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July 2020



Out On the Way

by Pastor Susan Stull-Carr

If you want to get into the mind of the early movement of those following The Way, Paul's letter to the "ekklesia" – or the "called out ones" – may be a good beginning for you. It was for me. These 3 verses, after the great commandment, formed the foundation of my own embodied journey of faith and service.

So often, when we talk about love, we have a kind of syrupy, sentimental, never get upset, never cause upset kind of "emotion". But love is not an "emotion".

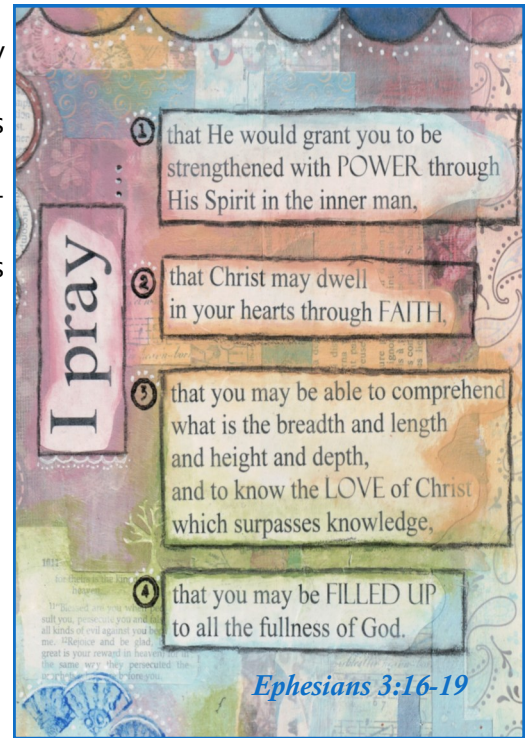
Love is a willingness, a surrender to receive all that love will teach us.

I love "The Prophet" by Kahlil Gibran (*see page 3*), both because I think he so often gets things right, but because this is the kind of love I've discovered along the way. It is a love meant to transform us, to strip away all that does not serve love. It is a way of deepening our reliance and trust in God, leaning on those everlasting arms. It is a way of forming us as servants, so that we can truly serve.

My prayer for you in the Summer of Spirit, growth and seed planting, is that you may experience and comprehend Love's Filling.

In faith and hope,

Pastor Susan



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Office Hours

(Tue & Thu at Home)

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon
Wednesday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Friday: 7:30 am to 11:30 am

Sunday Worship

Worship: 10:00 am

Fellowship Hour: Follows service

Holy Communion: First Sunday of the Month (unless noted otherwise)

Sunday School

September through first week of June

Open to the Community *(When we Come Back!)*

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am
Game Nights, See Schedule on Website
Boy Scout Troop 21, Sunday 6:30 pm
Quilters, Mondays, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
All Special Events

Staff & Lay Leaders

Interim Pastor: Rev. Susan Stull-Carr
Director of Music: Mike Hetzel
Administrative Assistant: Kathy Shine
Cleaning Custodian: Jodie Gerard
Maintenance Custodian: Eric Dahm
Ministers of the Church: All Members of Trinity United Church of Christ

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit articles and photos for the August publication by July 12th.



Bob Thomas
Kathryn Dierbeck
Lori Cronin
Lori Krueger
Naomi Stewart
Travis Zuverink
Judy Taylor

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Beverly Littmann
Geraldine Masch
Glenn Siebert
Marion Wandsneider



The Wounded Healer

By Henri J.M. Nouwen

During Trinity's June 7th virtual worship, Pastor Susan talked about writings from "The Wounded Healer."

This hope-filled and profoundly simple book speaks directly to those who want to be of service in their church or community.

Author Henri Nouwen focuses on the fundamental woundedness in human nature and recognizes this woundedness can serve as a source of strength and healing.

Filled with examples from everyday experience, *The Wounded Healer* is a thoughtful and insightful guide that will be welcomed by anyone engaged in the service of others.



The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran

When love beckons to you,
follow her,
Though the way
is hard and steep.
And when his wings enfold you
to yield to him,
Though the sword hidden among his pinions may wound you.
And when he speaks to you believe in him.
Though her voice may shatter your dreams
as the north wind lays waste to the garden.
For even as love crowns you, so shall he crucify you.
Even as he is for your growth, so is he for your pruning.
Even as she ascends to your height
and caresses your tenderest branches that quiver in the sun,
So shall he descend to your roots
and shake them in their clinging to the earth.



Words of Kindness

I very much enjoyed the Easter [worship] service. Thank you to all those who had a part in getting it to us. **Patricia Jach**

Thank you Terri and the Finance Committee. Super fine job you are continuing to do for Trinity. **Jan Schuster**

Again, we want to let everyone know how appreciative we are that we can be a part of worship service on Sundays. The services are put together wonderfully and to be a part of communion Sunday was meaningful. Never before have Dave and I served each other communion, and doing this yesterday made it more personal. Thank you to all for your dedication and hard work for bringing joy and hope in these crazy times. **Peace and health, Dave and Lynne**

Great service all around, my favorite thus far and liked the music at beginning especially. **Roberta Stanley**

Your weekly online services have been very good and refreshing. **Take care and bless ings, Mike Bannier**

Thank you for the virtual worship, all who were involved! It was a gift this morning for sure. **Anna**

Very nice service and good earth day celebration. Good job Chris! **Roberta Stanley**



Growing Our Garden

The Mielke's and Dierbeck's have planted tomatoes and jalapeño peppers to make another batch of Sunday School Salsa. We've expanded our garden this year with the donation of two raised planters. Snap peas, carrots, and beans were also planted. The children of Trinity usually help plant and water. We miss their help while we all are Safer at Home!

We'll call for volunteers in Fall to chop, dice, and can the produce into salsa. This will be a fundraiser for Christian Nurture & Fellowship to replenish the Camp Scholarship fund.

Thanks to Eric Dahm for getting out the barrel planters and filling them with new dirt. Thanks to Mark Burbey for getting out the hoses and turning on the water. Thanks to the Mielke's for the new boxes.

Stop by church to check out our little garden. If they look dry, please give them a drink.



The Women's Center of Waukesha's School Supply List

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, **NO used items can be accepted** by the Women's Center. After the harrowing experiences that The Women's Center clients endure, their goal is to restore dignity, confidence, and self-respect. To help them live this motto, please donate NEW items only.

Items needed all year round:

- Colored pencils
- Combination locks
- Erasers
- Flash-drives
- Folders (2 pockets, various colors)
- Glue sticks/ bottled glue
- Graph paper
- Hand sanitizer
- Highlighters
- Index cards
- Lunchboxes
- Markers (Washable)
- Mechanical pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- Pens (black, blue, red)
- Rulers
- Scissors (kid safe)

Additional items requested:

- Clorox or Kirkland disinfecting wipes
- Kleenex/tissues
- Paper towels
- Reusable water bottles
- Tennis shoes/Gym shoes (of varying sizes)
- White-out
- Ziplock bags
- Gift cards are also welcome (Kohl's, Meijer, Target, Walgreens, Walmart, Waukesha County Bus Tickets)



by Kathryn R. Dierbeck

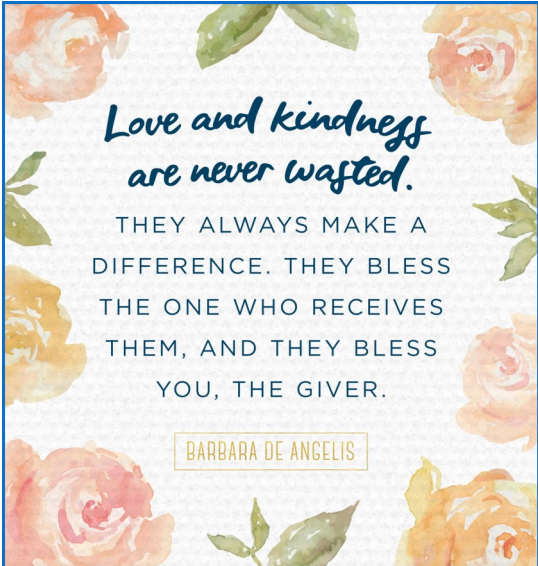
The Mission Committee will collect school supplies on behalf of The Women's Center of Waukesha. Starting July 6 through August 15, we will have bins outside the north entrance of the church (elevator door) for you to drop off your donations.

In addition to the bin collection, we will also host two drop off days to receive your donations. We can visit and thank you personally! Trinity is always a generous people and we thank you for always supporting our drives and projects!

In Person Drop Off for School Supplies
Saturday, July 25 &
Saturday, August 15
10:00 am to 12:00 Noon

We'll be set up in the south parking lot, just like the Scouts did their food drives. **Below is a list of most needed supplies** (*must be new*). Additional items are listed to the left.

- Backpacks – different sizes and colors
- Binders – (3 ring – 1, 1½, 2 inches)
- Calculator (TI-30 series, TI 84)
- Composition notebooks (Wide ruled)
- Dry erase markers (Expo, multipacks)
- Headphones/Earbuds
- Pencil boxes/cases
- Pencils #2
- Permanent markers (Sharpie – fine and super fine; black and various colors)
- Post it notes (yellow/pink – 3x3; multipacks)
- Wide-ruled notebooks (1, 3, 5 subject)



Second Boy Scout Drive Thru Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Scouts' May 30th Food Drive. More than 600 pounds of food was collected, plus \$100 in cash.

Mission's Undy 500

The Guest House is grateful for your participation in Trinity's Undy 500 collection. You donated 75 pairs of undergarments plus \$140 to allow Joe Halvorson to purchase additional items.

Trinity's Delegates

Special thanks to **Kathryn and Dan Dierbeck** for serving in June as Trinity's Delegates for the Wisconsin UCC Annual Conference. Primary business included:

- 2021 budget
- Nominations
- Proposed Bylaws revisions
- Kairos Call to Action covenant to commitment



Member Giving May 2020

For the Five Sundays in May, Trinity giving was:

5-19 Deposit of Envelopes	\$6,444
Easter	\$1,100
Maundy Thurs	\$ 150
Subtotal for 5/19/2020	\$7,694
5-28 Deposit of Envelopes	\$4,005
TOTAL	\$11,699

For the third month in a row, since our building has been shuttered, we end with more giving than we budgeted for, which is a very good thing.

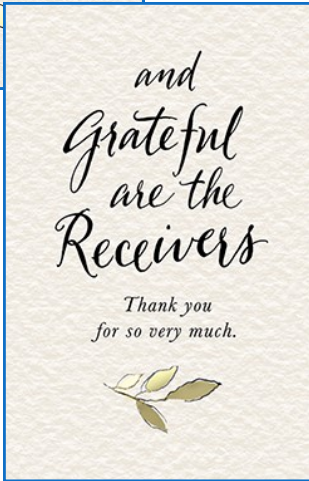
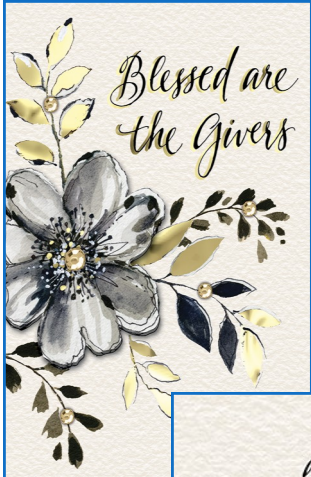
Enough came in to pay utilities, salaries, benefits and all fixed expenses. However, knowing that May had five Sundays, that is down from the average in both March and April of over \$14,000 in giving from envelopes. This is just a reminder that even if we are not together over the summer, our needs continue.

On Thursday, June 11, 2020, Trinity communicated the second part of Trinity's Emergency Budget (Part 2). It covers all of June, July and August. It showed an increase in our monthly Emergency Budget to \$11,936. There was an explanatory letter as well, addressing the increase of just over \$500.

These last three months have been difficult times for all of us, but one thing has been clear: your commitment to Trinity and her needs. That commitment has helped all of our staff do their expanded jobs with vision and enthusiasm. We thank you for being "THE CHURCH" no matter where we are.

Finance Committee





This note came from Marianne Odle, one of Trinity's Craft Fair participants for the past six years.

***"Blessed are the Givers
and Grateful are the Receivers.
Thank you so much."***

Dear Marlene and Chris,

Received your sad, but heartfelt letter informing us of your decision to stop craft fairs. I certainly did enjoy all of your friendships and help to make our special day SPECIAL. You are Special!! And so much work goes into the day.

We'll miss seeing Carole and our yearly visit unless I see her at another fair this year if we every get out of isolation.

My best to all and the great friends at Trinity.

Marianne

Hello Church,

We've had a few requests from various members "to gather." I, along with the Council, and Mike and Mikey, have discussed different options. Discernment is a gift that the Church is given by the Spirit. What is the right way forward?



During our June Council meeting, I raised an idea that has been germinating for a while now. I'm calling it "Wednesdays on the Lawn" (WOTL). We will gather on the lawn at Trinity, Wednesday evenings at 6:00, so that people who have to work can join us. We will meet for one hour beginning June 17. ***(Not July 1st!)***

We will engage in conversation with each other. This first week will be a time for introductions and getting to know each other a bit better. Have an important childhood story ready to share with the group – something that will help us see all the sides of you!

We know that all of you are anxious to see each other again, but we will have to 'expect your help' in maintaining a safe space for all who wish to join. That means that there are a few 'ground rules' which will again be reiterated at each gathering. For now:

- Everyone brings their own lawn chair and face mask
- Practice physical distancing of 6 feet
- You will not be able to use the bathroom inside the church, so plan ahead
- No hugging or touching of hands
- We ask that you find a group where you don't know everyone and sit separately from spouses or partners
- Children and Youth are welcome, and our groups will be intergenerational to accommodate hearing from them as well. They should plan to sit with a parent or another appointed guardian.
- Please don't bring any food. If you want your own water, or drink, keep it with you.
- If you are in the 'at-risk' category or immune compromised, we leave it to you to decide if this is a safe environment
- If you are sick or not feeling well, please stay home, for your safety and the community of faith.
- If the weather looks bad, plan to stay at home
- As we depart, continue to distance (remember: no hugging!)

In faith and hope,
Pastor Susan