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“after the comma”

“The Power of a Penny”

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The other day I was checking out at a local mini mart and I handed the cashier the needed cash. I didn't have the correct change so waited as the money was counted and expecting some change back. As is customary for some reason, the cashier placed the change of paper bills in my hand and then added the coins. I thanked the cashier and as I turned to place the change in my pocket, a few coins hit the floor, sliding off the bills and receipt within my grasp. Bummer! They landed on the tile and bounced a bit...I had no clue which coins had fallen, and I looked behind me and there was no one in line. The items that I had purchased made it a bit difficult for me to maneuver and reach down to pick any coins up, so I quickly scanned and saw a nickel, a couple of dimes and a penny.

I decided to leave the coins where they were.

Maybe someone would see them and pick them up. No fortune by any means and would not change a life all by themselves, but I remembered that saying, “Find a **penny, pick it up**, all the day you'll have good luck.”. My thought was maybe, just maybe that might be true. Someone out there could use some good luck. I know I've bent over many a time to pick up those pennies from heaven left for me to ponder and wish. So maybe my leaving these for someone else would make something change in the finder's world...maybe a smile, maybe thankfulness for something unrelated, but remembered. I know it was only 26 cents... but you never know, right?

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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Sunday Worship

Worship: 10:00 am

Fellowship Hour: Follows service

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

Sunday School Via Zoom

Jill Gretenhart and Robin Komassa teach students from Pre-K through 7th Grade. If you are interested in having your children participate or if you have questions, contact Kathy Haass at KatydidHaass@gmail.com or Jill Gretenhart at [yippeeefun@aol.com](mailto:yippeefun@aol.com). Lessons for the upcoming week are sent via email in addition to the Zoom link. Class begins at 9:15 am for 30 to 45 minutes.

Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

On Hold: Game Nights

On Hold: Quilters

Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Krueger

Council President: Terri Allen

Director of Music: Mike Hetzel

Administrative Assistant: Mikey Hetzel

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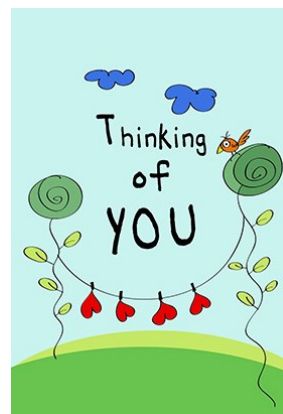
All Members of Trinity United Church of Christ

Newsletter Deadline

The 15th of each month.



Bob Thomas
Kathryn Dierbeck
Lori Krueger
John Schroeder
Naomi Stewart
Ilene Dahm
Edward Stewart
Travis Zuverink
Judy Taylor



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Beverly Littmann

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Worship Services - July 2021

Sunday, July 4th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, July 11th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.



Sunday, July 18th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, July 25th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.



Announcements Schedule

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| 7/4 | Terri Allen |
| 7/11 | Mike Hetzel |
| 7/18 | Kathy Immekus |
| 7/25 | Kathy Immekus |

Could all Committee Chairs please get your announcements for the following Sunday to the appropriate Council member by Wednesday morning of that week.
Thank You all.

Book Club

Our next book club will meet on Wednesday, August 25 at 10-12 noon in the church dining hall. The book we chose is called Lilac Girls by Martha Kelly and is a book club book so a copy is available from me. It is based on the real-life story of a NY socialite who championed a group of concentration camp survivors known as the Rabbits.



All are welcome to join us for our book club and can read as many of the choices we make as you would like. If interested in joining us, please contact Roberta Stanley at 262-781-1172.



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What if it was true? What if the coins on the floor were literally pennies from heaven?

In ancient times, coins in particular were used as the currency for most of all of these early civilizations. Think of early Biblical times where paper was not something that was used (if at all) and hard to come by for any purpose. It was believed in ancient cultures that heavier metals such as silver, copper and gold were gifts from the gods, something to be kept and could keep you safe from a multitude of situations. Currency that had weight and substance. So, it was natural that finding a stray coin would immediately be in your favor, and luck had found you.

Here are some of the phrases I found to relay some of this bit of (Penny or coin) superstition and a few more;

See a penny, pick it up; all day long you'll have good luck.

Find a penny, pick it up; all the day, you'll have good luck. Find a penny leave it there all the day you'll have despair.

Find a penny, pick it up; all day long you'll have good luck. Put the penny in your shoe, and good luck will come to you.

Find a penny, pick it up; all day long, you'll have good luck. Give it to a faithful friend; then, your luck will never end.

I'm not necessarily superstitious, but all of these sayings relate to the decision to pick up that coin. Pick-up the coin! Let's imagine it is God's way of reminding us of something big and generous! But remember...it was not yours to begin with.

I believe God asks of each of us to lay as many coins as we can for others to find, and also find them ourselves. My meager mishap with the convenience store change doesn't come close to what God asks of me each day. How I can deposit coins into the lives of others, not expecting anything in return, but just that the recipient knows it was God's all along. If you believe in a God who provides, then we in turn are entrusted to do the same in our lives for others. It's not always about the amount of the coins, but it is about the willingness we have to let go of what we find and is needed by our sisters and brothers. Giving to others who we may never meet, preparing the way for someone who will come after us, and of course loving so much that we cannot contain all the coins in our possession! We are called to making these available to others. We know our coins (currency) can be the literal sustenance of money as we live abundantly in God's love for us, but let's not forget that the currency of love (Our care for others, i.e. time, talents and working for justice) is valuable unto others as we care for ALL. So next time you see a penny on the sidewalk, or in the check out lane of the store, think of the last saying about the finding of a penny, "Find a penny, pick it up all day long, you'll have good luck. Give it to a faithful friend; then, your luck will never end."

That's right- give it away...in fact add to it and have the newly found "penny" in our lives remind us of how we can give extravagantly and unconditionally to those whom we serve and live with. I am personally hoping to find another's penny so I can continue to remind myself of the cycle of how we respond to God's love for all of creation. Our "luck" is that we have been given gifts in which to share, and also to receive in grace and gratitude.

Dear God, We thank you for all you give to us. Sometimes we think it is not enough, and that we deserve more. Remind us that we are the gifts for others and when we give, we are replenished in our lives through being your hands and hearts in the world...and when our many pennies are brought together, miraculous things can happen through love. Pennies from heaven indeed! Amen!

Blessings on our journeys in Pentecost!

Pastor Dan

Mission Moments

The Mission Committee, during the months of July and August, will be collecting school supplies to be given to the Women's Center in Waukesha.

The following is a suggested list of items that you can donate to this important drive:

Backpacks : various sizes/colors, Binders - 3 ring (1, 1 1/2, 2 inches), Composition Notebooks (Wide Rule), Dry Eraser markers, Pencils #2, Permanent markers (Sharpie - fine and super fine; black and various colors), Wide-ruled notebooks (1, 2, and 5 subject) Colored pencils, Folders (2 pocket, various colors), Markers (washable), Pens, (black, blue, red), Pencil boxes/cases. All school supplies are greatly appreciated.

Beginning July 1, there will be containers in the gathering place for your donations., Thank you from your Mission Committee for your help!



Message from Cup of Life

"KNOW YOUR UCC HERITAGE" Cup of Life will be taking a tour of Lakeland University on July 22, 2021. Women from the congregation and friends are invited to join us. We will meet with the college president, tour the campus, meet with an alumni, and have lunch there.

We are gathering in the south parking lot of church at 8:15 am and leaving promptly at 8:30 am. We will be carpooling from church.

Please contact Janet Schuster at 262-252-3340, or Lynne Mielke at 262-547-0109, or talk with them at church and let them know you are coming along. Questions? Give them a call"



Cup of Life is calling all women of Trinity, friends and members, to join us on Wednesday, September 8th at our annual Cedar Valley Retreat. Judy Nelson will lead us in a day filled with prayer, song and reflection centered around the theme of "HOPE".

Participants will leave Trinity's South Parking lot at 8:45am sharp and car pool to the Retreat House. The program will start when we arrive around 10:00am and break for lunch. After lunch, prepared by the staff, there will be time for some strolling through the maze, visiting the chapel and the beautiful grounds before we gather again for our afternoon session. We should be back in Brookfield sometime after 4:00pm.

The cost will be \$16.00 per person paid in a check made out to Trinity UCC. Please write in the memo section of the check CUP OF LIFE RETREAT. Reservations will be accepted up to Sunday, August 15th and please hand checks to Lynne Mielke, Janet Schuster or Terri Allen. Cancellations made after August 15 will not be refunded since Cedar Valley will have ordered supplies for the lunch. The fee will cover the lunch and the fee for using the facilities for the day. When you hand in your reservation, please let us know if you will be willing to drive as part of our car-pooling.

Cup of Life has been hosting Women's Retreats for almost 20 years. It is a wonderful time for the women of Trinity to deepen their friendships and strengthen their religious foundation as Christian members of the United Church of Christ.

If you have any questions, reach out to any of the ladies mentioned above. We look forward to sharing a late summer day together praying, singing and reflecting.



CoVid Team Update

The CoVid team would like to thank the members and friends of Trinity on your patience that you have had during the last 16 months. The Team worked very hard to make sure that our members and friends were safe when in the church building. We followed CDC guidelines and read many articles from the Wisconsin Council of Churches and the Wisconsin Conference to make sure that we were following proper procedures on sanitizing. We had anyone entering the building sign our contact list ledger and required mask be worn at all times. I want to thank the CoVid Team for all of their hard work during these last 16 months. They are Lynne Mielke, Peg Zahn, Wendy Rieves, Judy Marchant, Jean Gichert and Eric Dahm for all of their time spent on this project.

As of July 1st, masks will be optional. If you feel comfortable wearing a mask, then please do so, but we are not requiring that masks be worn. Remember, mask wearing is a personal decision. Because we are all anxious to get back to singing our beloved hymns, social distancing will be maintained.



Trinity Goes Mask-less Tailgate Party

On July 11 after the worship service, we invite everyone to join Trinity Council for a Trinity Goes Maskless Tailgate Party. This is a thank you for your patience for the last 16 months while we struggled thru the CoVid crisis. I personally would like to thank the members and friends for your patience and help from signing our contact ledger to sanitizing the tables to wearing masks. We could not have had the results we have had if it were not for you. So again, Thank you.

We will be serving brats and hot dogs along with chips and cookies and a beverage. The only thing we ask you bring is a chair to sit on. If you have any special dietary request please let us know by July 4th and we will try to accommodate your requests.





Hi Kids,

We do have another special day that we celebrate in July and that is our Independence Day, July 4th. I'm sure you have been learning about this in school, so this month's story is about something else, a very special book we use during the Church service, in Sunday School and at home, it is the Bible. This story will tell you some

What is the Bible?

The Bible is that big, old looking book that sits on mommy and daddy's shelf. But it's more than just a big old book! The Bible is full of adventure, mystery, and rules that we should all follow. But most importantly, everywhere you look in the Bible, you will find a promise from God.

The Old Testament Promise: The Saviour is coming
The New Testament Promise: The Saviour has come

The Bible was not written by just one person, but was written by many different authors -- each one of them guided by God.

The Bible is made up of 2 different, but connected books - The Old Testament and The New Testament. The Old Testament is made up of 39 smaller books. The New Testament is made up of 27. All of these books are also divided into chapters and each chapter contains many different verses.

We've already learned some of the stories from the Bible. It's a very exciting book! In the Old Testament, we read about the creation of the whole universe, huge floods, burning bushes and major showdowns where God helps the little guys win. In the New Testament, we will read even more exciting stories about an evil king and a tiny baby who turns out to be the most important person that ever lived!

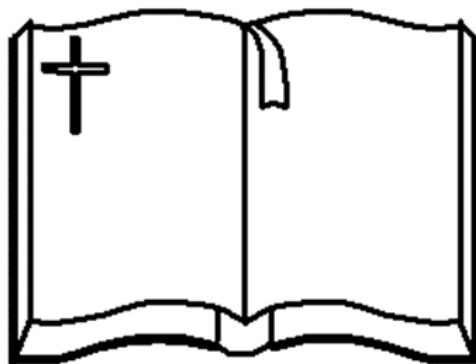
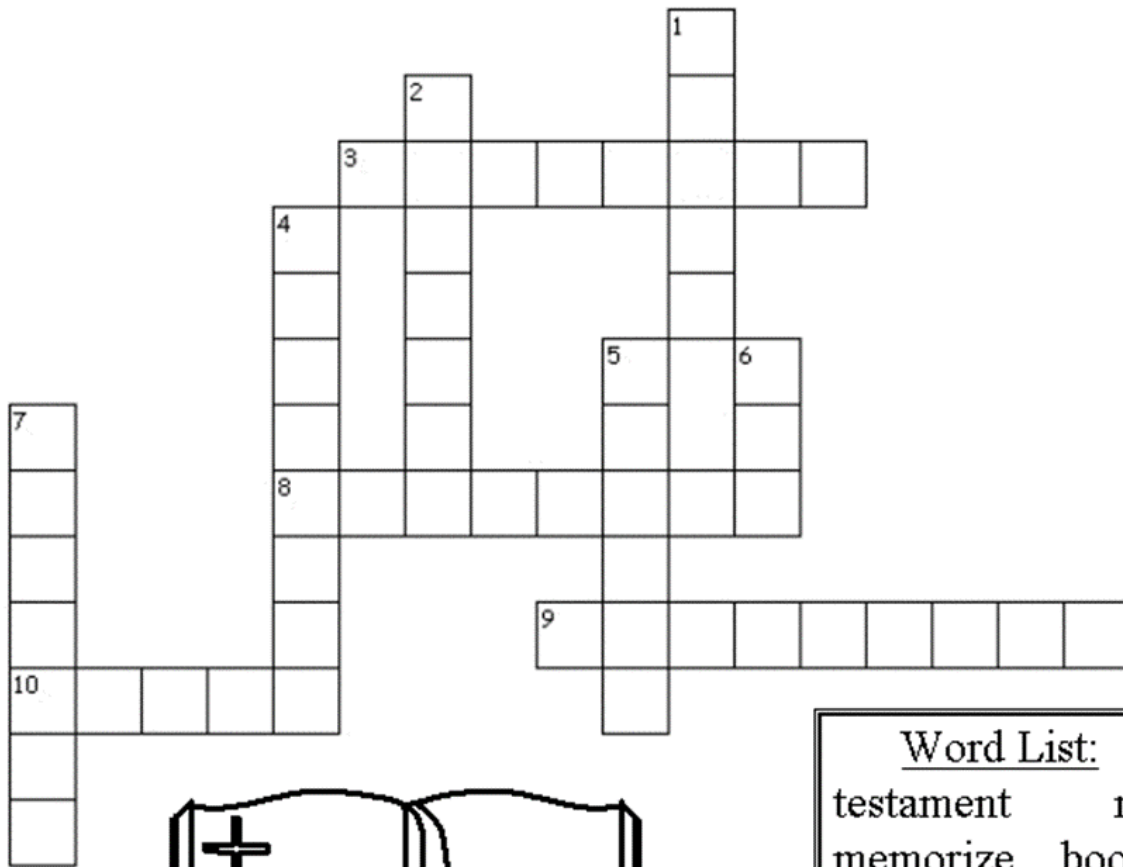
In the Old Testament books, the story of the beginning of the Universe and the creation of man are found. We learn about brave men like Noah, David, Daniel and Moses and we learn about brave women like Ruth, Esther and Sarah. Throughout the Old Testament, God asks His people to obey His laws, but over and over again His people disobey him. Despite this disobedience, God promised to make a way for all things to be right again.

The New Testament tells us how God's promise that he made in The Old Testament came true. The New Testament is all about the birth, life, teachings, death and resurrection of a very special person named Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the saviour promised to us in the Old Testament. In the New Testament we learn what Jesus taught and what happened in His life. We also learn how Jesus made the Old Testament promises of salvation come true when He died on the cross for us. The very best part of the story is that Jesus came back to life.

The Bible is like a long letter written to us from God. He made sure there were stories that we can learn from, and if we're ever having a bad day the Bible can help with that too. He made sure there were plenty of verses to make us feel better, and tons more where He tells us that He loves us.

Bible Crossword



| <u>Word List:</u> | |
|-------------------|---------|
| testament | red |
| memorize | books |
| inspired | guide |
| promises | letters |
| parable | verses |

Across

- 3. The best way to keep the Word of God in you heart is to ____it.
- 8. Every word in the Bible (no matter who wrote it) is ____ by God.
- 9. The Bible is separated into the old and new ____.
- 10. There are 66 of these in the Bible.

Down

- 1. The Bible is our biggest ____ in helping us know how to live.
- 2. Some of the books of the Bible are ____ written to help and encourage others.
- 4. The Bible is full of these just for you.
- 5. Each chapter has a number of these in it.
- 6. In some Bibles Jesus' words are printed in this color.
- 7. Jesus' favorite way to teach and tell stories was by telling these.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Worship 10:00 am (In-Person) & Live Stream | 5 | Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am 6 | 7 | Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am 8 Worship & Arts 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Worship 10:00 am (In-Person) & Live Stream Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH | 12 | Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am 13 | 14 | Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Worship 10:00 am (In-Person) & Live Stream | 19 | Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am 20 | 21 | Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am 22 "Cup of Life" tour of Lakeland University Leaving church parking lot at 8:30 am | 23 | 24 |
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