

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Sunday School & Youth Group 9:00 AM

Coffee Connections 9:00 AM

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SERMON SERIES FOR May 2019

In the month of May, we will continue with our worship series called 'Facing Your Giants.' What Giants do you face in your life? Have you had some Giants stalking you for years now? How do you handle those Giants of your life that seem to want to derail your life in negative ways? Through a variety of Bible stories, we're going to learn how to tackle those Giants each week in a God-approved way. Following are the 'Giants' we'll be learning to tackle this month:

- May 5 – FACING THE GIANT OF DISCOURAGEMENT – Nehemiah 4
- May 12 – FACING THE GIANT OF GUILT – Psalm 32 (51)
- May 19 – FACING THE GIANT OF RESENTMENT – 1 Kings 2:5-6; Hebrews 12:15, *Matthew 6:7-15*; Ephesians 4:32
- May 26 (Summer Worship Schedule Begins) – FACING THE GIANT OF DOUBT – John 20:24-29

Again, this series is all about learning how to tackle those Giants that want to take over our lives from time to time. Don't miss out on this very important—life-changing—series...



UPDATE ON THE FUTURE OF THE UMC

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. – Psalm 119:105 (NLT)

Dear Trinity family,

As promised before Easter, this month's newsletter is a short update on the future of the United Methodist Church—after the Judicial Council (Supreme Court) of the United Methodist Church met to determine what was constitutional or not, regarding all that was voted on at the special General Conference back in February. Following is a simple update I received from the Rev. Keith Boyette, President of the Wesleyan Covenant Association (and an attorney by trade), that will offer a general update. (For more detailed updates, please look online.) Again, here is the update I received immediately after the Judicial Council concluded on Friday, April 26th:



...the Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church issued two significant decisions today.

In Decision 1378, the Council held that a significant portion of the Traditional Plan is constitutional and that that portion is severable from those portions that were previously determined to be unconstitutional. Thus, the constitutional portions will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

In Decision 1379, the Council held that the legislation adopted providing a pathway for local churches to exit from the UM Church with their property upon satisfying several steps is constitutional. This pathway is immediately available to churches.

In other words, the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (church law) has been upheld. We will continue to keep scripture as our primary (Wesleyan) means of knowing God & doing church and will operate accordingly. With temporary legislation (*Decision 1379 above*) in place that suspends the Trust Clause through December 2021 (*the law that says all property returns to the Conference Board of Trustees should a United Methodist Church decide to withdraw from the UMC*), this will allow churches not willing to abide by the decisions of the United Methodist Church—the General Conference, as well as our Judicial Council—a way forward. This legislation allows for a gracious and respectful exit for any local churches or Conferences desiring to do so.

As your pastor, I will be keeping the leadership of the church (Church Council) updated as time goes on. We, in turn, will keep you as a congregation updated. There is no doubt there will be changes happening soon that will affect the United Methodist Church as a whole, our Annual Conference, and our local church. Again, there are more detailed updates online for those wishing to read a more in-depth analysis of recent events. Thanks for your patience and love in this process of our denomination. My prayer is that we can just continue being Trinity UMC—a beacon of light for all wishing to explore a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Pray that with me, will you?

In ministry together,

Pastor Rom

“Till the Storm Passes Over”

An old radio program called the Big Story was about a reporter and the big story he wrote about. Opening lines: This is the big Story as the reporter lived and wrote. So too is the story of storms that my parents lived through and told me about as I was over a hundred miles away in Oconto when the storm happened. Two things came to mind when discussing storms. First the Biblical story of Jesus calming the storm of the Sea of Galilee and second is the hymn “Till the Storm Passes By”. We, in Wisconsin are subject to great many storms: severe thunderstorms, high windstorms and tornados, driving rains, winter storms like snowstorms, sleet and blizzards. We also know that there are no hiding places from the storm, but we realize that there really is a hiding place: the arms of Jesus. Now to a storm story...

It was a very hot and humid day and the weather man had predicted strong thunder storms and possible tornados. My dad and brother came in from the outside and told my mother that the sky looked terrible with rolling clouds and far off rumbles of thunder. Mom looked out the west kitchen window to see what they were talking about and to her horror saw three funnel clouds coming down and marching towards the farm. At that very moment the storm sirens went off in Lomira, Campbellsport and Eden. They gathered the flashlights and blankets and headed for the basement. The cellar had only two quarter windows to the east so they were unable to see the storm.

They were in the dark so to speak and soon the electricity failed. Not able to see the storm's approach, they could only listen to the roar of the wind, the clashes of thunder, the pelting of rain, the shuddering of the house in the wind and through the small windows the continuous lightning. In this atmosphere, they began to speculate what was happening and the destruction taking place. As you might imagine, they thought of the worse: were the farm buildings being destroyed, were the animals being killed, would the house collapse and trap them in the cellar? She said it was a trying time of doubts and confusion and as the hymn mentions in times like this: “Satan would whisper that there is no need

to cry, there is no end to the sorrow and no hope in the by and by.” But they knew Jesus was in the cellar with them and prayed Precious Lord keep us safe till the storm passes over.

And the storm did pass over and they were able to come up from the basement. They really didn't know what to expect when they looked outside and what they saw wasn't what they imagined. There was damage and yet there were the unexplained. The northern most tornado veered further north and wiped out a great number of trees along the fence line. The middle tornado completely destroyed the large pole barn and took off the top of the cement silo. The unexplained was that the silo was attached to the main barn and the pole barn was only a couple of yards west of the barn, which was untouched, save a few shingles. The twelve telephone-type poles anchored six feet in the ground to support the structure were pulled from the earth and strewn somewhere. We found two half pulled out and another in the field. The location of the other nine as well as the aluminum siding and roof were never located-perhaps in the wooded areas to the east. The southern one skirted the garage but completely uprooted and moved several yards a very large willow tree. That tree grew about ten feet from the garage and about thirty feet from the house. That there was damage, what was saved is almost miraculous and not one animal was lost. Truly, their prayers were answered.

Again, the hymn says it all:

“Till the storm passes over, till the thunder sounds no more, till the clouds roll forever from the sky. Oh Lord let me stand in the hollow of Thy hand and keep me safe till the storm passes over.” And my favorite line: “I know that Jesus is with me and tomorrow I rise to where no storm clouds darken the sky.” Yes, indeed, Christ is our hiding place when storms happen and contrary to what Satan may say, hope springs eternal and God will answer our cries for his help. What an awesome God we serve and thanks to the hymn writer for such a comforting song.

We will encounter many storms and we will know the hiding place.

-William Seefeld



Operation Christmas Child Ministry Update

Great things are happening at Trinity...do you feel the excitement?!!

During May & June the team is targeting OCC gifts for 10-14 year old boys & girls. Shoeboxes for this age group will include hygiene items, school supplies, a tote bag, flashlight/batteries, a few clothing items as available (t-shirt/dress, socks, hat/scarf), as well as fun activities to fill the box (jump rope, puzzle, game, ball, beads, craft).

Life Skills Kits are also being assembled to assist these young adults in learning a trade to help provide for their families. Two of the kits we are assembling are listed below. Please review to see what items you may have or find at garage sales, estate sales, and thrift shops to donate for these projects. *The OCC donation barrel can be found in the Fellowship Hall year-round.*



Fishing Kits

Hooks

Sinkers

Lures/Jigs

Fishing Line

Bobbers/Corks

Nail Clippers

Artificial Bait

Large Pill Bottles

(1 inch in diameter or less)

Wine Drinkers – we'll gladly accept the corks you plan to discard to make slip bobbers for our kits!



Tool Kits

Hammer

Screwdriver

Nails/Screws

Cloth Tool Pouch

Work Gloves

Tape Measure*

Did you know...* At this time, only three countries – Burma, Liberia, and the US – have not adopted the International System of Units (SI, or metric system) as their official system of weights and measures. Tape measures with **metric units are needed.



MENARDS

...is a great place to pick up several OCC items, *often FREE after rebate!*

Watch the sale ads for tool kit items and other products such as tote bags, clothes pins & line, toothbrushes, flashlights & batteries, youth-AS size t-shirts, socks, school supplies and more. Also watch Trinity's Facebook posts for a heads-up on several shopping opportunities. The team couldn't do what they do without YOU! ❤️



May

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| 1. Isaiah 9-12 | 17. Jeremiah 10-13 |
| 2. Isaiah 13-17 | 18. Jeremiah 14-17 |
| 3. Isaiah 18-22 | 19. Jeremiah 18-22 |
| 4. Isaiah 23-27 | 20. Jeremiah 23-25 |
| 5. Isaiah 28-30 | 21. Jeremiah 26-29 |
| 6. Isaiah 31-35 | 22. Jeremiah 30-31 |
| 7. Isaiah 36-41 | 23. Jeremiah 32-34 |
| 8. Isaiah 42-44 | 24. Jeremiah 35-37 |
| 9. Isaiah 45-48 | 25. Jeremiah 38-41 |
| 10. Isaiah 49-53 | 26. Jeremiah 42-45 |
| 11. Isaiah 54-58 | 27. Jeremiah 46-48 |
| 12. Isaiah 59-63 | 28. Jeremiah 49-50 |
| 13. Isaiah 64-66 | 29. Jeremiah 51-52 |
| 14. Jeremiah 1-3 | 30. Ezekiel 1-4 |
| 15. Jeremiah 4-6 | 31. Ezekiel 5-8 |
| 16. Jeremiah 7-9 | |

Thank you

Sending a prayer of Thanksgiving to our Trinity family for all of the kind words, caring messages and support for all of us during the past few months as our father completed his earthly journey and prepared to meet his Savior. Please know that your words of comfort were felt by our entire family.

Dawn Seibel, John Muentner Jr., Faye Beck, Dan Muentner

***The June Newsletter Deadline is May 20th
Please have all of your articles into the church
office by noon that day. Thank you!***



**Please join us for
Graduate Sunday on May 19th.**

Our 2019 graduates will be recognized at each service. There will be a cake reception, open to everyone, during the Coffee Connection Time held between the services. We hope to see you there!

If you know of members graduating from an apprenticeship, technical program or college, please let Jessica in the office know by Sunday May 12th, so they may be recognized as well, on

Graduation Sunday, May 19th.

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Thank-You



Join us in celebrating Mothers on Sunday May 12th, when our Sunday School Children will be singing at the 10:00 Service. This is also the last day of Sunday School.
Happy Mother's Day!

Trinity Has Talent!

God has blessed our people with talents and we return thanks by offering praise at worship services

Jesus always welcomed the little children, for such is the kingdom of God. Our precious children offer their all to Jesus and to us as a congregation. On Palm Sunday you certainly loudly honored the King of Kings. The Sunday school children will be back and awesome on Mother's Day. The guitars will add to the joy of the day!

Priscilla & Jason Ehlert, Sunday School Music Coordinators



The Trinity Band has a beautiful sharing of all ages. Thanks for strongly proclaiming the joy of the risen Christ on Easter. The full band will be back on May 19th with a Memorial Day theme.

The Special Music is an ongoing need. We are never without, unheard of in most other churches. Like with friends, make new, but keep the old, one is silver and the other gold. Thanks for the old faithful musicians, the recent new and those yet to offer a talent in the future.

I will help make any idea you have become useful to praise our God. He is Risen from the dead and he is Lord! God Bless and keep us working in harmony!

Jason Ehlert

Band Director & Worship Music Coordinator

922-0361 or 539-6929

We Need Helpers!

Missions Brat Fry

May 10th & 11th

Sign up in the connections room

Anyone interested in helping with this years mission (New Lisbon, WI, June 23rd-29th)

Contact Debbie Bintzler 920-579-0654

Choir Finale

Please join us for the choir finale on Sunday May 19th, 2019 at both services. The choir has picked out one of their favorite songs from this choir season. We will be singing "How Beautiful", as our last choir song. We will then enjoy taking our Summer break.

I want to thank everyone for their hard work, and for sharing their food, fun, laughs, fellowship and a few good jokes with us all. I appreciate each and everyone of you! I'm truly blessed, to have such a great group of singers. Large or small, God's message is always heard. I enjoy every moment with every new or old song, we learn together. "I Believe", will be another great song, you will enjoy. Together we can do this, I can't do this without you!

I wish you all a sunny, happy and healthy summer and look forward to coming together again in the fall. There will be new songs, new challenges and many joys of success, in spreading God's word. New voices are always welcome to join the Adult Choir. Together, we will make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Keep a song in your heart!

Pam Hilker, Adult Choir Director

TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$67,376.00

Received through

4-21-2018: \$56,715.26

Budget Shortfall: \$10,660.74

Consider Joining The Caring Ministry Team

The purpose of the Caring Ministry at Trinity UMC is to offer distinctively Christian caregiving to those who are part of Christ's body, but are currently home bound (or close to it). We strive to offer Christ's love in tangible ways by offering ourselves in confidentiality, while being good listeners to those we are caring for. We are recruiting additional team members during the month of May for service beginning in September 2019.

Trinity UMC is fortunate to have an exceptional group of people currently serving on our Caring Ministry Team. Feel free to talk to any of the current members to get a first hand account of the experience and commitment involved in membership. Current team members are: Ruth Batterman, Dorothy Hake, Gene Hake, Betty Menzer, Chuck Rhein, Bill Seefeld, Deb Wiedmeyer and Kathy Drexler - coordinator.

New team members will be asked to sign a covenant agreeing to:

1. Commit to serving as a caring minister from Sept. 1, 2019 through Aug. 31, 2020.
2. Visit my assigned care receiver once a month for approximately an hour.
3. Fill out a brief report after each visit. (5 minutes)
4. Attend two or three, 1 hour long, "check in" meetings throughout the year.
5. Attend two, 90 minute, training sessions this summer. 1. Wed. June 19 from 6:30 - 8:00 - new member training (only new members). 2. Wed. July 10 from 6:30 - 8:00 - current member and new member training.
6. Submit to a background check.

We are looking for both men and women to serve as caring ministers. Our preference is to have a male care giver visit a male care receiver and a female visit a female.

Please give some prayerful consideration to joining Trinity's Caring Ministry Team. If you are interested in serving the home bound members of our congregation, please sign up on the Caring Ministry Formal sign up located in the Connections Room during the month of May.

Caring Ministry Final "Check In"

The final "check in" meeting for the Caring Ministry Team will be on Thursday, May 30 at 6:30 at the Drexler home, located at 411 North St. in Brownsville.



Starting in May 26th and going through Labor Day Weekend, Trinity will have one Sunday Worship Service at 9:00 AM. Thank-You!



BLOOD DRIVE
Donate blood. Save lives.

TUMC Will be hosting a blood drive at the church on Monday May 20th from 12-6 PM.

Cookie donations are appreciated!



April 14th 2019



CHURCH COUNCIL DEFINES 'ACTIVE MEMBER'!

Have you ever heard the term 'active member'—referring to an individual's current activity level in their church? When we join a local church—as a member, we make promises to be active in the local church in several ways. But, what does 'active member' really mean? Has it ever been defined? If it hasn't, there is no way to measure if someone is 'active' in their local church—fulfilling their membership vows—or not.

At the most recent Church Council meeting, the leadership of Trinity UMC voted to define what 'active member' will mean here at Trinity. It has been determined, for now, that the *minimum* requirement to be considered an active member of Trinity UMC is that *each member will be in worship at Trinity UMC no less than 50% of the time* throughout the year. Opportunities to worship are, of course, 52 week-ends of the year (Sundays), as well as special times of the year like Christmas Eve services and Holy Week services (i.e. Maundy Thursday & Good Friday). This guideline for the future of our local church membership is effective immediately and may be revisited and updated as time goes on.

TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Don Scharfenberg** (Jackie's Father) recovering from surgery 4-28
- **Brianna Luedtke** bell's palsy and other health issues 4-28
- **Gary Walker** back issues/procedure 4-23
- **Brenna Slavic** (Friend of Mitch Wroblewski) 9 year old had brain surgery 4-21
- **Diana Jewson** stroke, making progress every week 4-21
- **Mickey Oeschner** *Recovering from Kidney Transplant* 4-17
- **Cathy** (Friend of Deb Z's) multiple medical issues 4-7
- **Pat Roth** (Jess's Uncle) heart issues, complications 4-7
- **Dwight Erskine** (Marge Junger's Cousin) pneumonia, on a ventilator 4-2
- **Ron Kretschmer Sr.** stroke 3-26
- **Laurie Reichling** (Carol Dilling's Niece) cancer relapse 3-3
- **Jean Porter** (Sandy's Sister) recovery from a car accident 3-3
- **Dave Theilen** (Tina Rawlin's Friend) Kidney problems 1-3
- **Robert Rambousek** (Tina's Uncle) Prostate cancer 12-30
- **Ed Michels** Health issues 12-23
- **Vickie Mulder** (Mary Kiehnau's sister) Heart condition 12-2
- **Sandy Collier** Chronic lymphocytic leukemia 11-15-18
- **Adrian Powers** (Lila's daughter's Father-In-Law) Cancer returned
- **Dave Cook** *New Cancer Tumor* 09-16-18
- **Kathy Hefter** (Friend of Debbie Bintzler) *Bone Cancer* 9-9-18

Our Prayer list covers for 6-8 months. If you feel someone needs to continue or be placed back on the list, please let Jessica know.
Thank You.

May Birthdays

- 2 Jackie Eichstedt
- 3 David Luedtke
Logan Gornjak-Faris
Cannon Klein
- 4 Annette Michels
- 5 Jerry Jordan
- 8 Peter Scheerer
Damon Kavonius
- 9 Scott Scharschmidt
- 10 Peter Schultz
- 12 Lila Ebert
Sandra Plum
- 13 Wendy Hayes
Dave Giese
Angela Eichstedt
- 14 Isabel Westphal
- 15 Penny Essmann
Gerry Meyer
- 17 Janet Hesprich
- 21 Doug Kiehna
- 23 Eloise Alf
- 24 Joan Brasch
Andrew Greenfield
- 25 Donna Luther
John LaVarda
- 26 Janice Haefs
Bill Seefeld
Weston Rhein
- 27 Casey Buske
- 29 Aisha Ullius
- 30 Joel Arndt
Jacqueline Zimmerman

May Anniversaries

- 1 Jeffery & Rebecca Luedtke
- 2 Derek and Nicole Dittberner
- 4 Francis & Annette Michels
- 5 Jonathan & Lisa Luedtke
- 8 Gerald & Carolyn Krueger
David & Michelle Wroblewski
- 9 Gary Jesse & Sandy Porter
- 10 Shawn & Amanda Ditter
- 18 Gerald & Adena Walter
- 21 Randy & Julie Faber
Peter & Ann-Marie Scheerer
- 24 Glen and Pam Wellso
- 27 Gary & Kathleen Walker
- 31 Richard & Janice Haefs

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Easter Breakfast.

The Saturday setup crew and food prep people. The Sunday cooks and servers those who helped in the dining hall, the dish washers and clean-up crew. All of you who brought coffee cakes. A special thank you to all who came to eat and fellowship together.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

May 31st and June 1st

VBS is FREE this year!

Don't forget to sign up by May 12th.

To sign up, see the bulletin board in the Sunday School hall.



May 2019 TUMC-Lomira

Worship Services 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Sunday School/Youth Group/Coffee Connection 9:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm A.A. & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Lent Study	2 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 Girl Scouts	3	4
5 Communion Sunday 6:00 Wolf Meeting	6	7 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	8 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm A.A. & Al-Anon	9 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	10	11 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
12 Mothers Day Sunday School Kids Sing at 10 AM 9:10 am Adult Bible Study	13	14 8:00 am UM Men 3:00 pm Hope Nursing Home Service 6:00 pm SPRC Meeting	15 6:30 pm A.A. & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Choir	16	17	18
19 Graduation Sunday	20 12-6:00 pm Blood Bank 6:00 pm VBS Meeting Newsletter Deadline	21 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	22 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm A.A. & Al-Anon	23 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 Girl Scouts	24	25 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
26 10 am Adult Bible Study	27 Memorial Day	28	29 6:30 pm A.A. & Al-Anon	30 6:30 pm Caring Ministry Check In	31 VBS	June 1 VBS

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WORSHIP SERVICES
First Service – 8:00 A.M.
Sunday School/Youth Group, Coffee Connection 9:00 AM
Second Service– 10:00 A.M

Church Office Hours:
Tues-Fri 9AM-2PM

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