

Summer Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

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June 2019/ Monthly Newsletter of TUMC-Lomira

UPCOMING SERMONS FOR JUNE 2019

In the month of June, we will finish up our current worship series called 'Facing Your Giants.' If you've been with us in worship, you already know that the Giants we've been talking about stalk all of us in our lives. They're universal Giants, so to speak. And we continue connecting with your (and others) lives as we tackle these Giants this month:

June 2 – FACING THE GIANT OF DOUBT – John 20:24-29

June 9 – FACING THE GIANT OF DEATH – John 14:1-14

June 16 (Father's Day) - FACING THE GIANT OF FAILURE –
2 Corinthians 4:7-10, 16-18

June 23 – SPECIAL GUEST: REV. DAVE FARINA

June 30 - FACING THE GIANT OF ANGER – Various Scriptures

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

“ MEMBERSHIP 101 – A PRIMER

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

– Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)



Dear Trinity family,

This month, we begin a series of newsletter messages about membership. What does it mean to be a member of a United Methodist Church?

To be up front with you, membership was the topic of my doctoral thesis. It's an area of ministry I care a great deal about and have some understanding of. For me, *membership should equal discipleship*—that simple. When the leaders of Trinity UMC set a standard for membership regarding worship attendance a few short weeks ago, they were simply being good leaders regarding membership in the local church. They care about individual's walks with God, too. And, practically speaking, as that great business leader Peter Drucker once said, "What gets measured improves." My desire, as your pastor and spiritual 'coach' is for you to be the very best disciple of Jesus Christ you can be!

When we take our membership vows—becoming an official member of the local church, we make *eternal* promises before the church and God. One of those promises is ... *to be present*. Setting a healthy goal for all members 'to be present' is exactly what our church leadership should be doing. I, for one, am very proud of this group of leaders.

Let me review our membership vows with you, since we're going to be spending some time in this area. When we became (or become) members, we made (7) promises (§ 217, BOD)...

- 1) To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of our sin;
- 2) To accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression;
- 3) To confess Jesus Christ as Savior, putting our whole trust in his grace, and promising to serve him as our Lord;
- 4) To remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world;
- 5) To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in our power to strengthen its ministries;
- 6) To faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, *our presence*, our gifts, our service, and our witness;
- 7) To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

These are the vows all members take. Make special note of the part of promise #6 that talks about participation by 'our presence.' That's why the leadership of Trinity UMC has

set a policy for minimum activity as a member (and *it is* just a 'minimum' expectation). This is, of course, for those who live locally, are not 'shut in' (a part of our Caring Ministry program), or who have regularly scheduled work hours on Sunday mornings. This is for the many members of our local church who need a 'nudge' when it comes to following through with their membership vows—not neglecting our meeting together' as the writer of Hebrews puts it.

We'll cover the other parts of our membership vows in the months to come. But let me ask these questions as I close: Why wouldn't we want to be the very best church—Body of Christ—we could be? Why wouldn't you want to be the very best disciple (member) you could be, especially after all Jesus has done for you (Easter=given you the gift of life)? Those are the questions that now need to be pondered. Let's get fired up for the future God has for us, folks! And let's be a 'winning' church for Christ!

See you in the Summer pew,

Pastor Rom

The Essay...

I happened to be watching and listening to Jake Hess's moving rendition of the hymn called: I Met the Master. A version can be seen on the Gaither Homecoming series. That soul searching song got me thinking about how my life changed when I met Jesus. I developed an overwhelming desire to serve the Lord, which was accompanied with feelings of calm, contentment, love and relief in knowing that I was saved and my sins pardoned. No wonder I was attracted to Fanny Crosby's hymn: Blessed Assurance. Her words speak far better than mine of my meeting Jesus. She wrote: "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. O what a foretaste of glory divine. Heir of salvation, purchased by God, Born of his spirit, washed in His blood. Perfect submission, perfect delight. Visions of rapture now burst on my sight. Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blest. Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with his goodness, lost in His love. This is my story, this is my song: Praising my savior all the day long."

Oh what a glorious hymn and how eloquently it describes one meeting Jesus. These are meetings that changes one's life and direction. Nothing can compare with truly meeting our Savior. Meeting our parents, siblings, relatives and close friends are significant and life altering. We will meet a great many others on our earthly sojourn and I don't think they all are by chance, for I believe God places people for us to meet because the meeting results in change, new feelings and new directions. These meetings are the basis for this article.

As a teacher for over three decades, I had the



opportunity to meet thousands of students and their parents. While all these meetings were important and there were many memorable students, only a few rose to the occasion of producing changes in direction and attitudes about teaching. These students crossed my path and in doing so made me a better teacher and person. Since God has a plan for each of us, it is natural to believe he ordains that we meet special people. This is a story about one of them.

I received my education as a teacher at the University of Wisconsin, Madison where I studied under the eminent professor of education Emlyn Jones. The fact that I chose teaching as a career was due to a grade school teacher, but that's another story. When I got my degree, I believed I knew everything and with that feeling, I took a teaching position with Oconto Public Schools. This was the early 1960's and was assigned to teach all Freshman Social Studies. All courses were a year long and included all freshman save those who were blind or deaf, or had severe learning limits, all others were included. I had developed a reputation of rigidity in demands as well as not checking on their Junior High records, I believed that each student could feel they could have a new start. Yet, I needed to know something about my incoming students and I wanted them to tell me about themselves.

To achieve this end, I devised a questionnaire for them to complete at the end of eighth grade. Two questions were important to me: First they were to list two things they liked and disliked about school: Second they were to list two strengths, and weaknesses they had as a student. Finally, I asked them to write a short biographical sketch of themselves. These questionnaires lay upon my desk until August when I read and evaluated each one. The essays were especially important because it offered me the chance to observe their writing skills, vocabulary and habits. I must admit that most were mundanely similar. My name is, I'm 13 or 14 years

old, I have x number of brothers and sisters, I live in the city or rural area, I like to do certain things _ i.e. hunting, talking on the phone and so forth. But that particular year I happened to read a very short essay from Dorothy.

Her essay consisted of four sentences which I will always remember. These were from a young girl thirteen years old, who's words left me wondering if she was sincere or just putting me on. These were the exact four sentences Dorothy wrote: "I am a witch. I was born an alien to my family and race. I can never hope to love or be loved. I want to build a house in the woods and live there with my animals."

What would you think had you read an essay like that? Like the old weekly radio shows, tune in next week to hear the conclusion of this story. So that's where we will leave it until next time when you will learn about Dorothy and her essay.

I would also like to take the opportunity to suggest a few Faith based movies that address these special meetings. First is "To Save a Life", it was a church project to make this movie which is about suicide, teen pregnancy, teen drug use and how one teen meets Jesus and alters his life, his family and his school. Well worth watching but parent guidance is needed if shown to young people. Another is "New Hope". It's about a minister's relocation and his son's meeting new people and making new friends. He meets the brother of a teen who committed suicide and how this conflictual relationship is solved. The next is "WWJD" (What Would Jesus Do) about a stranger's impact on the people of the community and a minister about to leave the church after an automobile accident claimed his wife and child. Finally "WWJDII, The Woodcarver", which is about a young boy who vandalizes the church and meets the man who carved the wooden trimming and how that meeting alters his life and the life of his family. At last animals can impact lives, see "Hachi" about a faithful dog. It's an uplifting story and a real tearjerker.

-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.

Life Skills Kits are also being assembled to assist these young adults in learning a trade to help provide for their families. Besides the Fishing and Tool Kits featured last month, another kit we are assembling, as well as a special interest OCC project, is shared below. Please review to see what items you may have or find on clearance, at garage sales, estate sales, and thrift shops you may be willing to donate for these projects.



Sewing Kits

Fabric Scissors

Soft Tape Measure

Spools of Thread

Buttons

Needles & Threader

Stick & Safety Pins

Seam Ripper

Yards of Colorful Cotton

Fabric or Fat Quarters

Other Notions: Lace, Elastic, Ribbon, Zippers, etc



DAYS FOR GIRLS

...creates and distributes safe, sustainable, and beautiful menstrual health solutions.

Pictured are the contents of the kit that will increase access to menstrual care by providing innovative sustainable solutions that shatter stigmas and limitations for women and girls.

You may notice that these Kits don't look like traditional pads...and there's a reason for that. The bright colors camouflage staining. The absorbent liners unfold to look like a washcloth, which allows women to wash and dry them outside in the sun without causing embarrassment. All of these design choices add up to a lasting, easy-to-care-for solution for an often heartbreaking situation.



<https://www.daysforgirls.org>

Shirley Klein, our OCC sewing team volunteer, has been busy crafting and assembling the components of the Days for Girls kits to include in shoeboxes for the 10-14 year old girls. Donations of dark colored flannel (like bedsheets) & bright colored printed cotton fabrics for this project would be appreciated, if available.

Like to sew? We are looking for a volunteer to upcycle t-shirt sleeves into small drawstring bags. If interested in giving this opportunity a try, call Shirley Klein (920-269-4189) and leave a message.





Trinity United Methodist Church has been recently introduced to a ministry out of Richardson, Texas, called "Grace Ministries: Home of the 101 Back to the Basic Resources". This is a ministry Pastor Rom has been familiar with for some time now and has used their resources in the past—a *very-trusted resource*. And now, because of a special package deal with Trinity UMC, this digital library is available to all from Trinity UMC ... and even more. This library of digital resources will also be made available to our community. In other words, if you're a part of Trinity UMC and you know of someone who might benefit from one Grace Ministries' resources on this site, please share it with them so they can receive Godly guidance for their lives as well (username/password below). Please check out this new resource that is available online (grace101.org) or through our website (trinitylomira.org)! Here's how you gain access:

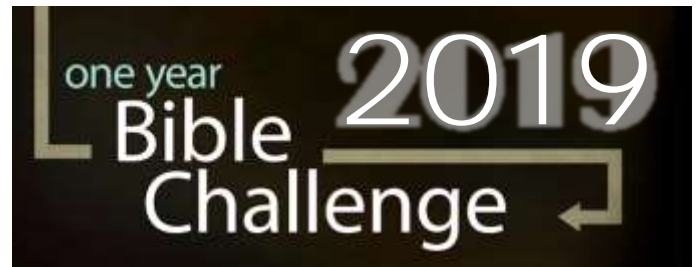
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This year Pastor Rom, Bill Buske and Shari Buske will be heading to Madison in June to represent Trinity United Methodist Church Lomira at the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

Please pray for them and wish them well as they take on this journey with our fellow United Methodist Church's from across the state.



June

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| 1. Ezekiel 9-12 | 16. Hosea 8-14 |
| 2. Ezekiel 13-15 | 17. Joel |
| 3. Ezekiel 16-17 | 18. Amos 1-5 |
| 4. Ezekiel 18-20 | 19. Amos 6-9 |
| 5. Ezekiel 21-22 | 20. Obadiah, Jonah |
| 6. Ezekiel 23-24 | 21. Micah |
| 7. Ezekiel 25-27 | 22. Nahum, Habakkuk |
| 8. Ezekiel 28-30 | 23. Zephaniah, Haggai |
| 9. Ezekiel 31-33 | 24. Zechariah 1-7 |
| 10. Ezekiel 34-36 | 25. Zechariah 8-14 |
| 11. Ezekiel 37-39 | 26. Malachi |
| 12. Ezekiel 40-42 | 27. Psalms 1-8 |
| 13. Ezekiel 43-45 | 28. Psalms 9-16 |
| 14. Ezekiel 46-48 | 29. Psalms 17-20 |
| 15. Hosea 1-7 | 30. Psalms 21-25 |





Participating in an Adopt-A-Highway clean-up event along Hwy 175 for Trinity United Methodist Church of Lomira's Education Department are (Back Row) Jeff Unferth, Mike Sacotte, McKenzie Klein, Jaye Zingsheim, Amy Unferth, Jeff Zingsheim, Steve Unferth, Melissa Casper, Jane Pegram and Rom Pegram. (Front Row) Kobe Sacotte, Dayne Zingsheim, Owen Unferth, Zach Dewhurst, Nate Dewhurst and Evan Casper

Missing from photo, photographer Heidi Zingsheim



Sunday School Students final performance of the school year on Mother's Day, May 12th.

Congratulations Graduates!

Class of 2019



Janie Hodny	Campbellsport HS
Mitchell Janke	Lomira HS
Mackenzie Klein	Lomira HS
Caleb Schaefer	SMSA

Congratulations to this years TUMC continuing education scholarship recipients Janie Hodny and Mackenzie Klein.

TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Annette Michels** recovering from hip replacement 5-26
- **Mickey Oeschner** health complications, kidney is doing great 5-26
- **Rachel** (Pegram) Stevens and Family father in law passed away 5-20
- **Farmers** grace and patience dealing with wet weather 5-19
- **Bill Balthazor** (Michelle Large's Brother) going through chemo, doing well 5-19
- **Fran Michels** home recovering from bypass surgery 5/19
- **Kim Wetzel** health complications 5/5
- **Brianna Luedtke** bell's palsy and other health issues 4-28
- **Brenna Slavic** (Friend of Mitch Wroblewski) 9 year old had brain surgery 4-21
- **Diana Jewson** stroke, making progress every week 4-21
- **Cathy** (Friend of Deb Z's) multiple medical issues 4-7
- **Laurie Reichling** (Carol Dilling's Niece) cancer relapse 3-3
- **Jean Porter** (Sandy's Sister) recovery from a car accident 3-3
- **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

**For Prayer Requests please contact Jessica in the church office
by email, phone or our website**

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*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.*



**Now through Labor Day Weekend,
Trinity will have one Sunday Worship
Service at 9:00 AM. Thank-You!**

Gwen Again

Yes, it's a voice from the past ...almost two years past and I miss you beautiful souls, your inspiring music, your sacred worship, your able leadership, your warm support and friendship and much more.

Last Sunday, there were 14 women and 3 men in attendance at our ecumenical Christian church service. One of the men was the part-time pianist who led our singing on a tiny spinet piano, another was the minister, and the third was the lone male in the "congregation". We sit on chairs, set up for the occasion, in 5 rows of five across and sing from the very same hymnal that you do. Two of us sing from memory, not seeing well enough to read. Four women are in wheelchairs and two of them read scripture and serve communion which is offered every Sunday. We sound like a sorry bunch, but in fact, we have a sanctuary more inspiring than the cathedrals. The entire length of the west wall is clear glass windows. We are on the 14th floor. The turbulent city below is silenced and invisible from our eagle's nest, replaced by a view of magnificent snow-capped mountains stretching to the north and south as far as one can see while blue sky and wispy white clouds stretch on toward infinity. It's my great fortune and sacred privilege to worship in this sanctuary alone or in a group, any day and any hour.

One would think, by my lack of responsibility here, that I spend my days watching TV and munching on chocolates. In truth, however, I have only a few channels available to me (mostly re-runs of old shows) and as for chocolates, I'm still "saving" a Hershey's Kiss given to me in February. So what do I do? Six hours of every week I am in either Physical or Occupational Therapy (offered right here on the top floor with the same view I described above) On the days that I don't have therapy I'm expected to exercise in my apartment I eat three good meals a day in the dining room with about thirty of my new friends. I attend planned classes or activities in small groups. I walk outside when the weather beckons me and sometimes inside along the many long hallways when it doesn't. I read books of my choice, or rather have them read to me on my wonderful "player" from the National Library Service for the Blind (1-888-657-7323). I love sitting at the computer and writing to those who have made my life full and meaningful...like you.

Yes, I'm comfortable and happy here and although separated from Ward and Jeanne by about 30 minutes (a distance Ward often travels to visit or to help me) I am content and grateful. There is, however, something I truly miss Yes, I miss my many faithful and thoughtful friends in Lomira, but there is also something else only partially compensated by the view of these majestic and solid and inspiring mountains. That would be the sunsets framed by my west window on Grove St. where, so frequently, I would stand and worship, often with tears of wonder and awe spilling over. Perhaps it is the distance and huge expanse of sky or the "thin" air here, or the wind patterns or something else, but my apartment faces west and the closest to a sunset that I've seen in two years is a deeper blue sky than in WI and some broad strips of light pink stretching across the blue. Where are those almost shocking colors and mixed subtle hues that totally fill the sky, silhouetting the trees against them that inspire awe, gratitude, and worship? Not in this part of Colorado.

I have no story or incident to include today. Perhaps I will go that route next time in a few months. It feels so good to be connecting with you. God **IS** within you.
In Christian Love, Gwen.



June Birthdays

- 1 Lucas Hodny
- 2 Les Unferth
- 3 Jerry Klein
Andrew Oechsner
- 4 Melissa Oechsner
Joshua Wroblewski
- 5 Victoria Bloch
- 7 Michelle Vesper
Mitchell Janke
- 8 Colton Luedtke
- 9 Marlin Towne
- 10 Kathy Lavarda
Brenda Michels
Lee Oestreich
- 11 Nancy Andrews
Brian Meyer
Tina Rambousek
Trisha Schwanke
Dwayne Wolf
- 12 Faye Beck
Nicole Dittberner
Margaret Muehlius
- 15 Jeff Unferth
- 16 Cassie Beck
- 18 Dan Dewhurst
Amanda Ditter
- 19 Jessica Marschie
- 21 Barbara Rowland
- 22 Michelle Large
- 24 Dorothy Bosserman
- 25 Pam Flury
- 26 Wayde Beck
Syd Henke
- 29 Aaliyah Kaelin



June Anniversaries

- 1 Scott & Sandra Plum
- 3 Rom and Jane Pegram
- 5 Ward & Jeanne Hinz
- 7 Glenn & Jackie Eichstedt
- 8 Doug & Chris Kuen
- 10 Jeff & Dawn Faber
- 14 Ralph & Sharon Germain
- 15 Tim & Jaimee Jordan
- 16 Andrew & Melissa Oeschner
- 17 Chuck & Mary Rhein
- 20 Pat & Kim Emmer
- 25 Richard & Anne Ullius
- 27 Will & Diana Jewson
- 28 Joshua & Jessica Marschie

TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$84,220.00

Received through

5-19-2019: \$71,833.58

Budget Shortfall: \$12,387.42

The July Newsletter Deadline is June 25th. Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day. Thank you!

June 2019 TUMC-Lomira

Worship Service 9:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					31 6-8:15 pm VBS	1 8:30 am-2:30 pm VBS
2 Communion Sunday VBS Kids Sing	3	4	5 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon	6 6:30 Girl Scouts	7	8 10:00 am Food Pantry
9 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	10	11 8:00 am UM Men's Group 3:00 pm Hope Nursing Home Service	12 11:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon	13 6:30 pm Mission Trip Meeting	14 5:30 pm JP Training Meeting	15
16	17	18	19 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm Caring Ministry Training 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon	20	21	22 10:00 am Food Pantry
23 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	24	25 Newsletter Deadline	26 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon	27	28	29
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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

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