



# *The Chimes*

Dear Members,

I am writing today to inform the members of Trinity and Peace UMC that I have received a new appointment to serve Fennimore UMC, so beginning July 2nd I will no longer be your pastor. However, you can still count me as your friend. As I am writing this letter to you, I feel sad leaving Richland Center and leaving behind many friends that I have made in these two congregations and this community. I have been here for the last 4 years and pretty soon after I was appointed to serve here the Covid-19 Pandemic arrived to paralyze churches, businesses, and factories. Since Covid-19, the world has experienced a lot of changes.

I can truly say that it has been a pleasure to serve the members of Trinity and Peace UMCs. Since the beginning I have felt welcomed and loved by all of you. I have good memories of the Bible Study with the women's group that meets every Tuesday, the meetings I have attended in both congregations, the men's breakfast on the third Thursday of every month, the Ad Council meetings, SPRC meetings, and Board of Trustees meetings, Confirmation classes and the Bible study at Peace UMC. It has also been a pleasure to work with Pat and Joan serving as office managers. They made my job easier and it was a delight to work with these two wonderful women. With Joan Wheeler, now working for both congregations after Pat's retirement, things became a little more simplified because I only need to communicate with one Office Manager instead of two!

What I especially appreciate about these two congregations is that after Covid-19 (and the process of disaffiliation that Peace UMC went through) these two local churches are now more friendly and loving. It is not that you were not loving congregations to start with, but it was that the issues we discussed at Peace made us go through a lot of stress and become more compassionate about what others are thinking and feeling. With that process behind us, we can move forward and focus more on the ministry of the church. These two congregations are focusing on the mission of the Church by supporting the food pantry, Lydia's House and providing funds for those who are at a disadvantage in our community.

The members of these two congregations will always be in my heart. I love you all and I hope to keep your friendship as we keep serving the Good Lord. As we move ahead into another chapter in our lives, I will keep you in my prayers that the Good Lord will be with the members of Trinity and Peace UMC during the days ahead. I am hoping and praying that the Good Lord keeps you in his sight and that these two congregations experience church growth and many other blessings.

## *Pastor Rey's Message Continued....*

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As you are all aware, you will have a new pastor appointed to these two congregations. I also need you to remember that although we certainly can remain friends, I cannot return to these congregations to perform weddings, funerals, baptisms, or any other duties that your new pastor will be then in charge of. Thank you for welcoming me into your church families 4 years ago when I came to serve the Lord here. Thank you for your love and care for me. It has been a rewarding experience to serve you and this community. May the Lord of all mercies and love keep you and preserve you now and forevermore. Amen.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Rey Díaz,  
Pastor



### **EYE OF GOD**

This symbol represents our “all-seeing” God, who is present everywhere and is always watching over us. (“The eyes of the Lord are in every place,” Proverbs 15:3, NRSV.) The eye is inside an equilateral triangle, which is associated with the Holy Trinity.



Barb Shannon  
Education Chair  
647-6522

As we end the Sunday School year we are grateful for the time we have spent together learning about God's love for us through Max Lucado's study of John 3:16, and how we can show Jesus' compassion for others. We talked about the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us, and events following Easter.

We have reached out to the congregation through birthday cards, hand made holiday cards, May baskets and Mothers' Day flowers. Our church family is very important to us.

The Sunday School has raised money for chickens through the Heifer Project, donated hygiene kits for the Conference Ingathering and are working on replacing the mulch around the bushes in the parking lot.

Regular Sunday School will resume in September but if we have children in church and a teacher is available we will have lessons planned.

Have a safe and fun summer.

Yours in Christ,

Barb Shannon

## Mission Focus: Peace With Justice: June 4, 2023

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### WHAT IS PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY?

United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference and learning about peaceful, just efforts around the world. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them.

Donations for this special Sunday support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities.

Half of the funds collected on this Special Sunday remain in the Annual Conference to strengthen social justice ministries within the local conference. Within most Annual Conferences, a Peace with Justice Coordinator works with the Church and Society to provide educational resources, building and sustaining relationships, and help mobilize networks to engage in social advocacy and action.

The other half of the donations collected fund national and international peacemaking ministries and grants. We achieve peace with justice efforts by working with the World Council of Churches, interfaith and ecumenical bodies, and secular organizations for social-justice policies and programs that seek the wholeness of shalom for all of God's people. Three different grants are created and made available to United Methodist congregations and organizations that support Ethnic/Minority Local Church ministries, and programs related to the Peace with Justice Sunday. Church and Society awards these grants annually.

**Please give generously on Peace With Justice Sunday: #1035  
Your gift makes a world of difference.**



***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.***





JOIN US FOR AN  
**Ice Cream  
Social**

Wednesday, June 21, 2023  
5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

**TRINITY UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**Schmitt Fellowship Hall**  
**Handicap Accessible**

Bar-B-Q, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad  
Potato Chips, Baked Beans, Pickles  
Homemade Pie, Ice Cream, Beverages

Free-Will offering accepted

Proceeds to benefit the Trinity/Peace  
Camping Fund & Peace UMC

## Grandparents/Grandkids Camp

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### Family: Pine Lake

June 23-25

A special time away that allows for memories to be made as grandparents and grandkids share and grow in faith together! Spend quality time with your grandchild doing all the activities camp has to offer.



### Family: Lake Lucerne

July 6-9

That special bond between grandparents and their grandkids will only be strengthened when we meet in the beautiful setting of Lake Lucerne. We will be share in the gifts of singing, crafting, swimming, and of course worshipping while growing in our relationships with God. Join us – you'll be glad you did!



**Lake Lucerne**  
W6460 County Road YY  
Neshkoro, WI 54988  
920.293.4488



**Pine Lake**  
W8301 County Road M  
Westfield, WI 53964  
608.296.2720

## Joint Administrative Council News

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As many of you are aware, the District Superintendent, Rev. Amanda Stein met with the Administrative Councils of both Peace UMC and Trinity UMC to announce that Pastor Rey will be appointed to a two point charge in Fennimore and Stitzer beginning July 1, 2023.

As part of that meeting she asked that the congregations begin discussions on the future ministry for both churches going forward. Currently the congregations can't support a full time Pastor so the plan is to appoint a part-time Pastor to serve both churches and down the road perhaps join/merge both congregations.

A committee will be formed with members of both congregations to explore what that process would entail. The District Superintendent has appointed Pastor Rachel Olson as our new part-time pastor. She will start her duties on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and preach for the first time on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Joan Bethke will preach at both churches on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Russ Shannon

Administrative Council Chairperson

## Memorial Ministry Corner

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### June Memorial Ministry Corner



#### Memorial Ministry (Quarter 02) Meeting Reminder

When? Thursday, June 01, 2023

Where? Church Library

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Approximate)

**NOTE:** All Memorial Ministry meetings (four per year) are Open for Anyone to Attend. Stop in to see This Hard-Working Trinity Program Committee at Work Using Your Generous Memorial & Honor Gifts. **Hint:** Your Presence at This Meeting Does Not “Necessarily” Mean the Memorial Ministry Chair Will Ask You to Join – Maybe!?!

## Church Membership Notes

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#### *And, Now, Something Totally Different for a Change!*

This month we will spotlight our younger Trinity Professing Members who have all accomplished remarkable achievements as they end their respective school/academic years. We are so proud of all these young members – congratulations! YOU represent what Trinity can do with our younger membership. But, first, please welcome our latest Trinity Professing Member (PM):

#### *Welcome Back, Margie E. (Orsburn) Tanner!*

Margie has returned to Trinity membership after having been a previous member in the late 1960s. Margie is a transfer Professing Member (PM) from the BMZ Methodist Church in Boscobel, WI, effective Monday, May 01, 2023. The Trinity membership team will plan our informal welcoming ceremony & gift for Sunday, June 11, 2023.

*Margie's address is as follows:*

Richland Hills Apartment Complex  
701 West Seminary Street, Unit No. 5W  
Richland Center, WI 53581

*“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”*

*- - 1 Corinthians 12:27*



**Congratulations, RCHS Junior Zada Ludwig,  
Teige Perkins, & Clara Shannon!**

**RCHS Prom Court 2023: "Evening Under the Stars" (Saturday, April 29, 2023)**



**Zada Ludwig; Prom Queen 2023**

Zada is the daughter of Anthony & Jamie Ludwig and was selected as the 2023 RCHS Junior Prom Queen! Congratulations, Zada, for this incredible honor. And, Zada's stunning dress was purchased from one of our own as well (Dreams Bridal, Stephanie (Shannon) Perkins – Owner & Manager). A larger picture, to get the full effect, appears on our East entrance bulletin board.



**Teige Perkins & Clara Shannon; Prom Court 2023.**

Teige is the son of Brian & Stephanie Perkins, and Clara is the daughter of Chris & Destiny Shannon. Both Teige & Clara were selected as members of the 2023 RCHS Junior Prom Court! Congratulations, Teige & Clara, for this honor because all "kings & queens" need a royal court! A larger picture, to get the full effect, appears on our East entrance bulletin board.



**Congratulations, Tora & Julianna!**

Tora Perkins, daughter of Brian & Stephanie Perkins; and Julianna Shannon, daughter of Chris & Destiny Shannon, have each successfully completed another year of college: Tora (UW-Whitewater) & Julianna (UW-Oshkosh). Both have also been named as our 2023 Trinity Scholarship Recipients.



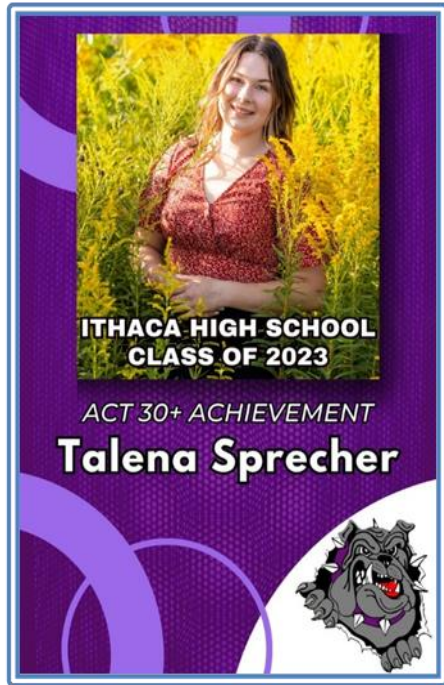
**The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge; the ears of the wise seek it out."**

**- - Proverbs 18:15**

**Congratulations, Ithaca High School Class of 2023, Talena Sprecher - TWICE!**

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Talena Sprecher; Class of 2023 Senior. Talena, the daughter of Melissa Sprecher, has achieved an honor that is very rare, as she earned a 30+ score on her ACT test. So, why is this so rare? Only six percent of all ACT test takers across America achieve a score over 30. This is a VERY BIG DEAL! The American College Testing (ACT) is a standardized test used for college admissions in the United States. It is currently administered by ACT, a nonprofit organization of the same name. The ACT test covers four academic skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and scientific reasoning. It also offers an optional direct writing test. Congratulations, Talena, on this remarkable achievement.

Talena Sprecher; Class of 2023 Senior, Honor 02! Talena will graduate, with honors, from the Ithaca High School Class of 2023, on Sunday, June 04, 2023, @ 1 p.m. in the Ithaca High School Field House. While Talena's future plans will be finalized in June of this year, she has been named as one of our 2023 Trinity scholarship recipients. Please send your congratulations to Talena on her amazing achievements to the following:

Talena M. Sprecher  
31551 County Highway JJ  
Lone Rock, WI 53556



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**Congratulations to All These Trinity Professing Members;  
We Are Proud of You All and What You Have Accomplished!**

**“May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans! May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners!” –  
Psalm 20: 4-5(a)**



## Thank You Note

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**Dear Trinity Members and Friends,**

Thank you all very much for the cards, greetings and prayers during my leg injury, surgery and continuing recovery. Your thoughtfulness has made the ordeal easier to handle.

Sandy (Pahl) Brice

## A Week of Tributes to Dad

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To celebrate the special man in your life, use a quote a day the week before Father's Day, or honor him with tributes the whole week after. Write one of these (or one of your own) on a card, make a message into a placemat, tape one to the bathroom mirror — get creative!

Every day of the week is a good day to celebrate his love and show him yours.

“The heart of a father is the masterpiece of nature.” —*Antoine F. Prévost*

“To the world you are a dad. To our family you are the world.” —*Unknown*

“The best fathers have the softest, sweetest hearts. In other words, great dads are real marshmallows.” —*Richelle E. Goodrich*

“Dad: a son's first hero, a daughter's first love.” —*Unknown*

“A good father is one whose only reason for putting down a laughing baby is to pick up a crying one.” —*Linda Poindexter*

“My father didn't do anything unusual. He only did what dads are supposed to do — be there.”  
—*Max Lucado*

“I love my father as the stars. He's a bright shining example and a happy twinkling in my heart.”  
—*Terri Guillemets*

The reason why daughters love their dad the most is that there is at last one man in the world who will never hurt her.



## Celebrations and More



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Ben Shannon	6/1	Maggie Edwards	6/22
Bob Kesting	6/2	Elia Spangler	6/24
Doug Sommer	6/6	Bill Twining	6/25
Rosemary Jewell	6/8	Jim Weber	6/26
Amie Twining	6/10	Pastor Rey Díaz	6/27
Nancy Studnicka	6/19	Bev Fink	6/28
Carl Bethke	6/19	Franklin Crotsenberg	6/29
Tora Perkins	6/22	Michael Subera	6/30
		Ryan Bee	6/30

#### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Kathy Richardson	6/1	Harvey & Kathy Bastian	6/21
Rick & Susan Orsburn	6/4	Doug & Jill Sommer	6/22
Howard & Helen Nelson	6/6	Kurt & Dianne Monson	6/26
Jerry & Donna Bower	6/13	Richard & Shirley Steiner	6/27
		Ed & Bev Fink	6/28



**Your father doesn't need another  
Father's Day tie, wallet, or sweater.  
Give him a gift he will treasure forever.  
Get a nice picture frame and put inside it  
a handwritten note telling him he's been a good  
dad. Include some specific memories.  
Then tell him how much you love him.**



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> – 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

**Helping Hands** are needed to make this youth activities fund fundraiser event successful. We need pie bakers and volunteers to help with setup, serving and clean up.

**Signup sheets in narthex.**  
**Please signup today!**



#### ICE CREAM SOCIAL – CAMP FUND

Wednesday, June 22nd from 5-7 p.m. at Trinity  
Schmitt Fellowship Hall – Lower Level



#### EVENT HELPERS - Sign Up Sheet

If you would like to support the youth activities fund to help Trinity and Peace Church youth attend church camp and participate in other church sponsored activities... then here is a great opportunity in order to make this event a huge success we need volunteers to bake homemade pies and to help with the setup, serving and cleanup details. The greatest need for HELPERS will be in the setup and serving areas.

Please sign up to help or to donate a pie (or pies).

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# ICE CREAM Meet & Mingle SOCIAL!



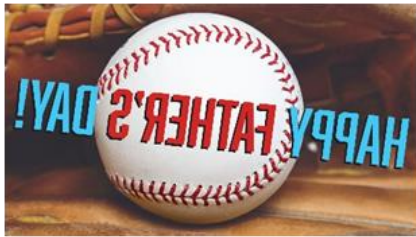
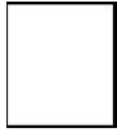
# JUNE MINISTRY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SPECIAL DATES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trinity Sunday, June 4, 2023</li> <li>Peace with Justice Sunday, June 4, 2023</li> <li>Flag Day, June 14, 2023</li> <li>Father's Day, June 18, 2023</li> <li>Juneteenth, June 19, 2023</li> </ul>				<b>1</b> 1:30 P.M. Memorial Ministry Mtg – Library 4:00 P.M. Revivalist Prayer Group	<b>2</b> The office is closed	<b>3</b> 9:00 a.m. – Noon – Joint planning meeting at Trinity
<b>4</b> 9:30 A.M. Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00 A.M. Women's Bible study - Library 4:30 p.m. – Mission Mtg - Library	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 4:00 P.M. Revivalist Prayer Group	<b>9</b> The office is closed  Annual Conference begins	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 A.M. Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00 A.M. Women's Bible study	<b>14</b> Flag Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> The office is closed	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Father's Day 9:30 A.M. Worship	<b>19</b> 4:00 P.M. – Ad Council Mtg	<b>20</b> 10:00 A.M. Women's Bible study	<b>21</b> Start of Summer (Summer Solstice) Noon CHIMES deadline 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. Ice Cream Social	<b>22</b> 4:00 P.M. Revivalist Prayer Group	<b>23</b> The office is closed	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10:00 A.M. Joint Worship at Peace with potluck Pastor's last Sunday here	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00 A.M. Women's Bible study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4:00 P.M. Revivalist Prayer Group	<b>30</b> The office is closed	



Trinity United Methodist Church  
400 East Seminary Street  
Richland Center, WI 53581



## Trinity United Methodist Church



Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Rey Díaz  
Pastor's Cell Phone: 608-604-3094  
Pastor's email: [rreydiaz1952@gmail.com](mailto:rreydiaz1952@gmail.com)  
Or [zoolaar@live.com](mailto:zoolaar@live.com)

### Trinity Church Office

Hours: Monday through Thursday /1pm – 4pm  
Trinity UMC Office: (608) 647-3203  
Trinity's email: [trinityumc@mwt.net](mailto:trinityumc@mwt.net)

Websites: [www.umchurchrc.org](http://www.umchurchrc.org) & [www.trinity.umchurchrc.org](http://www.trinity.umchurchrc.org)

Administrative Assistant: Joan Wheeler  
Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Monica Eernisse  
Custodian: Bill Twining

