



The Chimes

Dear Members of Trinity UMC,

We are planning to celebrate Easter Sunday in a magnificent way, like any previous year knowing that the day of the Lord is near. Jesus came to reconcile the whole world with himself. Sin was introduced by the first man and the grace and truth of God came through one man, Jesus Christ. He came to pay the price for our sin when we were turning away from his protection and care.

Our first parents wanted to be like God, independent, doing their own will and desire. In the pursuit of freedom and independence, they became slaves to their own limited vision for the future. All of this happened in the beginning when they may have chosen the fruit of the tree of life, serve God and be closer to him while enjoying his company every day.

However, they had chosen to disobey God, and by doing so, they established a broken relationship that had started between man and God since they have falling into sin. It was the first couple who decided to break the relationship between themselves and God. God took, therefore the initiative to gain man back from this broken relationship. When God sacrificed the lamb and he took the blood of the innocent victim, to cover the nakedness and shame sin produces in all human beings. That event gave hope for a final and eternal redemption of the world.

Jesus was sent by God to redeem the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve. So, it took the second man, Christ Jesus, the job to reconcile us back to God. Easter resumed the history of God's salvation. In Easter, we also proclaim the conclusion of the history of salvation. We praise God for his eternal design of love and compassion, by sending Jesus to save us from our misery, arrogance, and disobedience. It cost God the life of his Son, Jesus Christ.

But God gave Jesus the power to obtain his life back by resurrecting him on the third day. So, the story of redemption moves us from pain, sorrow, agony, despair, and frustration among other things. The early Christian community had to deal with all these things. Early on the first Easter Sunday morning the pain was transformed into joy, sorrow into praise, agony into hope, despair into understanding the meaning of the work done by Jesus, and frustration into a declaration of the Kerygma of the Church. Kerygma is the Greek word that is translated as the proclamation of the Word of the Lord.

Pastor Rey's Message Continued....

The good news is that Jesus lives forever. The humble carpenter from Nazareth is the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. He is the great I Am, the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the one who died for our sins, the one who is our savior. This good news needed to be proclaimed through the entire universe and God is counting on all of us because his second coming is approaching and the world needs to be ready for the manifestation of the King who was humiliated with a crown of thorns, but he is coming with a crown of glory, to establish his kingdom and to claim those who belong to him. Let us celebrate Easter Sunday not contemplating the human misery but the glorious victory gained by our Lord Jesus Christ.

My hope is that you may keep looking forward to the glorious day when Jesus will return to earth and his church will be with Him –in His presence--celebrating the eternal Easter of joy and peace in the Holy Spirit. I hope that you may have a Happy Easter. This year the offering donated for Easter Sunday will be shared with Lydia's House Ministries and Passages.

May God Bless you.

Pastor Rey Díaz

UMCOR In Action

It has been over a month since a powerful 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck parts of Turkey and Syria, followed by a second earthquake and numerous aftershocks. Thousands were killed in both countries, and the humanitarian response is still struggling to meet the needs among the devastation.

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is the global humanitarian relief agency of the UM Church. UMCOR's longstanding humanitarian partner, International Blue Crescent (IBC) has multiple offices and project sites in Turkey. With the devastating damage to roads, transport, and infrastructure, IBC has received hundreds of families in its Killis Community Center for shelter, warm items, and hot meals since the first hours of the earthquake. UMCOR has released solidarity grants to IBC to help provide tents, heaters, blankets, warm clothes, ready to eat meals, and first aid kits to those who have been displaced. UMCOR staff members are also in touch with other partners in the region.

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to support UMCOR relief efforts in Turkey and Syria, you may do so by donating to **UMCOR Advance #982450**. Please make your check out to Trinity UMC and note **UMCOR Advance #982450** on the memo line and/or on your offering envelope.

Please join UMCOR in prayer for the many people affected by these earthquakes and for those caring for the injured and displaced.

Native American Ministries Special Sunday – April 23, 2023

What is Native American Ministries Sunday?

Sunday, April 23 2023

Native American Ministries Sunday serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and in our communities. With more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, this Special Sunday helps to ensure that Native American United Methodist leaders are recognized and to celebrate their special voice in The United Methodist Church.

Donations support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and allow The UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Half of the donations collected remain within the Annual Conference to provide hope to children and youth, hope for a brighter future in impoverished communities and a voice to those who have felt voiceless for years. This fund is distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.



MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2023	
<i>Special Sundays in Italics</i>	
April	CONFERENCE INGATHERING PROJECT: Personal Dignity Kits <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 (Church Camp Fund) <i>June 21st</i> <i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i> <i>June 4TH #1035</i>
July	FOOD PANTRY

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

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.....



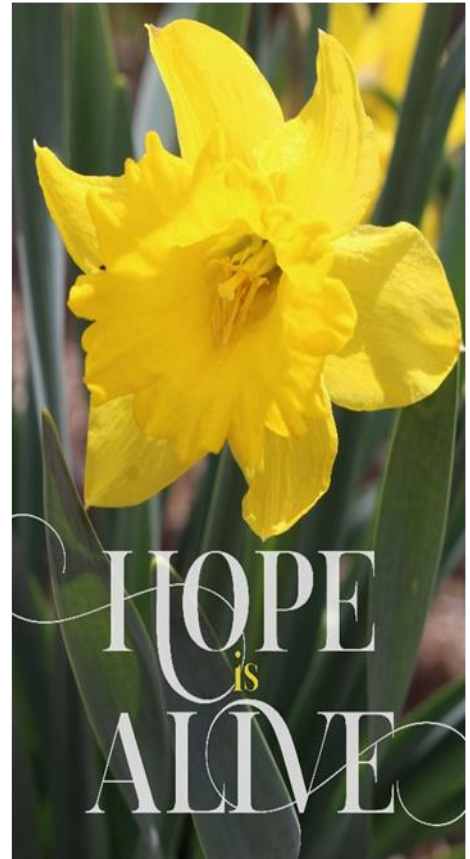
APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Linda Kesting	4/1
Ryan Weber	4/1
Julie Jewell	4/3
Lester Studnicka	4/5
John Storer	4/13
Megan Sommer	4/21
Braden Turgasen	4/26
Donna Bower	4/28
Jacob Storer	4/30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Sandy Brice	4/15
Dan & Becky Tracy	4/18
Tim & Mary Otto	4/19
Chris & Destiny Shann	4/29



Thank You



"I thank my God always on your behalf...
Your kindness touched my heart."

I appreciate all you do for me.

God bless all of you,

Ruby Hodge

Thank you so much for the
lovely Valentine.

It was just the sweetest one I have ever
gotten!

Rosemary Jewell

Dear Trinity UMC,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Richland Community Free Clinic, I would like to thank you for giving our free clinic a donation in the amount of \$324. We are very proud of the services we provide, and your contribution helps us achieve our mission of providing healthcare services to vulnerable members of our community.

Once again, many thanks for your generous support. We are exceedingly grateful.

Sincerely,
Andy Wright, MD

April Mission Focus – Personal Dignity Kits

Ingathering for 2023

Items Needed For The Kits
Must Be New
Our goal is 20 Personal Dignity Kits!

- 1 hand towel – no kitchen towels
 - 1 washcloth – no dishcloths
 - 1 toothbrush – no multipacks
 - 1 bar soap – 3 to 4 oz
 - 1 shampoo -12 to 19 oz
 - 1 deodorant – 2 to 3 oz (stick, roll-on or pump)
 - 1 1-gallon resealable plastic bag – furnished by Trinity
- \$2 donation for razor and toothpaste



Please add your heartfelt prayers to each kit

The Trinity Mission Focus for April is the Ingathering for Annual Conference. **The Missions Committee is asking for your help in meeting our goal of sending 20 Personal Dignity Kits to the Wisconsin Annual Conference Ingathering.**

Personal Dignity Kits are in great demand due to natural disasters and conflicts throughout the world. Everyday more people are being displaced and flee with only the clothes on their backs, and perhaps a small sack of their personal belongings. The items given in a Personal Dignity Kit are basic necessities for personal hygiene, which is so important for maintaining health and preventing the spread of disease.

There are gallon zippered plastic bags (a list of the needed items is inside each bag) available for you to pick up on the round table in the back of the church.

The filled bags need to be returned by Sunday, May 21, so we can be sure to get them to Annual Conference.

If you prefer to give a monetary donation, please make a memo on your check that says "**Ingathering 2023.**" The cost to complete a Personal Dignity Kit is about \$15.00. We thank you for your support of this important mission.

Together we can be the hands and feet of Jesus - sharing his love with the people of this world by giving of our abundant resources. **THANK YOU!"**

Memorial Ministry Corner



April Memorial Ministry Corner



Final Financial Update for February 2023 Internal Missions' Campaign

A tremendous “thanks” to all having given memorial and honor gifts during our February internal missions’ project on behalf of the Trinity scholarship fund. Our final total was a remarkable **\$2,959.07!** We thank you very much for answering the previous call to help us build our invested scholarship total for the great need which lies before us. Our total scholarship account, invested with Ameriprise/Capital Wealth Advisory Group, now totals **\$ 14,977.38.**

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 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.**

Kathy Bastian (Missions' Chair) & Paul Murphey (Memorial Ministry Chair)

**May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge,
reward you fully for what you have done. -- Ruth 2:12**

*“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater.” -
- **Isaiah 55:10***



Camp Info – Check it Out!

YOMICA

Grades: 4-9

Pine Valley – July 16-21

YoMiCa (short for Youth Missions Camp) is a week filled with the classic camp experience! Make new friends while you swim, play evening games, and be part of the long-standing traditions of YoMiCa! Learn about missionaries and the difference they are making in countries and communities around the globe!



Classic

Grades 2-4: June 11-14

Grades 4-6; Grades 6-9: Grades 9-12

Lake Lucerne - June 11-16

Explore all that is camp through daily Bible study and worship, nightly campfires, time in nature, adventure and more. Participate in traditional camp activities such as swimming, boating, group games, archery, crafts, rock climbing, zip lining and more!



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

Stewardship of Creation

Often, when the word “stewardship” is uttered in the church, we think of money, giving, and budgets. With the celebration of Earth Day, April is one of many occasions when we can remind ourselves that Christian stewardship is broader than just money. Here are just a few teachings on creation that have been passed on through the ages.

“The initial step for a soul to come to knowledge of God is contemplation of nature.” – Irenaeus (120-202)

“Nature is schoolmistress, the soul the pupil; and whatever one has taught or the other has learned has come from God – the Teacher of the teacher.” – Tertullian (160-230)

“Christ wears ‘two shoes’ in the world: Scripture and nature. Both are necessary to understand the Lord, and at no stage can creation be seen as a separation of things from God.” – John Scotus Eriugena (810-877)

“If I spend enough time with the tiniest of creature – even a caterpillar – I would never have to prepare a sermon. So full of God is every creature.” – Meister Eckhart (1260-1327)

“God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.” – Martin Luther (1483-1546)

“Let everyone regard himself as the steward of God in all things which he possesses. Then he will neither conduct himself dissolutely, nor corrupt by abuse those things which God requires to be preserved.” – John Calvin (1509-1564)

“I believe in my heart that faith in Jesus Christ can and will lead us beyond an exclusive concern for the well-being of other human beings to the broader concern for the well-being of the birds in our backyards, the fish in our rivers, and every living creature on the face of the earth.” – John Wesley (1701- 1791)

“The harvested fields bathed in the autumn mists speak of God and his goodness far more vividly than any human lips.” – Albert Schweitzer (1875- 1965)

“To drive to extinction something He has created is wrong. He has a purpose for everything . . . We Christians have a responsibility to take the lead in caring for the earth.” – Billy Graham (1918-2018)

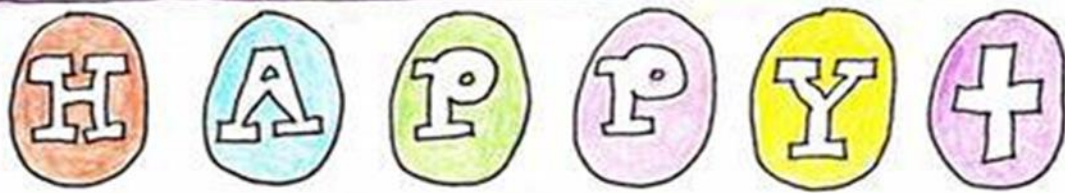
“God intends...our care of creation to reflect our love for the Creator.” – John R.W. Stott (1921-2011)

“The first law of our being is that we are set in a delicate network of interdependence with our fellow human beings and with the rest of God’s creation.” – Desmond Tutu (1931-2021)

“We cannot be all that God wants us to be without caring about the earth.” – Rick Warren (1954 -)

**If you have questions or want to learn more, contact:
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Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
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Happy Easter!



The
gift
of
God
is

E

ternal life in Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Romans 6:23

I am the
Living One:
I was dead,
and behold
I am

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live forever and
ever!

Revelation 1:18

The Father
has sent His
Son to be
the

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avior of the
World.

1 John 4:34

I am
the
Way and
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ruth and the Life.

John 14:6

God
has
given
us

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ternal life, and this life
is in His Son.

1 John 5:11

Remember
Jesus
Christ

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aised from the
dead.

2 Timothy 2:8

Thank You From Senegal United Methodist Church

December 22, 2022

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ from Senegal United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the donation you made to Senegal United Methodist Church. We are so blessed to have you as partners in God's mission and donors. Your donation has been making a great impact for ministry here in Senegal. Your donation came at the right time – when it was most needed, due to many financial challenges that we were facing.

As you might know, Senegal is no longer a mission initiative, but we are rather a district attached to the Cote d' Ivoire annual conference. So, we celebrate becoming a district, but at the same time we also have to face new realities of doing ministry as a district – by being self-sustaining financially.

We really appreciate your support during this season in ministry. We would like to continue to connect with you, and we will always keep you in our prayers.

Again, thank you so much for your compassionate support to the Senegal United Methodist Church district, and may God continue to richly bless you.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023.

Yours in God's service,

Rev. Jean Pierre Ndour,
District Superintendent

Flowers for Easter

Easter lilies and colorful spring plants for Easter have been ordered.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to donate a flower or more.



If you would like to sponsor a flower, please use the sign- up sheet or call the church office and let us know. You may take your Easter flower(s) home with you following the Easter Worship Service.



A very BIG THANKS to Donna Bower who ordered and will arrange these beautiful Easter flowers on the altar for all to enjoy.

APRIL MINISTRY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>  <p>Good Friday Services: 1:00 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Church 7:00 p.m.: The Church of the Nazarene</p>  </div>						1
2 Sunday 9:30 A.M. Worship. 9:45 A.M. Sunday school.	3	4	5 Dance Class 4:00 P.M.	6 Holy Thursday Revivalist Prayer Grp 4:00 P.M. at New House	7 Good Friday The office is closed Good Friday Service 1:00 and 7:00 P.M.	8
9 Easter 9:30-A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Sunday school	10 Trustee Mtg 4:00 P.M.	11	12 Dance Class 4:00 P.M.	13	14 The office is closed	15
16 9:30 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Sunday school	17 Tax Day (Taxes Due) Ad Council Meeting 4:00 P.M.	18	19 CHIMES Deadline Noon Dance Class 4:00 P.M.	20 Revivalist Prayer Grp 4:00 P.M. at Church of the Nazarene	21 The office is closed	22 Earth Day
23 9:30 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Sunday school	24	25	26 Administrative Professionals Dance Class 4:00 P.M.	27 Revivalist Prayer Grp 4:00 P.M. at Trinity	28 Arbor Day The office is closed	29
30 9:30 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Sunday school	<div> <p>Christ Is Risen!</p> <p>CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED</p> <p><i>Alleluia</i></p> </div>					

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