



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES FOR JANUARY 2021

Coming into the New Year of 2021, many of us still have questions about why 2020 went the way it did—questions like ‘How can a loving God allow such pain and suffering?’ It seems the perfect time to get into some of those questions and start off this New Year knowing that whatever we go through, we can count on God to be there for us—knowing what is ultimately best for us. Following are the messages that will start on Sunday, January 10, and take us right up to the Season of Lent:

- January 10 – “The Problem of Pain” – Hebrews 13:5, James 1:2-4, Rev. 21:1-7
- January 17 – “Faithful Despite Betrayal” – Genesis 37
- January 24 – “Faithful Under Temptation” – Genesis 39
- January 31 – “Faithful through Adversity” – Genesis 39-41

We will continue offering two forms of worship for January (starting on the 10th) and do the best we can with the weather. Our backup will be our online worship on YouTube. And if we have to cancel the parking lot due to weather and you don’t do YouTube, we’ll get you a DVD of the service upon request. Let’s look forward to this New Year together, and to learning more about the reality of pain in our lives from God’s perspective.

May each of you know God’s blessings in a very real way in the New Year...

Pastor Rom

“And the one sitting on the throne said, ‘Look, I am making everything new!’ And then he said to me, ‘Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.’⁶ And he also said, ‘It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life.’⁷ All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.” – Revelation 21:5-7 (NLT)



Dear Trinity family,

God's word never ceases to amaze me and, in being totally honest, I forget about certain scriptures if I haven't been reading or studying in that area of the Bible for a while. Revelation is a good example. Being the last book of the Bible, it's kind of like it's God's final word in a sense—at least as far as the canon goes. The scripture above is one of those that both amazes me and makes me very, very thankful ... especially after a year like 2020. Take a quick look at it if you haven't already...

Referring to Revelation 21:5-7 (NLT), the one sitting on the throne is ... God. God, of course, is the Creator, amongst other things. So, when he says 'Look, I am making everything new!' he is saying this as the Creator—one who *can* make everything new. One of the ways God makes things new in this world is through his Presence (Holy Spirit) among us. And for some of us, wouldn't a more real Presence of God be something new in 2021? For some of us, this past year has really drug us down, wore us out. We need someone to help us through this time. And that someone who *wants* to help is ... God. But it's up to us to allow God to be present in every area of our lives!

One thing I know, as we begin this brand-new year, is this: *If God is Present with us, there is nothing going on around us that can get us down or keep us down!* God will be our ultimate reality, not our circumstances ... or the circumstances of those around us. If God were truly Present in that way in our lives, would that be new? Wouldn't God be 'making everything new' in our lives in that way—in 2021? *My prayer is that each and every one of us would allow God to be Present in our lives in every way this coming year—to allow God (we have free will, you know) to make everything new for us.* Following would be my prayer for all of us as we begin 2021:

Gracious God, we thank you for your great love and blessing over our lives. Thank you that your favor has no end but lasts our entire lifetime. Forgive us for sometimes forgetting that you are intimately acquainted with all our ways, that you know what concerns us, and you cover us as with a shield. We ask that we would walk in your blessing and goodness today. That your face would shine upon us. That you would open the right doors for our lives and for our loved ones, that you would close the wrong doors and protect us from those we need to walk away from. Establish the work of our hands and bring to fulfillment all that you have given us to do in these days. We pray that you would make our way purposeful and our footsteps firm out of your goodness and love. Give us a heart of wisdom to hear your voice and make us strong by your huge favor and grace. And, Lord, lastly ... open up our hearts for whatever you desire to 'make new' in us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Have a blessed New Year in Christ—knowing his Peace and Joy every step of the way,

Pastor Rom

Stewardship and Finance Offering

I was thinking about what to write for the January newsletter article and I try and make these not only information but also teachable and inspiring articles. As we the SF team are learning more about stewardship, I try to pass that along in these articles. I was really struggling on what to write about, maybe it was just due to the long year we have all had and feeling a little spent. But I sat down to write the article...at the last-minute, hoping something would come to me and one of my favorite things to do to keep in the Christmas spirit is listening to Christmas music starting the day after Thanksgiving through December. So, I fired up Pandora on the computer and my wife Jessica had it on her favorite Pandora Christmas station *Straight No Chaser* which I like but, I am more a *Country Christmas* or *Mariah Carey Christmas* guy myself, don't judge! Anyways I decided to leave it on. Wouldn't you know a song came on that inspired this article and I wasn't even planning on listen to that station, can I say divine intervention!

It was a song by Michael Bublé called ***"The More You Give (The More You'll Have)"***. It is a song I have heard several times before but never really listened to the lyrics or even paid attention to the song title. I have always liked the song as it is up beat and I find myself bopping along in my truck or office chair, so I don't hear the lyrics a lot of times with songs like that as I am too busy getting in a groove from the beat of the song rather than the words. Yeah, there is crazy, silly, quirky side of me only my wonderful family gets to see most of the time. They are so blessed .

This year though I took the time to find out the name of the song so I could look it up and listen to it whenever I wanted. When I read the title, I was like "God you did it again". The more you give, the more you'll have. Isn't that what he is trying to tell us throughout the Bible. Be a caring and giving people to offer help to others before we help ourselves. That is always easier to do at Christmas time as the reminders are all around us to GIVE and HELP and be GENEROUS. My question to all of us including myself is how do we keep the reminders going all year long? How do we get to that extravagant level of giving that goes above and beyond our tithes and offerings each week? Where can you help out at church, what missions, group/committee, or projects can you get involved with (Youth, OCC, Caring, Women's group, Men's group, Music, Generosity, Evangelism, Coffee Connections, Maintenance Projects, Sunday School, there are so many)? What Time, Talent, and Treasures can you offer your church? We can all keep the Christmas spirit alive all year long when you put yourself out there physically and financially with your church. You can't tell me you don't feel a warmth inside when you know you did something good to help someone, when you give a tithe or offering and you know how it will help the church in so many ways. That is what God is telling us the more you give the more you'll have. That ***"more you'll have"*** is relationships, and comfort, and family, and health, and on and on.

The main lyrics from the song are *"So spread some cheer, Let's give love and get some back, The more you give, the more you'll have"*. Let's find a way for Trinity to do that in 2021, in the words of Eddie from Christmas Vacation - "That's the gift that keeps on giving the whole year"

SF Committee Chair
Josh Marschie



Thanks to everyone who so graciously donated to the Mitten Tree. God has given each one of us unique gifts, and the love behind the home-made items and those purchased is a wonderful reminder of God's gift to us all. A special thanks to Pastor Lila Ebert who delivered the donations to the Family Resource Center

This year TUMC

collected:

70 hats

33 pairs of gloves

24 blankets

5 scarves

4 Pairs of Socks

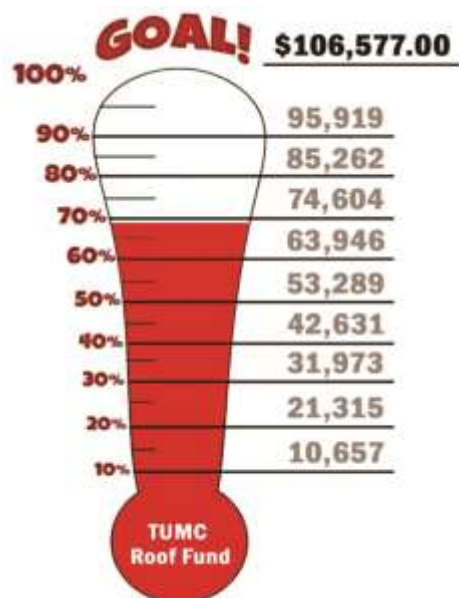
These will be
donated to

Individuals and
families in need who
visit the Family
Resource Center in

Fond du lac. Lap blankets were distributed to
local nursing home residents.



Please Help TUMC Reach Our Goal!



**\$72,923.00
as of 12-20-20**

Thank you so much to those who dropped off cards, treats and gifts for my family and I to enjoy. We really do appreciate you thinking of us during the Christmas season.

God Bless,

Jessica Marschie & Family

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Thank you so much for your beautiful Christmas cards filled with encouraging words and warm wishes! Thanks too for your generous gifts of appreciation. God's blessings on each of you as we look forward to a more promising year ahead ... in Christ.

Rom & Jane Pegram

Thanks Trinity Church Family For The Best Christmas Ever!

We have been blessed to be able to share our time and musical talents with you. Great joy for us!

We offer a very special thank you to all our church musicians who added beauty and variety to our Christmas Eve and Sunday after Christmas services. Beautiful music for Jesus! The end results depend on more than anyone knows. Recording and technology are what makes worship meaningful for all. Credit goes to Pastor Rom, Jane and Jess in our office.

Be positive-next year we will be back to sharing music in large groups. We thank Jesus for this unusual year and we give the New Year totally to him. Jesus is the reason for the season and everything!

Our love to Jesus and all our Church family,
Priscilla and Jason



A BIG Thank You to Nancy Pahnke and all who volunteered to sort and deliver this years Thanksgiving meal. 200 meals were served.



Trinity Holiday Outreach Project

The Christmas gifts from Trinity's Mission & Outreach activity were delivered to Hope Health & Rehabilitation Center mid-December. Each resident and tenant received a beautiful ornament, a bottle of Suave Body Wash, and a bag of candy treats. Although we truly miss visiting our senior friends in person this year, we hope these gifts brought them joy during the holiday.

Special thanks to Amy Unferth for designing and hand painting the (two-sided) ornaments. Also, many thanks to all who donated body wash! This gift is especially appreciated by the staff. Your generosity provided many extra bottles to share as needed throughout the year.



Dear Trinity United Methodist Church family,

This probably violates some Operation Christmas Child policy but here goes.

I just returned from volunteering at the Chicagoland Processing Center and had the privilege of preparing some of your beautiful shoebox gifts for shipping on December 2. I have volunteered to process shoeboxes for many years and also serve as a year - round volunteer with OCC so I have seen a lot of shoeboxes. I have to say that your shoeboxes are among the most generous and intentional gifts that I have seen. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are a tangible expression of God's love and a shoebox packed to the very top with so many nice and useful things certainly reflects the abundance of God's love - packed down, shaken together and overflowing (Luke 6:38) I also know from my experience at outreach events that your notes with colorful photos will be treasured by the children who get them and will surely encourage them on their faith journey. Whether you hear back from your children or not, I am certain that your gifts will be received with a lot of joy and will hopefully create a desire to learn more about Our Lord Jesus Christ through *The Greatest Journey* discipleship program.

Your shoeboxes and thoughtful note made me stop and smile just thinking about the astonished looks on so many little faces when they receive your gifts and how the example of your unconditional love for someone you do not know will help encourage those young ones to respond in faith to the Gospel.

Merry Christmas and many blessings to you all!

David Hoiriis
Operation Christmas Child Area Coordinator, Minneapolis West Metro



Trinity Shoebox Project
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The Trinity Shoebox Project TEAM is excited to announce the launch our new FACEBOOK page! The intent is for our Trinity and local family and friends with an interest in OCC to share ideas as well as hands-on project, shopping, and fundraising activities or opportunities. We also plan to provide some education and inspiration to grow our year-round shoebox mission project. Please consider checking out our page and sharing with others... *Thank you!*



Tina Rawlins

January Trinity Shoebox Project Angel



How have you been involved with Trinity's Shoebox Project? I became involved in the Shoebox Project last January when I started to make soap bags. It all started after I made them as Christmas presents for family and friends and getting "hooked". At first I thought of making them for homeless shelters in Milwaukee but found that this wasn't as practical as I had thought. The Shoebox project was a perfect match, each bag of soap is small enough to add to each box and useful to all who receive.

I have to admit that on weekends when I get to leave work in Milwaukee, I tend to binge TV; working on craft projects helps to reduce the guilt and fun too. Since COVID-19, my evening activities, ushering in the theaters, ended abruptly, I substituted the time by crocheting soap bags – something relaxing, simple and practical. At first I knitted the bags, a talent taught to me as a child by my Nana, but I found crocheting to be easier and a lot more portable. Watching YouTube videos to learn how, it was quite easy to switch. I have been known to crochet through meetings, even church services before the closure, and within 30 minutes, a new soap bag is completed and ready to be filled and ready for the project.

My original goal was to make 250 by Christmas which I surpassed before March and at a rough guess, I must have made over 1,000 and am already working on bags for Christmas 2021. For the curious out there, these are the simplest of projects; J hook, cotton yarn, crocheted in any stitch you like to make a rectangle approximately 3" by 8", fold in half and crochet 3 sides to close, create two ties as a drawstring to pull together to top – voila!

Thank you *Tina* for sharing your time and talents!



Opportunity to participate! Please consider purchasing full size bars of soap to donate to the Trinity Shoebox Project. Hundreds of bars of soap are needed to load the soap bags Tina and others who get 'hooked' create throughout the year. The soap bags are part of the hygiene kit that are packed in every shoebox. If you are able, please leave the soap in the OCC barrel or outside drop-box. Alternatively, reach out to Amy Unferth, Heidi Zingsheim or Tina to drop-off or arrange pick-up. Thanks in advance for your help to meet this need!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mila Reitz
- 4 Reagan Rosenkranz
- 5 Kevin Beck
- Ashley Strassman
- 7 Tristin Duley
- Henry Guell
- Gwen Hinz
- 9 Vicki Schneider
- 10 Paul Jewson
- Mark Lavarda
- 11 Mikayla Klein
- 13 Tom Klein
- Colton Renderman
- 15 Roger Clark
- Mary Kiehnau
- Grant Renderman
- Mitchell Wroblewski
- Karlene Krueger
- 18 Daniel Riehbrandt
- 19 Shari Buske
- Mark Hodny
- 20 Melissa Poetzel
- 21 Penny Beck
- Mark Dahlinger
- 22 Taylor Klein
- Harper Feucht
- 23 Carolyn Krueger
- Chad Alf
- 25 Randy Faber
- 27 Chris Kuen
- 29 Keanna Mae Cole
- Madysen Janke
- Augie Luedtke
- 31 Kathy Mintner

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Bob & Fran Coulter
- 14 Bill & Michelle Large
- 21 Gene & Dorothy Hake
- 24 Victor & Lois Jewson
- 28 Kevin & Penny Beck

The February Newsletter
Deadline is
Jan. 23rd.
Please have all articles
to the church office by
noon that day. Thank
you!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



TUMC will be hosting a Blood Bank on Monday January 25th, starting at noon. You can sign up online at redcrossblood.org



Women's Ministries is planning on starting a new book/Bible study in January; topic is yet to be determined. This will be through Zoom, not meeting in person until we are able to do so. If you are interested in participating, contact Pam Wellso at 920-905-9511 or pamback312@gmail.com



TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Mark Wetzel** knee surgery on December 9 11/19
- **Scott Weick** (husband/father of 4-year old daughter) emergency heart surgery to remove mass, several complications, making great improvements 11/12
- **Joey Donald** (confirmed at Trinity) was recently hit by a car when he stopped to help another car in distress. He is facing multiple surgeries 10/27
- **Alexis Feucht** a Senior at Campbellsport HS diagnosed with brain cancer. Surgery successful. Radiation to begin soon; more treatment determined from there 10/18
- **Tiffany Sponholz** (friend of Sarah Kretschmer) in hospital with Meningitis and getting worse 10/23
- **Aaron Zuhlke** (friend of Judy Lerch) aplastic anemia (hereditary); needs bone marrow transplant 10/23
- **FRONT LINE WORKERS...**
- **Cathy Wetzel** diagnosed with stage-4 breast cancer 10/16
- **Karlene Krueger's Mom** diagnosed with breast cancer, surgery in November 10/15
- **Doug Kuen** Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma update: Going home on 10/17, will need to travel back and forth for labs, but overall doing well 10/15
- **Tony O'Malley** leukemia, set for an additional surgery this month 10/15
- **Brian (Michelle) Neill** diagnosed with Meniere's disease 9/29
- **Ali (Iranian living in UK** friend of Tina Rawlins) a Christian who escaped from Iran—now living in UK, faced with threats to his family if he doesn't return and go to trial. Prayers for Ali (he) and all who are persecuted for their faith. 9/22
- **Carrie Mueller** (Pronounced Miller; Tina Rambousek's friend) on dialysis for kidneys; will need a transplant 9/14
- **Doug Kuen** Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma update: Moving to Froedtert Wednesday (16th) to start process leading up to bone marrow transplant (Todd: Donar) 7/21
- **Ann Kadinger** colon cancer (Pat Burmeisters Friend) 7/16
- **Gary Jesse** prostate cancer, doing well with treatment 7/14
- **Brenda Bergman** cancer has spread, starting a new round of radiation 6/24
- **Raymond Kittleson** (friend of the Kiehnau's) doing testing in preparation for chemo 5/20

For Prayer Requests please contact Jessica in the church office by email, phone or through our website www.trinitylomira.org 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.

Update the Office in 2021

As we move into the New Year...If you have a new phone number, address or email...please let us know.

Also please update Jessica in the church office for current Prayer Concern needs. Many members of the church ask how individuals are doing, so lets keep the list up-to-date.

Operation Christmas Child Fundraiser: Pam Wellso has containers of flower bulbs available for purchase. Each basket has hyacinths, crocuses and dwarf iris. You just have to provide a sunny spot and water and you'll have blooms in your house in February. Each basket is \$15. ALL proceeds go to OCC; limited quantity available. Contact Pam Wellso by phone or text at 920-905-9511 or pamback312@gmail.com.



January 2021 TUMC-Lomira

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
10 4:00 PM ET Class	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 4:00 PM ET Class	18	19	20	21	22	23 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
24 4:00 PM ET Class	25 12:00 PM Blood Bank	26	27	28	29	30
31 4:00 PM ET Class						

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