Sunday Worship8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Coffee Connection 9:00 AM



July 2017 / Monthly Newsletter of TUMC-Lomira

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES FOR JULY-AUGUST 2017

During the summer months, when we have many traveling on the weekends and the 'faithful' remain ©, I sometimes like to 'dig a bit deeper' into a particular section of scripture—to offer faithful summer attenders a more indepth look into God's word. That's what I have in mind this summer, too. So, from the second Sunday in July and throughout the remainder of the summer, we will be taking a more in-depth look at ... Hebrews. The series we'll be in will be aptly named "HEBREWS SUMMER: Getting to Know God through Jesus." In preparation for this series,



you may want to read through the New Testament book of Hebrews. So, how do we get to know God through Jesus? Here's a taste of the messages you'll be hearing:

July 9 - "The Message We Have Heard..." (Hebrews 2:1-4) July 16 - "God Gives Us ... Rest!" (Hebrew 4:1-11) July 23 - "I'll Never Grow Up!" (Hebrews 5:11-6:3) July 30 - "Unexpected Encouragement" (Hebrews 6:9-12) August 6 - "Once & For All" (Hebrews 10:1-18) August 13 - "Welcome to Holy Boldness!" (Hebrews 10:19-25) August 20 - "Faith" (Hebrews 11:1-40) September 3 - "A Call to Community!" (Hebrews 13:1-2, 7-17)

Here are some questions to ponder as we close in on the launching of this worship series: *What has God done for us, what is God doing for us right now and what will God be doing for us in the future?* This is a part of what we'll be talking about as we enter into ... Hebrews Summer. Come join us, would you?

Pastor Rom

"READING & PRAYING THROUGH HEBREWS..."

"So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. ² For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished. ³ So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak?"

– Hebrews 2:1-3 (NLT)

Dear members & friends of Trinity UMC,

I'm very excited about spending this summer with you, here at Trinity UMC. I hope & pray you've both enjoyed and seen the value in our early summer worship series called "Dare to Be Great." I think we all want to be great in the eyes of God, both as individual followers of Jesus, as well as together as the Body of Christ right here at Trinity (and beyond).

As I've announced in the 'Upcoming Sermon Series' article in this newsletter, we're going to be doing a study together on the book of Hebrews. That'll being on Sunday, July 9. This is a time for those who are faithfully here throughout the summer months to 'dig deeper' into a particular book of the Bible. And I think Hebrews will be both interesting as well as beneficial to all of us who'll be a part of this summer Sunday morning study. First off, we don't really know who wrote Hebrews, which is why you'll hear many times about 'the writer of Hebrews.' Some say it was Luke, Barnabas, some Apollos, and some Priscilla; but most biblical scholars lean toward the Apostle Paul as the author, since much of the writing really resembles his other works. I would fall into that camp.

So, why Hebrews? Why study this particular book of the Bible this summer? Let me begin to answer that through the words of Eugene Peterson in his introduction to Hebrews from his contemporary translation of the Bible called *The Message*. Here's what he has to say: "It seems odd to have to say so, but too much religion is a bad thing. We can't get too much of God, can't get too much faith and obedience, can't get too much love and worship. But *religion*—the well-intentioned efforts we make to 'get it all together' for God—can very well get in the way of what God is doing for us. The main and central action is everywhere and always what God has done, is doing, and will do for us. Jesus is the revelation of that action. Our main and central task is to live in responsive obedience to God's action revealed in Jesus. Our part in the action is the act of faith."

So, too much religion? I know it's mincing words sometimes (as we all have our own definitions), but please reread and let sink in what Peterson is saying here. And I believe it has something to do with *our efforts* getting in the way of what God is wanting to do in our lives. Peterson goes on to comment, "...more often than not we become impatiently self-important along the way and decide to improve matters with our two cents' worth. We add on, we supplement, we embellish. But instead of improving on the purity and simplicity of Jesus, we dilute the purity, clutter the

simplicity. We become fussily religious, or anxiously religious. [In other words...] We get in the way. ... That's when it's time to read and pray our way through the letter to the Hebrews again [italics mine]...." And so we shall. Won't you join us in this summer study at Trinity ... as we 'dig deeper' into the message of Hebrews, where faith is the key to our future with God!

See you in the summer pew, **Pastor Rom**

To the Caring Ministry Team

Your enthusiasm for our shared ministry was exciting to feel at our first training session in June. Thank you for your commitment to our church members who are unable to get to church on a regular basis.

Pastor Rom will be sending a letter explaining our caring ministry to the "Shut In" members of our congregation soon. We will make you aware of their responses to the program.

Our second and final training session will be at 6:30 on Wednesday, July 12. Please bring your training manual with you to the meeting. Here is the agenda for that meeting:

- Complete our training.
- Show you how to offer and distribute communion.
- Inform you of the name of your care receiver/s along with pertinent personal information to assist you as you begin your caring relationship.
- Distribute caring ministry folders that include the three needed forms.
- Explain how to complete the three forms (Initial plan, monthly report, final review)
- Ask you to sign a covenant covering September 2017 through August 2018. If you no longer wish to continue as a caring minister, your commitment will end after August of 2018.
- Set our quarterly meeting dates for October 2017, January 2018, April 2018 and, July 2018.
- Field any questions

I am looking forward to completing our training on July 12th and putting Trinity's Caring Ministry Team into action in September! *Kathy Drexler, Caring Ministry Coordinator*

Wesley in England and Scotland Tour May 15-27, 2018

Join Pastor Will and Diana Jewson as they once again, return to England and Scotland. This tour will take us to historic sites of Methodist founder, John Wesley. See London, Oxford University, Windsor Castle, Bristol, York, Edinburgh, and much more. A brochure with all the details is available at the church. This tour is open to all – members and friends alike. We hope you consider joining us on this rare travel opportunity! Call or email Diana Jewson if you have any questions. She can be reached at 920-960-0679 or at dianawilljewson@msn.com. Discounts are available if you book early. See the brochure for discount information. We hope our Trinity-Lomira friends will join our Asbury-Janesville friends on this exciting tour.







Sharing is Caring

July Birthdays

- 1 Janis Johnson Sandy Zitlow
- 2 Wayne Faber Kylie Neill Lee Jesse
- 3 John Muentner, Jr. Travis Scharschmidt
- 4 Owen Unferth
- 5 Gloria Faber Richard Ullius
- 6 Dennis Michels Jim Todl
- 8 Pastor Rom Pegram
- 9 Harold Johnson Kaye Lindberg
- 10 Fran Coulter Kaye Voight
- 11 Teresa Amerling Josh Kanas Ron Kretschmer Tim Thorn
- 12 Nora Buske
- 13 Carter Collier Evelyn Krug Karyn Michels
- 14 Felix Cardenas
- 16 Sue Schwartz Bobbie Willis
- 17 Debra Gudex
- 18 Cal Voight
- 19 Ann-Marie Scheerer Lillee Thorn Michelle Neill
- 20 Bob Adelmeyer Bruce Dilling Madeline Marschie Scott Krueger
- 21 Elizabeth Doemel22 Alexandria Bloch
- Ed Faber 25 Ben Buske
- Pam Giese Colleen Haefs Leverne Senn Dalton Zingsheim Sarah Wright
- 26 Taylor Wilcox
- 27 Mackenzie Klein Addison Stoffel

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- 28 Mike Lavarda Barb York
- 29 Nathan Dewhurst Lynn Haefs
- 31 Blake Renderman Connor Steers David Wroblewski
- July Anniversaries
 - 4 Mike and Teresa Amerling
 - 10 Dan & Brenda Michels
 - 13 Augie & Andy Luedtke
 - 17 Peter & Nancy Vegetabile
 - 18 Gene & Marge Junger
 - 21 Kevin & Lynn Haefs
 - 27 Brian & Ashley Schaefer
 - 28 Tim & Bridget Thorn
 - 30 Steve & Wendy Hayes

Gwen's Pen My great granddaughter, turning nine this

month, wrote me a letter prompted by Mother's Day (and, I'm guessing, her grandma) which I treasure as do all of us lucky enough to have grandchildren and "Greats". She pictured a penguin, labeled it "Pen Gwen" and informed me that there is actually a stuffed penguin now on the toy market named Pen Gwen.

Where were my imagination and creativity when, in 1989, I was searching for a clever title for these articles. "Pen Gwen" might have coaxed a smile from a first-time reader, but it wouldn't have improved the content. It really doesn't help much to dress up the wrapping if the gift inside is damaged; or to frost the cake with whipped cream if the cake itself is moldy. And what about that Easter Egg forgotten in the bottom of the basket when all the chocolates were gone? The colorful egg is beautiful to look at, but you may not want to open it.

It works the other way too. We might reach into a plain brown bag and find a generous check or a family heirloom. Forest Gump reminded us, "Life is like a box of chocolates." You have to unwrap each one, and maybe even taste it, to see what you have.

Not just life, but people, too, are like those chocolates. As we unwrap them one at a time, we begin to understand that we're all from the same box and each of us has a different flavor. There are very few cherries and absolutely no chocolate-covered gooseberries. There are, however, lots and lots of cashews, caramels, soft centers, peanuts, and our personal favorites.

I'm reluctant to leave you, my Chocolate friends, where I've felt not just comfortable, but accepted and encouraged to share the gifts God gave me. Where my ideas have been taken seriously and I've been made to feel needed and valued. Where I've grown spiritually and where I've been challenged to re-think areas of my faith.

However, circumstances and prayer and family have helped in my decision to move closer to family and that is incentive enough. I'm sure there are challenges and learning opportunities ahead as well as some feeling of loss. Independence is even more important to us old people than to those of you who have more recently earned it. But we come full circle from dependence, through growth into independence and back to dependence. I am fortunate to have family that accepts me, loves me, and welcomes me.So I leave you with this my last "Gwen's Pen" (or "Pen Gwen"). My deep gratitude to God and genuine thanksgiving for and to each of you. You are the ultimate box of chocolates ... so many of my favorites and not one chocolate covered gooseberry!



BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

For those who have taken up the challenge (or would like to take up the challenge right now!), we'll be reading through the Words of Jesus for a second time ... but with a completely different focus. The first time through this reading, we were on the constant lookout for the 'promises' of Jesus. This time through the reading, we're going to be keeping an eye out (and hopefully, keeping a list on the side) for the 'miracles' of Jesus--our topic for the next round. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Rom either through his email (pastorromtumc@gmail.com) or via phone (608) 417-0060.

July 1 – Matthew 28
July 3 – Mark 1
July 4 – Mark 2
July 5 – Mark 3
July 6 – Mark 4
July 7 – Mark 5
July 8 – Mark 6
July 10 – Mark 7
July 11 – Mark 8
July 12 – Mark 9
July 13 – Mark 10
July 14 – Mark 11
July 15 – Mark 12
July 17 – Mark 13
July 18 – Mark 14
July 19 – Mark 15
July 20 – Mark 16
July 21 – Luke 1
July 22 – Luke 2
July 24 – Luke 3
July 25 – Luke 4
July 26 – Luke 5
July 27 – Luke 6
July 28 – Luke 7
July 29 – Luke 8
July 31 – Luke 9



There will be a Blood Drove at TUMC Lomira on Mon. July 17th from 12-6:00 pm. Please donate and help save a life! The August newsletter deadline is July 21st. Please have all articles to the church office by noon.



There will be a final TUMC Mission Trip Planning Meeting on Sunday July 9th at 9:10 am. in the Fellowship Hall. All those going on the trip must attend.

The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, July 11th at 1:00 PM.

Healing Relationships LLC

Relationships are an important aspect of our lives that can bring us great joy or sorrow. No matter what stage of life you are in or what difficulty you are experiencing, therapy can be a helpful, healing process. My great passion is helping

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Many of you already sponsor an overseas child (or two) with as little as \$35.00 per month. Thank you! "Your" child is being given the chance to become a productive adult and her village will also benefit.

Trinity's Adult Fellowship has been providing that advantage to a child for a number of years, but advancing age, and changing circumstances have shrunk the group, making it difficult to meet the commitment.

The child is now 15 and the support will end when she reaches 18. Perhaps you've wanted to share the abundance we all enjoy through the luck of our birth, but haven't yet taken the step to make it happen. Or maybe you are a member of a neighborhood group that's looking for a purpose.

Please call Teresa in the office (260-4411) to accomplish a simple take-over of that gift or to learn more.





We will be offering a membership class this fall, either for those desiring to officially join Trinity United Methodist Church as their local congregation or for anyone wanting to brush up on the privileges/responsibilities of their own membership. There will be a sign-up sheet by midsummer in the Narthex for this upcoming class. This will be a 6-week class with the pastor, beginning in October. *Due to conflicting schedules with some who wanted to be a part of this class, we need to move to* **Sundays at 4 PM**. The dates will be as follows:

- October 8, 15, 22 & 29
- November 5 & 12

I do hope the switch from Wednesdays to Sundays will not be a problem for others wanting to explore membership. Please do sign up if interested in exploring the topic or if you have a desire to be a member of Trinity UMC in particular. I look forward to spending this quality time with you!

Pastor Rom

<u>Note</u>: Trinity UMC suggests a \$10 donation to cover the materials used in this membership class.



The Adult Fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 16th at 6:30 PM.

Videotaping Sermons... July - August

Please, please, please...contact Teresa in the church office if you are able to assist with videotaping the sermon during the upcoming summer months. It has been requested the taping be done at the 10 AM service but please contact Teresa with your availability, for either service. Training will be provided!

Sunday School Teachers Needed For September

We would like to have 2 teachers in each classroom as a team working together with the kids. So volunteer with a friend, or alone and we will pair you up. For more information, please contact our Director of Christian Education, Jessica Marschie at 920-583-4675

In September we need Children's Time Leaders for the 3rd Sundays of the month and as substitutes.

Pastor Rom and Teresa will help to train and help with ideas for the Children's Moment. We just need someone willing to work with the children of our church during the service. Please contact Teresa in the office 920-269-4411 If you are willing to fulfill this very important role for the church.

TUMC Budget Totals Year to date needed to meet budget: \$101,250.00 Received through 7-2-2017: \$95,915.77 Budget Shortfall: \$5,334.23





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Trinity Church has replaced the Heating System. The cost is \$60,000. A fund for the Heating System has been set up. **We** have currently raised

\$55,931.32 Trinity Members we still need your financial support in the New Year to reach our goal. Thank you to everyone who has already so graciously given to this fund. Please memo your checks "INH". Thank you, The Finance Committee

Happy Anniversary 50 Years together Sunday October 8th has been the date set for Trinity's 50th Anniversary Celebration! More information to come, but please save the date!

SING OUT A SONG

I am looking for past, present and future choir members to join in song on Sunday, Oct. 8th at 10 AM When Trinity will be celebrating 50 years of God's Blessings as one Trinity United Methodist Church. Practice: Oct. 1st at 9:15 (Appreciated but not required) Practice: Oct. 8th at 9:15 AM (Required) Celebration song is "Be Strong in the Lord" Please come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord! We look forward to seeing you! Pam Hilker, Adult Choir Director



Prayer Concerns

- **Kim Eddy (Judy's Stucke's Brother)** *Stomach, Liver & Lung Cancer...they have now stopped treatments and he needs prayers for pain and courage 07-06-17*
- Karlene Krueger Recovering from Breast Cancer Surgery 6-27-17
- Patricia Gillis Thyroid Cancer Waiting for Chemo Treatments 6-25-17
- Dawn Seibel Pneumonia 6-25-17
- Jeff Unferth Recovering from Pneumonia 6-25-17
- Mike Skelton and family (Fred Menzer's Brother-In-Law) Mike undergoing tests
- Bruce Dilling Another Kidney Stone 6-18-17
- Barb York Fell and is at Hope Nursing Home 6-11-17
- Dorothy Muehlius Fell and is at Home 6-11-17
- Dan Michels Defibrillator and Pace Maker and Lead wire to heart replaced 6-11-17
- Mickey Oeschner Needs a kidney 6-4-17
- Teresa Caruso (Friend of Faber's) Cancer
- Dorothy Reitz (Lois Jewson's sister) hospitalized with Pneumonia 5-7-17
- Shelly Steinke lost feeling in left arm and side 05-7-17
- Laurie Miller trampled by a cow 5-7-17
- Lori Wilhelm (Friend of Sandy Collier) Cancer in Lymph Nodes/Breast Cancer 4-23
- Ron Olson Congestive Heart Failure, Kidney Issues and Dementia 4-23-17
- Mark Green (Nancy Steger's Son) Inoperable tumor on Fused Spine/Proton Beam Therapy 4-23
- Patty Vogel (Friend of Randy and Julie Faber) Surgery 4-16-17
- Shelly Stienke (Cousin of Wayne Flury) Brain Tumor 4-9-17
- Nori Odoi Pancreatic Cancer 4-2-17
- Mark Green Tumor 03-26-17
- Pat Kubicek (Deb Mazza's Sister) Dementia Challenges 03-12-17
- Shirley Konrath (Deb Mazza's Sister) Dementia Challenges 03-12-17
- Kelly Sanders Setback in fight with Cancer 02-19-17
- Pam Buske Cancer on her kidney 02-12-17
- Jackie Marquardt (Friend of Penny Beck) diagnosed with a lung condition 2-7-17
- Randilin Nichols (Debbie Bintzler's Sister-in-law) Stage 4 Cancer 2-6-17
- Jerry Wroblewski (Dave Wroblewski's Father) Recovering from Back Surgery 1-27
- Bobbi Cantapio (Friend of Dorothy and Gene Hake) Breast Cancer 1-22-17
- Sue Merkel (Friend of Dorothy and Gene Hake) Breast Cancer 1-22-17
- Those serving in the military and their families

Updates

Please keep Gwen Hinz, who has been such a special part of TUMC for many-many years) in your prayers. Gwen was our former Adult Choir Director and has written the Gwen's Pen in our newsletter since 1989. She recently sold her home in Lomira and has moved in with her son and daughter-in-law who live in West Bend. If you're able please send a card and let her know just how much she will be missed here in Lomira and at our church.

Gwen Hinz

330 Brookview Dr. West Bend, WI 53095

She has kept her number and can be reached at 920-269-4399.

For Prayer Requests please contact Teresa in the church office by email, phone or through our website <u>www.trinitylomira.org</u> When making your request please remember to keep us updated often as to the condition of the individual who needs prayers, so that this may be shared with those who are praying. Also please inform us if someone is ready to be removed.

July 2017 – Trinity United Methodist Church Lomira							
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Worship Services: 8 Coffee Connection			ip Services. Open	to Everyone!			
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2 8:00 am Worship 10:00 am Worship	3	4	5 6:30 pm A.A.	6 6:00 pm BS Troop 740	7	8 10-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry 1-4:00 pm Baby Shower In the Fellowship Hall	
9 8:00 am Worship 9:10 Bible Challenge Discussion Group 9:10 Mission Trip Meeting 10:00 am Worship Sunday	10	11 8:00 am Men's Group (At Susie's Home Cooking) 1:00 UM Women 3:00 pm Hope Nursing Home Service	12 11:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm A.A. 6:30 Caring Ministry Training - Part 2	13	14	15	
16 8:00 am Worship 10:00 am Worship 6:30 pm Adult Fellowship	17 12-6:00pm Blood Bank	18	19 6:30 pm A.A.	20	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 10-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry	
 23 8:00 am Worship Following the service there will be a group prayer in the parking lot to send off our TUMC Mission Group. 10:00 am Worship 30 8:00 am Worship 10:00 am Worship 	24 31	25	26 6:30 pm A.A.	27	28	29	

Rom Pegram, Pastor

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WORSHIP SERVICES First Service – 8:00 A.M. Sunday School/Youth Group 9:00 AM (Sept. to May) Coffee Connection 9:00 AM Second Service– 10:00 A.M

> Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9AM-1PM

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