

Trinity United Methodist Church
2ND Sunday in Advent; December 10, 2023

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 hanging 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!



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

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:1-8 (NIV)

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: God of Our Deepest and Most Heartfelt Faith, when your people long for redemption and peace, you call forth your prophets to speak to them. “Comfort, comfort my people,” you tell them. “Speak tenderly to them and let them know they have served their term, that their penalty is paid, that they have received from your hand double for all their sins” (*Isaiah 40:1*)

People: We who gather today also seek comfort and rest for our souls. We long for justice. We yearn for a loving and faith-filled community, where there is equity and flourishing for all.

Pastor: We are here and we are listening, O LORD.
Listening for that voice calling out to us from the
wilderness. We await your messenger, bringing us all the
great Good News.

**People: We pray for Emmanuel. For God to be with us.
For your Spirit to be poured out upon us once again,
cleansing us, restoring us and empowering us to serve
the world in your name.**

HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 234
Vs 1-4

ADVENT WREATH -- Lighting of the Hope and FAITH Candles

Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 *Russ Shannon*
 Pastor: We light these candles as signs of our abiding FAITH . May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen. *Trinity youth*

*HYMN *Go Tell It on the Mountain* 258

***AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH, The Apostles Creed**
We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he
descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and will come again to judge the living and
the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
*catholic**** church, the communion of saints,**
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen. (*universal)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

HYMN *Star Child (Faith We Sing)* 2095

WORSHIP IN GIVING

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Individual/Silent

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN *Angels From the Realms of Glory* 220

***BENEDICTION**

*POSTLUDE

Peace:

Hymn Leader: Rosanne Knower

Pianist: Jennifer Hall

Scripture Reader: Connie Frye

Sound Operator: Paul Knower

Trinity:

Pianist: Sharon Moore

Scripture Reader: Russ Shannon

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, may I remember that you
are always closer than I think or realize. Amen*

PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This Week's Events:

- 10 Seeker's Class
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service on NOVA: 1:10 p.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

Upcoming Events:

- 17 Seeker's Class: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
- 19 No Women's Bible Study – Trinity
- 20 Newsletter deadline: noon
- 21 Al Anon: Noon

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This Week's Events:

- 10 **Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.**
Children's Christmas Program
- 11 Charge/Church Conference: 4:00 p.m. - Library
- 12 Women's Bible Study – Library
- 13 Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- 17 Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
- 19 No Women's Bible Study
- 20 Newsletter deadline: Noon
- 21 Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
HOST ...

Many thanks to the Trinity Youth for
hosting coffee hour today.

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Faith



“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 11th. 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 Kowner 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 17th 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 24th service will be given to local nursing homes for all to enjoy.



Advent Candle lighters and readers are needed **at Trinity**. We currently have two Advent readers and lighters for the first two readings for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. We need three more people to read/light our Advent candles. The Candlelight service will be at 7:00 p.m. Please see Joan (office) if you can help.

Scripture reading for December 24th’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 29th.

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.



Picture #1



Picture #2

Up For Silent Auction

These two beautiful Gordon Glass pictures, which are located in Peace Plaza, are up for sale. They are labeled #1 and #2 on the actual picture itself. Please bid on them as proceeds will go towards a scholarship.

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.



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 31st. Thank you.

We’re Moving!



Peace needs to be moved out by December 29th according to the Conference Office. That means everything we are taking with us needs to be out by that Friday. So if

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