

# Trinity Bells

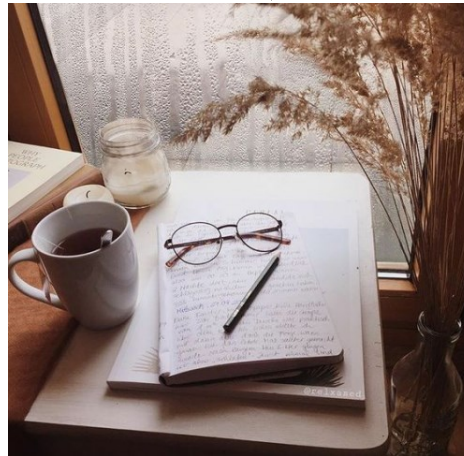
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### Stirrings From Susan

Throughout Epiphany, Jesus is 'revealed.' His calling is revealed in his baptism, his mission is revealed in his sermon in his hometown (Luke 4), and his way of calling others is revealed in his call to the disciples and in the work he teaches them to do. I love that we have all this time with Jesus before Lent this year. We are invited into the depths of his ministry and his work with the disciples.

One of the clear ideas of this season is that of 'call'. We know that whenever God has work to do, God calls out a particular person for that ministry, that mission, that moment. We know that God called Abraham to a journey and Moses, to 'set My people free'. We know of Esther's calling, and each of the

prophets, including, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, and others. We know that God called Mary to give birth to Jesus, and called 12 disciples. We know that other disciples came alongside the 12, including many women, and were an integral part of God's calling.

Os Guinness, in his book, The Call, more than most has stirred in me a deeper longing to understand my own call and the call to each of you, who are members of this church and of the Church universal. What does it mean to be called? "Calling is the truth that God calls us to himself so decisively that everything we are, everything we do, and everything we have is invested with a special devotion and dynamism lived out as a response to this summons and service.

Our primary calling as followers of Christ is by him, to him, and for him. Our secondary calling, considering God's sovereignty is that everyone, everywhere, and in everything should think, speak, live, and act entirely out for God.

The truth is not that God is finding us a place for our gifts, but that God has created us and our gifts for a place of God's own choosing – and we will only be our truest selves when we are



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**The Church in Review:**

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**Office Hours:**

Monday:- Wednesday  
 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 Thursday - 8:00 a.m. - noon

**Sunday Worship:** 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hour follows service.

**Holy Communion:**

First Sunday of the Month

**Sunday School:**

Every Sunday from the first week of  
 September through first week of June.  
 (exceptions are noted weekly.)

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Susan Stull Carr

**Director of Music & Organist:**

Mike Hetzel

**Sound Technician:**

Pat Matthews

**Administrative Assistant:**

Carol Capes

**Cleaning Custodian:**

Jodie Gerard

**Maintenance Custodian:**

Eric Dahm

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 United Church of Christ

**Submitting Articles:**

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**Stirrings (con'd from page 1)**

finally there. A life lived listening to the decisive call of God is a life lived before the audience that trumps all others – an Audience of One.

God's call resonates in us at the depths that no other call can reach and draws us on and out and up to heights no other call can scale or see.

When Jesus calls, he calls us one by one. Comparisons are idle, speculation about others is a waste of time, and envy as silly as it is evil. We are each called individually, accountable to God alone, to please God alone, and eventually to be judged by God alone. If ever we are tempted to look around, compare notes, and use the progress of others to judge the success of our own calling, we will hear what Peter heard, "What is that to you? Follow me!"

Challenged, inspired, rebuked and encouraged by God's call, we cannot for a moment settle down to the uncomfortable, the mediocre, the banal, the boring. The call is always to the higher, the deeper, the further." - Os Guinness

"You see things as they are and ask "Why?", but I dream things that never were and ask, "Why not?" – George Bernard Shaw

"I don't do big things, I do small things with big love." - Mother Teresa

"Doing the right thing at the right moment multiplies the effect incalculably. – Anonymous

Perhaps you heard Jesus calling a long time ago, and chose not to follow. Perhaps you have been following for a long time. Perhaps, just maybe, this is the year that you will hear Jesus call and choose to follow.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Susan*

## Did You Know...

...how long it took to plan and construct Trinity's original church building? Following Trinity's founding in October 1869, the first elected church board drew up a constitution, appointed a building committee, selected a site to build a church on and start a cemetery, purchased a one-acre parcel of land on the west side of Calhoun Road for one hundred and eighty dollars, designed a 30 by 45 foot brick church building with a schoolroom in the basement, and selected a carpentry company, all by February 1870. In the next six months, a contract was issued to the carpentry company, the excavation for the church was started, the congregation purchased the brick for the building, church members hauled the building materials, church members did most of the masonry work, and the finished church building was dedicated on August 21, 1870. The total cost of the church building was \$2,203 and this debt was paid off by March 30, 1873. The first burial in the church cemetery was also in 1870. Church members were allowed to build, at their own expense, sheds to shelter their horses and buggies on the north side of the church, starting in 1871. Trinity purchased four parcels of land around the church from 1876 to 1894 – one-half acre on the west side of the church in June 1876 for \$100, one-half acre on the south side of the church in October 1876 for \$100, one-half acre on the south side of the church in October 1883 for \$100, and one acre on the north side of the church in February 1894 for \$200.

In Trinity's early history, many local residents called Trinity "The German Church" because its founding members were German and worship services were conducted in German. But more likely, local residents referred to Trinity as "The Rooster Church" due to the large rooster that sat on top of the cross at the pinnacle of the original church steeple that was built in 1870. The widespread use of roosters on churches dates back to the ninth century A.D. At that time, the pope decreed that every church in Europe should mount a rooster form on its dome or steeple as a reminder to the congregation not to deny their faith as the Apostle Peter did when the cock crowed three times the morning after the Last Supper. Weather vanes were also a valuable

wind indicator for the local farmers to know which direction an impending storm was coming from. When the rooster changed directions, farmers had time to take shelter or get crops in before damage could occur. Trinity's rooster was taken down in 1904 when the old steeple was taken down and a new bell tower was erected.

Bob Rohrig

(Sources: The Winchester Star website [www.winchester.com](http://www.winchester.com), "Historic Rooster Weather Vanes Adorn Churches" by F.C.Lowe, Feb.27, 2003; The Milwaukee Journal, September 4, 2005, "Weather vanes enjoy gust of popularity" by F.I.Heins, New York Times News Service; and Trinity's historical records)



The "Rooster Church", 1870



## Trinity's Helping Hands "Caught in the Act" For this Last Month:

*[Editor's note: Many people donate their time making Trinity Church a better place. Listed above are but a few — please let the church office know when you see someone "caught in the act" so we can list them, too!]*

**Paula Matthews** – WOW! again Paula decorated the Sanctuary, Gathering Place, and Lobby for Christmas. Each week of Advent she adds decorations to the areas so that the full impact of Christmas is the Sunday before December 24. What a gift Paula brings to Trinity! Her volunteer efforts to Trinity are illustrated every Sunday in her decorations around the church.

**Paula's Christmas Tree decorating team** – each season there are numerous volunteers who assist with putting the Christmas tree together, decorating the tree, taking it down at the end of the Holiday season, and packing it up for next year. The men and women who assist with this as well as those who help with the placement of the poinsettias are many. In addition, we thank Mark Burbey and his team of men who place the crèche outside, take it down, and place in storage. Thanks to all of you.

**Meghan Dahm** – this young lady is "Johnny on the spot" when she is needed to serve as an acolyte either to light the candles or extinguish them. Also, she joins the children periodically when it is their time with the Pastor. We appreciate and love the way you step in to help, Meghan!

**Ushers** – this group of volunteers are an important part of Trinity's worship services. Sometimes these members serve several times during a month. We really need more ushers, so talk to Lynne Mielke or Marlene Helinski and say, "I can help out, what do I need to do?"



### Birthdays this Month:

Janice Garens	02/03
Jean Schuster	02/06
Lisa Corley	02/06
Meredith Lang	02/10
Zachary Hanson	02/11
Donald Wedel	02/11
Norman Kosanke	02/12
Jean Gichert	02/12
Jan Glasenapp	02/12
Pat Basting	02/17
Dan Rieves	02/19
Sarah Komassa	02/23
Fred Theilacker	02/23



### Anniversaries this Month:

Lynne & Dave Mielke      02/09/1964

## Our Special Care Call List

Your cards, thoughts, and special prayers are requested for these members of Trinity' church

- Feb. 3** Marion Wandsneider  
777 Brookfield Regency  
Brookfield, WI 53045
  
- Feb. 10** Glenn Siebert  
4665 Meadow View West  
Brookfield, WI 53005
  
- Feb. 17** Geraldine Masch  
5031 North 126th Street  
Butler, WI 53007
  
- Feb. 24** Bev Littman  
Harbour Village  
5600 Mockingbird Lane,  
Apt. C104  
Greendale, WI 53129
  
- Mar. 3** Donna Brill  
N71 W13918 Nicolet Ct.  
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051



“The fire is burning cheerily bright,  
The room is snug and warm;  
We keep afar the wintry night,  
And drive away the storm.”

-James Gates Percival

## Worship Attendance:



December 2 = 69

December 9 = 57

December 16 = 78

December 23 = 85

December 24 = 115

December 30 = 51

This makes for an average worship attendance of 76 for the month.

## Trinity Church Council 2019 Members

**Kathy Immekus**, President,  
Business & Office Chair

**Chris Faulk**, Vice President  
Missions & Social Concerns

**Kathryn Dierbeck**,  
Secretary & Stewardship

**Terri Allen**, Treasurer,  
Finance Chair

**Mark Burbey**, Property Chair

**Robin Komassa**, Business & Office

**Lynne Mielke**, Worship & Arts

**Roberta Stanley**,

Endowment/Memorial

**Peg Zahn**, Christian Nurture

## *What's happening at Trinity...*

### *Sunday, February 3*

*150th Anniversary Meeting* 11:00 a.m.

### *Saturday, February 9*

*Game Night* 5:00-8:00 p.m.

### *Sunday, February 10*

*Worship/Scout Sunday* 10:00 a.m.

### *Tuesday, February 12*

*Mercy Mat Cutting* 10:00 a.m.

### *Sunday, February 17*

*Search Committee Retreat* 11:00 a.m.

### *Sunday, February 24*

*Usher/Head Usher Meeting* 11:00 a.m.

### *Sunday, March 3*

*Mardi Gras Worship* 10:00 a.m.

*Mardi Gras Luncheon* 11:00 a.m.

### *Wednesday, March 6*

*Ash Wednesday Worship* 7:30 p.m.

### *Sunday, March 10*

*Worship—First Sunday of Lent* 10:00 a.m.

*Council Open Forum* 11:00 a.m.

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Remember to "Save these dates!"

***Don't forget — the Next BELLS  
deadline is February 12***

# February 2019

## TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

4435 North Calhoun Road  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Worship/Communion Sunday School 150th Anniv Mtg—DH—11:00 a.m. Boy Scouts—DH&EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.	4 Quilters—DH & EdW—9am-4pm Dartball: Greendale @ TUCC—EdW 7:15 p.m.	5 Quilters—DH & EdW—9am-4pm Dartball: TUCC—EdW 7:15 p.m.	6 Cup of Life—DH—10:00 a.m. Missions—DH—2:00 p.m.	7 Worship & Arts—DH—1:00 p.m.	8 Game Night—DH&EdW—5:00 p.m.	9 Game Night—DH&EdW—5:00 p.m.
10 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. CNF—YR—9:00 A.M. Worship/Scout Sunday/Council Installation—10:00 a.m. Sunday School Boy Scouts—EdW & DH—6:30-8:30 p.m.	11 Quilters—DH & EdW—9am-4pm Council—DH—7:00 p.m.	12 Mercy Mat Cutting—DH—10:00 a.m.	13	14	15	16
17 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Worship—10:00 a.m. Sunday School Search Committee Retreat—DH—11:00 a.m. Boy Scouts—DH&EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.	18 Quilters—DH & EdW—9am-4pm Dartball: TUCC @ Calvary	19 Growth & Outreach—DH—6:30 p.m.	20	21 Property—DH—7:00 p.m.	22	23
24 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Worship—10:00 a.m. Sunday School Usher/Head Usher Mtg—DH—11:00 a.m. Boy Scout Committee—DH & EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.	25 Quilters—DH & EdW—9am-4pm Dartball: TUCC vs. Christ UCC—EdW—7:15 p.m.	26	27	28	<p><b>Key to Locations:</b> DH = Dining Hall Ed W = Education Wing of Church GP = Gathering Place YR = Youth Room</p>	



**ANNOUNCERS**

February 3 Property  
 February 10 Worship & Art  
 February 17 Council President  
 February 24 Missions  
 March 3 Finance

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

February 3 Missions  
 February 10 Missions  
 February 17 Missions  
 February 24 Missions  
 March 3 Missions

**FIRST RESPONDERS**

February 3 Jan Glasenapp  
 February 10 Emily Dahm  
 February 17 Chris Faulk  
 February 24 Jean Gichert  
 March 3 Jan Glasenapp

**GREETERS**

February 3 The Dahm Family  
 February 10 Kathy Haass  
 February 17 Sharon & Bob Thomas  
 February 24 Kathy Leslie  
 March 3 Judy Taylor

**GUPPY ROOM**

February 3 Peg Zahn  
 February 10 Kathy Immekus  
 February 17 Kathy Haas  
 February 24 Kathy Dahm

**OFFERING COUNTERS**

February 3 Jay Preston & Dawn Faulk  
 February 10 Dan Rieves & Sarah Komassa  
 February 17 Dan Dierbeck & Kathy Immekus  
 February 24 Jay Preston & Dawn Faulk  
 March 3 Dan Rieves & Dan Dierbeck

**PROJECTIONISTS**

February 3 Carol Capes  
 February 10 Eric Dahm  
 February 17 Kathy Immekus  
 February 24 Christina Matthews  
 March 3 Carol Capes

**USHERS**

February 3 Bob Rohrig, Kahney Rohrig,  
 Dawn Faulk, Jan Fredrick  
 February 10 Kathy Haass, Joe Halvorson  
 Dawn Faulk, Diane Siebold  
 February 17 Lou Frank, Jan Frank,  
 Jan Fredrick, Eric Dahm  
 February 24 Bob Thomas, Sharon Thomas  
 Ralph Zahn, Peg Zahn  
 March 3 Bob Rohrig, Kahney Rohrig  
 Dawn Faulk, Diane Siebold

**READERS**

February 3 Bob Thomas  
 February 10 Edith Heins  
 February 17 Sharon Thomas  
 February 24 Mindy Wirth  
 March 3 Lou Frank

**WELCOMERS**

February 3 Lynne Mielke  
 February 10 Jan Schuster  
 February 17 Lori Krueger  
 February 24 Kathy Immekus  
 March 3 Eric Dahm

**WORSHIP LEADER**

February 3 Christina Matthews  
 February 10 Lynne Mielke  
 February 17 Naomi Stewart  
 February 24 Lori Krueger  
 March 3 Edith Heins





## Holding In Our Prayers:

- ✦ Members who are healing from illness or surgery.
- ✦ Members who are ill or undergoing various treatments
- ✦ Caregivers
- ✦ Our public servants: fire fighters, police, paramedics
- ✦ Our missionaries and church teams serving around the globe, especially in Kenya and Ghana
- ✦ Our young adults – in colleges and vocational schools and those working and those still seeking
- ✦ Our national and world leaders
- ✦ Those cleaning up from the devastation of floods and fires
- ✦ Those for whom the season of Christmas is most difficult

We are trying to put together a prayer list that will be in our newsletter as well as in our weekly bulletin. If you do not wish to be put on a prayer list, please let either Pastor Susan or Carol, our administrative assistant. We do not want to put people on who wish to remain private. But if you have someone's permission to list their name, or would like to be put on this list, please let -Carol know. (262-781-9378 or at [contact@trinitybrookfield.org](mailto:contact@trinitybrookfield.org))



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## Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez!

Let the good times keep rolling after the Jazz Worship Service on March 3rd and come on down to the Dining Hall for lunch. The Mission Committee will be serving Creole Pulled Chicken Sandwich, Cajun Onion Soup, Salad, and Dessert.

See Dave Mielke or Joe Halvorson for tickets. Adults are \$15.00 and children are \$7.00. All proceeds will go to Back Bay Mission in Back Bay, Mississippi.



## Mercy Mats

Plastic bags are used as a mattress on the cold ground to provide warmth. It takes 300-400 bags for one 36" x 6' mat. It's easy to cut the bags—something to do while watching TV. The only thing you need is a scissors

This is a church mission. Before you bring your bags to church, it would be a big help to cut them into strips before adding them to the LARGE SUPPLY Trinity already has gathered. Also, more crocheters are needed to put the mats together.

We will be working on this project on Tuesday, February 12 and Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Dining Hall. All you need is a scissors to join in on this worthwhile project.



## “SEARCH” LISTENING SESSIONS

During this interim time, there are several transitions that can happen to assist a local congregation with preparing for a new minister and ministry. During our time together, several of these ‘experiments’ are now underway. After meeting with your Search Committee, we agreed that it would be helpful to do some work around the questions they must answer for the Church Profile. The profile is quite different than in past manifestations and requires that a church be thoughtful about where it is in terms of its mission outward into the community and what particular needs it feels a pastor must address during their tenure.

In order to facilitate congregational participation, the Search Committee agreed to become our “Transition Team” during what they are calling “Stage Two” of their profile development. To that end, I’ve suggested several sessions where we will discuss and explore questions that will help them write your profile. It is the hope of all of us that these sessions will be done by mid-May and the Search Committee can write the profile and have it ready for submission by early fall.

These sessions are intended for as many members of the congregation to come on any given date – and you don’t need to be at all of them – for some lively conversations about where God is calling us.

Some of the sessions will focus on 1) A Biblical Understanding of Church”, 2) Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT); 3) Our History and Neighborhood; 4) Discerning God’s Vision for Trinity; 5) Handling Our Differences/Conflict Skills; 6) Mission Statement and Setting Our Goals. As I’ve been searching for resources that are available, I am discovering that several statements and pieces are already available. This will help focus our work and will keep us from covering old territory.

To that end, it seems as if we need 4-6 gathering times to do work that will be effective and meaningful and transformational. Just because we write words on a paper doesn’t mean we will be able to live into that future. Discovering what tools and resources are needed will help equip all of you for the work ahead.

I’m suggesting that our first gathering be on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. We will have a light lunch and jump right into our first exploration. We will try to finish our work no later than 1:30 p.m. I’m suggesting a longer retreat session to be held on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> or March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 – 2. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. Then, on March 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have another meeting after worship from 11:15-1:30. I’d like to have another retreat on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-2 and then wrap things up on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:15 – 1:30. We won’t use all of those dates, but please put all of them on your calendars. This is a gathering in which all people from the church are welcome to contribute your ideas. If you are an old-timer, a new visitor, a long-time participant, but not a member, a new member, you are invited to attend any and all of these as you can. If you’d like to help with providing support for the meals, please contact me. Pastor Susan

## TUCC Webpage Update

Trinity’s website is up and running. It’s important that we keep it updated. People search the internet all the time for goods and services. People who may be looking for a church will find our website which is the first impression we can give to potential newcomers. Our website is the frontline for our entire ministry. It can also help our existing members find the information that they need for what is happening in our church. **That’s why it is important that what is on the website is updated with current information and we need everyone’s help.** Committees need to submit the events that they have coming up and also let people know what they are about. It’s up to all of us to keep the website current. What a great way to have visitors be introduced to us as a church.

All articles or information should be turned in to Chris Faulk, our webmaster. You can email articles to Chris at [tophy79@gmail.com](mailto:tophy79@gmail.com) or put a copy of any articles in Chris’s mail slot at church.

## JAZZ, LUNCH & BACK BAY MISSION!



On March 3, Trinity's Mission Committee will again sponsor a New Orleans style lunch after the Sunday morning Jazz Worship service.

In addition to great music and delicious food in

preparation for the Lenten season, there is another important reason for this celebration. All of the proceeds from the lunch will be donated to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. Back Bay is in a unique position to help the people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast and is the only ministry of the UCC in this area.

Through the UCC, Back Bay is able to draw on a national network of supporters who are invested in serving the people of the Gulf Coast. Our Christian values are the basis for a loving, respectful approach to serving the poor and marginalized. As a ministry that has served the Gulf Coast for more than 90 years, a proven approach to service has evolved.

Back Bay is also able to export what they have learned to churches and communities across the United States. This is done through its mission immersion experiences and partnerships with other ministries of the UCC.

We hope to provide you with more information about Back Bay in the weeks before the Mardi Gras Lunch.

If you are not able to attend the festivities on March 3, please consider a donation to this very worthy organization.



Dear Friends of Trinity,

Thank you for the beautiful Christmas plant and to Janet Schuster for her visit, also the many cheerful cards from Joann She and the cards from church members. Thanks.

God Bless All,

Marion Wandsneider



### Inclement Weather Cancellation Information

When weather conditions are severe, please note that cancellation of Trinity Events will be posted on local Television stations 12, 6 and WTMJ 4. (Spectrum Cable 2) The traveling safety of members is most important when decisions need to be made regarding worship and events.

# 2018 Children's Christmas Program



The choir added their angelic voices to the service.

Kathy Haass, Trinity's Sunday School Superintendent, kept the program running.



## Cast Members:



- Chloe Brown, Mary
- Lori Krueger, Angel
- Meghan Dahm, Angel,
- Cooper Brown, Joseph
- Stephanie Corley, Stranger
- Hayley Koch, Angel
- Savannah Corley, Donkey
- Layla Lammers, Angel



## Scout Sunday



On Sunday, **February 10**, Trinity will be recognizing and honoring members of Boy Scout Troop 21 and everyone who has been involved in scouting at some time in their life.

Trinity holds the charter for Troop 21 and they are a very active troop meeting here several times a month. Perhaps you've seen them here at church helping at the indoor and outdoor cleanup, the craft fair, or other miscellaneous activities at Trinity. There have been two or three Eagle Scout projects that have enhanced the church property.

Anyone who has been involved in a Boy or Girl Scout troop of any kind is welcome to wear his/her uniform to church that Sunday.

We thank Troop 21 for all the help they have given to our church in the past. When you see them here on February 10, please give them your personal thanks!

Worship & Arts Committee

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