

Trinity Bells

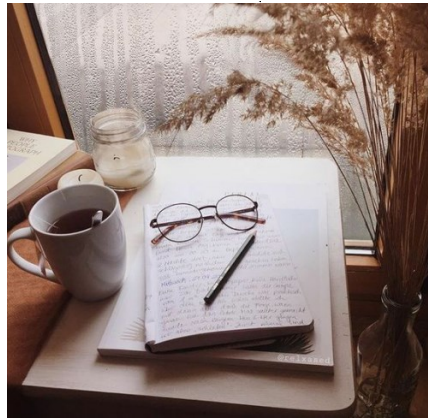
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Stirrings From Susan

As I get a little more 'planted' in this place, I grow ever more excited about the work we are called to do together. I've enjoyed my few brief weeks at Trinity and can see many strengths among you and the ministry to which you have been called.

My time, as 'intentional interim' is meant to help you become ready to receive a new pastor within the coming months. In fact, this work, of 'intentionality' has been what I've been doing throughout my years of ministry and this is in many ways an extension of that work.

Yesterday, I spent time with other intentional interims in Baraboo, WI, having conversations about this work. It's a 9 month program and will arrive at a fortuitous moment for me as I begin working with you. There are, it turns out two kinds of intentional interims. Some have been simply

'maintenance' ministers, not really assessing needs or challenging towards growth. What is an intentional interim? How is that different from maintenance?

The congregation, during this time of transition has several questions that it needs to begin asking. It has perhaps even more work to do than in any other time of its life, when things return to a sort of 'status quo' – at least for a few years. Besides dealing with the inevitable conflicts that occur when change occurs, and the grief – not only for your last pastor, Jan, but also around other issues that the church has had to go through, are central tasks of this time. To be ready to receive a new pastor, healing is required. But then there are other questions, and these are incredibly important for churches in this time – 'Who are we? What is our purpose? What is God calling us to do and be? In order to do this, we will need to become 'explorers' – exploring our heritage and history; rediscovering the core values that shape us; exploring our communities and the neighbors around us. There is much exciting and challenging work to be done.

We are also working alongside our Search Committee and after the meeting yesterday, I see new ways that I can support them. The new profile is a challenging document.

The interim allows for work within the leadership teams, and to equip lay leaders with new skills. It is a time to



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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
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Stirrings (con'd from page 1)

rework old personnel policies and perhaps re-imagine the organizational style of the church. It explores how it might better engage and connect with the denomination, the community, the interfaith networks, the city of Milwaukee. Here, it will involve settling some differences about moving ahead with the new needs of the building.

A cautionary word. It is easy to get caught up in focusing on the building. In fact, that's where many churches are focusing their energy. But alongside and perhaps even before that, we must rediscover both our mission and our ministry. We must deepen our own spiritual practices and begin to be a community deepened by prayer and study of God's Word and committing ourselves to grow in spiritual maturity.

As you can perhaps see, these tasks are not the usual tasks of a pastor. I will not be able to attend every committee meeting or every event. I will be relying on other lay people to pick up the pastoral care that our church so desperately needs. I will probably not be out in the community, going to games and concerts of our youth, in order to build relationships with them. I won't attend every denominational event. I will be more focused and intentional in our work together, but I know that I will get to know you much better in this time. This work must be collaborative – both between you and I and you and one another. We must work together as a team.

I will be present with you. I will bring my pastoral skills to you as often as needed, I will care for you and listen. I hope that this helps you get a better grasp of the work we will be doing together.

Finally, let me add, that I am here with you for a short period of time. I have agreed not to be considered as your future pastor. I promise to remain clear about those boundaries. I am hopeful that this also leaves you with a sense of urgency about the work that needs to be done! Our goal – to get you ready to welcome a new pastor with open arms and ready to work alongside of her or him in new ways! May God bless our work.



Pastor Susan

Did You Know...



...what important one word activity in all churches is least likely to generate enthusiasm and enjoyment? It's most likely the word **stewardship**.

Dealing with this activity has challenged churches for a long time. Various stewardship programs have been tried, like public printing of individual's giving, or dividing total budget equally by number of members/households, etc., and the results also varied.

It's interesting to look back and see the various ways that Trinity church members were asked to support their church. In the very earliest days, each family was assessed a specific standard amount (dues) for the year (with a few exceptions for single persons or very poor families). However, church expenses in those days are really not comparable to today, since the pastor's and organist's salaries were minimal, and the members of the church did almost all of the building and maintenance work that was required.

A variable assessment system was initiated around the First World War (see below). In addition, during the first half of the 1900's, the ladies in the church cooked and baked for picnics, mission fests, and chicken suppers, and this accounted for a significant portion of the church's annual income. The pledge system (where members make individual pledge decisions) and the "faith" system (where it is assumed that enough money will be contributed to pay the bills) are more recent giving programs that may or may not work.

The variable assessment system was initiated by Rev. Bratzel (served Trinity 1915-1918) was spelled out in his personal letter to Trinity for our 100th Anniversary celebration. He states "I had to revise their money system to get them out of the red. They had taken the total amount of expenses and divided it by number of members and the answer was about \$7 per member, but not all members would pay the \$7 so there was a

shortage. I was sure that some could pay more than \$7 per year, so we made the membership of three classes. An \$8 class for widows and poor families. A \$12 class for the average family, and a \$15 class for those who had some wealth beyond average. It made quite a change in results for most of them avoided the \$8 class and went for the 12 & 15 dollar class, and when joined church he signed up for \$20 and brought quite a stir among the board members who thought he couldn't do that. From there on the financial status was improved."

An interesting concept. Would it work today? Probably not, but it does provide some food for thought.

- *Bob Rohrig*

Faithful Stewards

November is traditionally stewardship month within local congregations. The Scripture lessons point us to one of the marks of those who are growing in God's Spirit. They are learning how to become faithful stewards. The image of the steward in scriptures is of the ones who are put in charge of the Master's Vineyards, or the Master's Creation. We'll explore this image in our worship during the month of November and be inviting you to consider how you will grow in faithful response to all that God has blessed you with. This is not a comfortable, easy thing that we are called to address, but a crucial struggling as we seek to become, 'more like Christ.'



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.



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!]

Trinity's Sunday morning counters – this small group of dedicated volunteers do an outstanding job each Sunday they are scheduled to count the morning offering. A big "HI FIVE" for this group! You are SUPER!

Mark Burbey – the outdoor sign person – do you wish to see an activity mentioned on the outdoor sign? Contact Mark. Please remember that the more items posted on the sign, the better it is for Trinity. Thanks Mark!

Dartball Team – how are you doing this year? We will assume the team is having a great time as always. Would love to see some news and highlights about the team in the monthly Bells.

Marlene Helinski, the recycling lady – Keep bringing those aluminum and tin cans to Trinity. Marlene will tote them to the recycling center and sell them. The money earned goes into the operating fund – a win for the environment and Trinity.



Birthdays this Month:

Josh Cronin	11/03
Pam Kosanke	11/11
Jill Gretenhart	11/13
Bob Nuszbaum	11/16
Tori Rieves	11/17
Don Immekus	11/23
Donna Brill	11/26



Anniversaries this Month:

Sharon & Mark Burbey 11/13/1982





Worship Attendance:



September 2 = 58

September 9 = 63

September 15 = 56

September 23 = 61

September 30 = 61

This makes for an average worship attendance of 59.8 for the month.

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:

- Nov 4** Geraldine Masch
5031 North 126th Street
Butler, WI
- Nov 11** Bev Littman
Harbour Village
5600 Mockingbird Lane, Apt. C104
Greendale, WI 53129
- Nov 18** Donna Brill
N71 W13918 Nicolet Ct.
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
- Nov 25** Marion Wandsneider
777 Brookfield Regency
Brookfield, WI 53045
- Dec 2** Glenn Siebert
4665 Meadow View West
Brookfield, WI 53005

Trinity Church Council 2018 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 Gluth**, Business & Office
- Lynne Mielke**, Worship & Arts
- Roberta Stanley**,
Endowment/Memorial
- Peg Zahn**, Christian Nurture

What's happening at Trinity...

Sunday, November 4

All Saints Day Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 11

Veteran's Day Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 18

Thanksgiving Day Worship 10:00 a.m.

Congregational Meeting 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 2

Book Club 11:15 a.m.

Sunday, December 16

Worship/Children's Pageant 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 23

Christmas Choral Program 10:00 a.m.

Monday, December 24

Christmas Worship 10:00 a.m.

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

November 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Sunday School All Saints Day Worship/Communion 10:00am No Scouts	5 Quilters—DH & EdW— 9am-4pm Dartball: Greendale @TUCC—EdW— 7:15 p.m.	6 Quilters—DH & EdW— 9am-4pm Dartball: Greendale @TUCC—EdW— 7:15 p.m.	7 Cup of Life—DH 9:00 a.m.	8 Worship & Arts—DH— 1:00 p.m. Missions—DH—2:00 p.m.	9	10
11 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Sunday School CNF—YR—9:00 a.m. Veteran's Day Worship Sunday School Boy Scouts —DH&EdW —6:30-8:30 p.m.	12 Quilters—DH & EdW— 9am-4pm	13 Quilters—DH & EdW— 9am-4pm	14 Council—DH—7:00 p.m.	15 Property—DH—7:00 p.m.	16	17 Indoor Clean Up - 9:00 a.m.-noon Scrapbooking— DH&EdW 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
18 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Sunday School Thanksgiving Worship—10:00 a.m. Boy Scouts —DH&EdW —6:30-8:30 p.m.	19 Quilters—DH & EdW— 9am-4pm Dartball—TUCC @ Calvary Boy Scout Committee—DH & EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.	20 Growth & Outreach—DH— 6:30 p.m.	21	22 Thanksgiving Day.	23	24
25 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. No Sunday School No Scouts	26 No Quilters Christ UCC @ TUCC—EdW—7:15 p.m.	27	28	29	30	

Key to Locations:
 DH = Dining Hall
 Ed W = Education Wing of Church
 GP = Gathering Place
 YR = Youth Room



ANNOUNCERS

November 4	Finance
November 11	Growth & Outreach
November 18	Council President
November 25	Business & Office
December 2	Stewardship

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

November 4	Business & Office
November 11	Business & Office
November 18	Business & Office
November 25	Business & Office
December 2	Open to TUCC Members

FIRST RESPONDERS

November 4	Kathy Leslie
November 11	Ralph Zahn
November 18	Emily Dahm
November 25	Kathy Dahm
December 2	Chris Faulk

GREETERS

November 4	Judy Taylor
November 11	Diane Siebold
November 18	Kathy Haass
November 25	The Dahm Family
December 2	Sharon & Bob Thomas

GUPPY ROOM

November 4
November 11
November 18
November 25
December 2

OFFERING COUNTERS

November 4	Dan Dierbeck & Peg Zahn
November 11	Jay Preston & Sarah Komassa
November 18	Ralph Zahn & Kathy Immekus
November 25	Dan Dierbeck & Dawn Faulk
December 2	Dan Rieves & Peg Zahn

PROJECTIONISTS

November 4	Mark Burbey
November 11	Kathy Immekus
November 18	Eric Dahm
November 25	Carol Capes
December 2	Christina Matthews

USHERS

November 4	Kathy Haass, Joe Halvorson Dawn Faulk, Dan Dierbeck
November 11	Ralph Zahn, Peg Zahn, Eric Dahm, Dawn Faulk
November 18	Bob Thomas, Sharon Thomas, Diane Siebold, Dan Dierbeck
November 25	Lou Frank, Jan Frank, Jan Fredrick, Kathy Immekus
December 2	Bob Rohrig, Kahney Rohrig, Diane Siebold, Eric Dahm

READERS

November 4	Edith Heins
November 11	Lou Frank
November 18	Lori Krueger
November 25	Mindy Wirth
December 2	Naomi Stewart

WELCOMERS

November 4	Lynne Mielke
November 11	Jan Schuster
November 18	Kathy Immekus
November 25	Lori Krueger
December 2	Judy Nelson

WORSHIP LEADERS

November 4	Naomi Stewart
November 11	Christina Matthews
November 18	Lori Krueger
November 25	Peg Zahn
December 2	Edith Heins





The book club will next meet on December 2 and will be reading the book, Good Harbor, by Anita Diamant. We

will meet in the educational wing right after church and all are welcome to join us for a light snack and lively discussion. You can contact Roberta Stanley, 262-781-1172, to obtain a copy of the book.

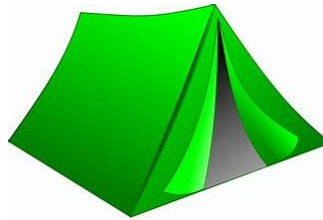
Holding In Our Prayers:

- ✦ Lisa Corley as she discerns her path towards ordination
- ✦ The Search Committee
- ✦ Chris Faulk in his studies for ordination at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
- ✦ Our Council as it seeks to provide faithful leadership towards the future
- ✦ Kathryn Dierbeck as she begins her ministry of pastoral care within our faith community



Congregational Meeting

The first Council Forum was such a success that we have decided to do it again. The Council will hold its second Council Open Forum on November 18 during Coffee Hour. There will be a box in the gathering area to deposit your questions. Let's keep the lines of communications open.
-Trinity Council Members



Outdoor Ministry Matters

The Outdoor Ministry Programs of Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ

at Moon Beach and Pilgrim Center have provided sacred space for thousands of children, adults and families to gather, celebrate and grow in the faith for many years. Your investment in this Campital Campaign will improve, build and grow our ministry in the future.

In 2015, Trinity pledged \$10,000 over a three-year span to help with the rebuilding efforts of the Outdoor Ministry.

- 2015 we submitted a check for \$3,333
- 2016 we submitted a check for \$2,958.00
- 2017 we submitted a check for \$1,515.00

Trinity currently received an invoice for the remaining \$2,192.72.

On Sunday, October 7, the children and I shared some ideas about promises (that are like pledges) and camping. They used their imagination and shared what you might need to go camping. After a treat of granola s'mores, the children helped pass the baskets for a Campital Campaign offering.

The offering baskets will be passed on October 21, November 4, November 18, December 2, and December 16. However, at anytime, feel free to put a donation in an envelope (write Campital Campaign and your giving number) on it and place it in the collection plate. The counters will designate that amount towards Trinity's pledge.

Trinity can accomplish great things when we work together. Let's tackle the \$2,192.72 by the end of 2018.



Veteran's Day Observance

On Sunday, November 11, 2018, during our worship service, we will be honoring all those who have been in the Armed Forces from our congregation or friends of the congregation.

We have done this in the past, so many members are already on the list of those who have served or are presently serving.

If we have missed someone from your family or from the congregation, either living or deceased, whose name should be included during the Observance Service, please bring it to the attention of Marlene Helinski or Lynne Mielke. We would appreciate the name and the address so that person can receive an invitation.

We would like to include as many as possible.

Thank you,

Worship and Arts Committee



Veteran's Day

Memorabilia Request

Trinity is looking for memorabilia from the Armed Forces to be put on display at our Veteran's Day Observance Service. Can be brought to church on Sunday, November 11. Please give them to Marlene or Lynne.



Stockbox Building at Hunger Task Force

On September 22, our largest group ever worked on building 800 monthly stockboxes for senior citizens in southeastern Wisconsin.

Our volunteers were: Emily Dahm, Megan Dahm, Sarah Dahm, Eric Dahm, Kathy Dahm, Dan Dierbeck, Naomi Stewart, Margaret Em-mich, Kathy Haass, Joe Halvorson, Chris Faulk, Kathy Immekus, David Mielke, Lynn Mielke, Judy Nelson, Judy Marchant, Bob Rohrig, Roberta Stanley, Lori Krueger, Diane Sebold, Peg Zahn, Ralph Zahn, Lee Lannan, Bob Lannan, Jan Frank, Lou Frank, Sharon Thomas and Bob Thomas.

Please consider joining us on our next trip to the Hunger Task Force.

Harvest Pick and Prepare Sale 2018

This year's sale was a success, all due to you.

Thank you to all the bakers and preparers for donating the baked goods, jams, honey and fresh produce.

And a big THANK YOU to everyone that purchased these items.

We raised \$157.00 that will be added to the Camp Scholarship Fund.

More Trinity members can attend the UCC camps with a little help from their friends at Trinity.



Trinity's Fifth annual craft fair, "A Fair for All Seasons" was another success. The craft fair leadership team extends to everyone their sincere thanks.

Without the support of volunteer workers, bakers, traffic patrol, raffle basket contributors, café food preparers, cashiers, and Trinity shoppers we would not be able to host this event. Special thanks, also, to the Boy scouts, their parents, and the leaders of Troop #21 for their efficient work of assisting the crafters on Friday evening, Saturday a.m. and p.m.

The crafter survey continues to compliment Trinity on its hospitality, friendliness, helpfulness, and they truly love the Boy Scouts for all their helpfulness and muscle as they tote the crafter's items to and from their exhibit areas.

It was a wonderful addition this year to open the upstairs areas for the yearly quilt display. Many thanks to the quilters who came and interacted with the public as they viewed the display of beautiful handcrafted quilts.

The Sussex Food Pantry also wishes to extend their sincere thanks to Trinity for the food donations. It was another great event for them.

With sincere gratitude to everyone,
Marlene and Chris – craft fair team co-leaders



Cedar Valley Retreat Well Attended

Judy Nelson hosted this year's one-day retreat at Cedar Valley with "Fear" as her theme. Judy shared many meaningful and inspirational stories and quotes with the group to use in their everyday lives to help them with their fears. There was discussion, comradery, and a delicious lunch to end the day. Thank you, Judy!

This retreat is put on every year by the Cup of Life group at Trinity. If you are interested in attending any of their meetings to find out more about what they do for Trinity and our community, please contact Lynne Mielke at 262-547-0109. The Cup of Life group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Dining Hall.

At a recent Trinity service, Pastor Bob Wells shared the following quotes with the congregation:

"Doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith."

- Paul Tillich

"The rabbi, said: if you pay attention to life, you will get mad at God and doubt God and then argue with God. The one who lives without doubting or arguing with God is, the rabbi said, simply not paying attention."

- Walter Brueggemann

"Faith includes noticing the mess, and emptiness and discomfort, and letting it be there until some light returns."

- Anne Lamott

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