

TRINITY BELLS

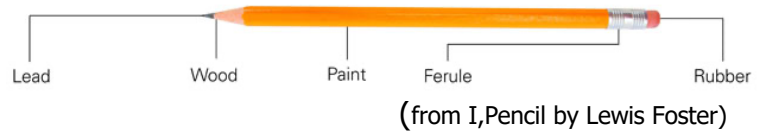
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"after the comma"

Pens and Pencils

Are you a pen or a pencil kind of person? For years pencils were my go-to. Writing papers, notes, cards song lyrics, the pencil allowed for mistakes to be made, then quickly erased. Even mentioning this now, I had many pencils where the erasers were worn down to the metal "ferule" (I had to look that one up...who knew what it was actually called...see below! 😊).



One of the other therapeutic things about a pencil is as it is being used, it loses it's sharp point and also depletes it's available lead- which then creates a pause in the activity as I would need to sharpen the pencil, to which once at the appropriate turning of wood and lead against a sharpening object- usually metal, it was ready once again to relate my thoughts, dreams and doodles. Yes, the pencil has the power of translation and transference if teamed with a willing partner (me or you) to inform others about where we are. Brilliant! The modern pencil was invented in 1795 by Nicholas-Jacques Conte who was a scientist serving in Napoleon's army. The premise is a pigment in a casing (wood) which keeps this core from breaking and marking up the users' hands and fingers. Dragging the core pigment across a lightly abrasive surface (paper, etc.) would leave a trail transferring language and thoughts for another's use or for sharing. I confess I write with a heavy touch and break the lead often and have also learned I cannot use mechanical pencils to this day!

The problem was that wonderful eraser. Because you could "remove" the writing, the mistakes, it becomes somewhat unreliable as a "source" document because you could change and manipulate after the initial original writing or drawing. Good and bad you may say. There was inevitably doubt of the validity of the document.

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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Email: contact@trinitybrookfield.org

Web Site: www.trinitybrookfield.org

Office Hours

Tuesday & Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday Worship

Worship: 10:00 am

Fellowship Hour: Follows service

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

Sunday School

4/14, 4/28

Contact Kathy Haass (KatydidHaass@gmail.com)
with questions or for more information.

Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

Monday Quilters: 4/1, 4/15 – 8:30a-3:30p, DH

Troop 21: 4/7, 4/21 – 6:00-8:30p

Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Krueger

Council President: Mark Burbey

Director of Music: Mike Hetzel

Administrative Assistant: Mikey Hetzel

Cleaning Custodian: Jodie Gerard

Maintenance Custodian: Eric Dahm

Ministers of the Church:

All Members of Trinity United Church of Christ

Newsletter Deadline

The 15th of each month.

Happy Birthday!!



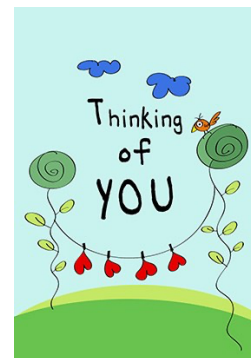
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Lou Frank4/3
Donald Larson4/13
Chloe Brown4/18
Ruth Larson4/20
Dave Mielke4/23
Jerry Goldbach4/25
Judy Marchant4/26
Wendy Kleman4/26
Dan Brzezinski4/30



Janice & Robert Fredrick..... 4/07/1962
Diane & William Siebold..... 4/08
Yvonne & Donald Basting..... 4/15/1961
Kathy Haass & Joe Halvorson..... 4/20/1991

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Nancy Korslin
Jerry Krainer
Sherry Nuszbaum
Joann Shue
Fred Theilacker
Marion Wandsneider
Patricia Wendlandt



Worship Services April 2024

Sunday, April 7th

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday, April 14th

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday School

Sunday, April 21st

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday, April 28th

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday School



"EVERYONE'S BOOK CLUB"

Everyone is invited to be part of Trinity's book club. You do not need to be a member of the church, just have a love of reading good books.

The current book we are reading is "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah. It takes place in Texas during the Great Depression.

The next book club meeting is Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 10:00 AM in the church dining hall. so there is plenty of time to read this book. We always have great discussions regarding the subject matter at our gatherings.

Some copies are available to be handed out. Please call the church office at 262-781-9378 to find out how you can get your copy.

We would love to have you join us.

Usher Teams

April 7th - Mielke Team, Group 2

(Sarah Dahm, Lori Krueger, Dave Mielke, Lynne Mielke, Chris Faulk)

April 14th - Frank Team, Group 4

(Lou Frank, Jan Frank, Kathy Immekus)

April 21st - Dahm Team, Group 5

(Eric Dahm, Edith Heins, Tootie Seidel)

April 28th - Halvorson Team, Group 1

(Terri Allen, Emily Goblirsch, Kathy Haass, Joe Halvorson)

SAVE A LIFE



GIVE BLOOD

Cup of Life will be hosting a Blood Drive on Saturday, May 18th between 8 am and 1 pm in Trinity's Dining Hall. This will benefit all 50+ hospitals in Southeast Wisconsin. More details will follow in the coming months.

Please mark your calendars and tell family and friends. Thank you.



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Needing to make a more permanent situation, the pen was introduced. In 1827 Romanian Inventor Petrache Poenaru- created the fountain pen. Pen had been around since 3200 BC using reeds and bamboo and transferred various inks onto surface even walls and bodies. Yes, the ink was the key to a permanent document, but didn't have the ease of changing mistakes in a easy and clean way. The fountain pen eventually replaced the reed and quill versions and ultimately the ballpoint pen replaced the fountain pen. I must admit, I am now more of a pen fan based on the smoother way it writes, and the permanence it makes.

Both pens and pencils are worthy of our admiration, and both provide us with an ability to write as we wish. We also realize the words and pictures derived from the partnership of human thought and creativity can also be used as armaments. Some of the most wonderful things about these instruments are the ability to lift others up, warn them of situations, entertain and create instructions and exclaim words of love and care. The other side is where they can be used to bring others down, chastise, chronicle others faults and proliferate hate. In one instance the ability to erase would be wonderful and can be a symbol of forgiveness- hence the wonder of a pencil. Contrary- the pen can highlight our imperfections and emblazon our mistakes (or others – “the pen is mightier than the sword”) but could also solidify the thoughts and conversations exclaiming that same love and care with emphasis. Pencils are usually not allowed for signing an official document or contract, where a pen is preferred because of its permanence.

In weighing the importance and the use of these common tools of our lives, my challenge is to allow for each to have their place in my life. There are sometimes when I need the forgiveness of the pencil to allow me the freedom to make mistakes, try again and pursue my best. In this way I am witnessing to my human frailty and need for forgiveness. The pen allows me to boldly move forward and accept those things which I stumble on and may need to correct but challenges me to think a bit more before I “speak or write”. In our lives in living the Way, I believe Jesus asks us to use both pencil and pen. We will make mistakes, and some may not be so easily corrected, but our God through grace encourages us to keep communicating, to keep our options open and not be afraid to let our voices carry from our hearts. You could also say the paper upon which we write is the world waiting for our response to our gifts of love and creation. I know...lots to think about, lots to write about. Don't even get me started on typewriters versus computers...oh Lord! 😊

Dear God, we rejoice in your allowing us to be in conversation with you, knowing your will is for us to be “the Word” in the world with all the tools we have. Amen.

Blessings on your next masterpiece (or recipe, or to do list...etc...)

Pastor Dan



April Cup of Life Info

On Wednesday, April 3rd members will meet in the Dining Hall to clean out our cabinet (2 shelves) and reorganize our supplies. At the same time, we will set up volunteers for the Blood Drive to be held at Trinity on Saturday, May 18th from 8:00AM to 1:00PM. Our volunteers will greet the guests and direct them downstairs to the Dining Hall where the Blood Drive will actually take place. Also, we will figure out the volunteer schedule for Mother's Day Hosting of Coffee Hour; who will bring what for Sunday, May 12th Coffee Hour and who will set up, serve and clean up that Sunday. We will also check out our supplies as they relate to the decorating of the Dining Hall for that Sunday. We will set up on Saturday, May 11th at 1:00PM in the Dining Hall.

On Sunday, April 21st, twelve women will meet at the South Parking lot of Trinity by 1:15PM as we car pool to the Sunset Playhouse in Elm Grove to see *Jesus Christ Superstar*, the wonderful musical by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Weber. The play will begin at 2:00PM. Those who opt to go directly to the theater and wait for the rest of us, will let either Lynne or Terri know so that we do not wait past 1:15 in the Trinity Parking Lot. Tickets will be distributed in the lobby of the theater.

After the musical presentation, those who wish will dine at Moe's Irish Pub on Bluemound Road and Highway 100 (Mayfair Road). The parking lot is on Bluemound, north of the restaurant. Please let either Lynne or Terri know if you are joining us for dinner.

There will be no Cup of Life meeting in May since we will meet on 5/11 for hosting set up. This will be an exciting Spring for the Ladies of Cup of Life and friends as we host the Mother's Day Coffee Hour and the Blood Drive. We will work, volunteer and have fun at the theater and enjoy each other's company at dinner after the play. Thanks to all of the women who volunteer, help with various hosting duties, partake of baking and card making for the community around us and share in our various outings, all with laughter and prayer.

Trinity's Disbursement of Mission Funds in March



The Mission Committee has sent out \$500 to the Southeast Conference for the following three of the **5 for 5** mission programs.

Our Church's Wider Mission


Our Church's Wider Mission is the name we use to describe the work we do as the United Church of Christ beyond the local church—through our conferences, national ministries, and UCC-related institutions. Our Church's Wider Mission is also the name we give to the financial support given by UCC members and congregations that makes this broader mission possible.

One Great Hour Of Sharing

Channels resources for international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response, administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources.

Strengthen The Church

Re-imagines and builds the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, Strengthen the Church largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the United Church of Christ does not have a strong presence. It also provides support for existing church's new initiatives.



Hi Kids,
Here is part 2 of the story of David and Goliath.

David and Goliath – Part 2

When Saul and all his men heard this, they were very afraid. Three of these men were David's three oldest brothers. They were the only ones in David's family that could go fight because they were old enough.

Now David's father Jesse heard about the giant and was worried for his sons. He called David out of the fields and asked him to take some food to his brothers and report back how they are doing.

So, David set off to visit his brothers. As he approached them, he heard Goliath shouting his challenge like he did every morning. "Isn't someone going to stand up to this man?" David asked the men in the army. "Then I will fight this giant Philistine."

One of the men overheard this and ran to Saul and told him what David said. Saul approached David and said, "You can't fight Goliath, you're only a boy and he has been fighting for many years." But David said to Saul, "I have had to fight lions and bears to protect my father's sheep. God helped keep me safe then and he will help keep me safe now."

It was too bad that Saul the king wasn't trusting in God to help him, he didn't know what to do to beat Goliath. Then this young boy named David came and he knew in one day exactly what to do, and trusted that God would help him. That's why God loved David's heart and wanted him to be king.

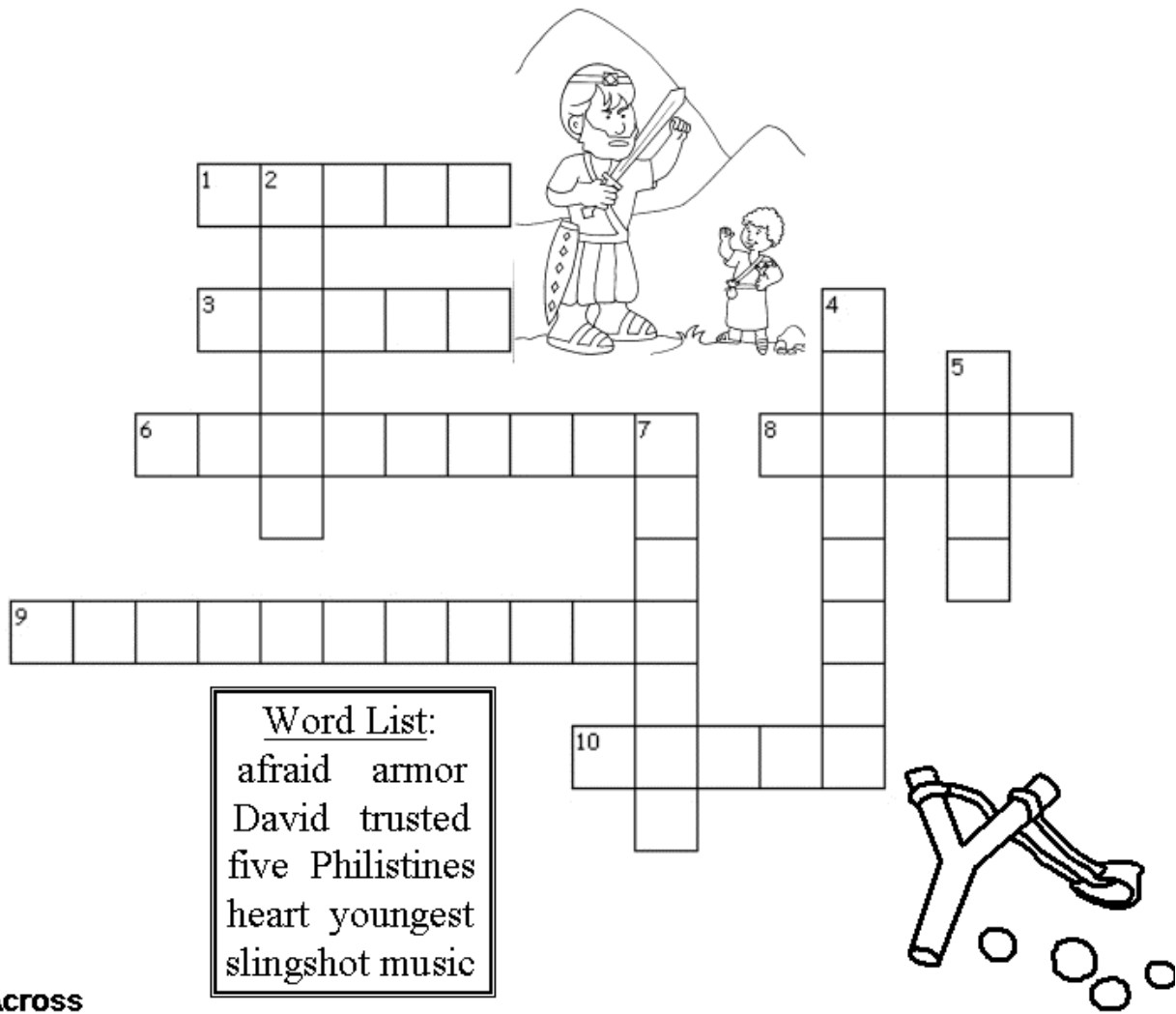
So Saul dressed David in heavy armor to protect him from Goliath but David took it off. It was so heavy he could hardly walk and he knew that God would keep him from harm. Instead, David went to a stream nearby and found five smooth stones, put them in a pouch around his waist, and with his sling he went to Goliath.

As David approached Goliath, Goliath looked at David and thought it was a joke. Goliath thought that he could easily beat David and it was funny that Saul would send a small boy to fight him. But David said to him without fear, "You fight with a sword and I come with God on my side and today everyone will know that there is one true God in this land."

Goliath didn't care what David said and he moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly to meet him. Reaching into his pouch he pulled out a stone, put it into his slingshot and shot it at Goliath. The stone had hit him right between his eyes and suddenly Goliath started to lose his balance.

He fell with a loud thud right on his face. David had done it, he beat the giant Philistine! When the rest of the Philistines saw this they ran away and David became a hero to all the people in Israel.

David and Goliath Crossword



Across

1. Samuel anointed this young shepherd to be king someday.
3. David chose not to wear this it, was too heavy and he trusted God.
6. This was David's main weapon for defeating Goliath.
8. While David would watch the sheep he would make this.
9. The Israelites didn't get along with these 'giant' people.
10. God didn't choose a king by his size but by his ____.

Down

2. All the men were ____ to fight the giant Goliath.
4. Out of eight brothers, David was the ____.
5. This is the number of smooth stones David picked out to fight Goliath.
7. David wasn't afraid to fight the giant because he ____ God to keep him safe.

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

David & Goliath Anagram



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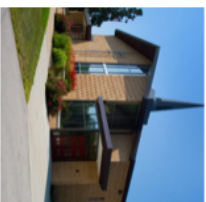
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TRINITY UCC
BROOKFIELD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Worship 10:00 am Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH	1 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, DH	2 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	3 Cup of Life 10:00 am, DH Confirmation Class 5:30 - 7:30 pm	4 W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	5 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	6 Wedding Shower 10 am - 6 pm, DH
7 Worship 10:00 am Sunday School Mission Meeting Game Day After Church	8 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, DH	9 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	10 Confirmation Class 5:30 - 7:30 pm	11 W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	12 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	13 Scrapbooking 10 am - 8 pm, DH
14 Worship 10:00 am Sunday School Mission Meeting Game Day After Church	15 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, DH	16 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	17 Confirmation Class 5:30 - 7:30 pm	18 W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	19 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	20 Scrapbooking 10 am - 8 pm, DH
21 Worship 10:00 am Council 11:15 am Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH	22 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, DH	23 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	24 Confirmation Class 5:30 - 7:30 pm	25 W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	26 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	27 Scrapbooking 10 am - 8 pm, DH
28 Worship 10:00 am Sunday School	29 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, DH	30 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	1 Book Club 10:00 am, DH	2 W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	3 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	4 Scrapbooking 10 am - 8 pm, DH
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