry on Tuesday, February 14, 2023:

Trinity UMC 2023 "Wish List"

Background. The Trinity United Methodist Church Memorial Ministry prioritized (February 14, 2023) the church's current "wish list" as follows and will seek memorial and honor gifts to complete (with Trustee assistance) these programs, projects, services, and causes. A "Top Six" list of priorities now appears with additional items in random order. Items listed are medium- and long-range needs and will not generally be short-term, emergency needs.

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Adding/Deleting Items. Memorial Ministry requires individuals and/or committees to contact Memorial Ministry Chair Paul Murphey at pmurphey@mwt.net, 608.647.6439, or a written note placed within the Memorial Ministry's mailbox at any time during the calendar year, for item additions or deletions. This requirement is in place in order for Memorial Ministry to maintain an accurate "wish list" for the church.

Funding an Item. Memorial Ministry seeks capital (memorial and honor gifts) in order to complete items from the list. While all financial support checks should be made payable to Trinity United Methodist Church, please notate the check for a specific "wish list" item or the generic "Memorial Ministry Wish List." Memorial Ministry, based on its list prioritization, will use all generic notated gifts according to the Ministry's Policies and Procedures handbook. Specific questions regarding gifts should be directed to the Memorial Ministry Chair using any of the above contact methods (see Adding/Deleting Items).

"Top Six" List of Prioritized "Wish List" Items

1. Install signage within parking lot to direct people for parking, entering building, etc.
2. Install updated signage on main floor, second floor, and within basement to direct people to various locations.
3. Add a large, round table (Preschool Classroom).
4. Purchase a third Automated External Defibrillator (AED) with Adult & Child/Infant Pads for Floor 02.
5. Purchase energy-efficient, quieter window air conditioners (as needed throughout church).
6. Recarpet (or tile) East hallway entrance.

1. Programs

Music

- Purchase needed equipment for music program (children, youth, and adults).
- Provide financing for musical directors to purchase music.
- Other

Pastoral & Church Committees

- Seek memorial/honor gifts to support the Trinity Care Team.
 - Provide funding for Memorial Ministry to develop a marketing brochure and campaign for Trinity memorial and honor gifts.
 - Provide funding for the Pastoral Love Fund ministry program.
 - Seek memorial/honor gifts to support the Methodist Youth Fund (Peace/Trinity Camping Account).
 - Other
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2. Projects (Facilities)

Basement

- Install a pedestal sink & replace faucets (women's restroom).
- Redecorate/repaint walls & install window treatments (Schmitt Hall).
- Replace drinking fountain (Schmitt Hall).
- Replace lighting (Schmitt Hall kitchen).
- Replace or cover the current floor (Schmitt Hall and Schmitt Hall kitchen).
- Investigate air conditioning or other air movement systems (Schmitt Hall).
- Investigate/Repair continuing floor leakage on West side of Schmitt Hall.
- Investigate/Repair continuing floor leakage on North wall of Schmitt Hall kitchen.
- Investigate/Repair/Refinish stage floor in Schmitt Hall.
- Other

Main Floor

- Purchase a commercial grade vacuum cleaner and lightweight carpet sweeper.
- Replace area carpet (Preschool Classroom).
- Remove cupboards & refinish wall (Nursery).
- Refurbish cupboard doors, hardware, & handles (Library).
- Continue to upgrade Sunday school program room furnishings and supplies.
- Replace/Upgrade stool, sink, & plumbing in girls' restroom (main floor).
- Work with Trustees to coordinate a sound system training session.
- Other

Second Floor

- Purchase new curtains (classrooms).
- Carpet East hallway.
- Continue to repaint walls (as needed) & strip/wax tile floors (classrooms).
- Refinish all wood floors (classrooms, youth room, & balcony).
- Other

Exterior Grounds (Church & Parsonage)

- Replace southwest lot corner sign.
 - Install an all-season bench at West entrance (by tree).
 - Build East entrance (architecturally accurate) awning or modified portico.
 - Renovate church/parsonage ground landscaping.
 - Other
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3. Services

- Other

4. Causes

- Seek capital to fund the Trinity United Methodist Church scholarship account. Note: Memorial Ministry reserves the right to keep this cause as a high priority regardless of its overall ranking.
- Other



**“For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish
your way: Good Health, Good Luck, and Happiness
for today and every day.”**

- - An Irish Blessing

A God With Scars

If anyone has ever asked you why a loving God allows suffering, you’ve probably developed a theodicy. That’s a fancy word for defending belief in divine goodness despite evil’s existence. Theologians who tackle this profound mystery note that God himself wasn’t spared from pain. Despite his sinlessness as true God, Jesus endured crucifixion as true man. As proof of that sacrifice, his body was scarred.

Those marks feature in a poem by English pastor Edward Shillito. Seeing wounded combatants return from World War 1, he wondered how the Gospel could seem like good news to them. When Shillito realized that Christianity alone features a God who suffered, he wrote “Jesus of the Scars” to offer comfort and hope. The poem concludes:

The other gods were strong; but thou wast weak;
They rode, but thou didst stumble to a throne;
But to our wounds only God’s wounds speak;
And not a god has wounds, but thou alone.

WIUM Camps News for 2023



WIUM Camps

The Camp Booklet is out and those who have attended camp will have received one. The camp website <https://WIUMCamps.org> helpful with navigating on line registration. Trinity has been able to reimburse 2/3's of camp registration. Please notify Rosie Steinmetz for assistance with payment or questions about camp. Ben and Ellie Otto have been attending for several years and are a good resource for the fun activities at Camp. The United Methodist Camps have good Leaders and Caretakers that have been dedicated for years. We need to keep them in our prayers.

In ministry
Rosie Steinmetz

Website: <https://wiumcamps.org/summer-camps/>



Pine Lake

W8301 County Road M
Westfield, WI 53964
608.296.2720

Lake Lucerne

W6460 County Road YY
Neshkoro, WI 54988
920.293.4488

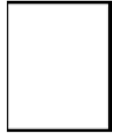


MARCH MINISTRY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Dance Class 4:00 P.M.	2 Revivalist Prayer Grp 4:00 P.M. at Church of the Nazarene	3 The office is closed	4
5 9:30 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Sunday school	6 PEO Annual Dinner 6:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall	7 Missions Mtg 4:30 P.M.	8 Int'l. Women's Day Dance Class 4:00 P.M.	9	10 The office is closed House of Presence 7:00 P.M.	11 House of Presence 7:00 P.M. Turn your clocks ahead an hour
12 Daylight Saving Begins 9:30 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Sunday school	13	14	15 RCMA Noon in the library The CHMES deadline Noon Dance Class 4:00 P.M.	16 REREA Board Mtg. 10:00 A.M. Library Revivalist Prayer Grp 4:00 P.M. at Trinity	17 Saint Patrick's Day The office is closed	18
19 UMCOR Sunday 9:30 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Sunday school	20 Start of Spring (Spring Equinox)	21	22 Dance Class 4:00 P.M.	23 Revivalist Prayer Grp 4:00 P.M. at Grace Community	24 The office is closed	25
26 9:30 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Sunday school	27	28	29 Dance Class 4:00 P.M.	30 Revivalist Prayer Grp 4:00 P.M. at Peace	31 The office is closed	

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