

Memorial Ministry Mission & Purpose

A program committee within the church charged to solicit, monitor, and use in support of the church’s mission statement memorial and honor gifts given to the church.

Memorial Ministry Goals 2023

- 1. Continue the 2023 Trinity United Methodist Church scholarship ministry.
- 2. Repeat the All-Saints’ Day event on Sunday, November 05, 2023.
- 3. Continue to develop/implement a Memorial Ministry public relations and instructional campaign (memorial & honor gifts) using the following communication channels: Chimes, P/T website, brochure/s, announcements, internal campaigns with Missions’ Committee, personal letters to families and area funeral homes, etc.
- 4. Complete (to date) and display permanently in the Library the church’s official Book of Remembrance.
- 5. Develop one fundraising event with Trinity’s profits designated for the scholarship account or other worthy project/s as designated by Memorial Ministry.

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Trinity Memorial Ministry Financial Summary (October 31, 2023)

Current Checking Account Balance.....		\$15,558.96
TUMC Scholarship Account (Invested).....		\$13,907.49
“Wish List” Account		\$4,416.74
Designated Funds & Accounts.....		\$14,045.88
• Baby Vradenburg (2007) Memorial	Kirk Jewell (2021) Memorial	
• Willis/Lillian Cooper (2013) Memorial	Beata A. Elliott (2022) Memorial	
• Nancy Edwards (2013) Memorial	Freeman Family (2023) Honor Gift	
• John Garner (2015) Memorial	Steven M. Bethke (2023) Memorial	
• Marilyn Anderson (2020) Memorial		
Undesignated Funds & Accounts		\$1,513.08
• Ray J. Marshall (2021) Memorial	Harriet Reese (2023) Memorial	
• Elaine Coy (2021) Memorial	Shannon Trebus (2023) Memorial	
• Sarah Gonzalez (2021) Memorial	Lynette Schwichtenberg (2023)	
• Harry Monteith (2021) Memorial	Memorial	
• Jim Leonard (2021) Memorial		
• David B. Wanless (2021) Memorial		
• Bud & Ruth Moser (2021) Memorial		
• Margie E. Tanner (2023) Memorial		

A Service of Remembrance and Consecration of Gifts



Remembering Our Saints and Dedicating Our Gifts

from

November 06, 2022, through November 05, 2023

All Saints’ Day

Sunday, November 05, 2023

Pastor Rachel K. Olson and Memorial Ministry Chair Paul Murphey, Officiants

Trinity United Methodist Church Memorial Ministry 2023

Joan Bethke, Jerry Bower, Diane Cox, Rachel K. Olson (pastor), Monica Eernisse (treasurer), Paul Murphey (chair), Kathy Richardson, Barb Shannon (recording secretary), Russ Shannon, & Melissa Sprecher

Our 2023 Trinity Saints

- Steven Michael Bethke [February 15, 1980 – June 03, 2023]
- Robert (Bob) F. Kesting [June 02, 1950 – July 13, 2023]
- Margie E. (Orsburn) Tanner [September 04, 1929 – August 05, 2023]
- Harriet Reese [March 06, 1922 – September 09, 2023]
- Shannon P. Trebus [February 11, 1935 – September 29, 2023]
- Lynette Ellen Schwichtenberg [January 10, 1941 – October 19, 2023]
- Doris Kanable, Lorraine Ewing, Dwight Fruit (Peace UMC Saints)

The Service of Remembrance

“Those who trust in Him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with Him in love because grace and mercy are upon His elect, and He watches over His holy ones.”- Solomon 3:9

Paul (Opening Remarks on Behalf of Memorial Ministry)

Paul We are surrounded by a “great cloud of witnesses.”

People **Death has no dominion over them.**

Paul Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

People **For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Paul Let us pray. Almighty God, Your people of all the ages live and praise You without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn. Before Your throne, we are one with a great multitude, which no one could number, and in praising You we join with those from every nation. Grant to Your church on earth that as we celebrate the triumph of Your saints in glory that we may profit by their example and enter with them into the inexpressible joys You have prepared for those who love You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pastor For the immense crowd of angels and archangels who praise Your name with us today, O Lord, and who present to You our prayer unceasingly;

People **Blessed be You, O God, throughout eternity.**

Pastor For the immense crowd of saints who overcame the great trial and for the blessings that You worked and still work in and through them;

People **Blessed be You, O God, throughout eternity.**

Pastor For the immense crowd of saints who live in our midst today and who inspire us and others through their example and their teaching;

People **Blessed be You, O God, throughout eternity.**

Pastor For the high calling to which You have called us and for the love of Your son Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in it;

People **Blessed be You, O God, throughout eternity.**

Pastor On the day of All Saints, we remember with thanksgiving the members & friends of our church who have died during this past year. In our prayers we thank you Lord for granting them eternal rest and that we would be kept in communion with all the saints until we are reunited with them around the heavenly throne of God and the Lamb.

(Pastor reads each name; People respond with the phrase; “Lord hear our prayer,” as a candle is lit, and a bell tolls in remembrance.)

Pastor Let us pray. O God, the generations rise and pass away before You. You are the strength of those who labor; You are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of Your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in You. Because of their faith, they influenced many people in their day and in our day. Remind us that we have a unique purpose in this world, and help us to be an example of Christian living. Thank You for the “great cloud of witnesses.” **Amen.**

Our 2023 Memorial and Honor Gifts – Please See Gift List Insert.

The Service of Gift Consecration/Dedication

*“Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless Thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in Thy hand.”
- Samuel Longfellow, 1886*

Paul (Opening Remarks on Behalf of Memorial Ministry)

Paul On behalf of Trinity United Methodist Church Memorial Ministry, I present these memorial and honor gifts to you and to the church for consecration.

Pastor As Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, I accept these gifts to be consecrated to the glory of the Almighty God and for service in this church.

People **We accept these gifts as a sacred trust and will guard and use them reverently in loving memory or in honor of those who donated these items.**

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I consecrate these gifts to the glory of God. The memory and honor of the righteous are ever blessed. Let us pray.

People **Most loving God, without You no words or works of ours have meaning. Accept the gifts of our hands as symbols of our devotion. Grant us Your blessing, as we have consecrated these gifts to Your glory, that they may be an enduring witness before all Your people, and that our lives may be consecrated in Your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**