

TRINITY BELLS

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Out On The Way

by Pastor Susan Stull-Carr

Jesus' earliest followers were called people of the Way. To be a Christian often means to follow a certain set of beliefs. To be a people of the WAY, means to walk by faith through grace in God's Ways. I've been thinking about many things as I walk with you here at Trinity about what following this Way means to me and what I've been receiving as gifts along this Way.

As I look back now, I see this incredible trail of gifts – of insight, kindness, mercy, unexpected grace, joy, love and yes, even adversity. It's arrived by my side in the strangest of times and places.

"Try to be kinder than necessary, everyone is fighting a battle." – Plato. When we begin walking on this Path, in this Way, there are many battles we will be engaged with and by. Walking in God's Way is not easy. We are called to treat each other, especially those in our own faith community, with a special kind of grace and mercy. Gossip and unkind words, or imagining evil on their part, is something we are warned not to do.

Rather, as it says in Hebrews 3, "we are to encourage one another." To encourage another is to 'en' – place into; 'couer' heart or courage. It is to give heart to one another, to speak a word that helps give strength, gives hope, gives light, shares love.

When is the last time you encouraged someone in this place, in your home, in the school, at your work, in your neighborhood?

Words of encouragement plant seeds where life can blossom. Encourage – give heart to one another.



*Pastor
Susan*

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New Office Hours

Monday: Closed (starting 10/7/19)
Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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

Worship, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Game Nights, See Schedule on Website

Boy Scout Troop 21, Sunday 6:30 p.m.

Quilters, Mondays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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 November publication by October 12th.



Neighbors in Need Helps make a “A Just World for All” Possible

Thank you for supporting Neighbors in Need! This annual offering supports UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. **Our offering is October 6.**

- Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.
- One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM).

Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news update, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as:

- The Federal Budget
- Voting Rights
- Immigration
- Health Care
- Hate Crimes
- Civil Liberties
- Environmental Justice

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribe UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Do You Know...

how long it took to build our current church from the time Trinity's congregation approved building a new church, to the completion of construction?

Well, it took considerably longer than the ten months it took to plan, purchase, design, and build our first church back in 1869-1870. The 1950's were an exciting time at Trinity. Milwaukee families began expanding rapidly westward. The post-war housing boom was in full swing. Subdivisions were springing up in all directions from Trinity. Families from diverse church and ethnic backgrounds were swelling our membership rolls. Membership increased from 178 in 1950 to 407 in 1959. There were over 200 children ages one to sixteen in the church in 1959. And our original church facilities were bursting at the seams.

- In January 1956, the Congregation approved the formation of a Study Committee, a Finance Committee, and a Building Committee to study whether a new church should be built.
- In June 1956, the Congregation turned down (by one vote), a proposal to build a new church at a cost of approximately \$190,000.
- In September 1956, the Congregation authorized the Building Committee to start a Building Fund campaign and engage the services of an Architect.
- In October 1956, the Congregation approved (by nine votes), the Building Committee's rec-

ommendation to build a new church on our present site. The Building Fund Drive started in 1956, with a goal of \$50,000, but an Architect wasn't hired until May 1958.

- In November 1958, the Congregation approved the new church building plans/sketches presented by the Architect.
- In 1959, construction of the new church building was on hold until the Building Fund goal of \$50,000 was reached (which happened at the end of 1959).
- In January 1960, the Congregation approved negotiating a bank loan for up to \$100,000 for construction of a new church building.
- Finally, on March 27, 1960, the groundbreaking ceremony to start building the new church was held. However, the new building project got off to a slow start.
- After the groundbreaking ceremony, April and May rains held up new construction almost completely. By June, only the

concrete footings reinforced with steel rods and the drain tiles were in place. But after that point, construction work proceeded at a good pace, and two formal dedication services were held on April 16, 1961 to celebrate the completion of the new church building.

Trinity's Pastor Rev. Hilton E. Grams and guest speakers Rev. Dr. Louis Goebel (former President of the Evangelical & Reformed Church), Rev. Dr. Paul Kehle (President of the South Wisconsin Synod), and Rev. Walter Waecklerle (former pastor at Trinity) presided. After the dedication Sunday, numerous other activities including a Dedication Banquet, Youth Sunday, Dedication of Memorials and Gifts service, Confirmation Class Reunion, and other special gatherings, meetings, and luncheons took place. It was one busy month, but it must have been very satisfying and exciting – remember that it had taken almost **five years** from the starting point.

Bob Rohrig

Source: *Trinity's historical records*



Join Us for an Annual Fall Clean-Up, Saturday, October 5

Trinity's Property Committee has scheduled an Outdoor Cleanup day for Saturday, October 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This event is earlier than normal so that we can prepare for two big events that are happening this fall.

We will be doing a general grounds cleanup and prepare things for winter. Property Committee appreciates all the help we can get. If possible, please bring garden tools and gloves.



Veteran's Day Recognition, Sunday, November 10

We will be paying tribute to all those who have served, or are currently serving, our nation in the Armed Forces. Please join us for this tribute on Sunday, November 10, at 10:00 AM as we honor those who have given their time to keep our country safe. All who have served our country are invited to join us.



Craft Fair Update, October 12

An insert has been handed out to everyone attending Church on Sunday mornings asking for volunteers and to keep everyone informed as to how things are progressing. We are in need of volunteers to help beginning on Thursday night, Friday and of course on Saturday, October 10-12. The team leaders are:

- **Parking & Traffic:** Dave Mielke
- **Café:** Kathy Dahm
- **Themed Raffle baskets:** Naomi Stewart
- **Bake Sale:** Dawn Faulk
- **Welcomers & General Tasks:** Chris Faulk & Marlene Helinski

We need as many volunteers to interact with the crafters and the public as possible, as well as helping in the above areas. Can you post a sign on your lawn? Please take flyers, hand them out to others, and post them at various businesses (with their permission of course). If you have questions about fair or the timetable for volunteers, please talk to Chris or Marlene.



Book Club, Tuesday, November 19

by Roberta Stanley

The book club will meet in the church dining hall on Tuesday, November 19, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Pulitzer Prize winning book by Matthew Desmond*, "[Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City](#)." This is a story about Milwaukee and how so many people can become homeless with just one piece of bad luck. The book club usually discusses the book and then goes to lunch somewhere nearby. If anyone is interested in joining our group, please contact Roberta Stanley, 262-781-1172.

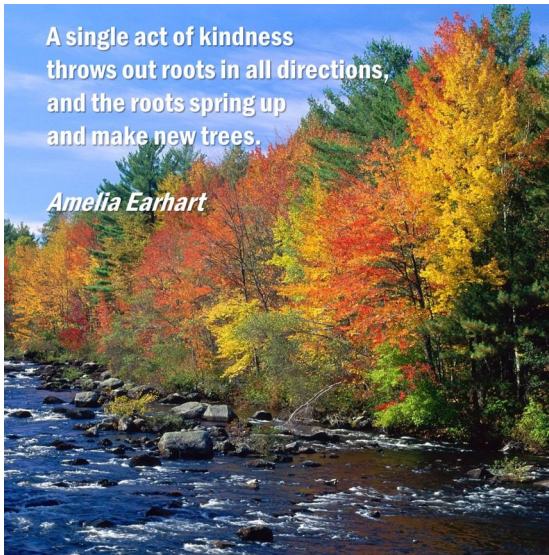
**Desmond was awarded a MacArthur "Genius" grant in 2015 for his work on poverty in America.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS

- **Pat Matthews** and **Mark Burbey** for your hours of work to repair the elevator!
- Those who cooked, prepped, served and decorated for our Rally Sunday celebration! It was a great day.
- **The Mission Team** for their amazing work to help Trinity send School Supplies to the Waukesha Women's Center!
- **Janet Shuster**, our captain and the **Trinity Trekkers** for walking in the NAMI WALK to raise awareness and funds for work on mental illness issues.
- **Jim Singleton** for being so willing to offer a 'helping hand' wherever it is needed and for his humor and laughter and support of Pastor Susan – she's blessed!
- **Judy Marchant** for her supervision of the office project! We're just about ready to build!
- To **Don Immekus**, **Peg Zahn**, **Lori Krueger** and **Chris Faulk** for their work to hire a new administrative assistant, Kathy Shine. If you haven't stopped in to say 'hi' yet, please do.
- To **Ralph Zahn**, **Jan Frank**, **Chris Faulk** and **Emily Dahm**, your Search Committee, as they finish up the profile and have it ready to submit.
- **Marlene Helinski** for her tireless efforts to spearhead, plan, and coordinate our 6th annual Craft Fair. You can thank her by placing a sign in your yard or by volunteering a few hours of your time before, during or after the event!
- We have a dedicated team leading Trinity UCC's 150th anniversary celebration. We appreciate your all your efforts!
Lee Lannan, **Paula Matthews**, **Lynne Mielke**, **Arlene Preston**, **Diane Siebold**, **Judy Taylor**, **Jan Wolff**, **Chris Faulk**, and **Marlene Helinski**.

A single act of kindness
throws out roots in all directions,
and the roots spring up
and make new trees.

Amelia Earhart



Welcome to Trinity!

Mikey Hetzel has come on board to assist us as our sound tech and has provided invaluable presence and skill to this task. You'll notice the difference in the sounds of worship.

Kathy Shine is our new administrative assistant. She has settled into the routine quite easily in the first few weeks among us, and already has used many of her talents to add some new ideas to our communication and worship ministry.

Special Thank You

This summer, when we were without an Administrative Assistant and Lisa Corley was on a much-enjoyed trip to the Philippines to visit her family, **Chris Faulk** stepped up to make sure that the bulletins were done each Sunday.

Behind the scenes, along with a few others, all the other tasks that keep the church running during the week were handled efficiently and competently! In mid-August, he handled the training process for our new admin. Hours of sacrificial ministry were given. We owe Chris a debt of gratitude – please take a moment to express your thanks when you see him!

We're also extraordinarily fortunate to have **Pat Matthews'** expertise in the coordination and supervision of the foundation project of our church! The work is almost finished.

**GOD BLESS
YOU!**

Indoor Construction Update

The Chancel and office remodel project will be completed by Bob Ford Construction. Mr. Ford and Mr. Peine (our Architect) have been very patient with Trinity throughout the past year. The construction business is booming and both gentlemen are very busy.

I realize Trinity wants this project completed ASAP, however, we will now need to be patient and wait our turn in the construction world. Trinity cannot expect to be put before other people that made commitments prior to ours.

Once Bob has a firm plan for a start date, I will update the Council and Congregation.

- Depending on his other jobs, the construction may start in October.
- The work will take approximately three weeks.
- We will plan around the 150th Anniversary. If part of the project can be completed prior to the Anniversary celebration, we will plan that.
- I assure you that Trinity will not look like a "Construction Zone" for the celebration.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

Judy Marchant
Ad Hoc Representative



Mission Committee Report

by Kathryn Dierbeck

Thanks to all who donated items or cash for our School Supply Drive. I did not take time to inventory them or break them down this year. BUT, when they were dropped off we filled both of the carts at The Women's Center. That has never happened before, so I'm sure you all extended your generosity this year.



I know Trinity members are generous. You've been bringing in clothing, shoes, pill bottles, and canned goods over the summer. Everything is appreciated, thanks to each of you. Our committee is not successful without your support.

More information will be coming for our next activities:

- Collecting canned goods for The Waukesha Food Pantry's Thanksgiving Baskets in November
- We'll be trying something new for Christmas Toys

Coffee Hour Hosts

Thanks to all the volunteers who serve us with their love! Refreshments following worship provided by: Property (August), Worship & Arts (September), Finance & Stewardship (October).



World Communion

"In an increasing globalized world, where differences can be divisive, sharing in the elements of the Lord's Supper is the quiet constant that unites believers of Christ

— that grace, redemption and healing are afforded through the simple sharing of sacred bread and cup." - *Daniel Hazard*

Please join us on Sunday, October 13th, as we celebrate the almost universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another and remembering both the night of Jesus' betrayal—when Jesus instituted what we now call the Lord's Supper as a lasting remembrance—and of Jesus' sacrifice.

All are welcome at Christ's table.



150th Anniversary Update

by Marlene Helinski

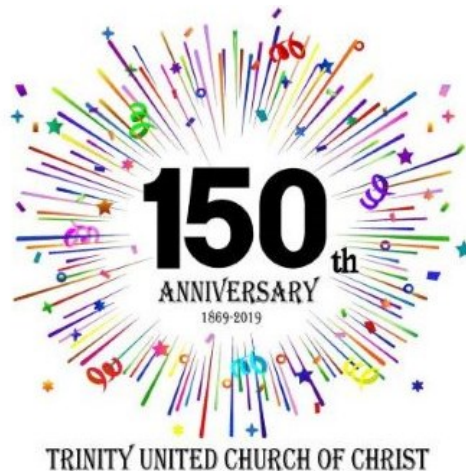
Things are very busy for the 150th anniversary team as we are working to keep on top of tasks to avoid last minute "panic attacks".

This is a reminder to those who are creating picture boards that they are due on Wednesday, October 16. Jan Wolff will be at Trinity from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to receive your completed picture board and/or assist you with creating one. Anyone wishing to help on that day, feel free to stop in. Volunteers are needed to:

- Welcome the guests on Saturday, November 2
- Welcome the guests on Sunday, November 3
- Assist with name tags, etc.
- Set up for those two days
- Assist with other details that need to be addressed

Any help or suggestions that you may have would be greatly appreciated.

The TEAM: Lee Lannan, Paula Matthews, Lynne Mielke, Arlene Preston, Diane Siebold, Judy Taylor, Jan Wolff, Chris Faulk, Marlene Helinski, Pastor Susan



Summer Attendance

JULYAttendance 222

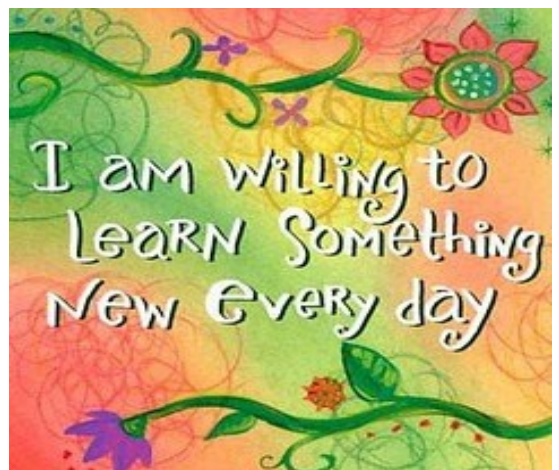
AUGUSTAttendance 200

SEPTEMBERAttendance 276



Getting to Know our New Admin, Kathy

- She loves her husband of 33 years, and her sons Anthony and Joseph
- She traveled to Ethiopia to instruct 45 teachers on a mission effort
- Her home is on the grid . . . 36 solar panels are installed on her roof
- She's worked in social justice ministry for more than 13 years
- She's a volunteer baker for the VA
- She's an active Toastmaster in three clubs in Wisconsin for 15+ years
- She enjoys films from 1934-1959
- Her personal motto is simple:



TECH Team

As the new fall season is upon us, Growth and Outreach would like to remind everyone of a couple of things from the Tech Team.

- ▶ Please be sure to check out Trinity's web site as Chris makes changes often, sometimes once a week. This is Trinity's way of reaching out to the community. Most of our guests visit Trinity because of the web site and/or the outdoor sign.
- ▶ We are hoping to add something new and special in the near future. Check this out sometime in October.
- ▶ Please send all messages for the outdoor sign to Mark Burbey as he does the posting. If you need help with this messaging, feel free to contact Marlene.
- ▶ In order to keep these two avenues of communication open and up-to-date, we wish to remind all committee leaders, group leaders, and others to submit items to Chris Faulk. His responsibility as web master is to edit and place items on the web, he is not expected to create the articles. So, please, write articles about any and all projects and forward to Chris.

Thank you, The Tech Team
Chris, Marlene and Naomi



Visiting Pastors in October

OCTOBER 6: We're happy to welcome back Rev. Joyce Lawlor to our pulpit. A graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, Joyce served American Baptist Churches in NH, WA, and WI for 17 years before transitioning to chaplaincy.

She received Ecclesiastical Standing in the UCC eight years ago, serves as chaplain for Community Care, Inc., specializing in the area of palliative care and advanced disease support for the physical disabled and frail elderly, and is a member of Plymouth UCC in Milwaukee.

OCTOBER 20: Pastor Bob Wells is preparing for his 16th year as a full time teacher of English at Homestead High School. During this time he has also served as a pulpit supply minister at various UCC churches and worked with the Schramka Funeral Home. Pastor Bob and his family have been residents of Brown Deer for the past fifteen years. His wife, Jean, is a talented potter and wonderful mother. Their two beautiful children, David and Mary, attend Brown Deer High School.

Previously, he served for 14 years as a full-time ordained minister in the Roman Catholic Church in various communities: Whitefish Bay, Catholic Memorial High School, Butler, and Sabana Yegua in the Dominican Republic.



A Little Effort Makes a Big Impact

Swamped with life, but you want to help at church? Are you looking for something without a big commitment? Consider being a projectionist! You're already here, why not push a few buttons to make everyone's experience more enjoyable?

The TECH Team can orient you to the task, or arrive early to worship one Sunday and sit near the laptop and projector and watch how it's done.

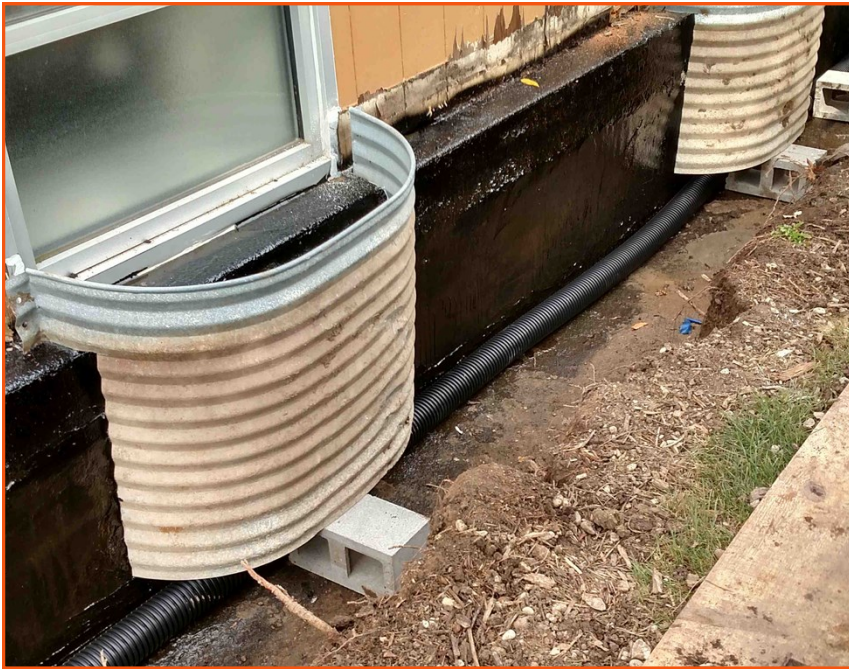
Task Level: Easy

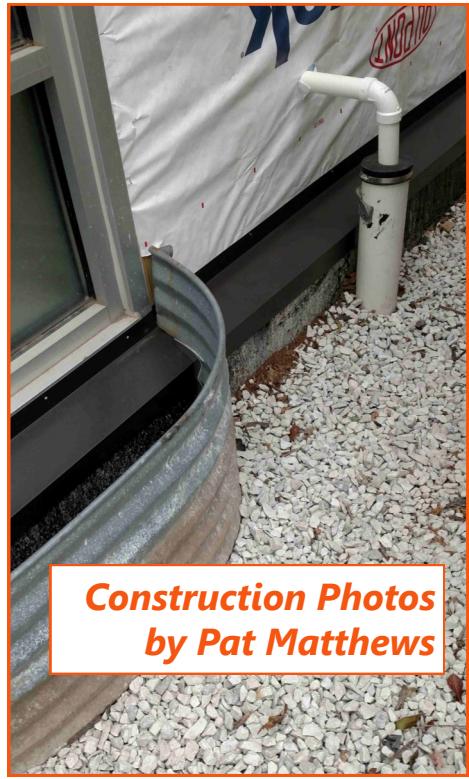
Commitment: One Sunday, rotation every 4 to 6 weeks





UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Building on a Firm Foundation





**Construction Photos
by Pat Matthews**