

PEACE AND TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCHES
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 17, 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.*

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*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.*
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*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

OPENING PRAYER
Pastor: Gracious God, when Your people were surrounded
by hardship, suffering, and grief, Isaiah proclaimed: “The
spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has
anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the
oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty
to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the
year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our
God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who
mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the
oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise
instead of a faint spirit (*Isaiah 61:1-3a*).

People: We come today as people who also know pain
and suffering. We too have experienced hardship and
grief. And yet, we know that the Holy Spirit is here
among us -- comforting and anointing, inspiring freedom
where there is captivity, declaring blessing in places the
world has cursed, and igniting joy where mourning and
heartache have prevailed.

Pastor: Holy One, we are Your people. We bear witness to
the persistent and inexplicable joy that sustains our lives.

People: We are God’s people. We raise our hearts and
our voices. We declare and demonstrate the joy of our
Lord to each other and to all the world. In His name we
pray. Amen.

***HYMN** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* 206

ADVENT WREATH -- Lighting of the JOY candle

Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 *Jerry Bower*
Pastor: We light these candles as signs of our hope for the
world, our desire for peace on earth, and our joy at hearing
the Good News that God is with us. May our hearts shine
with the joy of the Light of Christ, as we wait and work for
the coming of God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.
All: Amen.

HYMN *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* 240

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -- UMH #885**

L: Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
There is the one true church, apostolic, and
universal,
Whose holy faith let us now declare:

P: We believe in God the Father,
Infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
Whose mercy is over all his works,
And whose will is ever directed
to his children’s good.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of Man,
The gift of the Father’s unfailing grace,
The ground of our hope,

And the promise of our deliverance
from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit
As the divine presence in our lives,
Whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
Of the truth of Christ,
And find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
In the service of love
As set forth in our example of our blessed Lord,
To the end that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth. Amen.

MINI MESSAGE (for Children of all ages)

WORSHIP IN GIVING
Offertory
***Doxology (All Sing)** 95
***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.*

WORSHIP IN THE WORD
Scripture Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NIV)
Scripture Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (NIV)
Sermon: Good Vibrations

***HYMN** *Joy to the World* 246
***BENEDICTION**
***POSTLUDE**

Peace:

Hymn Leader: Rosanne Knowler
Pianist: Jennifer Hall
Scripture Reader: Katherine Hall
Sound Operator: Paul Knowler

Trinity:

Pianist: Jennifer Hall
Scripture Reader: Jerry Bower

**Prayer: May I be your servant, O God, in
spreading joy a good cheer today. Amen**

PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This Week's Events:

- 17 **Seeker's Class: 9:30 a.m.**
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service on NOVA: 1:10 p.m.
- 19 No Women's Bible Study – Trinity
20 Newsletter deadline: noon
21 Al Anon: Noon

Upcoming Events:

- 24 Seeker' Class: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service on NOVA: 1:10 p.m.
- 25 Christmas Day – the office is closed
27 Al Anon: Noon

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This Week's 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.

Upcoming Events:

- 24 Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
Candlelight Service: 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Christmas Day – the office is closed
26 Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY HOST
Many thanks to Joan Bethke for hosting coffee
hour today

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***Peace and Trinity United
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3rd Sunday of Advent
December 17, 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.



Lights, Camera, Action!

For the next five weeks, Peace’s worship services will be broadcast over NOVA. Thank to Paul Knowler 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: Thank you to all who signed up for poinsettias! You may still give towards the big poinsettia plant on the altar if you wish. We will add you name to the list.



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. There is plenty of room for more flowers.



Advent Candle lighters and readers are needed **at Trinity**. We need three more Advent readers/lighters for our Candlelight service on the 24th. We have the first three readers lined up, so if you’d like to read/light a candle, please let Joan know right away so she can get the Scripture to you. Our Candlelight service will be a joint service at Trinity at 7:00 p.m.

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.



There are loose pictures on front pew in the sanctuary for anyone to take with them as a memento of our years here at Peace. Please feel free to look at them, and take whatever ones you wish.



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. If no one bids on these pictures, they will go to Trinity. Paul Murphey has a place he’d like to place them.

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 or place in the offering plate.



One final picture of our church family. Paul Knowler will graciously take a picture today after worship service of all of us in attendance and have it placed in our archives. If you would like a picture, please speak to Paul about getting a print. You will be responsible for the cost of the picture you want.

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

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 you have asked for something from Peace, please make sure to take it by then. Joan will move the computer from her office to Trinity on that day (with John Storer’s help) 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 29th, please speak with Terry Nimocks.