



# TRINITY BELLS

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4435 North Calhoun Road, Brookfield, WI 53005



## "after the comma"

"Peace on Earth...was all it said..."

Growing up there was a song that played often on my AM radio and for years it would come and go through my inner catalog of beloved musical stories. I believe we even sang this song in middle school music class. You may remember it (from 1969) and here are the lyrics;

Listen, children, to a story, That was written long ago  
'Bout a kingdom on a mountain, And the valley-folk below  
On the mountain was a treasure, Buried deep beneath the stone  
And the valley-people swore, They'd have it for their very own

**(Chorus) Go ahead and hate your neighbor,**

**Go ahead and cheat a friend**

**Do it in the name of heaven You can justify it in the end**

**There won't be any trumpets blowing, Come the judgment day**

**On the bloody morning after- One tin soldier rides away**

So, the people of the valley, Sent a message up the hill  
Asking for the buried treasure, Tons of gold for which they'd kill  
It came an answer from the mountain, With our brothers we will share  
All the secrets of our mountain, All the riches buried there

**(Chorus)**

Now the valley cried with anger, "Mount your horses! Draw your sword!"  
And they killed the mountain-people,

So they won their just reward

Now they stood beside the treasure, On the mountain, dark and red  
Turned the stone and looked beneath it, "Peace on Earth" was all it said

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There won't be any trumpets blowing, Come the judgment day

On the bloody morning after, One tin soldier rides away

"One Tin Soldier" Songwriters: Brian Potter / Dennis Earle Lambert  
1969

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## TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### 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

11/12, 11/26

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

### Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

Monday Quilters: 11/6, 11/20 – 8:30a-4:00p

Book Club: 11/29 – 10:00a

### Staff & Lay Leaders

**Pastor:** Rev. Daniel Krueger

**Council President:** Mark Burbey

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**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!!



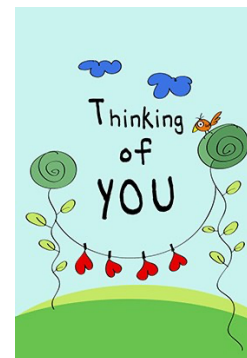
Tootie Seidl.....11/12  
Jill Gretenhart .....11/13  
Tori Rieves .....11/17  
Don Immekus .....11/23  
Todd Walker.....11/29



Donald & Ruth Larson ..... 11/22

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Nancy Korslin  
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Sherry Nuszbaum  
Robert Rohrig  
Joann Shue  
Fred Theilacker  
Marion Wandsneider  
Patricia Wendlandt



## Worship Services November 2023

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Service – 10:00 AM  
Communion

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Service – 10:00 AM  
Sunday School

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Service – 10:00 AM  
Council Meeting - 11:15 AM  
Pie Day Coffee Hour

Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Service – 10:00 AM  
Sunday School

## Usher Teams

**November 5th - Halvorson Team,  
Group 1**  
(Terri Allen, Emily Goblirsch, Kathy  
Haass, Joe Halvorson)

**November 12th - Mielke Team,  
Group 2**  
(Sarah Dahm, Lori Krueger, Dave  
Mielke, Lynne Mielke, Naomi Stewart)

**November 19th - Stanley Team,  
Group 3**  
(Kathy Dahm, Bob Stanley, Roberta  
Stanley, Linda Rube)

**November 26th - Frank Team,  
Group 4**  
(Lou Frank, Jan Frank, Kathy Immekus)

**December 3rd - Dahm Team,  
Group 5**  
(Eric Dahm, Edith Heins, Tootie Seidel)

***ANNOUNCING TRINITY PIE DAY***  
***CNF Committee is hosting a Pie Day Coffee Hour***  
***Sunday, November 19***



After service, come downstairs to the dining hall to enjoy an array of homemade pies. Of course to have a full menu of pies we need your help. If you are interested in making a pie to share during this event you can sign up to do so. The more variety the more fun.

The Sign Up sheet is located on the rotating bulletin board in the Gathering Space.



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As I sang this song as a child, it was a song laced with a great lyrical hook on the chorus and a memorable melody, but I knew it was sad. Why did the valley people have to eliminate the others to get what they got? The message within this song as a child gave me a glimpse of injustice in power and didn't have as much impact or as many questions as I believe it gives me today. War for what? War for Gold? War for pride? War for envy? War for freedom? And even more worrisome- War for religion?

You can literally place within this song and its haunting chorus, all of the "reasons" to try to war with others...and we do. Yes-some may be noble, and some may just be wrong based on context. But we do war either way. I believe that our God looks upon these wars with a sigh...and in so many ways- so do we. We know we are not able to end all these wars, we know we cannot be there to end conflicts, especially when they precede our time or in some cases our understanding. We do though, know war in a way...where we are at the front lines. It is a war for peace which begins with our own ability to embrace our differences, embrace in a way calling us each to be servant to the other. Jesus confronted those who called Him out for doing the opposite of war- healing rather than hurling, loving rather than loathing, and caring rather than scaring. Our want of peace is clouded by our ability to first judge and assume we know what is best for others regardless. Peace lies within our ability to create justice...how does any war accomplish this? Unfortunately, it creates more injustice as war is leveled out and delivered. Many become collateral damage, hurt, maimed and changed by the pure hatred for those who oppose. In many ways it is regrettably never acknowledged- the silenced voice of the many thrown into the middle of the conflict, those forgotten by leaders marching down the path towards a perceived end solution. What is this solution? Where do we find it?

My fear is that we will not see it until after we have warred ourselves to the same place as the song. We will turn over the stone to reveal the treasure we thought was ours to possess over our siblings (do we deserve peace any more than anyone else?). As we see the words "Peace on Earth", we will then realize how far away we truly are from ever knowing how priceless this treasure is when it can be shared with ALL.

Jesus already revealed this truth to us when crucified for loving us, regardless of what we believed was the treasure- He forgave us for not knowing. He is literally (to bring back the song) the Stone being turned over to reveal the Kingdom of God (Love)- thy Kingdom come- on earth as it is in Heaven!

In reverent prayer-Thanks to God for not giving upon us. Be with those affected by war, be the voice changing war to love in those believing conflict is the only way. Yes Yahweh, forgive us...and with this forgiveness we can live again, love again and serve each other again. Amen.

Pastor Dan



## In Harvest Gathering



Beginning on October 15<sup>th</sup>, Trinity's Mission Committee will be collecting Thanksgiving food items for the Waukesha Food Pantry. The last day for collection is on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

On October 8 thru November 5 slips of paper with a needed item will be available after the service to anyone wishing to donate.

These food items will be used to help fill the Food Pantry Thanksgiving Baskets that they will distribute.



## All Saints Day

On Sunday, November 5, 2023, All Saints Day, Trinity will have a Service of Remembrance for Trinity members and special friends of the congregation who have passed in the time frame of 11-01-2022 through 11-12-2023.

We will include prayers for those who have passed and offer support for the family members of the deceased. We at Trinity invite the families of the nine people we will remember to attend this service.

Invitational letters will be sent to family members. If you did not receive a letter within the week, please contact the church office by e-mail or phone with the information of someone you would like remembered at this service. This information will be forwarded to Marlene Helinski. Our church phone number is 262-781-9378. The e-mail address is [contact@trinitybrookfield.org](mailto:contact@trinitybrookfield.org)

## VETERANS DAY



On Sunday, November 12, 2023, there will be a special worship service at Trinity honoring all veterans who served or are serving in the military for the United States. We will also honor those who are deceased.

Please consider attending this service so we can honor your time given to your country.

If you have served but have never given this information to the church, please contact the church office.

Worship and Arts Committee



Hi Kids,

Hope you enjoyed learning about Moses these past months. Now we are moving on to learn about another important person in the Bible.

## Gideon – part 1

The story of Gideon starts out with God not being very happy with his people, the Israelites. If you remember the Israelites were the ones God saved from Pharaoh. The people Moses led across the Red Sea on dry ground.

Hundreds of years had passed since then but throughout all of God's miracles they had experienced, they still did evil in the eyes of the Lord.

There were consequences for these actions. That means that when they did something wrong God didn't bless them but gave them into the hands of the Midianites.

The Midianites weren't their friends. They took or ruined all their crops and animals. The Israelites had to hide from them in caves.

After Israel had nothing left they finally cried out to God for help. God heard their cry (like he always does) and had a plan.

The cool thing about all this is that God wasn't happy with the Israelites but He still listened to them and answered their prayer!

This is where Gideon comes into the story. He was threshing wheat in a hidden place so that the Midianites wouldn't see him and steal the wheat, when an angel of the Lord came and sat next to him.

The angel spoke to him and said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

"But sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us why is all this bad stuff happening? Where are all the miracles our fathers (the people that crossed the Red Sea) told us about?"

The Lord replied to Gideon, "Go with all your strength and save Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you to do it."

Then Gideon started all the excuses. "But Lord, how can I save Israel? My people are the weakest in Manasseh and I am the smallest and the youngest in my family."

I think God probably smiled here, but He said "I will be with you, and you will defeat all the Midianites together."



Then Gideon asked God for a sign. He wanted to be sure this was really God that he was talking to. Gideon didn't have a Bible to follow and didn't know how or if God went around talking to people, he wanted to be sure.

First he prepared an altar as an offering for God. This was the way they gave gifts and ask for forgiveness to God before Jesus died on the cross.

He set his offering (meat and unleavened bread) down on a rock and fire came from the rock completely consuming the meat and bread. And the angel of the Lord disappeared.

Then Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord.

That same night the Lord told Gideon to take down the altar his father had built for a pretend god (Baal) and to cut down an Asherah pole (this was made for another god people wanted to worship).

The Israelites had started believing in these fake gods and that's why God had been angry with them. He is the only real and true God and these people were praying and giving offerings to pieces of wood and statues that can't do or hear anything.

So Gideon took ten of his servants at night (because he was afraid of getting caught from the people in the town) and tore down the altars.

The people were mad when they realized Gideon had wrecked their altars but they decided that if Baal was really a god he could punish Gideon. Of course nothing ever happened to Gideon because Baal isn't real.

Gideon still wanted to make sure that God would save the Israelites so he asked for another sign. He placed a piece of wool from a sheep on the ground. If there was dew only on the fleece and all the ground around it is dry, then he would know that God would save them.

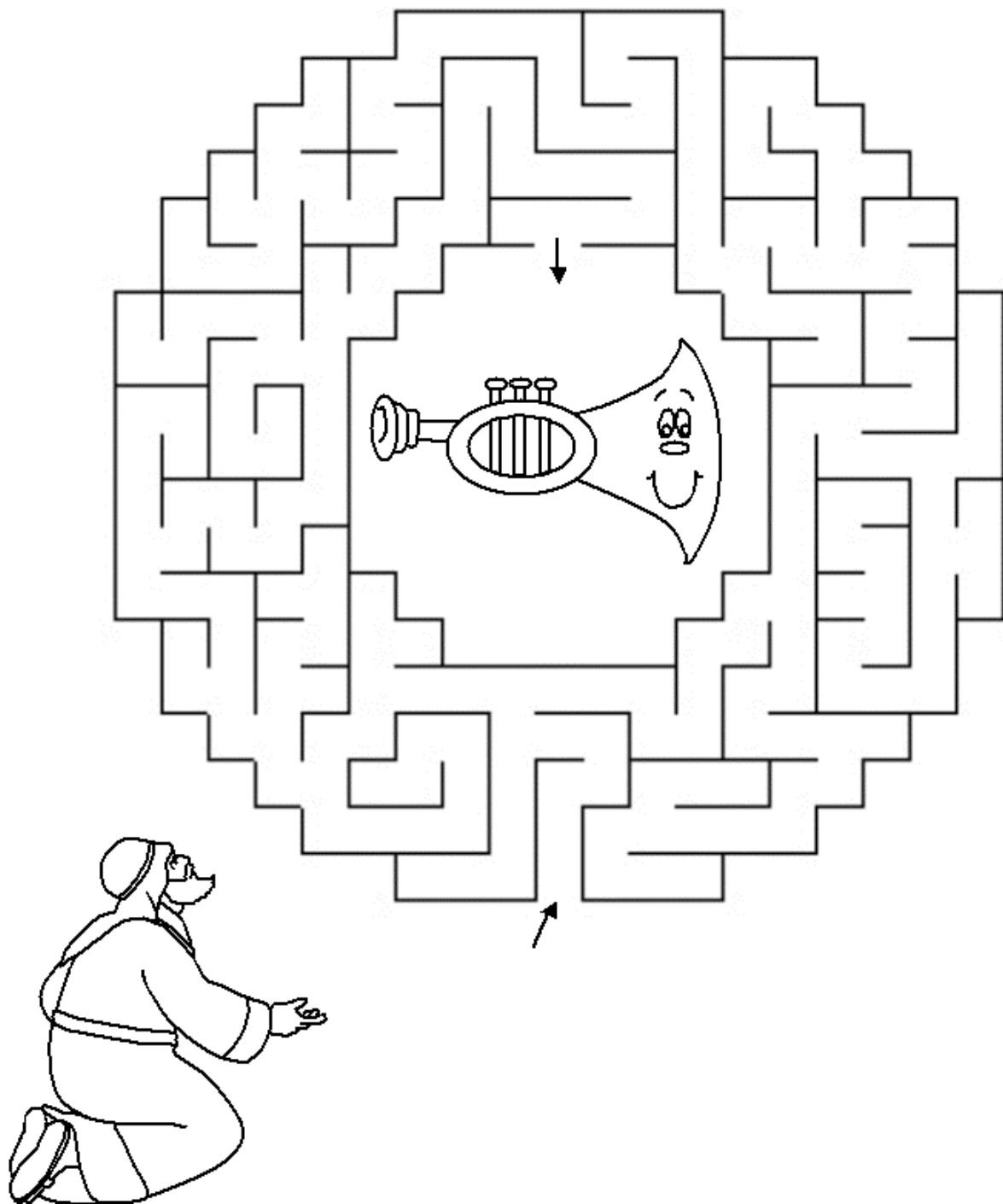
When Gideon checked the wool in the morning it was soaking wet and the ground was dry. Still Gideon asked for one more sign...

This time he asked that the fleece would be dry and the ground would be wet. Sure enough, the next morning it was just as Gideon asked.

So Gideon gathered up an army and started out for the Midianite camp. Gideon was probably feeling pretty good about things. He had lots of men to help him fight and God promised he would help them win.

# Gideon Maze

Help Gideon to trust God and find his trumpet to defeat the Midianites.





# Gideon Word Search

P M A C D T W Y S V M K D T A  
S A B R T A B R H I S C E O N  
F D I H R W A T D D M A P R G  
P N R R U J G I F R L T I C E  
K E I S D N A S U O H T H H L  
E O M R E N D B Y W F A S E I  
R I S R I H I R N S T O R S J  
W V T T R U M P E T S E O J K  
T S E K A E W T Z D M M W R N  
A S F L E E C E S D N A H T P

ANGEL  
ATTACK  
CAMP  
DRINK  
FLEECE  
HANDS  
JARS  
MIDIANITES  
PROOF

STRENGTH  
SWORD  
THOUSANDS  
THREE HUNDRED  
TORCHES  
TRUMPETS  
WARRIOR  
WEAKEST  
WORSHIP



# November 2023

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**TRINITY UCC  
BROOKFIELD**

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