



The Chimes

From Pastor Rachel...

Dear Trinity Church-Family and Friends,

With all the serious decisions we've been dealing with lately, I thought it might be nice for us all to relax for just a moment with a bit of old fashioned Methodist humor. This article was sent to me by a friend and I hope it tickles your funny bone as much as it did mine. Please enjoy it with my heartfelt gratitude and blessings, and feel free to share it with family and friends in case they could also use a church-related chuckle today.

GARRISON KEILLOR ON "METHODISTS"

We make fun of Methodists for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese.

But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Methodist-less place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," they would look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Methodists, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Many Methodists are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage.

It's natural for Methodists to sing in harmony. They are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By joining in harmony, they somehow promise that they will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: People, these Methodists, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you can call up when you're in deep distress.

- If you're dying, they will comfort you.
- If you are lonely, they'll talk to you.

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- And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad.
- Methodists believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.
- Methodists like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.
- Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.
- Methodists usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.
- Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.
- Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.
- Methodists drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.
- Methodists feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.
- Methodists are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at the church.
- Methodists still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna casserole adds too much color.
- Methodists believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, You know you are a Methodist when:

- It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- You hear something funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.
- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," you respond, "and also with you."
- And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye!

PASSAGES Mission Focus and Special Sundays 2023

The September Mission Focus and last Sunday offering for missions is PASSAGES. Like many organizations, Passages was impacted by COVID, which also had a negative effect on staffing and funding. Now, after a hiatus, Passages has reopened with trained staff and some physical upgrades. The updated information was provided to our committee by Passages staff.

Passages is a program for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Passages serves women, men, children, Latino populations, and LGBTQ.

Passages has 20 beds and has a “never full” policy. All Passages services are free and confidential. They offer a 24-hour crisis line, advocacy for assistance with courts, social services, and emergency medical support response. They offer information on guidance with community and agency resources to assist with long-term support, referrals, and community education. Passages also owns a 16-unit apartment building, known as ADA JAMES PLACE, for families of domestic violence and sexual assault, along with low-income families.

Passages is funded through grants and fundraising efforts. Passages is always open to take paper goods, cleaning supplies, personal care/hygiene items, as well as taxi vouchers and gas cards for fuel.

Passages Contact Information:

Passages

PO Box 546, Richland Center, WI 53581

Business Office: 608-647-8775

Crisis Line: (800) 236-4325

www.passagesrc.com for more information



<u>MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS FOR 2023</u> <i>Special Sundays in Italics</i>	
September	PASSAGES
October	HARVEST AUCTION: to fulfill our covenant with David Makobo, Senegal, Africa <i>World Communion Sunday</i> <i>October 1ST 1045</i>

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

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023: World Communion Sunday

The sacrament of Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity and invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday.

Your “special envelope” offerings on World Communion Sunday support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities.

Fifty percent of this offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries.

Thirty-five percent supports racial and ethnic scholarships for students pursuing ordained ministry (deacon or elder) and includes a mentoring program.

Fifteen percent funds Ethnic-In-Service Training Grant for leadership development, recruitment, training, and retention of ethnic United Methodists in leadership positions in every level of the church and its ministry. Through our gifts, we can invest in talented, qualified students from around the globe to transform the world as witnesses for Christ.

In the words of two WCS scholarship recipients:

“I use to hear people talk about miracles but today I can testify of the miracles in my life because (of) the WCS scholarship . . . “ --Clarice Ndaya Kadima, Africa University

“My calling is to be a doctor and God wants me to use my knowledge and skills to help others. In the Philippines, there are a lot of people dying without even seeing a doctor.” – Karl Wesley E. Dillozon, Centro Escolar Univ., Manila, Philippines.



Sunday School News

Fall is the time to think about making a commitment to attend church and Sunday School. We are looking forward to an exciting year with new Bible stories, mission projects and community outreach.

We will adjourn to the classrooms following the Mini Message and finish up in time for the kids to enjoy a snack during coffee hour.

Sunday School starts September 17th, all children, youth and young adults are welcome. See you on the 17th.



Barb Shannon
Education Chair
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2023 Harvest Auction SAVE THE DATE.....

Trinity Harvest Auction Set for WEDNESDAY, October 11th

It's time to save the date and to start thinking about our annual Harvest Auction. The Harvest Auction promotes a spirit of community while raising funds to support our covenant missionary, **David Makobo**, who is an agricultural specialist serving, along with his wife, in **Senegal, Africa**.

This year's auction will be held on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th** in Schmitt Fellowship Hall Fellowship abd will begin at 6:30 P.M. with snacks and beverages provided by the Missions Committee. Socialize with friends while looking over auction items and planning your bidding strategy! Auctioneer Kurt Monson will begin the auction at **7:00 P.M.** You can look forward to good-natured, spirited bidding and lots of laughs as Kurt moves things right along.

Make sure to look at the Silent Auction items and if something says "Buy Me" please make a bid. If you're unable to attend, we hope you will support the auction by donating an item or items to the auction, and/or supporting this missions focus financially. Your prayers for the ministry of David and Solange Makobo are greatly appreciated.

HARVEST AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

The Missions' Committee is busy planning the annual Harvest Auction to be held in Schmitt Hall on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**. A successful auction depends upon having a variety of interesting and appealing items to present for bidding, and we need your help!

In the past, popular auction items have included garden/orchard produce; food items—fresh, canned, or frozen; specialty baskets; hand crafted items; seasonal décor; plants and herbs; puzzles; tools; hobby items; toys, and much more. **Blank auction certificates** for donated goods or services to be delivered in the future to the buyer will be posted on the Missions bulletin board and will also be available the evening of the auction. Certificates may be used for such services as food items to be delivered in the future to the buyer (e.g., *Rosie's famous lasagna*); leaf raking; babysitting; a load of chopped wood; --use your imagination and be creative!

Please bring your non-perishable Harvest Auction donations to the room across from the choir room downstairs. **It is very helpful if you identify Harvest Auction donations as such, as other things may be stored in the room.** Non-perishable items should be at the church by the afternoon of October 11th if possible; perishables may be brought the evening of the auction.

We request that donated items be clean and either NEW or VERY GENTLY USED. Any items not sold at the auction may be donated to the local Thrift Shop. **PLEASE—NO LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT OR OUTDATED COMPUTER SOFTWARE OR HARDWARE.**

If you're unable to participate in the Harvest Auction, please prayerfully consider a monetary donation to our covenant missionary, **David Makobo, of Senegal, Africa**. David and his wife appreciate your prayers for their ministry.

Memorial Ministry Corner



September Memorial Ministry Corner



Thanks to all having contributed during the month of August to our annual internal missions' project for the Trinity Wish List Fund. To date, we have been blessed with \$ 100.00 in honor gifts for the cause. It's not too late to contribute to our Wish List fund, as final financial figures will appear in the October Chimes. Kathy Bastian, Missions' Chair & Paul Murphey, Memorial Ministry Chair

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." -- Ephesians 1:16

In Memory of Margie E. (Orsburn) Tanner
September 04, 1929 – August 05, 2023

Margie has been a "Second Time" Trinity "Professing Member (PM)" since May 01, 2023.

Complete Obituary Appears at the *Pratt Funeral & Cremation Service, Richland Center, WI*, Website: <https://tinyurl.com/mkbj6cu9>.

A remembrance luncheon was held on Saturday, September 02, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Schmitt Fellowship Hall, Richland Center, WI.

Cards of Condolence may be sent to Margie's son, daughter-in-law, & family at the following:

Rick & Susan Orsburn
21945 County Highway SR
Richland Center, WI 53581
608.647.2316

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

~ Matthew 5:4

Church Membership Notes



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Welcome to Our New "Professing Members (PM)"!

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Please join with us as welcome the following three new "Professing Members (PM)":

Nancy L. McCauley (August 20, 2023)

Kurt & Dianne Monson (Reinstatement Effective July 31, 2023)

A special coffee hour was held in their honor following the Sunday, August 20, 2023, service.

Nancy L. McCauley

21496 County Highway S
Richland Center, WI 53581

Kurt & Dianne Monson

24230 County Highway ZZ
Richland Center, WI 53581

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household." - Ephesians 2:19



Trinity UMC offers a prayer to all our members & friends (students, teachers, parents, etc.) for a very successful 2023/2024 school year. We especially want to say God's blessings to our three 2023 Trinity scholarship recipients:

- ◆ Tora V. Perkins – UW-Whitewater
 - Julianna E. Shannon – UW-Oshkosh
 - ◆ Talena M. Sprecher – Illinois Central College (ICC)

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

Worship In The Park

Bring the kids, grandkids, friends,
neighbors and your relatives.

It's a wonderful experience.

Worship the Lord with others in
the park.

Food provided by RC Taco. Their truck will
be at the event for people to purchase
their delicious food.

Lots of great music is planned, so please
make sure to come on out.

We have the tents up by the Killian Meyer
building.

There will be plenty of chairs, bring your
own or a blanket to sit on.



In it's 18th year!

Worship in the Park

Labor Day Sunday

September 3, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*Look for the tents by
the Killian Meyer
Building.*

*Bring a lawn chair or
blanket, if you wish.
Folding chairs will be
provided by the
churches
participating*

*Lots of good music,
great food and
good fellowship.*

A Word From the UM Foundation

Practice Makes Perfect

In the last six minutes of the University of Kentucky's 1996 national semifinal men's basketball victory over the top-ranked University of Massachusetts, Mark Pope – Rhodes scholar candidate and senior – calmly sank all six of his free throws. Twice he stepped to the line with Kentucky clinging to a three-point lead. Pope did not miss.

Putting to rest the speculation that Kentucky would wilt in the national spotlight, Pope remarked after the game, "We go through those exact situations every day in practice. That gives us all confidence in ourselves because we have confidence in our preparation."

Just as Pope recognized that practice is the key to playing a good basketball game, we understand that the same is true in every aspect of our lives. Children are reminded to do their homework so they can do well on their tests. Youth learning to drive can practice for up to 12 months with a permit before they get their own driver's licenses and set out on their own. Speeches and presentations are reviewed and practiced, giving the deliverer the familiarity needed to speak confidently and clearly.

Christian discipleship is no different. Routine and practice are needed to give us the foundation we need to face the dilemmas we encounter in life. The habitats of worship, generosity, daily prayer, study, and the sacraments help us develop our relationship with God so that we don't find ourselves scrambling when hard times hit. While it is true that God will never abandon us in difficult times whether we have this foundation or not, it is easier to rely on our faith while the seas of life are calm instead of trying to anchor ourselves amid a storm.

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Being NICER As Christians At Work

"As working Christians, we are deeply aware of the gap that exists between Sunday and Monday," writes Roland Heersink, founder of the ***God & Work Initiative***. "Although the two days are next to each other on the calendar, they seem miles apart. On Sunday we hear that we are children of God, saved by grace in Jesus Christ. On Monday, there are endless emails to be answered, spreadsheets to be completed, people to be hired and fired, meetings to attend, and important decisions to be made."

For a stronger relationship between our roles as faith-filled Christians and employees, Heersink uses the acronym NICER. How well do you live out these five essentials in your work life?

No Compromise (See Daniel 1:8-14.)

Integrity (See Daniel 6:1-5.)

Compassionate in Relationships (Follow Jesus' example.)

Excellence ("Do your best, and let Jesus do the rest.")

Responsible to Others (Be a good Samaritan.)

Celebrations and More



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Scott Turgasen	9/9
Nancy McCauley	9/17
Rick Orsburn	9/19
Jaleesa Bee	9/21

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Brian & Stephanie Perkins	9/4
Mark & Sally McCollum	9/22
Gene & Shirley Wanless	9/24
Bill & Amie Twining	9/27



September 10, 2023

Special Dates

- 9/04 Labor Day,
- 9/10 National Grandparents Day
- 9-/15-10/15 Heritage Month,
- 9/23 First day of autumn,



HOW TO CELEBRATE LABOR DAY.....

Although the day's focus on organized labor has diminished over the years, the holiday has become the last hurrah of summer—with a barbecue and day off work for many Americans.

And even though the American work force has changed dramatically since the industrial revolution, many Americans still work more hours and take less vacation than our western counterparts. We are constantly connected to our jobs with little respite; we all desire a good standard of living.

So, whether you work on a farm, at a plant, in an office or at a home business, we hope that you will take this day of honor, find some work/life balance, and reflect on your good work. After all, at work is where and how we spend the majority of our time!

Also, take a moment to reflect on this history and the many American workers who came before us—to build our railways, roads, infrastructure, and more. Then go to a picnic or barbecue as our ancestral workers did so many years ago!



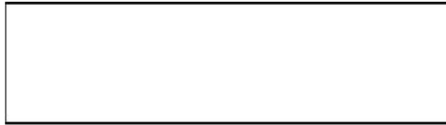
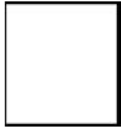
In Faith Takes a Name, Dwight E. Stevenson writes that if we consider ourselves to be disciples of Jesus, then we must remain “learners under the instruction of Christ.” He notes, “Quite literally, a disciple is a pupil, scholar, student or learner. In [Jesus’] world a teacher with his band of disciples was to that culture what schools and universities are to our society. To be a disciple of Jesus is to go to school with him.”



SEPTEMBER MINISTRY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>“Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone.” --<i>Thomas Merten</i></p> <p>“Prayer is an acknowledgment that our need of God’s help is not partial but total.” —<i>Alistair Begg, Made for His Pleasure</i></p>					<p>1 The office is closed</p>	<p>2 Margie Tanner's Memorial Luncheon 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.</p>
<p>3 Joint Worship Service 9:30 A.M.</p> <p>Worship in the Park 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p>4 Labor Day The office is closed</p>	<p>5 Mission mtg 4:30 P.M. Library</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Memorial Ministry mtg 1:30 P.M. Library</p>	<p>8 The office is closed</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 Worship Service 9:30 A.M. with Communion</p>	<p>11 Patriot Day</p>	<p>12 Women's Bible Study 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p>13 Dance Class 4:00 P.M. To start</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 The office is closed</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Worship Service 9:30 A.M. Sunday school 9:45 A.M. to start</p>	<p>18 Tentatively scheduled: Ad Council Mtg 4:00 P.M. Library</p>	<p>19 Women's Bible Study 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p>20 Deadline for The CHIMES Dance Class 4:00 P.M.</p>	<p>21 RAREA Board Mtg 10:00 A.M. Library</p>	<p>22 The office is closed</p>	<p>23 Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox)</p>
<p>24 Worship Service 9:30 A.M. Sunday school 9:45 A.M.</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Women's Bible Study 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p>27 Dance Class 4:00 P.M.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 The office is closed</p>	<p>30</p>

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Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Monica Eernisse
Custodian: Bill Twining

Peace and Trinity Unified Mission Statement

We the people of Trinity and Peace United Methodist Churches are compelled by God to build His Kingdom. We are guided by Biblical truth.

We are committed to unifying as one church to receive and serve all people with the compassionate and unconditional love of Jesus.

We are passionate to assist people to find restoration and hope through the life changing transformation offered by Jesus!

We are aware of the abundant grace God has lavished on our lives which drives our passion to serve in unity.

As a unified Church we will be empowered by Jesus to develop a flourishing and thriving Christ centered community.

With God all things are possible!