

*The Soon To-be-Named Unified United
Methodist Church
Of Richland Center, Wisconsin
2ND Sunday after the Epiphany: January 14, 2024*

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!
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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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Christ teaches that, if we have the eyes to see it, the ears to hear it, the heart to feel it, and the faith to live it, the Kingdom of God is right here, with us now, in this very place and time.

P: We stand on the threshold of truth. We are perched on the branches of justice. O God, let your Reign be recognized and accepted among all your people.

L: Across the horizon we see the outline of peace and harmony. Our hearts know a more loving world is possible.

P: With privilege comes responsibility. With responsibility comes accountability. With accountability comes honesty. With honesty comes faithfulness.

L: O God, we beseech you today; guide us and equip us to live faithfully and compassionately in your Kingdom!

P: O God, in the name of Christ, help us to recognize and accept your Reign. First, in our hearts, then in our lives, and finally in our witness to the world beyond these walls.

PASTOR’S OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN** *The Gift of Love* 408

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *UMH 885*

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 the 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

- *Doxology**
- *Prayer of Dedication**

WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Individual

Pastoral

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 *We Are God’s People* 2220
Faith We Sing

WORSHIP IN THE WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (NIV)
Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (NIV)
Sermon: Human Relations

***HYMN** *Help Us Accept Each Other* 560

Pianist: Sharon Moore
Scripture Reader: Connie Frye

Prayer: O God, how easy it is to get so busy with life, that we don't have time to sit still and listen for what the Spirit may be saying. Calm me down, God. Speak to me in the stillness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Week's Events:

14 Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Human Relations Sunday

Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.

15 Ad Council Mtg: 4:00 p.m. - Library

17 Newsletter deadline: Noon

Dance Class: 4:00 p.m.

18 Seeker's Class: 10:00 a.m. - Library

Upcoming Events:

21 Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.

24 Dance Class

25 Seeker's Class: 10:00 a.m. - Library



January Birthdays

Brady Joyce	1/1	Jennifer Richardson	1/19
Nancy Pulvermacher	1/2	Mary Otto	1/20
Juliette Hall	1/2	Russ Shannon	1/20
Anna Pulvermacher	1/3	Ed Fink	1/22
Kyle Pulvermacher	1/3	Barb Nimocks	1/22
Megan Goodyear	1/4	Trey Schneider	1/24
Kathy Bastian	1/9	Diane Cox	1/26
Bernie Couey	1/9	Ron Steinmetz	1/27
Timothy Otto	1/10	Terri Kaszubski	1/27
Cheryl Stanley	1/16	Bill Stebbins	1/28
Mike Windstrup	1/18	Melissa Sprecher	1/30
		Jeremiah Storer	1/30

January Anniversary

Al & Deb Walling 1/29

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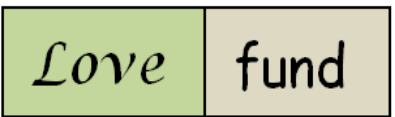
Website: www.umchurchrc.org &

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Administrative Assistant: Joan Wheeler

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Monica Eernisse

Custodian: Bill Twining



The January

Mission Focus will

support Trinity's Love

Fund, a pastor's

discretionary fund for

anyone with emergency needs. Requests are kept confidential and recipients remain anonymous. Please read more in the newsletter.



3 Ring Binders

There are lots of 3 ring binders in various sizes for anyone who wants some. Please see Joan in the office and she'll show you what we have. They are free!



TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY
HOST

Many thanks to Diane Cox for hosting
coffee hour today.

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Human Relations Day

There are many examples of how our gifts to the Human Relations Day offering are changing communities near and far.

United Methodist congregations support communities through their gifts to the Human Relations Day offering. Pray and seek God’s guidance to discern how you can support outreach to these communities.

Our gifts on Human Relations Day work together to empower faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. One example is when a woman went to the Better Community Development, Inc. and was transformed into a vessel for Jesus. She had struggled with addiction for her entire life and was able to find recovery and Jesus within the beloved and supportive community at BCD. Now, she works as a faith leader in the community, working with women who have completed the in-patient program and preventing relapse by encouraging spiritual connection. The following is a quote from the faith leader ta: ken from a story by Caroline Loftin, contributing writer from Theresa Hoover Memorial Church “When you strive to be the best version of you that you can be, you start to embrace who God created you to be because you start to get proud of yourself, and God truly shows he’s proud.”

The Better Community Development, Inc. is a beautiful example of a community listening to the needs and hearts of the people and responding with faith and love. With support from a Human Relations Day grant, the BCD is lifting up those in their community who need the heart of Jesus.

Thank you for supporting neighborhood ministries that affect change within vulnerable communities.

