

Trinity Bells

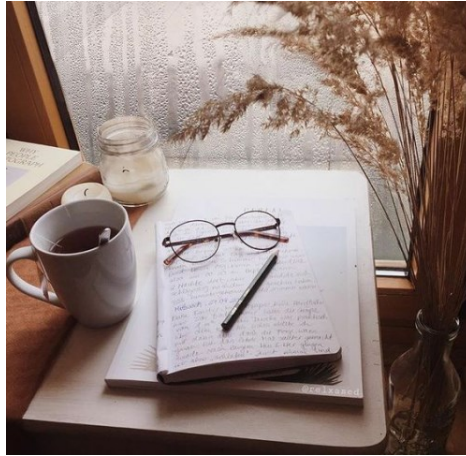
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Stirrings From Susan

“So, when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Greeks say it’s all nonsense. But to those called by God to salvation, both the Jews and the Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God’s weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.” – 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

The early church did not dismiss the teaching and ministry of Jesus, but in the cross, they were confronted by a plan that didn’t make sense to anyone! As they struggled to piece together the meaning of the cross, they discovered a spiritual paradox – the way to life is through death.

The season of Lent is a 40-day journey with Jesus’ disciples to the cross. We begin with the Transfiguration of Jesus and his Temptation in the Wilderness

and arrive abruptly, unexpectedly at the cross. What does this have to do with a loving God? Why would a loving Parent subject their beloved to suffering and death? What is the meaning of the cross for our Christian faith? These are the challenging questions that Lent raises for people of faith. And for these answers, we must struggle. There is no easy ‘answer’ that satisfies us.

But God’s passion in Jesus riles the powers that be, unsettles the status quo, stirs life in the midst of the world’s death-dealing, misery-making, selling-into-bondage strongholds. It threatens to set people free for real abundance and evil and power and greed want nothing of that.

Lent traditionally was the time in the Church when catechists would gather for 40-days of in-depth training for the new life that followed baptism. On Easter Sunday, they would be baptized, buried with Christ, and raised to a new life in Christ. This was no other-worldly life, but a call to live a life free and abundant in the midst of despair, hopelessness and suffering. This was a call to live a life of LOVE in the face of fear and struggle.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, when corporately we gather to face our mortality, and to repent, turning again towards God. Symbolically, we receive the sign of the cross upon our foreheads, with ash.

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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

Ministers of the Church:

All Members of Trinity
 United Church of Christ

Submitting Articles:

Trinity Bells is published monthly. The editorial cut-off deadline is the *twelfth* of each new ensuing month. Please submit all items for publication!

Stirrings (con'd from page 1)

“From dust you came, to dust you shall return.” We remember that we are a people that stand under the cross.

Throughout the Lenten season, we will be joining together for study and sharing as we look deeper into the Gospel of Luke. We hope that you might join us and use the opportunity to deepen your faith. The schedule will rotate to accommodate schedules. Come when you can! A light meal will be available – for our sessions of Sandwich and Soul.

Holy Week is the culmination of this journey. In this week, we experience the tension and conflict and confusion surrounding Jesus. Much like us, the disciples’ minds swirled with confusion, they struggled to make sense of the unfolding events and indeed, about the whole concept of Messiah. Come and join with us on this life-changing journey.

Pastor Susan

Schedule for Lenten Studies—Sandwiches and Soul

Wednesday, March 13 @ noon

Wednesday, March 20 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27 @ noon

Wednesday, April 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10 @ noon



We will be studying passages from Luke’s Gospel – setting the context within the first century and developing the context for ‘what does it mean to us today?’ There will be lots of opportunities for us to get to know each other’s faith questions, struggles and insights. There will be a freewill offering taken for the meal. You do not need to attend every gathering in order to take something for your own reflection and nourishment during Lent! The times rotate to accommodate those who work outside the home. Invite a friend to join you as well.

Did You Know...

...that Trinity, despite officially organized in 1871 as Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church of Brookfield, did not join any national denominational organization until 1911? As I noted in a previous Bells article, the German immigrants that came to the American Midwest, resisted the strict and authoritarian controls they experienced in Germany, and instead, they exercised their religious freedom in America and followed a course of separatism. Rev. Gottlieb Thiele, a German speaking pastor from the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod, served Trinity in 1883 and 1884. After Rev. Thiele left Trinity, the congregation asked the German Evangelical Synod of North America for a new pastor. The Trinity congregation decided, in November 1884, to remove the name "Lutheran" from the name of the church. Trinity joined the Evangelical Synod of North America in 1911, and Evangelical continued to appear in Trinity's name until 1961 when it was changed to Trinity United Church of Christ.

The membership of the congregation increased steadily in the first years, although the problems of membership, church dues and entrance fees for membership were matters of much concern to the congregation. At one time, only those who owned land could be members. This was discontinued in 1884. The requirement to pay an entrance fee when joining the church was voted out several times only to be voted in again at the next meeting, until it was finally abolished altogether. We can only theorize why these negative practices were utilized. One accommodating policy for guests was the purchase of three hymnals "for use by strangers" in 1873, since church members brought their own hymnals to church. An organ had also been purchased and installed that year.

Trinity continued to share pastors with St. Paul's Church in Menomonee Falls from 1869 to 1883. When Rev. Friedrich Klemme arrived in April 1885, he served both Trinity Church and Friedens Evangelical Church/Peace Memorial in Butler (which eventually merged with St. Paul's E & R Church in Wauwatosa to form Calvary Memorial Church). Trinity shared pastors with Friedens from 1885 to 1928. Trinity had decided to build a parsonage, barn, and well on the south side of the

church building in 1883. The barn and well were finished in 1883, but work on the two-story house, which started in January 1884, was not completed until 1885. The total cost of the house and barn was \$1307.71. A house was rented for the new pastor (Rev. Klemme) while the parsonage was being built. Rev. Klemme's family moved into the house in 1885 (Friedens did not have a parsonage). The first floor of the house consisted of a kitchen, living room, bathroom, pastor's study, and one small bedroom. The second floor of the house consisted of three bedrooms, a small miscellany room, and an attic storage area. There was no basement and no enclosed front porch area.

Bob Rohrig

(Source: Trinity's historical records)



New Flower Chart Posted

A new flower chart has been posted in the Dining Hall for 2019. Anyone who wishes to place flowers on the altar to beautify the sanctuary (for any reason) can sign up for the Sunday that they wish. It is always appreciated to enjoy a fresh plant or flowers during a worship service. If you have any questions, you can talk with Lynne Mielke.



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!]

Guppy Room helpers – this wonderful group of volunteers assist the Sunday School program by volunteering their time with the younger students during Sunday morning worship service. Thanks to all, you are greatly appreciated!

Jan Schuster and the prayer chain – this awesome group of people pray daily for many people who have difficulties in their lives. Their care and concern for others has been going on for many, many years at Trinity. All information is confidential within the group.

Anonymous donations received – recently and over the past year people have graciously donated money for specific items not budgeted to Trinity. We sincerely thank those who contribute in this manner! Likewise, thanks to those who gift items to Trinity.

Recycling at Trinity – a special thanks to all who bring their aluminum and tin cans to Trinity for recycling. Many people, both members and members of outside groups using the church, bring these two recyclable items to the recycling bin located in the back of the Educational Wing. Marlene then takes them to Waukesha recycling and sells them. All revenue received for these items is placed in the operating fund. REMEMBER – separate the aluminum and tin cans and place in the appropriate containers.



Birthdays this Month:

Arlene Preston	03/02
Lisa Dennis	03/16
Dan Dierbeck	03/17
Jan Frank	03/17
Jan Schuster	03/23
Robert Fredrick	03/27
Kathy Haass	03/27
Kahney Rohrig	03/28
Eric Dahm	03/31
Bob Rohrig	03/31



Anniversaries this Month:

Natalie & Bob Lannan	03/05/2010
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Our Special Care Call List

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

- Mar. 3** Marion Wandsneider
777 Brookfield Regency
Brookfield, WI 53045
- Mar. 10** Glenn Siebert
4665 Meadow View West
Brookfield, WI 53005
- Mar. 17** Geraldine Masch
5031 North 126th Street
Butler, WI 53007
- Mar. 24** Bev Littman
Harbour Village
5600 Mockingbird Lane,
Apt. C104
Greendale, WI 53129
- Apr. 7** Donna Brill
W156 N4881 Pilgrim Rd.
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Worship Attendance:



January 6 = 61

January 13 = 63

January 20 = 56

January 27 = 63

This makes for an average worship attendance of 61 for the month.

Trinity Church Council 2019 Members

Kathy Immekus, President,
Spiritual Life Chair

Chris Faulk, Vice President,
Property, Missions

Kathryn Dierbeck, Secretary,
Stewardship Chair

Terri Allen, Treasurer,
Finance Chair

Lisa Corley, Business & Office

Robin Komassa, Growth & Outreach

Lynne Mielke, Worship & Arts

Roberta Stanley,

Endowment/Memorial

Peg Zahn, Christian Nurture



CONNECTING THRU STEWARDSHIP

What's happening at Trinity...

Sunday, March 3

JazzWorship 10:00 a.m.

Mardi Gras Luncheon 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 10

Worship/Communion 10:00 a.m.

Council Open Forum 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 13

Lenten Studies - Sandwiches and Soul 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

Mercy Mat Cutting 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Lenten Studies - Sandwiches and Soul 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23

Search Committee Retreat/Lunch 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 27

Lenten Studies - Sandwiches and Soul 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31

Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m.

Search Retreat/Lunch 11:30 a.m.

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

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Jazz Worship No Sunday School Mardi Gras Lunch—DH—11:00 a.m. Boy Scouts—DH&EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.	4 Quilters—DH & EdW—9am-4pm Dartball: Christ @TUCC—EdW 7:15 p.m.	5	6 Cup of Life—DH—10:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Worship—7:00 p.m.	7 Worship & Arts—DH—1:00 p.m.	8 Missions—DH—2:00 p.m. Mardi Gras Set Up	9 Mardi Gras Set Up 10:30 a.m.
10 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. CNF—YR—9:00 A.M. Worship/Communion—10:00 a.m. Sunday School Council Open Forum—DH—11:00 a.m. Boy Scouts—EdW & DH—6:30-8:30 p.m.	11 Quilters—DH & EdW—9am-4pm Council—DH—6:30 p.m.	12	13 Lenten Studies - Sandwiches and Soul—DH—12:00 p.m.	14	15 Mercy Mat Cutting—DH—10:00 a.m.	16 Mercy Mat Cutting—DH—10:00 a.m.
17 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Worship—10:00 a.m. Sunday School Boy Scouts—DH&EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.	18 Quilters—DH & EdW—9am-4pm Dartball: Greendale @ TUCC—7:15 P.M.	19 Growth & Outreach—DH—6:30 p.m.	20 Lenten Studies - Sandwiches and Soul—DH—6:30p.m.	21 Property—DH—7:00 p.m.	22 Search Committee Retreat/Luncheon—DH—9:30 a.m.	23 Search Committee Retreat/Luncheon—DH—9:30 a.m.
24 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Worship—10:00 a.m. Sunday School 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 Lenten Studies - Sandwiches and Soul—DH—12:00 p.m.	28	29/ Search Committee Retreat/Luncheon—DH—9:30 a.m.	30 Search Committee Retreat/Luncheon—DH—9:30 a.m.
31 Sunday Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship—10:00 a.m. Sunday School Search Retreat—11:00—DH—a.m. Boy Scouts—DH&EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.						

NOTE: If you cannot keep your assigned service date, please contact someone in your group to sub.

ANNOUNCERS

March 3 Finance
March 10 Growth & Outreach
March 17 Council President
March 24 Business & Office
March 31 Stewardship
April 7 Property

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

March 3 Memorial & Endowment
March 10 Memorial & Endowment
March 17 Memorial & Endowment
March 24 Memorial & Endowment
March 31 Memorial & Endowment
April 7 Bowling Team

FIRST RESPONDERS

March 3 Jan Glasenapp
March 6 Kathy Dahm
March 10 Joe Halvorson
March 17 Mike Hetzel
March 24 Kathy Leslie
March 31 Jan Glasenapp
April 7 Chris Faulk

GREETERS

March 3 Judy Taylor
March 10 Kathy Leslie
March 17 Diane Siebold
March 24 The Dahm Family
March 31 Kathy Haass
April 7 Sharon & Bob Thomas

GUPPY ROOM

March 3 no attendant
March 10 Diane Siebold
March 17 Kathy Dahm
March 24 Roberta Stanley
March 31 Kathy Haass

OFFERING COUNTERS

March 3 Dan Rieves & Dan Dierbeck
March 10 Ralph Zahn & Sarah Komassa
March 17 Dan Rieves & Kathy Immekus
March 24 Jay Preston & Peg Zahn
March 31 Dan Dierbeck & Dawn Faulk
April 7 Jay Preston & Peg Zahn

PROJECTIONISTS

March 3 Carol Capes
March 10 Kathy Immekus
March 17 Christina Matthews
March 24 Eric Dahm
March 31 Carol Capes
April 7 Kathy Immekus

USHERS

March 3 Bob Rohrig, Kahney Rohrig
Dawn Faulk, Diane Siebold
March 10 Joe Halvorson*, Kathy Haass,
Dan Dierbeck, Eric Dahm
March 17 Lou Frank* ,Jan Frank,
Jan Fredrick, Jan Schuster
March 24 Ralph Zahn*, Peg Zahn,
Kathy Immekus, Dawn Faulk
March 31 Bob Thomas,* Sharon Thomas
Bob Rohrig, Kahney Rohrig
April 7 Joe Halvorson*, Kathy Haass,
Dan Dierbeck, Eric Dahm

READERS

March 3 Lou Frank
March 10 Sharon Thomas
March 17 Lori Krueger
March 24 Mindy Wirth
March 31 Naomi Stewart
April 7 Kathy Dahm

WELCOMERS

March 3 Eric Dahm
March 10 Lynne Mielke
March 17 Kathy Immekus
March 24 Jan Schuster
March 31 Lori Krueger
April 7 Eric Dahm

WORSHIP LEADER

March 3 Edith Heins
March 10 Naomi Stewart
March 17 Lynne Mielke
March 24 Lori Krueger
March 31 Peg Zahn
April 7 Christina Matthews

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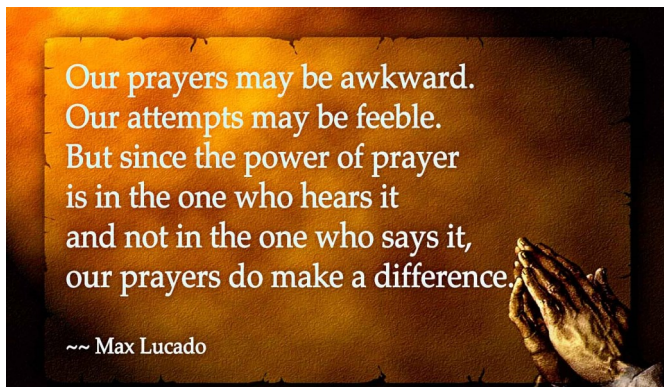


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Holding In Our Prayers:

- ✦ The family of Lillian Sutton
- ✦ Our Search Retreats
- ✦ Our leadership—pray that God will be at work in the Pastor that can best serve this church at this time.
- ✦ Our partner global churches
- ✦ Our police and government workers
- ✦ The ministry and mission in Back Bay, Biloxi, MS
- ✦ Members of Trinity suffering from illness

If you do not wish to be put on a prayer list, please let either Pastor Susan or Carol, our administrative assistant, know. 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 cotact@trinitybrookfield.org)



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 for the homeless. 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 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.



Trinity's 150th Anniversary Celebration is Coming

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – a catered buffet dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Tickets will be sold ahead of time for this dinner. Other activities on that date are a work-in-progress at this time. (**note**-tickets are only for the buffet dinner being served, everyone is welcome to attend and interact throughout the afternoon – more information with regard to Saturday schedule will follow in the next couple of months)

Sunday, November 3, 2019 – a special worship service with fellowship time following.

Mark your calendars and watch for updates in the Bells.

At this time the team is seeking **HELP** from the congregation. We are creating our “save the date - invitation list” so that we can contact former members and other people who we would like to invite to this special occasion. Please think back to those people who moved, those people who attend another church, family members, neighbors, etc. In other words, people who have had an involvement with Trinity in the past years that you remember. The team does not remember everyone so your help is extremely important.

In the Gathering Place on the black table you will find a “Guest Suggestion Box.” Please provide the name/ names of those you know from previous years who attended Trinity and should be invited. If you have the contact information that would be extremely helpful. Paper and pens are in the box. If you prefer, you can e-mail any of the team members with the information.

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TEAM MEMBERS:

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Lynne Mielke	262-547-0109 mlkywy44@gmail.com
Diane Siebold	262-786-7945 billanddianes@yahoo.com
Judy Taylor	262-781-9142 jdat1@att.net
Jan Wolff	262-770-4288 jwolff40@yahoo.com

If you have any suggestions or wish to join the team, please let us know.

The 150th team is very grateful to those of you who have agreed to bring memorabilia and create family collages for the Anniversary party.

We have purchased some sheets of poster board and they are available for you to use to create your family collage. Just ask Marlene for the 20"x30" (approximate size) and she will direct you to a sheet. If you wish a smaller size, we can accommodate this for you also.

In addition, please continue to provide the Team with names of people who you suggest should be invited. We have received a number of names to date, but please continue to provide names and contact information.

If you did not have an opportunity to sign the questionnaire previously, please do so. These sheets are located in the Gathering Place on the card table.

Other suggestions, please let us know or attend one of the team's meetings.

Diane, Jan, Janice, Judy, Lee, Lynne, Marlene



Dartball Team News

With four game nights to go, 'til the end of the Dartball season, Trinity's Dartball team is in second place, three games behind first place Greendale. Calvary and Christ are one and a half games behind Trinity. The good news is that Trinity will play six of the twelve games remaining against Greendale. So the opportunity is there for Trinity to make up some ground. Of course that also means that Trinity has to do "fairly well" against Calvary and Christ. And that also means that our three top batting average players (Eric Dahm, Dave Mielke, and Mark Burbey) will need some productive help from the supporting cast. Go Trinity!



Monthly Member Giving for January 2019:

		Increase/ Decrease	2019 Budget	Giving Needed Each Month of 2019
Jan-18	Jan-19	(\$1,127)	\$157,978	\$13,165
\$12,207	\$11,080			

Giving for January 2019 was below what was needed by \$2085 (\$13,165 - \$11,080). Thank you to all who contributed.
Terri Allen, Finance Committee Chair



Sunday, March 3

JAZZ WORSHIP AND MARDI GRAS LUNCHEON – NO COMMUNION

Wednesday, March 6

ASH WEDNESDAY – 7 p.m. – ASHES AND COMMUNION

Sunday, March 10

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - ***NOTE CHANGE***

Sunday, April 14

PALM SUNDAY – Entrance to Holy Week

Thursday, April 18

MAUNDY THURSDAY – SEDER SUPPER – 6:30 p.m. – Dining Hall

Friday, April 19

GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA – 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

EASTER SUNRISE 7:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST 8:30 a.m.

EASTER with COMMUNION 10:00 a.m.

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.

SEARCH RETREATS

Thanks to all who participated in the first of the 'search retreats.' I found the conversation around tables lively, energizing and filled with insight and new ideas. The sheets in the fellowship hall capture some of those conversations! Check them out and join us whenever you are able! You make a difference here!

Saturday, March 23rd – 9:30 – 2:00 p.m.

A continental breakfast will be available and a light lunch. This is our longer retreat to give us time to explore more in depth: Biblical Understanding of the Church; Adaptive Work in the Face of Change and the Questions We Need to Ask. If you cannot come for all of it, please come for some of it. Our Search Committee is taking notes on these conversations to help them write your church profile. Each unique voice adds a little different perspective! They would love to hear from as many of you as possible!

Sunday, March 31st – 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch provided

Sunday, April 28th – 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch provided

Sunday May 5th – 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch provided



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The theme of this year's offering is "More than we can imagine." We sometimes think that 'imagination' is about fantasy and 'make pretend.' Yet, imagination is not something unreal or fake. No, it is essential to God's hope for creation. Hear how the Apostle Paul put it. "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine...." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

What does God imagine for God's world? As we read the Scriptures, the vision becomes clear – communities feeding the hungry and visiting the prisoner, setting the captive free; a world where people are treated with respect, regardless of who they are and where violence and abuse no longer happens. It's a vision of people becoming good stewards of God's creation; a vision of healing and shalom. It's a vision where we reach out to touch the lives of those who are struggling and provide relief to them. It is a place where the vulnerable are welcomed in Christ's name.

Can you imagine these things that God imagines? It's easy to despair, to give up hope, but through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, what we imagine becomes ever more a reality for more and more people. Please give generously! "More than we can ask or imagine...." is what happens when we align ourselves with God's Agenda!

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