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November 2019

Out On the Way

by Pastor Susan Stull-Carr

Psalm 100 was one of the first psalms I memorized, and it's theme of 'thanksgiving' remains central to my experience of faith. "Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise. FOR the Lord is good; and God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations."

The focus for November is THANKSGIVING. And what a wonderful opportunity we have to give thanks to God for God's faithfulness and love that has led and sustained the congregation here at Trinity for 150 years. Many hands have been working behind the scenes to create a special weekend of celebration and thanksgiving. We will remember our past, celebrate our presence, and ask for God's guidance as we move ahead into an unknown and uncertain future, but with confidence that God will make a way!



We will give God thanks for 'all the saints' that continue to surround this place as we remember those who have gone on before us. We will give thanks to our veterans and remember the sacrifices of those who serve, both in the military, but in many other capacities as well. We will hear testimonies for those who are thankful for the congregation at Trinity and the ways in which their faith has been nurtured here. We will offer our thanks as we consider our gifts again to the ministry of Trinity as it seeks to serve Christ in the world that God so loves.

We will celebrate the ministries of Trinity with a Celebration Parade on Thanksgiving Sunday. Each committee and ministry team will find ways to express the work they do and we will celebrate together the many gifts and offerings that are given by our members to the work of Christ's church!

It's going to be a wonderful month! I hope that you will join us each and every Sunday for inspiration, celebration, hope and of course, praise and THANKSGIVING!

Peace, *Pastor Susan*

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Office Hours

Monday: Closed
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 December publication by Tuesday, November 12th.

Harvest In-Gathering, Collection for Thanksgiving Baskets

The Mission Committee already started our annual Harvest In-Gathering. We are collecting specific grocery items to be used by the Waukesha Food Pantry in their Thanksgiving Baskets. Their clients receive a frozen turkey, and a bag full of items needed to create their own holiday meal. Your donations help make those holiday meals a wonderful day of celebration for many people. Requested items:

- Canned yams
- Gravy
- Cream of Mushroom soup
- Potato buds
- Stuffing
- French fried onions
- Cooking oil
- Flour
- Canned green beans
- Sugar
- Cereal
- Canned corn

Many of us are blessed to have a place to go for the holiday, or we are lucky to have family and friends come share a meal we prepare. We at Trinity are so blessed with many gifts, that we are able to share what God has given us with others. **The last Sunday to bring your canned goods will be November 10th.** Then we will be moving on to our next project: a Christmas Toy drive.

Thanks to all of you who give so generously to Trinity and to those in need.



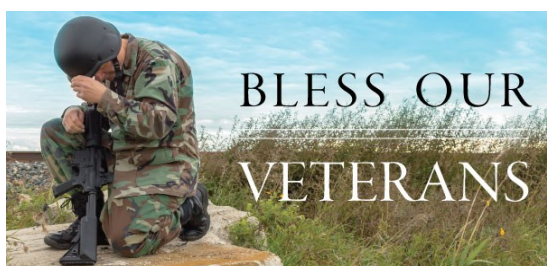
Christmas Is A'Comin'...

... and so is the sale of poinsettia plants! Once again the Worship and Arts committee will be selling these beautiful plants to place in our church at Christmas time. Order forms will be in the Sunday bulletins and also in the December issue of The Bells. Please watch for these.



Veteran's Day Recognition, Sunday, November 10

We will pay tribute to all those who served, or are currently serving, our nation in the Armed Forces. Please join us for this tribute on Sunday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m. 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.



VETERANS

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ⁴ Allen, Mitchell | ³ Alles, Paul |
| ² Brzezinski, Dan | Cleary, Jim |
| ² Dahm, Arnold | ¹ Faulk, Dawn |
| ² Fredrick, Bob | ² Gerds, Roger |
| ² Glasenapp, Gavin | ² Glasenapp, Jarrad |
| ² Glasenapp, Jill | |
| ² Glasenapp, Suzanne | ¹ Glasenapp, Will |
| ⁴ Helinski, Mary | ¹ Krainer, Jerry |
| ² Lannan, Bob | ¹ Lowther, Tom |
| ⁴ Masch, Ken | ⁴ Masch, Richard |
| ⁵ Perschon, Roland | ⁴ Schuster, Jean |
| ⁴ Siebert, Glenn | ² Stanley, Bob |
| ⁴ Stanley, Richard | ² Taylor, Richard |
| ¹ Taylor, Robert | ⁴ Theilacker, Fred |
| ² Wedel, Don | ⁴ Zuverink, Travis |

1 = Air Force 2 = Army
3 = Marine Corps 4 = Navy
5 = Special Forces

DECEASED VETERANS

- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| Allen, Kent | Deitze, Max |
| Friedrich, Elroy | Gunther, John |
| Helinski, Jerry | House, Murrell |
| Korslin, Harold | Kurtz, Gloria |
| Kurtz, Harry | Lang, John |
| Schlei, LeRoy | Shue, Don |
| Steiler, Douglas | Wakeland, Joe |
| Wild, Richard | |

Guest Message Given by Franz Rigert

Trinity UCC's guest **Franz Rigert** will share the message "Grounded in Thanksgiving" on November 3rd during our 150th Anniversary Worship.

Franz has deep roots in Wisconsin having been raised in Delavan where his father served the Congregational United Church of Christ for over 30 years.



Franz studied pre-law and religion at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1989 and received the Exceptional Leadership Award. He declined an invitation from UW Madison Law School when called by the Holy Spirit to attend seminary. Franz graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, where he received the Distinguished Preaching Award. He was ordained in 1992.

Franz was on the Southeast Association Church and Ministry Team for six years, serving as the Chairperson for four years. He then served three terms on the Conference Board of Directors. In the fall of 2014 Franz was called to serve as the Wisconsin Conference Minister for the United Church of Christ. Franz enjoys hiking, traveling, music and nature.

October's Craft Fair

The sixth annual Craft Fair, "A fair For All Seasons" held on Saturday, October 12th was a big success. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped Thursday-Friday, October 10-12. We want to especially thank the Boy Scouts, the bakers, our incredible set-up team, and all the team leaders.

The crafters had wonderful things to say about Trinity and the hospitable, welcoming atmosphere that they experienced at the craft fair. Thanks to everyone who has been a part of this successful event!

Sincerely,
Chris and Marlene



November 16, Game Night

Growth & Outreach is hosting another game night on Saturday, November 16 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite snack (salty, sweet, or healthy), or if so inclined, bring your favorite soup or chili. Remember to bring a game to share as well. Our game nights are always a fun time full of laughter, story telling, and fellowship. As always, all are welcome to this fun, fellowship event.

November 24 Giving Thanks

The Stewardship Planning Team will host a "Celebration of Ministries" to draw attention to the many ways we are being good stewards of God's gifts at Trinity United Church of Christ. A "Parade of Ministries" will be featured on Sunday, November 24th during worship to showcase all that is going on in Trinity's life together, growing in the Spirit and sharing the work of Jesus with others around us.



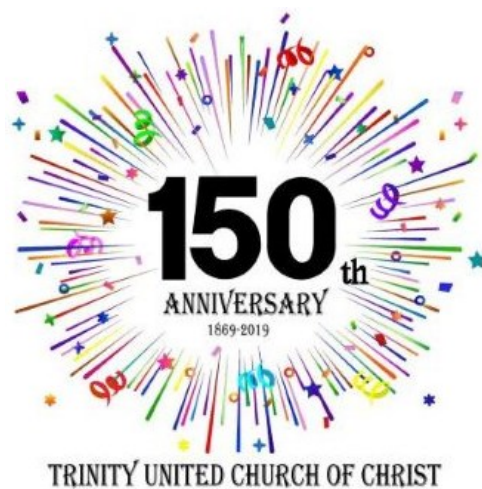
150th Anniversary Update

by Natalie Lannan

The anniversary team has been busy putting the finishing touches on the preparations for the 150th milestone anniversary celebration November 2nd & 3rd. Picture boards are completed and decorating will take place this week. We have 106 guests registered for dinner on Saturday and look forward to welcoming many more guests at 2:30pm for visiting and activities. Refreshments will also be served at this time. A special celebration service will take place on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. with more celebrating, visiting and reminiscing in the Dining Hall after the service. Everyone is welcome to stay for special anniversary cake and refreshments.

The team welcomes volunteers during the activities of these two special days.

- Set up for the festivities on Friday Nov 1st
- Welcoming guests on Saturday and Sunday and to answer questions, give directions to restrooms, elevator, Dining Hall, etc.



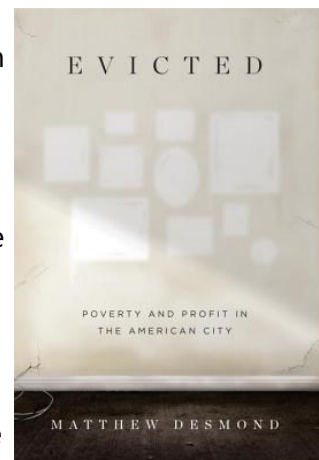
Team members: Natalie Lannan, Paula Matthews, Lynne Mielke, Arlene Preston, Diane Siebold, Judy Taylor, Jan Wolff, Marlene Helinski, Chris Faulk, Pastor Susan

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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS

- **Pat Matthews** for his leadership and coordination of Trinity's outdoor remodel project (see pages 9-11 for photos)
- Trinity's **150th Anniversary Team** and the numerous volunteers preparing and decorating; so many special touches!
- **Eric Dahm** and **Jodie Gerard** for the meticulous attention to make our space welcoming and shiny!
- We're blessed with the voices of our **Celebration Singers**—they fill our worship space with songs of praise and are led by **Mike Hetzel**



Josh Cronin
Pam Kosanke
Jill Gretenhardt
Tori Rieves
Don Immekus
Donna Brill

Keep Our Homebound Members in Prayer

Donna Brill
Beverly Littmann
Geraldine Masch
Glenn Siebert
Marion Wandsneider

In Appreciation to Trinity's Council

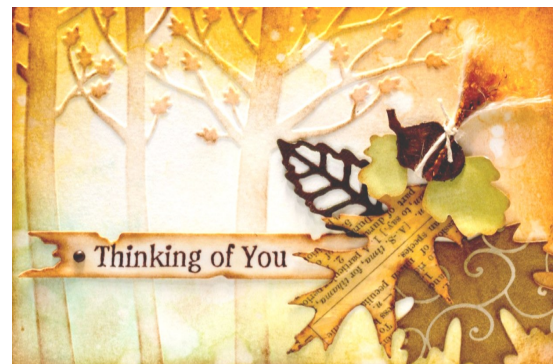
Council members donated a Sienna Glen Maple tree, planted on October 13th in recognition of Trinity's 150th Anniversary. As it matures it will showcase its bright orange foliage in autumn.

The ancient symbol of trees represent physical and spiritual nourishment, transformation and liberation, and budding growth and resurrection. Trees are a wonderful example of how to live, grow, transition, change, and even die with grace.



"We can learn a lot from trees: They're always grounded, but never stop reaching heavenward."

Terri Guillemets



In Remembrance

Judith Colegrove
Robert Nuszbaum
Sharon Burbey



Do You Know...

...what the total cost of Trinity's current church building and furnishings that were completed in April 1961 cost? The total cost was \$165,873. In addition, there were many special gifts and memorials given by church members for specific furnishings for the church. After years of planning, hard work, and a steadfast fund raising program, Trinity now had a beautiful new house of worship. But there were more indoor and outdoor physical improvements and enhancements yet to come.

Soon after the new building was ready, cabinets were installed in the kitchen; concrete sidewalks were installed in front of the church with connections to the road and the parsonage; speakers were installed in the Dining Hall and the nursery, so the worship services could be piped in. In 1964, a new Bell Tower housing the bell from the original church was dedicated. That same year, stained glass windows were installed in the east entry door area, and the following year stained glass windows representing the twelve Apostles were installed in the northeast entry door area.

In 1967, the congregation approved the building of a new parsonage across the street from the church on land that had been donated and deeded to the church eleven years earlier. A new colonial-style parsonage was built that year on that parcel (at an approximate cost of \$33,000).

Also in 1967, the old parsonage was remodeled for Christian

Education use at an approximate cost of \$7,000.

In 1973, two Trinity families donated funds to purchase a Bosendorfer baby grand piano. Also that year, the Schulmerich Carillons was converted from a tower music system to a tape deck with four roof speakers.

In February of 1976, a reception honoring Mayor Franklin Wirth, who was retiring from the office of Mayor of the City of Brookfield, was held at Trinity. Mr. Wirth, a lifelong member of Trinity, had held the elected position of Mayor since the City of Brookfield was incorporated in 1954.

A new Baldwin organ was purchased for the sanctuary in 1981. Major renovation work on the old parsonage was accomplished in 1984 and the building was subsequently named Trinity House.

In 1994, a new storage building was built on the far western edge of the south parking area.

In the first decade of the 21st century, two major events (one very bad and one very good) happened at Trinity that had major effect.

The first event happened on Labor Day evening September 5, 2005, when a fire started in the Dining Hall kitchen. The kitchen was completely destroyed, the Dining Hall was extensively damaged, and smoke damage was widespread throughout the building. As a result, Trinity's congregation accepted Brookfield Congregational UCC Church's generous offer to utilize their space and sanctuary for the next fourteen months. The good news was that when church services resumed at Trinity, they finally had an elevator installed that serviced all three levels of the church and a handicap ramp in the Dining Hall. There was joy and fulfillment that a long overdue needed project was completed.

Bob Rohrig

Source:

Trinity's historical records



UCC Youth Events

The Wisconsin Conference UCC and United Church Camps, Inc., are pleased to present the following youth events for 2019-2020! Learn more information about any of the events below, <https://www.wcucc.org/ministries-missions/youth-programs/>

Jesus Core High School/Young Adult Retreat

January 9-12, 2020, Registration opens in November

Youth Faith Formation Retreats

November 8-10, 2019, February 28-March 1, 2020

March 6-8, 2020



Young Ambassadors Youth Exchange

June 23-July 14, 2020 in Germany

July 7-28, 2021 in Wisconsin

Cost: \$1,650

We are looking for Wisconsin Conference UCC youth and young adults aged 15-22 to participate in this two-year exchange with our church partners from the Moers Church District in Germany. This is a wonderful opportunity for travel abroad, expanding your horizons and learning about Christians from Germany - their culture, faith, and customs. The Moers Church District is located in the North Rhine-Westphalia region one hour north of Dusseldorf. Based on previous exchanges, quality time will be spent with your host family, you will participate in an engaging group program, and often the group will visit Berlin for some days of touring. It is expected that participants will commit to both ends of the exchange, as you will be hosting the person in 2021 who hosts you in Germany.



GERMANY

If you know someone interested in participating in this opportunity, email Lisa Hart at the Wisconsin Conference Office by October 31, hart@wcucc.org.

Wisconsin Conference

Did you know that our Wisconsin Conference UCC provides these resources?

- 14 Justice Ministries, including Creation Care, Food Security, Homelessness and LGBTQ
- Training, coaching, and renewal grants for vitality and growth
- Lay Academy to engage lay people in spiritual growth and development through theological education. Anyone who longs to grow in faith, discover new ways to serve God and their community, and deepen their knowledge of Christian tradition, ministry, and mission is welcome.

Trinity UCC is part of the Southeast Association

We are – 51 churches, covenantally bound to one another.

We are – diverse with urban, suburban and rural congregations

We are – dynamic and engaged in mission

We are – supportive of local congregations as they seek pastoral leadership

We are – responsive to the needs of congregations in times of transition or difficulty.

We are – encouraging for pastoral growth and development

We are – the authorizing body for ministerial standing and oversight

We are – gathered together for an Annual Meeting

We are – part of the Wisconsin Conference UCC





Cup of Life's Luncheon Tea

by Terri Allen

On Saturday afternoon, September 28th, Cup of Life hosted its first Luncheon Tea for the women of Trinity and their mothers, daughters, aunts, cousins, friends and neighbors. Forty women attended and were served various teas, punch, ham, chicken and egg salad sandwiches, a fruit platter, eclairs, cream puffs and mini cupcakes. The program for the afternoon was a history of aprons through the last 100 years as presented with wonderful aprons on display by our own Wendy Rieves. Everyone in attendance really enjoyed the program. In addition, all attendees were asked to wear or bring a favorite apron with the hope that some ladies would share the story behind their apron. Some of the stories that were shared were funny, touching and brought back poignant memories for many.



Nancy Korslin was kind enough to make 15 Chicks and hen plants to hand out as a giveaway. Kahney Rohrig made approximately 20 aprons in gift bags which were also given to some of our lucky guests and she presented special aprons to both Wendy and her mother, Nancy, as a thank you from Cup of Life for their contribution to the Luncheon.

In addition, three of Trinity's most helpful men worked in the kitchen plating the food, keeping the tea flowing and offering a hand where needed. We thank Roland Perschon, Dave Mielke and Dan Dierbeck for all that you did!

Cup of Life decided to hold the luncheon in honor of Trinity's 150th Anniversary. The ladies, who meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the Dining Hall at 10:00 a.m. are: Janet Schuster, Joann Shue, Kahney Rohrig, Judy Nelson, Lynne Mielke, Kathy Immekus, Kathryn Dierbeck, Dawn Faulk and Terri Allen.



Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6th and we would love to see more of Trinity's ladies joining us as we begin to plan our agenda for 2020.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Building on a Firm Foundation

