

# Trinity Bells

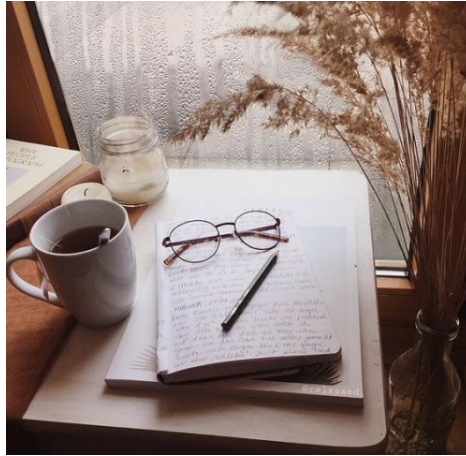
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### Stirrings From Susan

“Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43. 18-19

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.” 2 Corinthians 5.17

We turn the page to a new chronological year, and we turn the page to the ongoing church season of Christmas. God has done a new thing. In the midst of the darkness, God has brought forth the seed of Love and Light. Jesus’ coming will change many, and the process of God’s work to restore all creation to its Creator announces its arrival.

The season of Epiphany rises on January 6<sup>th</sup>, the traditional day of the arrival of the Wise Ones. In spite of Mike Hetzel’s theological wisdom about four wisemen and a fruitcake that got sent home, the truth is we don’t know how many there were. We do know of three gifts, each bearing particular symbolic significance for Christ’s ministry and death.

Powers and principalities are fearful; Mary and Joseph flee in the night to avoid the death and destruction wreaked by Herod’s jealousy. They escape to Egypt, at least according to Matthew. Luke tells a different tale. But they all offer us a telling about this event that opens us up to a richer understanding of what people believed God was doing.

The season of Epiphany is about REVELATION. An epiphany is a moment of sudden insight or understanding. We know that as Jesus actually ministered on this earth, no one really understood the implications of his life and death. In is only in retrospect that understanding begins to seep in. It is understanding that is still arriving to us in our day. We know the story, but it takes a long time to seep in and begin its work of transformation in



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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:**

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

us, creating something new in us, a new creation.

In the season of Epiphany, which can be a short season or long season, depending on the date of Easter, we watch Jesus. We see his life and ministry unfolding; we watch the healings; we listen to the teachings; we are involved in the interactions with the people and disciples. We hear with the disciples, the call, to come and follow Jesus. Such is the gift of Epiphany. The Light is revealed. We see with more clarity what the light looks like.

I hope that you will join us in this season of Epiphany. Like many who encountered Jesus, these encounters may change your life as well, transforming you into the new creation God is making of you as you believe, hope, long and wait.

I'm touched by many prayers of Teilhard de Chardin, but this seems fitting for the new year and our journey at Trinity UCC.

**PATIENT TRUST**

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient to be on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability – and that may take a very long time. And so I think it is with us; our ideas mature gradually – let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste. Don't try to force them on as though you could be today, what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow. Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete." Excerpted from "HEARTS ON FIRE."

Blessing on the Way....

*Pastor Susan*



## Did You Know...

.....that the seeds for the **founding of Trinity Church** had been planted more than 150 years ago? Before the year of 1869, a group of German speaking people living in the towns of Brookfield and Menomonee had occasional worship services in a schoolhouse located on the south side of Capitol Drive one-half mile west of Calhoun Road. The worship services were sometimes led by German speaking laypeople and sometimes by a German or Swiss missionary that served a number of small churches in the area. These missionaries were a volunteer group, not directly related to the state churches in Germany or Switzerland, and were trained to serve either Lutheran, Evangelical, or Reformed churches in the U.S

The worshippers in this area were dairy and truck farmers who marketed their produce such as potatoes, hay, hogs, and vegetables within the Milwaukee area. Most of the farms were in the 40 to 80 acre range. These Germans who migrated to the Midwest in the 1800's escaped a very regimented, institutional, and authoritarian political and religious life in Germany – especially in Prussia. The German government passed edicts regarding a common book of worship and a union communion service. There was strict control over the rites of baptism, confirmation, marriage, and burial. So when German immigrants came to America, they exercised their religious freedom and privileges by avoiding rigid institutional organizations, resisting any signs of authoritarian control, and following a course of separatism. And thus, the ability to preach in German was more important than the pastor's denominational affiliation to the German speaking worshippers in this area.

A contingent of men from this worship group met at the schoolhouse on October 16, 1869 as a preliminary meeting to appoint temporary officers and form a committee to draw up a constitution for the purpose of organizing a new formal congregation. Thus, this date . was established as the historical founding of this church. The first church board consisted of John . Fieldhack, Jacob Hauert, John Reimer, Henry Clasen, Joachim Hahn, and John Schroeder.

These men served for a term of one year. Rev. Carl Dalies, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Menomonee , which had been organized in January 1868, and had periodically served Trinity before its founding, continued to serve both churches. At the 1870 annual meeting, it was decided to build a church and have a cemetery adjacent to the church laid out in lots. On March 20, 1871, the church was organized as "Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church of Brookfield" or "Dreieinigkeits Gemeinde in Brookfield" in German. Although the organization papers used the English name, German was the common language of the congregation.

*-Bob Rohrig*

(Sources: A History Of The Evangelical And Reformed Church, The Pilgrim Press, 1990 and Trinity's historical records)



## 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!]*

**Judy Taylor** – this wonderful volunteer coordinates, maintains, and provides supplies for communion and the candelabras – Judy has done this for many years and it is greatly appreciated by Worship and Arts group – Way to go, keep the light shining!

**Mark Burbey, Dan Dierbeck, Dave Mielke, Bob Stanley, Eric Dahm, Bob Rohrig** – many thanks for placing the creche scene on the lawn at the front of the church again this year. Each year these friends handle this challenging task – lights aren't working, repairs are needed, guess we need to paint again – the tasks get done and the wonderful creche scene is up for the season. Trinity is so blessed!

**Lynne and Dave Mielke** – hanging the holiday banners on the sanctuary wall – thanks to this great couple who are always there to volunteer – a job needs to be done, these two are on the spot and the task gets done!

**Roland Perschon** – Roland prepared another beautiful Christmas Tea this year for Trinity members using his keepsake pieces from his travels. Thank you too to Eric Dahm for the table set up that he does every year.



**Birthdays this Month:**

Sharon Burbey	01/01
Jan Fredrick	01/18
Peg Zahn	01/26



**Anniversaries this Month:**

There are no anniversaries this month.

**Judy Taylor** – Judy has been the Worship and Arts recording secretary for many, many years. Each month she takes notes, transcribes them into minutes and then directs the distribution of the minutes. She is saying adieu to this task and her work will be greatly missed by this committee. THANK YOU, JUDY!!!!!! For your years of service to this necessary task.

**Advent Wreath lighting participants** – many thanks to the Trinity families who have graciously said "yes, I will be happy to participate" when asked to join the worship service in the lighting of the Advent wreath each Advent Sunday and on Christmas Eve - As always, our members and friends are awesome! So, thank you to the Corley, Komassa, Dahm, Faulk, and Rohrig families.



**Worship Attendance:**



- November 4 = 65
- November 11 = 75
- November 18 = 70
- November 25 = 59

This makes for an average worship attendance of 67 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:

- Jan. 6** Glenn Siebert  
 4665 Meadow View West  
 Brookfield, WI 53005
- Jan. 13** Geraldine Masch  
 5031 North 126th Street  
 Butler, WI 53007
- Jan. 20** Bev Littman  
 Harbour Village  
 5600 Mockingbird Lane,  
 Apt. C104  
 Greendale, WI 53129
- Jan. 27** Donna Brill  
 N71 W13918 Nicolet Ct.  
 Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
- Feb. 3** Marion Wandsneider  
 777 Brookfield Regency  
 Brookfield, WI 53045

**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, January 6*

*Worship/Communion* 10:00 p.m.

## *Sunday, January 20*

*TUCC Budget Meeting* 11:00 a.m.

## *Sunday, January 27*

*TUCC Annual Meeting/Luncheon* 11:00 a.m.

## *Sunday, March 3*

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

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

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Remember to "Save these dates!"

*Post on your refrigerator, mark the dates on the calendar, and invite friends, neighbors & families to attend.*

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

# January 2019

## TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

4435 North Calhoun Road

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 Cup of Life—DH— 10:00 a.m.  Missions—DH—2:00 p.m.	3 Worship & Art—DH— 1:00 p.m.	4	5
6 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Worship/Communion Sunday School 150th Anniversary Mtg.—DH—11:00 a.m. Boy Scouts —DH&EdW —6:30-8:30 p.m.	7 No Quilters Dartball: TUCC @ Greendale	8 Council Executive Comm— DH—6:30 p.m.	9	10 Calendar Planning—DH 6:30 p.m.	11	12
13 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. CNF—YR—9:00 A.M. Worship—10:00 a.m. Sunday School Boy Scouts—EdW & DH—6:30-8:30 p.m.	14 No Quilters Ministry Disc— EdW—12:15 p.m. Council—DH—7:00 p.m.	15 Growth & Outreach—DH— 6:30 p.m.	16	17 Property—DH—7:00 p.m.	18 Hope Center Meal	19 Scrapbooking—DH & EdW—10:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m.
20 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Worship—1000 a.m. Sunday School TUCC Budget Meeting—Sanctuary— 11:15 a.m. No Boy Scouts	21 Quilters—DH & EdW— 9am-4pm Dartball: TUCC vs. Calbary—EdW—7:15 p.m.	22	23	24	25	26
27 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Worship—10:00 a.m. Sunday School TUCC Annual Meeting—DH—11:00 a.m. Boy Scout Committee—DH & EdW—	28 Quilters—DH & EdW— 9am-4pm	29	.30	31	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <b>Key to Locations:</b>                      DH = Dining Hall                      Ed W = Education Wing of Church                      GP = Gathering Place                      YR = Youth Room                 </div>	



## ANNOUNCERS

January 6 Growth & Outreach  
January 13 Business & Office  
January 20 Council President  
January 27 Stewardship  
February 3 Property

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

January 6 Christian Nurture  
January 13 Christian Nurture  
January 20 Christian Nurture  
January 27 Christian Nurture  
February 3 Christian Nurture

## FIRST RESPONDERS

January 6 Joe Halvorson  
January 13 Mike Hetzel  
January 20 Lola Krainer  
January 27 Kathy Leslie  
February 3 Ralph Zahn

## GREETERS

January 6 Sharon & Bob Thomas  
January 13 Kathy Leslie  
January 20 Judy Taylor  
January 27 Diane Siebold  
February 3 The Dahm Family

## GUPPY ROOM

January 6  
January 13  
January 20  
January 27  
February 3

## OFFERING COUNTERS

January 6 Jay Preston & Dawn Faulk  
January 13 Dan Rieves & Kathy Immekus  
January 20 Dan Dierbeck & Sarah Komassa  
January 27 Ralph Zahn & Kathy Immekus  
February 3 Jay Preston & Dawn Faulk

## PROJECTIONISTS

January 6 Carol Capes  
January 13 Kathy Immekus  
January 20 Christina Matthews  
January 27 Eric Dahm  
February 3 Carol Capes

## USHERS

January 6 Kathy Haass, Joe Halvorson  
Dawn Faulk, Diane Siebold  
January 13 Ralph Zahn, Peg Zahn,  
Jan Fredrick, Eric Dahm  
January 20 Bob Thomas, Sharon Thomas,  
Jan Fredrick, Dawn Faulk  
January 27 Kathy Haass, Joe Halvorson,  
Dan Dierbeck, Diane Siebold  
February 3 Bob Rohrig, Kahney Rohrig,  
Dawn Faulk, Jan Fredrick

## READERS

January 6 Lori Krueger  
January 13 Mindy Wirth  
January 20 Naomi Stewart  
January 27 Kathy Dahm  
February 3 Bob Thomas

## WELCOMERS

January 6 Lynne Mielke  
January 13 Jan Schuster  
January 20 Lori Krueger  
January 27 Kathy Immekus  
February 3 Lynne Mielke

## WORSHIP LEADER

January 6 Lynne Mielke  
January 13 Naomi Stewart  
January 20 Peg Zahn  
January 27 Lori Krueger  
February 3 Christina Matthews





## Holding In Our Prayers:

- ✦ Family and friends of James Marx
- ✦ 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.

## Dartball Team News

The last two game nights for Trinity's Dartball team before our holiday break did not go very well. We lost all six games and are no longer in first place. So now all four teams are bunched up in the standings. Greendale is in first place; Trinity trails by one game; and Calvary and Christ each trail by one and a half games. So, a little over half way through the season, first place is there for the taking for any one of the four teams. The good news is that Eric Dahm is leading the league in high average (.457), hits (37), and singles (29). Dan Dierbeck is leading the league in doubles (4). Mark Burbey with 14 and Meredith Lang with 13 are tops in triples. In fact, in one of our games on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, Meredith was four for four and all were triples – an admirable feat. Maybe after the holiday break, when the league games start up again on January 7<sup>th</sup>, our batting will also be on target again.

## 150 Anniversary Report From the Team!

Mark your calendars – the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be a two-day affair.

**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)

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

Memorabilia from Trinity’s past will be set up and displayed throughout the building over the weekend of November 2-3.

Mark your calendars and watch for updates in the Bells.

### HELP WANTED – an advertisement

- What do you remember of Trinity’s history?
- Do you remember friends and members associated with Trinity’s past years?
- Can you provide contact information of these people and their families?
- Will you help with invitations?
- Will you help with decorating and planning the displays?
- Will you help with the promotion of this event?
- Will you help with the many details in the planning?
- Would you like to join the team?

No resume is necessary when you apply for any of the above. Contact any of the below listed team. Compensation is a lot of FUN!!



### TEAM MEMBERS:

- |                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Marlene Helinski | mhelinski1@wi.rr.com    |
| Janice Garens    | Jsgarens@gmail.com      |
| Lee Lannan       | natalielannan@wi.rr.com |
| Lynne Mielke     | mlkywy44@gmail.com      |
| Diane Siebold    | billanddianes@yahoo.com |
| Judy Taylor      | judat1@att.net          |



## Ministry Discernment Committee Formed

A new committee has been formed at Trinity for the sole purposes of helping those Trinity members who are interested in pursuing ministry within the United Church of Christ. This committee’s responsibility is to meet with candidates to ascertain their commitment to God, ministry and its members. The committee will meet as the need arises and then decide on the candidate’s readiness to move on in this special journey. They will recommend the candidate to the Trinity Council so that the whole Trinity family can form a supportive atmosphere. The Council representative will then bring the candidates before the Church & Ministry Team of the Southeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC. The C&M team then meets with the candidate and our Council President to determine worthiness and to prepare an action plan for accomplishing the goal of ordination. Currently there is one member who has requested to be considered for this process and that is Lisa Corley, wife of Matt and mother of Stephanie and Savannah. Lisa already has her Masters in Divinity and her Ph. D in Religion and Society but was never ordained. The members who have stepped up to form what is called the Ministry Discernment Committee for Trinity are: Lori Krueger, Terri Allen, Pastor Susan, Don Immekus, Dave Mielke and Roland Perschon. Say a prayer for these members and for Lisa and her family as they all begin this journey together and when you see these members in church, thank them for their willingness to serve and let Lisa know that you are excited and praying for her during the final steps toward ordination



Following conversations with the Worship and Arts ministry team, we have decided to adapt the Order of Worship. At the beginning of the year, we will shift some of the pieces of the service to different places. We are prayerful that these changes will lead to a deeper, richer experience of worship.

As with change though, you may find that you don't like it. I invite you to give it a chance! As I have said again and again to council and committees, we are going to try some 'new experiments'. I have tried several of these 'experiments' in other places and we have often been amazed by how much we liked the change! And if, by chance, we find we don't like it, it is not 'set in stone'. We can try something else, or we can return to what we had. We are as they say, 'under construction!' Please be patient with us!



**"DO YOUR LITTLE BIT OF GOOD  
WHERE YOU ARE;  
IT'S THOSE LITTLE  
BITS OF GOOD PUT  
TOGETHER THAT  
OVERWHELM THE  
WORLD."**

**-Desmond Tutu**

## Search Team Update



After a meeting with the Search Team at the end of November, we agreed that there is a need for a Stage 2 process – a time when we can gather together as a congregation to discuss our past, present, and future; to use a variety of tools to help us discover more about what the scripture tells us about being the Church. We will take a look at our history to remember those things that formed and shaped us. We will work together to begin expressing our core values. We will experiment with some tools for self-understanding. We will examine our mission and purpose.

We agreed to work in this way for no longer than 6-9 months. At that time, the Search Committee will be better prepared to finish work on the profile. In order to facilitate this, I will be working with members of the Search team and other members, to create 4-5 'retreats'. They will most likely occur on Saturdays, for about 5-6 hours so that we might put in about 30 good hours of work together. I trust that we will find this work both challenging, fun, but most of all, transformative. News will be coming out in the near future regarding the dates and focus of each 'retreat'.

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