

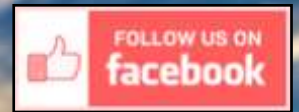
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

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September 2021 | Monthly Newsletter

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

September 5th– Kate Jones, our District Superintendent joins us for service and communion

September 12th –Denise Retzlaff, First Day of Sunday School

September 19th –Pastor Mulongo Joins us for his first Sunday at Trinity, Sunday School Rally Day

September 26th– Personal Testimonies of Trinity



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 10AM

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity United Methodist Church,

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Bishop Hee-Soo Jung has appointed Reverend Mulongo Mpoyo to be our new pastor, effective September 16, 2021. This announcement follows weeks of preparation by your SPRC and the bishop's cabinet on assessing the pastoral needs of our church and the cabinet's finding the best possible match of a pastor to our needs. The SPRC has been working with our district superintendent, Kate Jones, on understanding our situation. The committee has met with the superintendent on multiple occasions.



In our introductory meeting the new pastor, Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo, spoke of his gifts and skills for ministry, his background and family. He is currently serving a three point charge at United Methodist churches in North Fond du Lac, Waukau, and Eureka. Our committee believes that Rev. Mpoyo has the gifts we asked for and that we need for our ministry. His invitation to the Trinity United Methodist Church family is to connect people with God, through Christian relationships to serve all communities. We look forward to building a healthy relationship with him beginning in mid September.

Reverend Mulongo Mpoyo was born in Lubumbashi, the second largest city of the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is married to Rev. Tshishinen Mpoyo, who is a United Methodist Minister serving at Wesley United Methodist Church in Oshkosh. God blessed this pastoral couple with two boys, Eric and Michel.

Rev. Mpoyo is a graduate of Université Protestante au Congo, or UPC (<https://upc.ac.cd>) in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo) with a bachelor's degree of Divinity and a master's degree of Theology. He is also a graduate of Africa University (<http://www.africau.edu>) in Mutate (Zimbabwe) with a bachelor's degree of Art Humanities and Social Sciences. Rev. Mpoyo was ordained as a United Methodist Elder in full connection in June 1999. Before his appointment at Lomira, Trinity United Methodist Church, Rev. Mpoyo served four United Methodist local Churches in the North-Katanga and South-Congo Conferences in the Democratic Republic of Congo and six United Methodist local Churches here in Wisconsin Conference.

Beyond the local churches he served in the Congo and in the USA, Rev. Mpoyo served the Jerusalem District as Coordinator of the Development Office and as Chaplain of two War Displaced and Refugee Camps in Katuba/ Lubumbashi (D.R. Congo).

Rev. Mpoyo is one of the Wisconsin Conference Worship Team members, and both his wife Rev. Tshishinen and him help as translators and interpreters at the United Methodist Church General Conferences. He loves traveling, meeting new people and new cultures, sharing stories, gardening, watching movies and exercising.

Please join our committee and leaders in praying and working for a smooth transition of pastoral leadership as we have already said goodbye to Pastor Rom and Jane, we prepare to say goodbye to Pastor Mary, and we welcome Rev. Mpoyo and family into our congregation and community.

Faithfully,

Kathryn Drexler, Chairperson
Staff-Parish Relations Committee





**Join us September
19th for Pastor
Mulongo Mpoyo's
first day preaching
at Trinity.**



**Worship will remain at 9:00 am
until further notice.
Sunday School starts September 12th.
Sunday School will be at 10:00 am
until further notice.**



Sunday School Rally Day!

Join us for a special Sunday School hour!

Sunday September 19th at 10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Dan Kirk

The Juggler with the Yellow Shoes

All are welcome!



Dear Trinity Family,

Pastor Rom is no longer our minister but he and Jane are still our friends. They have moved from Lomira where most of the people in the community know them to the Nashville area where only their daughter and family know them. They are going through a challenging time in their lives and they have had to move away from their support system. Rom and Jane still need the love and support of their Trinity Church family. They ministered to many of us during their six years in Lomira. Let's continue to minister to them even though they are miles away. Please find ways to continue to show them that you pray for them, think about them, and care for them. Thank you!

Kathy Drexler

Here is their contact information:

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HELLO TRINITY CHOIR!!!

Are you all enjoying your Summer, so far?? I hope you are, as I have been!!

My niece Lauren, (from CO) with Sean & their 2 yr old boy Finn, stayed by me for a wonderful visit. I had forgotten how crazy, but wonderful, having the joy of a 2 yr old running around my house can be!! Lauren is expecting baby #2, (a girl) around Sept. 21st. I hope I can enjoy holding that little one, before she is 2 & running around my house. My sister Lisa & Dave (from CA) also arrived then, so we all could enjoy some much needed family time together. Lauren & family left August 3rd. Lisa & Dave left August 21st. Pretty dang quiet around my house right now... until next time!!! :)

So, time to focus on choir & the music!!! Our practices will be on Wednesday nights again, since we have choir members that also play for the bell choir. That way we can get both practices done in one night.

Choir practices will start on:

Wednesday, September 8th @ 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 15th @ 7:00 pm

We will be singing on Sunday, September 19th at the 9:00am service, when our new Pastor Mulango, will be speaking. Right now, pending any further COVID-19 outbreaks, the choir will only be singing on the 3rd Sunday of each month. THIS CAN CHANGE!! I'll let you know, when I'm advised on any further changes.

New voices are always welcome!!! If you know of anyone who wants to sing & loves to sing...ask her/him to join us on Wednesday nights!! We are a fun bunch of singers!!

Thank you again, for making Pastor Rom's last sermon a special musical & memorable one. Even with the few practices we had, you all sounded awesome!! I'm very proud of all your hard work!! THANK YOU!!!

See you Wednesday, September 8th @
7:00pm.

Keep a song in your heart!!

Pam Hilker

Adult Choir Director



Shirley & Jerry Klein

Trinity Shoebox Project Angels



Visit the [Trinity Shoebox Project Facebook page](#) for more project pictures

How have you been involved with the Trinity Shoebox Project?

[S] I have sewn several 100 pillowcase dresses for OCC. I make sewing kit containers from hot pads and partly fill with notions. I load bobbins with donated thread for the sewing kits. I've sewn several 100 drawstring pouches from t-shirt sleeves left-over from Lila's jump-rope project. I've cut and sewn several 100 pencil cases as well as cut and hem blankets for the younger children. I have also sewn reusable menstrual pads for the older girls (no longer sent in shoebox) and cut many t-shirts into strips before Lila took on that task.



Continued...

[J] I turned 100's of wine bottle corks into fishing bobbers. I help my wife cut up large pieces of cloth. I donated boxes of fish hooks and many spools of fishing line I no longer need. I help with filling soap sacks, stretching t-shirt strips for jump-ropes, and many other projects that Heidi brings my way.



Why do you choose to share your time and talents with Trinity Shoebox Project? [S] It keeps me busy with diverse tasks and fills my days with different activities. [J] Because of having trouble standing long periods of time, I can enjoy working on projects while sitting at my work bench.

How has the pandemic impacted you in a positive way? [S] I generally like to keep busy so no large impact from that perspective. [J] Because of age and COVID I don't like to mix with crowds so my children and grandchildren stop often to deliver and pick-up supplies.

What's the best place you've traveled to? [S]

I like all places we've travelled to. I've been 2x to Hawaii, Alaska and Europe. I am interested in historical sites. I wish we were able to still travel.

What's your favorite memory? [J]

Some of my favorite memories are hunting and fishing trips with my sons and friends. Fishing in Northern Wisconsin, Minnesota & Canada. Hunting in Wisconsin, Wyoming & South Dakota.



THANKS ... FROM ROM & JANE

We would like to take a moment to say 'thanks' to all who have helped us in any way during these past few months of incredible change in our lives ... and in yours. Please understand that there are so many to thank, the task before us is almost overwhelming. But that's because the love behind the many acts of assistance has been overwhelming. We'll give it a try though. Here are some of the many things and people we are so thankful for:



- CARDS – the many, many, many cards ... that have carried us through some low days.
- Phone calls – though folks have been very considerate, it has been a joy to hear some familiar voices during this time.
- TEXTS – (608) 417-0060 – my preferred way of communicating, if possible.
- FACEBOOK MESSAGES & REACTIONS/REPLIES – always enjoy keeping up on Facebook & Messenger.
- EMAILS – pastorcaster@gmail.com
- PERSONAL VISITS – we had a few prior to leaving; it was precious time spent with loved ones.
- VARIOUS & SPECIAL GIFTS – you know who you are, but we had many gifts of a variety of kinds that helped us through the move or with the move. You know who you are.
- BOXES/PACKING MATERIALS – so many helped us out with these. In particular, thanks Tammy and Conner for 'backing up the truck' and dropping 30 at a time. So appreciative. And Joel Menzer, those special boxes you got us from work were just what we needed.
- RIDES TO/FROM CANCER CENTER – Jane was available most of the time, but it was so wonderful to be able to call on friends from the congregation to help out a few times. We wouldn't have made it through the 'move weeks' without your extra efforts.
- SAINT VINNY'S/GOOD WILL/DUMP TRIPS – Jeff Unferth, John Muentner, and so many others. After taking about a dozen trips to Fond du Lac ourselves, we realized we'd never get through everything without some help. With John's organizing skills, we got it done!
- PHYSICAL HELP W/PACKING/MOVING—getting furniture and other items out of the basement, packing delicate items, etc. In particular, the Unferth/Dewhurst crew—all the guys with muscles! And the Kathy & Pam crew who helped pack our wall hangings (and they all made it perfectly, FYI).
- FOOD – Can anyone say, 'German Potato Salad?' And many other memorable food gifts, too.
- Memory book – this was an unexpected and overwhelming gift—one we've enjoyed going through many times at this point. When we sit down to rest in between unpacking, we pick this book up and remember friends/family of Trinity UMC.
- SPRC HONOR & GIFTS ON LAST SUNDAY – We've enjoyed so much about the last Sunday at Trinity! The music was extra special all the way around (& many of our friends present said so, too). The

SPRC knocked it out of the park with their 'parade of gifts.' Thanks, Sarah, for the T-shirt sales that raised \$600 for Pancreatic Cancer Research. Thanks to Kathy/Amanda for the purple ribbons on 30 of the Trinity trees on the property. Thanks to Pete for the wonderful signs by Trinity's entrances. Thanks to the financial gifts that have helped us so much with the move and with setting up a new home. And the tastes of Trinity—what can we say (Lomira/Brownsville/Theresa/Campbellsport/Fond du Lac, etc.)? We have enjoyed the food stuffs immensely ... and our family has too! We will never forget.

- CLEAN UP CREW AFTER MOVE – many don't even know what it takes to transition between pastors, but Jeff Unferth and Kathy Drexler sure are, if you'd ever like to know more. Our thanks especially for all those (and we don't even know who all this was) who did the cleaning after we moved out. We were so absolutely exhausted by that point; we couldn't have done all this without you!

All of these have meant a great deal to both of us! I'm sure we forgot something. Please forgive us if we have. We do love you all so much and want to say, again, just what a privilege it has been to be your pastor and family for these past 6+ years. Jane noticed something and called it to my attention again yesterday. Whenever we're talking to folks around here (whether at the hospital or otherwise), we'll always say something about 'back home' ... and we mean Wisconsin (Lomira, etc.). It will always be home. And you will always be family 'back home.' So, especially as Christ-followers, there are no 'good-byes' ... only 'see you later.' Stay in touch, would you? And we appreciate the prayers at this time. The battle for my health seems to be going well, but it does continue every day. Thanks again and...



Blessings,

Rom & Jane Pegram

Food Pantry Now Accepting Vegetables

Fresh vegetables should be coming soon from our gardens. Please consider sharing with our Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, and we would appreciate your donations dropped off on the Thursday before those Saturdays, between 9:00AM to 1:00 PM. A box will be placed in the hallway by the back entrance.

Thanks for your help!

Connections will be back starting September 19th.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating items please contact Patti Stuebs 920-948-1329



TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Family of Pastor Scott McMurry** 8/22
- **Laurie** (Carol Dillings Niece) recurrence of cancer 6/1
- **Karlene Krueger** cancer 4/23
- **Kimberly Heine** (Karlene Kruegers sister) suffered a stroke 3/23
- **Pastor Rom** pancreatic cancer 2/4
- **Alexis Feucht** Campbellsport graduate diagnosed with brain cancer 10/18
- **Karlene Krueger's Mom** diagnosed with breast cancer, 10/15
- **Carrie Mueller** (Pronounced Miller; Tina Rambousek's friend) on dialysis for kidneys; will need a transplant 9/14

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

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

TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:

\$149,668.00

Received through

8-22-2021: \$135,181.00

Budget Shortfall: \$14,487.00

To send condolences to Scott McMurry's family please send them to:

Katie Gross

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Austin, MN 55912

Ladies Bible Study Reboot!

Ladies! Join us as we restart our weekly gatherings in the Fireside Room, every **Thursday at 6:30 p.m.** Our first night, **Thursday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m.**, will be fellowship time to catch up with everyone after our quarantines and summers. Bring a friend!

Sept. 23rd, we'll review the first 3 chapters of the study we started this summer: The Miracles of Jesus, Finding God in Desperate Moments. We decided to pause it and restart this fall because the study is so good! Best of all, you don't need to do any homework or reading! Pam Wellso will lead the discussion and readings. Bring a Bible, and a friend! Subsequent weeks, we'll tackle Chapters 4, 5, 6. After that, we'll need a new book; suggestions welcome!

We will have some participants by Zoom and anyone is welcome to join us that way. Contact Pam Wellso (920-905-9511, pamback312@gmail.com) for Zoom connection information. Masks are strongly encouraged.



Golden Club

Roy Meyer turns 104 on September 9th.

Roy Meyer
410 Grove Street
Lomira, WI 53048

Lois Jewson turns 81 on September 22nd

Lois Jewson
N4002 Hickory Rd.
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Lets send them Happy Birthday wishes!



**TUMC will host the next blood bank on Monday
September 27th 12:00-6:00 PM .**

September Anniversaries

- 1 *Marshall & Kelly Feucht*
- 3 *Scott & Kim Scharschmidt*
- 4 *Peter & Casey Buske*
- 8 *Mark & Peggy Moe*
Duane & Lori Winter
- 21. *Mike & Gena Poetzel*
- 24 *Chad & Rebecca Alf*
Steve & Cindy Bryant
- 25 *Bill & Shari Buske*
- 30 *Fred & Betty Menzer*

*The October
Newsletter Deadline
is Sep. 23rd. Please
have all of your
articles into the
church office by
noon that day.
Thank you!*

September Birthdays

- 1 *Becky Luedtke*
- 2 *Pete Drexler*
- 3 *Sarah Kretschmer*
Cooper Thorn
- 4 *Allison Batterman*
Sammy Joan Todl
- 5 *Brett Buske*
- 6 *Glen Renderman*
- 8. *Jeanne Hinz*
- 9 *Kirsten Kretschmer*
Roy Meyer
- 10 *Mark Wetzel*
- 11 *Craig Rosenkranz*
Johnathon Krueger
- 14 *Ellen Leland*
- 15 *Quintin Graf*
- 16 *Jason Kuehl*
Justin Poetzel
Cherie Reitz
Kevin Steers
- 17 *Peter Jewson*
Clayton Marschie
- 18 *Brooklyn Krueger*
- 20 *Barb Adelmeyer*
Patrice Burmeister
Corinn Rhein
Tammy Westphal
- 22 *Lois Jewson*
- 23 *Betty Menzer*
- 24 *Cheyenne Renderman*
- 25 *Callen Mae Schaefer*
- 26 *Steve Janke*
- 27 *Kevin Gudex*
- 29 *Kathy Drexler*

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September 2021 TUMC-Lomira

Worship Service 9:00 AM

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 7:00 PM Choir Practice	9	10	11 10:00 am Food Pantry
12 First Day of Sunday School	13	14	15 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM SF Meeting	16	17	18
19 Pastor Mulongos first service Sunday School Rally Day Entertainment By Dak Kirk The Juggler in the Yellow Shoes	20	21	22	23	24	25 10:00 am Food Pantry
26	27	28	29	30		

Mulongo Mpoyo, Pastor
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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES
9:00 AM

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