

**PEACE AND TRINITY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCHES**  
***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: December 3, 2023***

*We are called to bring all into the family of God and  
deepen/mature their faith in Jesus Christ. Using each of our  
individual gifts, we envision this happening through  
P-E-A-C-E.*

*Praise & celebrative worship*

*Evangelism – Inviting all to proclaim that Jesus Christ is  
Lord*

*Anchored in the word of God.*

*Compassionate, caring Christian community*

*Encompassing Ministries – focusing on the needs of the  
community and beyond.*



*The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is to  
become growing followers of Jesus Christ and to reach out  
to others in unconditional love because God first loved us.*



*Please silence or quiet your cell phone so we can worship and  
celebrate God together.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*\*This mark invited those who are able to please stand.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTOR’S OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**            *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*     196

**ADVENT WREATH: Lighting of the HOPE candle**

**Psalm 80:1-7**     *Paul & Louise Murphey*

Reader: Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph  
like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,  
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Awaken your might: come and save us.

**All: Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that  
we may be saved.**

Reader: How long, Lord God Almighty will your anger  
smolder against the prayers of your people? You have fed  
them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink  
tears by the bowlful. You have made us an object of derision  
to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.

**All: Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on  
us, that we may be saved.**

Reader: We light this candle as a sign of our hope. May we  
stay awake to God’s activity in the world as we wait in  
expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore  
us to the fullness of life with God and one another.

**All: Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on  
us, that we may be saved. Amen.**

**HYMN**            *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*     213

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**P: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against  
you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done  
and what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved You with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For our sake, and the sake of your son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your  
ways to the glory of your name.**

**A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: May Almighty God, have mercy on us all.

may our sins be forgiven through Christ,

may we be strengthened in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit may we know God’s

peace, in this life, and in life everlasting.

And all God’s people say...

**All: Amen!**

**MINI-MESSAGE (for Children of All Ages)**

**WORSHIP IN GIVING**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**WORSHIP IN THE WORD**

**Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9** (NIV)

**Scripture Lesson: Mark 13:24-37** (NIV)

**Sermon: God-Watching**

**PRAYER**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*The United Methodist Church celebrates an open  
communion. All who wish to receive the gift of the  
sacrament are welcome to participate.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**(pp. 13 UMH)**

**\*HYMN**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**140**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Peace:**

**Hymn Leader:** Kathy Schweinefus

**Pianist:** Jennifer Hall

**Scripture Reader:** Bonnie Richardson

**Sound Operator:** Paul Knower

**Trinity:**

**Pianist:** Jennifer Hall

**Scripture Reader:** Paul Murphey

*Prayer: Al might God, thank you for planting  
the seeds of your kingdom here on Earth. Hel  
us to be sensitive to your will. Amen*

### **PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

#### **This Week's Events:**

**03 Seeker's Class**

**Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.**

**05 Women's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Trinity Library**

**07 Al Anon - Noon**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**10 Seeker's Class**

**Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.**

**11 Charge/Church Conference: 5:30 p.m. - Seekers**

**12 Women's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. – Trinity Library**

**14 Al Anon - Noon**

### **TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

#### **This Week's Events:**

**03 Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.**

**04 PEO: 6:00 p.m. – Schmitt Fellowship Hall**

**05 Women's Bible Study – Library**

**06 Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**10 Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.**

**11 Charge/Church Conference: 4:00 p.m. - Library**

**12 Women's Bible Study – Library**

**13 Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.**



**TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY HOST**

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Many thanks to the Dianne Monson for hosting  
coffee hour today.

### **Peace United Methodist Church**

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Treasurer: Victor Vlasak

### **Trinity United Methodist Church**

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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Custodian: Bill Twining

### **Peace and Trinity United**

**Methodist Churches**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 3, 2023**





**“Springs of the Valley”** by Dorothy Brice are available at Peace. They can be found on the counter in Peace Plaza or on the table in the North Room by the steps. Please take a copy if you wish. There are also a few in the Narthex at Trinity for anyone to take.



## Annual Charge/Church Conference

Our Charge/Church Conference will be December 11<sup>th</sup>. Trinity at 4:00 p.m. and Peace at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Rev. Kimberly Brumm will be the facilitator for both churches. All Professing members are invited to attend your churches conference.



## Lights, Camera, Action!

For the next five weeks, Peace’s worship services will be broadcast over NOVA. Thank to Paul Knower for working with Ben Koelsch at NOVA to get our last

remaining five services on the airwaves. These DVD’s will be placed in our archive section at Trinity for prosperity.

You may watch the services on NOVA at 1:10 p.m. Sunday afternoons on channels:

Genuine Telcome – 12

Charter - 984

**At Trinity:** The list is out to sign up for a poinsettia or two. Please leave your name and the name of the person(s) you wish to place in memory of or in honor of. They will be displayed on the altar on December 17<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Eve Day.



**At Peace,** if you wish to bring in a poinsettia, please place it on the altar anytime in December. Any poinsettia’s brought in and not claimed after our December 24<sup>th</sup> service will be given to local nursing homes for all to enjoy.



**Advent Candle lighters and readers** are needed **at Trinity.** The Sundays are: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>. We need 4 Scripture readers for our Joint Christmas Eve Candlelight service at Trinity. We are asking for readers for Christmas Eve Service from both churches. The Candlelight service will be at 7:00 p.m. Please see Joan (office) if you can help. If you’re early enough, you can pick your Sunday.

Scripture reading for December 24<sup>th</sup>’s evening service is also open to anyone from Peace who would like to read. Please let Joan know.



**I am for sale at Peace.** There are two of us and we match! We’ve been cut down from an old pew and want to go home with you. Please make a bid and if you’re lucky, you can take me home on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

The money raised from the sale of these two pews will go towards a scholarship. We have a couple of bids already. Let’s get the ball rolling and get more people to bid on us. You can see us in Peace Plaza.

## Peace Christmas Tree in Rotary Park



Our Christmas Tree is up and looks absolutely beautiful. There is a full sized picture of the tree in all its glory on the table in Peace Plaza. Thanks to Katherine for taking the picture and to Jennifer for sending it to the office.

Thanks to Jennifer and Katherine Hall, Connie Frye and Joan Wheeler for getting it decorated.



**Trinity’s Children’s Christmas program** will be held December 10<sup>th</sup> during our worship service. Please plan to come and hear our young people. They are awesome!



## Mission Project at Peace For December

At the last Ad Council meeting our next Mission project was discussed. It was decided to make our Mission focus for December Passages and the Free Clinic. Please mark your envelope or check for either one and place in the offering plate.

## Mission Project at Trinity for December



**Trinty's Mission for December** will be the Salvation Army. Please look for the article in The CHIMES or on the Missions bulletin board.

This is a list of what we support in Richland County.

Homeless Shelter: A Child's Place opened in May, 2007

Food

Clothing

Shelter – Motels, rent, and mortgage

Utilities

Medical emergency, such as prescription medication

Camp in New Berlin

Pool passes

Band instrument rental

Sport shoes

Drug/alcohol treatment (in Milwaukee area)

School supplies

Employment-related needs, such as special shoes

Disaster Assistance

GED test payment

Other miscellaneous areas

If interested in bell ringing, please call Jay B. Mueller at 608-647-3169 or e-mail at [mulrcats@hotmail.com](mailto:mulrcats@hotmail.com).



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Peace

#### December Birthdays

Lois Anderson	12/3
Connie Frye	12/5
Dean Braithwaite	12/13
Jay Kanable	12/18
Barb Borton	12/20

#### December Anniversary

Larry & Cheryl Winte 12/6

### Trinity

#### December Birthdays

Teige Perkins	12/4	Sally McCollum	12/24
Shirley Steiner	12/4	Tammy Fritz	12/25
Gary Mott	12/5	Paul Turgasen	12/26
Amelia Shannon	12/18	Carrie Richardson	12/29
Benjamin Otto	12/19	Tom Richardson	12/29
Oakley Schneider	12/20	Ayden Ewing	12/31
Joan Bethke	12/22	Destiny Shannon	12/31
Jerod McCollum	12/22	Jamie Steinmetz	12/31
Nicholas Bastian	12/24	Lee Steinmetz	12/31

#### December Anniversaries

Fuzz & Nancy McCauley 12/30

## Announcements

**Peace Only.** Things that hold a meaning for you are being offered to our members. If there is a picture, chair, clock, hymnal, Bible, tables, etc. you would like to keep as a remembrance of Peace, please put your name on a post it note and place on the item you want. At our last Worship service, please take the item with you that you want. This is a limited time offer as the new buyers will



be able to go through in another week and see what they want to stay at church for their use. Please note office items are exempt.

## At Peace



As we wind down our church year, when you feel you will no longer need your keys to the church or to the office, please leave in the office with your name on them; give to Terry Nimocks or Joan Wheeler so they can add your name to the returned keys list. All keys MUST be turned in by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you.

## We're Moving!



**Peace needs to be moved out by December 29<sup>th</sup> according to the Conference Office.** That means everything we are taking with us needs to be out by that Friday. So if you have asked for something from

Peace, please make sure to take it by then. Joan will move the computer from the office to Trinity on that day and get it set up over there for her to use.

If you are available to help us load things up and get them moved out on the 29<sup>th</sup>, please speak with Terry Nimocks.