



FEBRUARY 2021 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

In February, we will be finishing up our 'Acts of God' series and then begins Lent 2021. Below is listed the end of one series and the start of another—our Lent worship series called JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM. I'm especially excited for this series (which will run through Easter this year), as Jerusalem is one of the favorite cities I've ever been to. Drawing on my experience both from biblical studies and travels to the Holy Land (8 trips), we will be talking about the Passion of the Christ—his personal journey to Jerusalem and how that applies to our lives today. Here are the messages for February (including Ash Wednesday):

- Feb. 7 – Faithful through Adversity – Gen. 39-41
- Feb. 14 – The Purpose of Pain – Genesis 42-45
- Feb. 17 (Ash Wednesday) – The Journey Begins... – Mark 8:31-37
- Feb. 21 – Is There a Roadblock? – Mark 10:13-16
- Feb. 28 – What is That in the Mirror? – Mark 11:1-11

Please join us as we finish up our ACTS OF GOD series and start into the Season of Lent. What a wonderful time to grow in our walk with God together...

Growing together in faith... *Pastor Rom*

Note: Don't forget to order your Lent 2021 Bundle from Jessica in the office or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAAFF23A3FBC52-lenten>

Guest Contributor: Kathy Drexler, SPRC Chair

1 Corinthians 10:23-24 states, "You say, 'I am allowed to do anything' - but not everything is good for you. You say, 'I am allowed to do anything' - but not everything is beneficial. Don't be concerned for your own good but for the good of others."

In these verses Paul states that we have freedom in Christ, but we shouldn't exercise our freedom at the cost of hurting a Christian brother or sister. We are not to consider only ourselves, we must also consider the needs and perspective of others.

I very much want to attend a Trinity worship service in the sanctuary on a Sunday morning. I would like our Sunday School children to be learning about God in their Trinity classrooms between the 8:00 and 10:00 services. I miss hearing the children sing on special Sundays. I miss handbell practice, Women's Bible Study, talking with many of you during connections time, even in-person church meetings. I miss my Trinity ladies monthly card group that hasn't met in over a year. This virus, that none of us has control over, has taken a lot from me and you.

The end to this terrible pandemic is in sight. On today's news I hear that the federal government is changing their recommendations for distribution of the Covid vaccine. The government is now recommending that all people age 65 and over and those with preexisting conditions be allowed to get the first dose of the vaccine now. They are going to stop holding the second vaccine dose for 3-4 weeks as they have been doing. Enough doses of the vaccines are being made that they are confident that dose number two will be available in 3-4 weeks when it is needed.

A doctor on the morning news program that I watch said that we need to get all available vaccines into people's arms ASAP. Once we vaccinate all people over age 65 and those with preexisting conditions that our numbers of hospitalized Covid patients will be greatly reduced. This will greatly decrease the number of Covid deaths and take the burden off hospitals. 80% of Covid deaths are people over 65 years old and those with preexisting conditions. A significant number of people who attend Sunday morning worship at Trinity fall into this age demographic. I am one of them.

The leadership team of TUMC has met frequently, weekly at times, during the Covid crisis. Gordy Zimmerman, Pastor Rom, John Muentner, Josh Marschie and I have asked you to completely change the way we are used to operating at Trinity. We have asked you to be patient for over 10 months. We know that it has been difficult. It has been difficult for us, too. If you are unhappy about our decisions, please contact one or more of us.

The Trinity staff, Jess, Priscilla and Jason, are not making the decisions. Angry phone calls to the staff will not change the situation. The staff is working especially hard and doing what the leadership team is asking them to do.

As SPRC chairperson, I ask that you hang in there just a little bit longer. Please understand that we are trying to look out for the Trinity staff. We are trying to place the health of our most vulnerable members ahead of our individual wishes. We are trying to heed Paul's directive in 1 Corinthians, "Don't be concerned for your own good but for the good of others". Then, some day very soon, we will all be able to rejoice. What a wonderful day it will be when Pastor Rom announces, "The Trinity sanctuary is open for Sunday morning worship!"

In Christian love,

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STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE OFFERING

The point is this: *whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver**. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.* (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

“God loves a cheerful giver.” Why do you give? Why do you put money in the plate/basket, or mail, or give online? Is it to keep the lights on? Is it out of obligation? Is it because “it is just the thing you do”? In this month of February, when consumer products turn red, chocolate, and velvety, society asks us to think about love. We give gifts to others because we love them. Could it be that we give in church because of **Love**?

We are called to give to God because **God loves us**. We are called to give to God because **we love God**. We are called to give, not begrudgingly, but cheerfully! When we give, we are saying, “I love you God!” We are not saying, “Fine, here you go God.” Why do you give? Look inside of yourself right now. Be honest. Why do you give? When the “plate/basket” passes you, what goes through your mind? In this time of online giving, has your giving changed? Have you been giving more or less? More or less often? Why? Always remember, you cannot out give God!

God loves us and has, does, and will do so much for us. So, in response, we give back to the Lord. **We give out of LOVE.**

Rev. Krystal Goodger, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Trinity Church now has a “Payment Document Form”. This form is to be used for all purchases and services that are to be paid by the Church, and all expenditures for the Church that need to be reimbursed to an individual.

Please fill out the entire form (when applicable), and attach all corresponding receipts to the form. Copies of the form will be in the Church office and by the mailboxes.

As we start using this form, some questions and issues with it may make it necessary to change the form and I am very willing to do that.

If you have any questions on how to fill out this form, call me at 920-269-4615 or email me at jgmeats@gmail.com

Thanks in advance for using this form.

Jackie Zimmerman, Treasurer

Another BIG thanks to our amazing church friends for your appreciation and generosity! You keep our lives positive during different days. We have never ending energy and music to keep blessing Jesus and all of you. We are richly blessed in return! Please stay positive, remembering Matthew 19:29 “With God all things are possible.”

With Love,

Priscilla & Jason





Lila Ebert

February Trinity Shoebox Project Angel



How have you been involved with Trinity's Shoebox Project?

I became involved in the Shoebox Project in 2019 when I made 25 loom hats. As more people joined in making loom hats I became interested in braiding jump ropes. I finished 100+ ropes that year. When I started braiding jump ropes the Klein's and Zingsheim's brought me balls of cut-up t-shirts ready to braid. Heidi showed me how to cut up the t-shirts myself, so now they just bring me large boxes of donated t-shirts. I can now complete the project from beginning to end. **In 2020 I braided over 650 jump ropes.** I think that will be my record. Other things I have done are sorting colored beads for bracelets, writing notes to go into each shoebox,



Why do you choose to share your time & talents with the Shoebox Project?

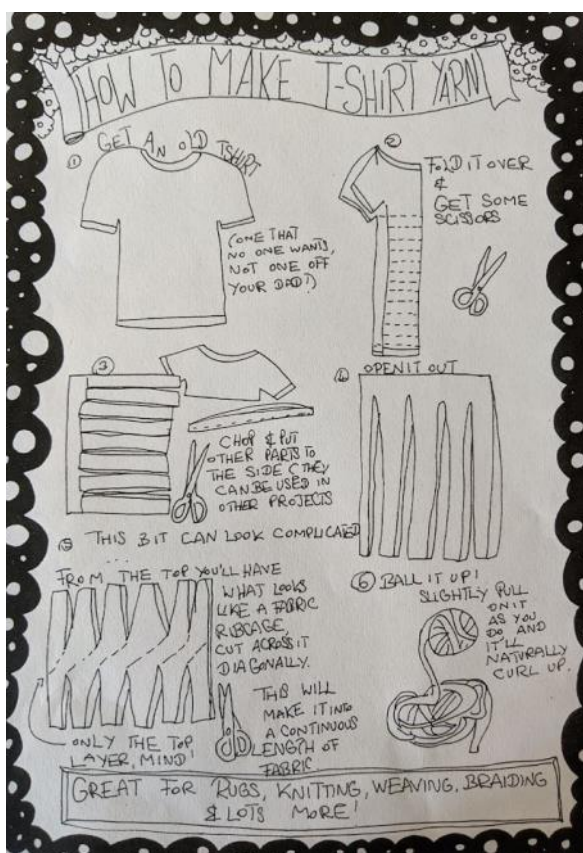
I have the time to do these projects and enjoy doing them. I feel like I'm making good use of my spare time. You also get to know other Shoebox Project volunteers better and develop great friendships.

How has the pandemic impacted you in a positive way?

I spend more time at home. The Shoebox projects have given me things to do that are useful.

What's your idea of a perfect day?

A perfect day for me is thanking God for good health, the sun is shining, and I'm doing what I feel like doing.



For sharing your time and many talents. You are a very valuable member of our TEAM!



Our 2020 Shoeboxes blessed children in...

Colombia



Joy for Families In Need [Samaritan's Purse Website]

In this struggling neighborhood on the west side of town, it's hard to be a kid surrounded by drugs, crime, and abuse. But for a little while these youngsters smiled with joy as they joined Operation Christmas Child leaders in singing fun songs, participated in an interactive Gospel presentation complemented by colorful visuals, and ultimately opened shoeboxes brimming with gifts.

Yariana's three young children, plus three nieces and nephews, all received gift-filled shoeboxes. They came to Colombia from Venezuela almost three years ago.

Her husband crossed the border first, about three months before the rest of his family. He came because the economic crisis had destroyed his welding business. He had no clients—no one could afford such services—and it was impossible to get supplies anyway. When he left the family behind, they all cried, and discussing that day still bring tears to Yariana's eyes.

Yariana and the children were able to soon join him, though, and despite many challenges, life is better in their new home. "In Colombia, he's been able to find work and sustain the family," she said.

She was grateful for the shoebox event and thankful it "brought a lot of happiness" to her children.



Trinity Shoebox Project

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Visit our new **FACEBOOK** page to learn more about our **Trinity Shoebox Project TEAM** activities.
Our **TEAM** is active **ALL YEAR LONG**... consider joining us!

A new **PACKAGE DROP-BOX** was delivered to church early January and placed by the north entrance. This unit was purchased with grant money received from Ziegler, the firm Heidi Zingsheim is employed by, thru a philanthropy program opportunity in past years. Jerry Klein assembled the unit as well as donated some accessories... Thank you!

This drop-box was purchased with the Trinity Shoebox Project and other mission outreach activity in mind but was donated to the church to be utilized by **EVERYONE**. Although church staff and volunteers will retrieve and distribute the packages as their time allows, please do not leave items of great value as the drop-box is not locked or monitored.

Please **LABEL** or include a **NOTE** with all packages or bags left in the drop-box to assist with the distribution to the intended recipient. We hope this drop-box will help meet a need given the limited accessibility to the church building. We're excited to put this new drop-box to use!



Trinity Shoebox Project Fund...

Discussing the Shoebox Project finances is not a comfortable topic for us but a necessary one. Fundraising and personal donations the last two years have been covering only a percentage of shoebox content expenses (hygiene, school supplies, articles of clothing, fun items, etc), but in order to continue partnering with Samaritan's Purse in good faith we need to put forth our best effort to cover all our expenses, including the shipping obligation.

How can you help provide the additional financial support needed?

In order to continue taking steps to cover our financial obligations, reach our goals, and proceed to grow, we are prayerfully seeking individuals, families, or businesses who are able to make a \$500 or more tax deductible donation annually. If your blessings allow, please pray for guidance in making this financial commitment.

Checks payable to Trinity with **Shoebox Project Fund** written in the note field (to help guide the fund allocation process) for any amount are greatly appreciated! To those that have provided financial support in the past, we **THANK YOU** for your generosity and appreciate your continued support!

The gauge below denotes funds needed to cover the minimum costs incurred to pack **200 shoeboxes**.

\$10 box contents + \$9 shipping = \$19 per shoebox

\$3,800 = 200 shoeboxes
 \$3,420 = 180 shoeboxes
 \$3,040 = 160 shoeboxes
 \$2,660 = 140 shoeboxes
 \$2,280 = 120 shoeboxes
 \$1,900 = 100 shoeboxes
 \$1,520 = 80 shoeboxes
 \$1,140 = 60 shoeboxes
 \$760 = 40 shoeboxes
 \$380 = 20 shoeboxes



**Shoebox
Project
Fund Status
as of
January 1st**

\$903



Trinity Shoebox Project Wish List

If you are an Amazon shopper, please take a look and consider purchasing an item or two on our 'Wish List'. The list includes current Operation Christmas Child shoebox content ideas for our large packing events as well as supplies the team would find helpful to complete projects. New items are added and items often go on sale so stop back periodically. Thanks for considering!

Valentine's Day clearance provides the Shoebox project TEAM a great shopping opportunity. Please keep your eyes open for clearance coloring books, plastic cups, and small stuffed animals. Stretchy gloves on winter clearance are also great finds.



TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Stacey Hein (Josh Marschie's Cousin)** had triplets. Baby A (George) passed due to a complication during delivery. Baby B (Jack) and C (Luke) are doing well in the NICU 1/21
- **Doug Kuen** going through some rough days at home, waiting for new cells to kick in from bone marrow transplant (from Todd) 1/12
- **Pastor Scott McMurray** in hospital in Milwaukee area with throat cancer – well into chemo treatments now 1/3
- **Had Johnson** for heart ailments (tests being run) 12/12
- **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
- **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
- **Ann Kadinger** colon cancer (Pat Burmeisters Friend) 7/16
- **Gary Jesse** prostate cancer, doing well with treatment 7/14
- **Raymond Kittleson** (friend of the Kiehnau's) doing testing in preparation for chemo 5/20

TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$17,608.00

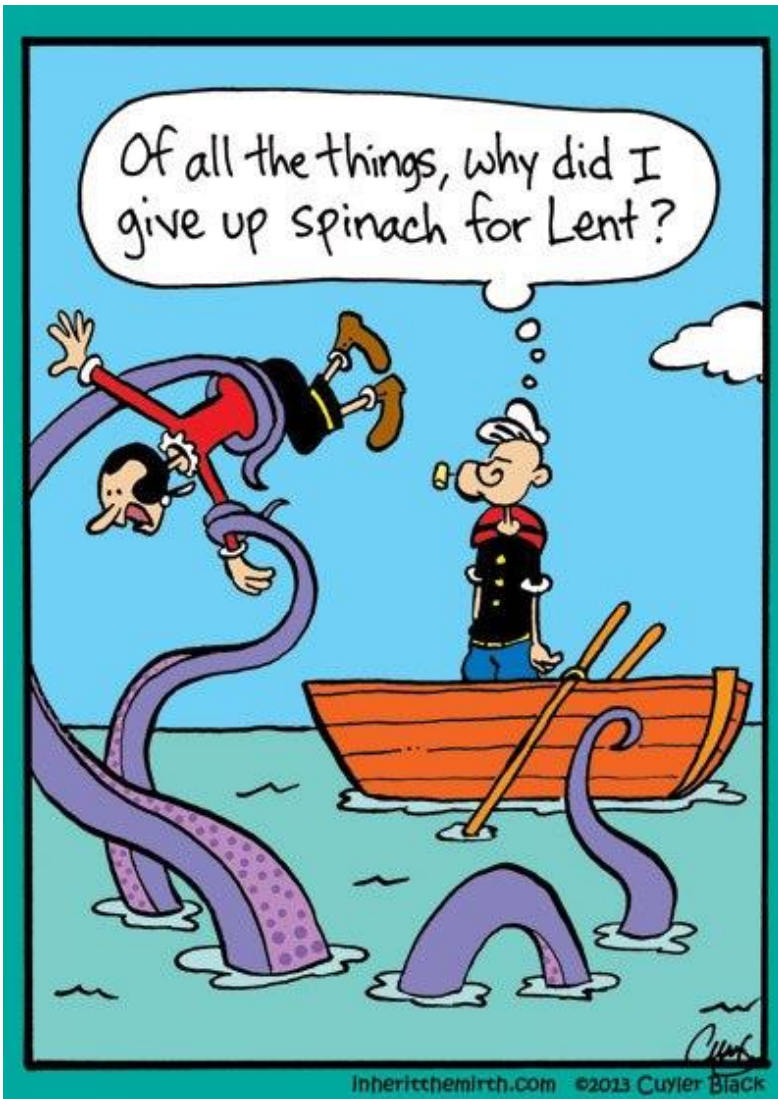
Received through

1-24-2021: \$10,591.11

Budget Shortfall: \$7,017.00

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carissa Backhaus
Judy Schraufnagel
- 2 Emily Batterman
- 3 Emily Schwanke
- 4 Peter Buske
Ryan Riedel
Mike Sacotte
- 6 Judy Lerch
- 7 Zachary Dewhurst
- 10 Skylar Thorn
Cynthia Bryant
Brayden Sanders
Aricka Ullius
Ryan Ullius
Catrina Rambousek
- 11 Sharon Germain
- 13 Ryan Schwartz
- 17 Debbie Bintzler
Tori Beck
- 18 Joel Menzer
- 20 Bill Buske
Vickie Renderman
- 21 Cathy Wetzel
- 22 Kevin Haefs
Jonathan Luedtke
- 23 Gene Junger
- 25 William Beck
- 27 Glenn Eichstedt
- 28 Doug Kindschuh
Will Jewson
Finley Sacotte
Marley Sacotte
- 29 Deb Janke



**Lenten Bundles will
be available soon.
If you headed south
for the winter, just
let the office know
and we are happy
to mail them
to you.**

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Tom and Syd Henke
- 20 Kevin and Jenna Rhein
- 27 Todd and Lori Klein

Golden Club

**Judy Schraufnagel turns 80 on 2/1 and Gene Junger
turns 90 on 2/23!**

Judy Schraufnagel

1202 Maple Street

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Gene Junger

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Lets send them lots of Happy Birthday wishes!

February 2021 TUMC-Lomira
Online Services 9:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 6:00 pm SF Zoom Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 10:00 am Food Pantry
14 11:00 am ET Class 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 11:00 am ET Class	22	23	24	25	26	27 10:00 am Food Pantry
28 11:00 am ET Class						

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