

Trinity Bells

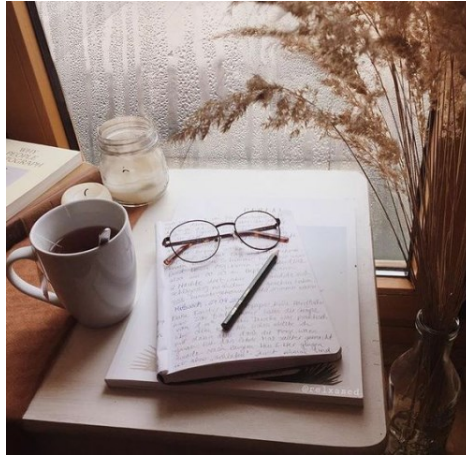
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Stirrings From Susan

One of my favorite songs telling the story of Jesus is called "Lord of the Dance". Here are a couple of the verses.

"I danced in the morning when the sky turned black, it's hard to dance when the devil's on your back, they buried my body, and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance that still goes on."

So, dance, dance, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance said he."

"They cut me down, and I leapt up high, I am the Life that will never, never die, I'll live in you as you live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he."

We are almost through the seasons

of the Church Year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and now we have come to Easter. What a wonderful celebration of remembrance we shared during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday! My thanks to all of those who prepared and served – especially to those who prepared for the symbolic Seder Meal, the Good Friday Cantata, the Trinity Players, the Christian Nurture team for the wonderful breakfast and all of you who truly worshipped in Spirit and in Truth. Thank you! What a joyous reminder of God's saving activity to set us free from the power of sin and death!

Long before Easter, while we were still in Lent, I started seeing Easter decorations on the lawns of many homes. For many people, Easter has simply become synonymous with spring. And even though, I'm ready for spring, I keep the inside of our home rather stark and simple as a reminder of Lent. Then on Easter Sunday, the decorations appear. Some say, 'well that's crazy, then you only get to see them for one day!' But again, what they fail to remember is that the 'season' of Easter is actually a celebration of 50 days between Easter and Pentecost. So, like the NHL hockey games that go on forever, the Easter decorations at our



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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:

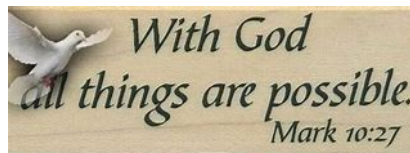
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Submitting Articles:

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)

house will be going and going and going for the next 50 days. I love that like Christmas, which has 12 days following the day of celebration, we have time to settle in to the joy of this season, a time for gratitude and thanksgiving. But most importantly, this is the time that Jesus returns to show himself to his disciples, to reveal himself following his death and resurrection. These stories are the stories of faith that attest to this truth: with God all things are possible! We will gather to hear these stories of witness, and to receive again as Jesus' disciples, a sense of our call, and who we are to be as God's people in these days. Come and join with us as we follow the Lord of the Dance!



- *Pastor Susan*

Many of you wonder what is happening with your church profile! Worship is often so full that we don't have time to talk about it much. Just a recap may be helpful!

1. The Search committee sent out a survey and many of you took the time to respond. Thank you! Last fall, Emily Dahm and Ralph Zahn shared the results of those surveys immediately following worship. There are still copies of that report available and as Ralph said then, he is available for any follow-up questions folks may still have.
2. A decision was made by the Search Committee to engage in some transitional 'study' work to assist them with completing the profile. The format of the profile is quite different than previously.
3. From January through March we have held search retreat sessions. All members were invited to come to these gatherings. Many of you have been involved! Thank you! The first session dealt with the question of 'who are we,' and as we worked, an image began to appear as to the identity of Trinity at this time. The next sessions, one which was on a Saturday, from 9:30 – 2 involved the Biblical perspective about church and was called "God's Vision, Christ's Mission" and the second half of the day was spent learning about the changing world around us – 'Who Is Our Neighbor'. The basic uptick of that day was that 'everything

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Did You Know...

...who **die Frauenverein** were? This was a German name that was used for ladies benevolent associations that were organized and operated within German speaking Protestant churches in the United States in the 1800's and early 1900's. These groups of ladies were very active working within the church and doing outreach mission work.

Trinity's Frauenverein group was first organized in 1901 with 16 ladies who initially met at the parsonage (Trinity House) at the invitation of Rev. Gustav Klein. Membership in Trinity's Frauenverein grew to forty members by 1907. The ladies in this group raised money by organizing suppers, socials, bazaars, plays, and collecting member dues. As their membership grew, space to hold meetings became a problem. Sometimes the meetings were held in member homes and sometimes in the school house. Member dues would be paid after church services or wherever a member might happen to meet the treasurer, who usually carried her record book with her. Some of the internal projects that these ladies helped pay for included the art glass windows in the church, a bath in the parsonage, church decorations, a kitchen in the schoolroom, and lights in the church and parsonage. They also kept the parsonage clean. By the 1920's, as English replaced the German language in the congregation, the die Frauenverein name was changed to Ladies Aid Society. Outreach continued to consist of work in hospitals, mission homes, various institutions, and visiting the sick. Sewing items for children in need and the elderly also occupied much of their time. Their monthly business meetings that included time for cake and tortes refreshments and getting updates on family news was a welcome break in the routine of these women, most of whom were farm wives.

In 1940, the Ladies Aid Society name was changed to Women's Guild and six department chairs were formed – Christian Education, Spiritual Life, Missionary, Social Action, Stewardship, and Christian Service. The Guild continued their support of hospitals, mission houses,

and other institutions. During World War II, the Guild sewed clothes and donated canned fruits and vegetables for the needy, sent toys and gifts to the children in the Japanese-American internment camps in Utah, and several hundred pounds of clothes to Europe from 1944 to 1948. The opportunities for service by the women of the congregation grew as the church membership increased in the 1950's and beyond. In 1956, the Guild branched out into afternoon and evening circles. In 1975, the name of the Women's Guild was changed to Women's Fellowship. However, by this time the nature of Trinity's mission activities had started to change. More women church members had entered the work force and were not as readily available for daytime or nighttime mission activities. On a positive note, many of Trinity's male members who did become available helped out on many of Trinity's mission activities, and thus various mission activities has continued to be an important focus of Trinity Church to this day.

Bob Rohrig

(Source: Trinity's historical records)



This photo is not TUC's group but does give the idea of what the women in the group may have looked like at the time it was formed.

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group LLC



**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!]

Chris Faulk/Pastor Susan—Thank you for organizing the Lenten Series this year allowing special time with church members to reflect on Lent.

Spiritual Life Committee—the Easter Breakfast was a great time for members to gather for fellowship thanks to the organizers/set up teams and cooks for this event.

Pastor Susan—many thanks to the Pastor for sharing her speaking talents/sharing during the Easter Season to make all Sundays during Easter special.

Mike Hetzel, Mikey Hetzel, Lou Frank and the Celebration Singers outdid themselves this year as they performed the Good Friday Cantata.

Worship & Arts— Without the support of this committee, our Sunday services, decorations, and overall operations at TUCC would not be the same.

Miscellaneous—Thank you to all members who participated in any way to make the Easter Season a memorable one! Your time and talent do make a difference!



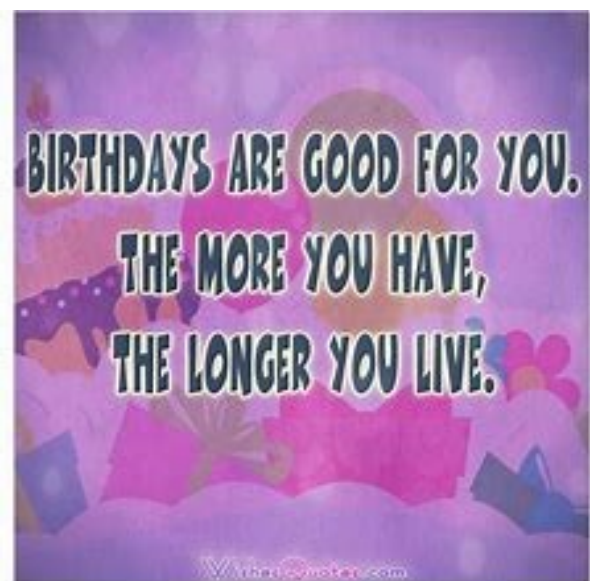
Birthdays this Month:

Kathy Dahm	05/06
Lynne Mielke	05/13
Kathy Immekus	05/19
Ellison Dennis	05/23
Julia Dierbeck	05/27



**Anniversaries
this Month:**

Kathy & Eric Dahm	05/26/1990
Jan & William Glasenapp	05/25



Our Special Care Call List

Your cards, thoughts, and special prayers are requested for these members of Trinity' church family, especially for the weeks of:

- May 5** Donna Brill
N71 W13918 Nicolet Ct.
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
- May 12** Marion Wandsneider
Regency of Brookfield
777 Brookfield Regency
Brookfield, WI 53045
- May 19** Glenn Siebert
4665 Meadow View West
Brookfield, WI 53005
- May 26** Geraldine Masch
5031 North 126th Street
Butler, WI 53007
- June 2** Bev Littman
Harbour Village
5600 Mockingbird Lane,
Apt. C104
Greendale, WI 53129

Worship Attendance:



- March 3 = 108
- March 6 = 40
- March 10 = 62
- March 17 = 56
- March 24 = 60
- March 31 = 73

This makes for an average worship attendance of 58 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



What's happening at Trinity...

Sunday, May 5

Worship/Komassa Baptism 10:00 a.m.

Search Retreat 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day 10:00 a.m.

New Members 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 19

Sunday School Recognition 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 30

Book Club 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 2

Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m.

TUCC Annual Picnic 11:00 a.m.

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Remember to "Save these dates!"

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

May 2019

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Komassa Baptism Search Retreat—DH—11:00 a.m.	6 Quilters—DH & EdW— 9am-4pm	7	8	9 Philanthropic Ed Org— DH—8am-noon Worship & Arts—DH— 1:00 p.m.	10 Boy Scouts—DH & EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.	11 Jan Schuster Birthday Party—DH Game Night—DH&EdW— 5:00-8:00 p.m.
12 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. CNF—YR—9:00 A.M. Mother's Day /New Member Worship—10:00 a.m. Sunday School Boy Scouts—EdW & DH—6:30-8:30	13 Quilters—DH & EdW— 9am-4pm Council—DH—6:30 p.m.	14	15	16 Property—DH—7:00 p.m.	17	18
19 Celebration Singers Sunday School Recognition Worship—10:00 a.m. Guest Speaker Boy Scouts—DH&EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.	20 Quilters—DH & EdW— 9am-4pm	21 Growth & Outreach—DH— 6:30 p.m.	22	25	24	25
26 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Worship—10:00 a.m. Sunday School No Scouts	27 No Quilters	28 Boy Scouts Comm—DH & EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.	29.	30 Book Club - DH—10:30 a.m.	31	31

Key to Locations:

DH = Dining Hall

Ed W = Education Wing of Church

GP = Gathering Place

YR = Youth Room

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

ANNOUNCERS

May 5 Finance
May 12 Growth & Outreach
May 19 Council President
May 26 Business & Office
June 2 Stewardship

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

May 5 Growth & Outreach
May 12 Growth & Outreach
May 19 Growth & Outreach
May 26 Growth & Outreach
June 2 Dartball Team

FIRST RESPONDERS

May 5 Mike Hetzel
May 12 Jan Glasenapp
May 19 Ralph Zahn
May 26 Emily Dahm
June 2 Kathy Dahm

GREETERS

May 5 Sharon & Bob Thomas
May 12 Kathy Haass
May 19 The Dahm Family
May 26 Judy Taylor
June 2 Diane Siebold

GUPPY ROOM

May 5
May 12
May 19
May 26
June 2

OFFERING COUNTERS

May 5 Dan Dierbeck & Peg Zahn
May 12 Jay Preston & Kathy Immekus
May 19 Dan Rieves & Ralph Zahn
May 26 Jay Preston & Sarah Komassa
June 2 Dan Dierbeck & Peg Zahn

PROJECTIONISTS

May 5 Christina Matthews
May 12 Eric Dahm
May 19 Carol Capes
May 26 Kathy Immekus
June 2 Eric Dahm

USHERS

May 5 Joe Halvorson*, Kathy Haass, Dan Dierbeck, Eric Dahm
May 12 Bob Thomas* Sharon Thomas Dawn Faulk, Jim Singleton
May 19 Lou Frank*, Jan Frank, Jan Fredrick, Diane Siebold
May 26 Ralph Zahn*, Peg Zahn, Kathy Immekus, Eric Dahm
June 2 Ralph Zahn*, Peg Zahn, Kathy Immekus, Dan Dierbeck

READERS

May 5 Sharon Thomas
May 12 Jean Gichert
May 19 Lou Frank
May 26 Kathy Dahm
June 2 Edith Heins

WELCOMERS

May 5 Lynne Mielke
May 12 Judy Nelson
May 19 Jan Schuster
May 26 Lori Krueger
June 2 Kathy Immekus

WORSHIP LEADER

May 5 Naomi Stewart
May 12 Lynne Mielke
May 19 Peg Zahn
May 26 Edith Heins
June 2 Lori Krueger

*indicates Head Usher





Holding In Our Prayers:

- ✦ The Nuszbaum Family after Bob Nuszbaum's passing.
- ✦ Family of Franz Rigert, UCC Conference Minister after his mother's passing last month
- ✦ 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:
 - Kathy Leslie for her surgery on May 20

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.

Bedroom to Spare?



Volunteers to the National Convention need a place to stay during the week of June 21st to June 25th. If you can help, email Jeanne Mantsch at d-j@wi.wi.rr.com. It may

be one person or a couple who will be staying at your home. Please consider this one-time challenge. You will be serving the church and making a friend too!

Book Club News

The book club will next meet on Thursday, May 30, at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity in the church basement. We will be discussing the book, *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman, a NY Times bestseller, and we will plan to do lunch after discussion. Anyone is welcome to join us; if questions call Roberta Stanley at 262-781-1172.



The 2019 Easter Breakfast was a huge success this year! Thank you to the cooks and attendees!



Mission "Undy" 500

The Trinity Trekkers are again in the race for the "Undy" 500 sponsored by the Guest House. Needed items are new packages of men's underwear and undershirts (XL). The collection tub will be in the Gathering Place until May 19.



Summer Services Look for a Change

Everyone anticipates summer – for travel, outdoor recreation, gardening, and its more relaxed pace. Just as our choir and Sunday School take time off during the summer, we are going to experiment with giving our ushers some time off too.

During June, July and August, we are going to schedule two ushers instead of four during Sunday services. There will still be a designated head usher and one assistant to oversee our worship. So, there will still be someone to greet you and offer you a bulletin. There will still be someone to pass the microphone to those who have a prayer concern or an announcement to share. There will still be someone to count attendance and assist with any other questions that come up during the service.

Where will we see the greatest change? In giving our offerings. This is where we are asking all of our members to participate a little more and help make sure the offering plates are passed around. Our two ushers will come down the center aisle to the front and begin by giving the plates to those sitting near the center. Then, if there are just a few people in a pew, the plate can be returned back to the usher. If a pew is more full, we would like a person near the end of the pew to pass the plate to a row behind. The ushers will always be in the process and the plate can always be passed back to them. There is no wrong way to do this.

What this requires of us is simply to pay some attention to each another and the experience. If you see that someone might be unable to easily turn around or get up to pass the plate to a row behind - please help. Of course, we can always choose to sit closer together to aid the process too! And, who knows, maybe this experience will stir some confidence or interest in you to become an usher or other volunteer during our worship time.

We will do a 'dry run' of this experiment at our outdoor worship the first Sunday in June. We are thinking that if Jesus' twelve disciples could depend on five thousand followers to make sure that everyone got some bread and fish, we can certainly help the ushers collect our offerings!

Please feel free to talk with me if you have any questions or comments as we run our experiment.

Mindy Wirth for Worship and Arts

Search Retreat (con'd from page 2)

that 'everything has changed.' The culture that you and I grew up in, is now long gone. We are living into a new day. We need adaptive answers, which are much different than 'technical fixes'. The third retreat was around the church's 'Core Values' and that discussion was energizing and began to set a direction for where we are heading as a church. They are: Acceptance, Spirituality, Community and Mission.

4. And now, there are two retreats left! You don't need to have attended any of the past retreats to be a part of these. In fact, at every retreat, we have had new people join us for these conversations. We'd love to have your voice represented as well!
5. Sunday, April 28th, the Reverend Franz Rigert, our Wisconsin Conference Minister will be with us for worship and stay with us to be a part of our fourth retreat. The crux of this conversation will be 'who is our neighbor' and we look forward to hearing from him, some of the creative ministries that are emerging among the churches of our conference. He is open for Q & A and we'll allow plenty of time for any questions you might have.
6. The final retreat is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th. The task at hand will be to take our four core values and create some 'central statement' that we will use to direct and guide our process of planning and setting goals and in worship. Some dreaming about our future will also be involved.
7. If you have any questions about this process, please speak with your Search Committee or any of the many other folks who have joined them at these retreats. The hope is that as we finish the last retreat, your team will be ready to write the profile and have it looked at by our conference folks. They have not set a date yet for submission, but we are drawing nearer to that time! - **Pastor Susan**

Webpage Update



Have you checked out Trinity's website? It's up and running and looks great. But it's important that we keep it updated.

People search the internet all the time for good 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. I 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 or put a copy of any articles in Chris's mail slot at church.

Monthly Member Giving for March 2019:

Giving		Increase/	2019	Giving Needed
Feb-19	Mar-19	Decrease	Budget	Each Month of 2019
\$10,471	\$16,053	\$5,582	\$157,978	\$13,165

March had five giving Sundays plus Ash Wednesday collection.

March 2019 was the third highest giving month since April 2018 (Easter) and December 2018 (Christmas Giving was above what was needed by \$2,888 (\$16,053-\$13,165.) Thank you for your generosity

Terri Allen, Finance Committee Chair

Volunteer for the Hunger Task Force

Your Mission Committee will again be sponsoring two opportunities to volunteer at the Hunger Task Force this year.

The first visit will be a Food Sort at the Hawley Road location on June 8, from 9:00 am to noon. The second visit will be Stock Box building at the airport location on August 24, from 9:00 am to noon.

If you would like to participate, mark your calendars. Further information and sign-up will be coming soon!



We will have another Family Game Night on **Saturday, May 11, 2019**. Come join us at 5:00 p.m. for pizza. Please bring a snack to share and/or dessert. Bring any games you'd like to play.



Come celebrate Mother's Day with us on May 12th. This is the day we say thank you and show you that we appreciate all the things you do for us. Mother's Day not only celebrates a Mother's love and caring, but the love we experience from our Grandmothers, Aunts, Sisters and our special friends. Flowers will be given to all the women to say you are special and we are glad you are part of our life.

MEET THE COUNCIL

Council President

This is a new article that will be appearing in the Trinity Bells every month. Because we have several new members in our congregation, the council thought this would be an excellent way to familiarize members to the duties and the person who is holding what position on the Council. Of course, since I thought of the idea, I was picked to go first.



Duties of the Council President.

- ✦ **presides over Council meetings and conducts the business of the Council as prescribed in the Constitution and By-Laws,**
- ✦ **signs all official documents and correspondence**
- ✦ **fulfills all duties as directed by the congregation.**

I am Kathy Immekus and I have been your Council President for 2 years. My husband Don and I joined Trinity UCC in the fall of 1999. We transferred from a UCC church in Waukesha. We have lived in the same house in Waukesha for 45 years. Our daughter, Rebecca, lives in Naperville, IL with her husband Paul and their dog Sloane. They are both in the education field. Don was the accountant for Trinity for 11 years and retired in 2016. I was born in Tomah, WI and lived there until I was 18. As soon as I graduated from high school, I was off to the big city.

Don and I were married on June 29, 1968. We moved from Milwaukee to Waukesha in 1974 and still live in the same house.

In 2011, Don and I started the process of becoming an Open and Affirming Church. It took almost two years, but was well worth the time. I am so proud that Trinity welcomes all people into our membership. Over the years, I have made many great friends at Trinity. There have been many happy moments and some very sad moments, but I am so blessed to have close friends to help me through the sad times and help me celebrate the good times. Trinity is going through some tough times, but I know with prayer and working together we will become a stronger church to meet the challenges in the future.

2019 SE Wisconsin Assn.

UCC Annual Meeting



The meeting this year was at Wisconsin Dells from 10:30 to 11:50 a.m. because it was combined with the State Conference in the afternoon.

The business portion of the meeting consisted of adoption of the agenda, approval of the minutes, financial report and adoption of the budget, report of the nominating committee and special recognition.

This left 15 minutes for "Association Inspirations," which was an opportunity to share what is happening across the Association. We could choose one of four groups to hear. I chose the Opioid crisis. Rev. Bob Gross of Waukesha UCC told us there is a residential treatment center in Brookfield. The best approach for local churches to help is to fundraise with donations going to "Wisconsin Hope."

Mark August 24th on your calendars to attend Waukesha UCC's Community Picnic at 413 East Wisconsin Avenue in Waukesha. They will have music, raffle baskets, a dunk tank, food and more.

Your delegate, Edith Heins

Large Turnout

The property committee's annual interior spring cleaning was held on Saturday, April 6. During these special cleanings we focus on deep down cleaning like the cobwebs on the ceilings, cleaning all the woodwork, disinfecting all door handles, vacuuming every nook and cranny, organizing the pew racks, washing windows and glass and much, much more (like the total scrub down of the kitchen). Because of the following volunteers, it was all done AND all the sticks in the cemetery were picked up and the woodchips were moved to the berms in the parking lot. **THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!**

Mindy Wirth, Marlene Helinski, Lori Krueger, Jan Schuster, Janice Garens, Gio G., Peg Zahn, Ralph Zahn, Kadenos, Andrew Y., Mateo L., Josh B., Spencer H., Luke D., Ayush D., Jan Glasenapp, Ben B., Noah S., Caleb M., Erin B., Johnny B., Mark Burbey, Eric Dahm

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