

**Sunday Worship 9:00 AM**

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**September 2022 | Monthly Newsletter**

**Sunday  
School  
Kick-Off**



Sunday School and youth group will kick-off on Sunday September 11th. with music, games and prizes.

Kids and adults are asked to bring condensed soups and canned meats to fill up the food pantry cart that day.

**Wear tennis shoes and dress for outdoor activities.**





Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last week when Tshishinen and I were driving our son Michel to Madison via Beaver Dam, I felt like we were driving through a tunnel of corn stalks. Beside the road, it was all we could see. It reminds me that there are those who till the land, plant the seeds to grow, harvest the ears and take them to market. I am so grateful to all who toil so I can enjoy the sweet corn and juicy tomatoes which grace my dinner plate these nights. Above all, I thank God because the farmer can plant. He can water. He can cultivate before and fertilize after. He can even remove every weed. But he simply can't make the desired plant grow. All he can do is make every preparation. Only God can cause real growth, whether natural or spiritual. God is the source of Life, Growth and Grace.

September is a time of change. The month begins with warm days like those of summertime, with the sun still having enough strength to make the temperatures still climb into the high seventies and low fifties. The nights begin to be a little cooler and longer than the days.

Very soon the trees will begin to change, displaying colors of bright red, orange and yellow. The corn will begin to dry, and the green will begin to fade from its leaves and stalks.

September also brings changes to our daily lives. The free unscheduled days of summer are over for our kids in the community as the school buses will start picking up students in the morning and the school sirens will start ringing to begin a new day of learning.

September also brings change to our attire. Short sleeve shirts, shorts and sandals give way to jeans, long sleeve shirts and a light jacket.

Yes, September is a month about changes. Too many changes that we can't all describe here. At our church, Sunday School reopens, and all small groups resume their activities. In addition, as you will read in Kathy Drexler's article, we will have more learnings about the split of United Methodist Church beginning on September 11, 2022.

One would think, as Trinity UMC, we would hate the month of September, because we really don't like, "change". I learned that at Trinity UMC, we like to stick to our traditions. The thing we don't like about change, I think, is it makes many people uncomfortable. With tradition, we know what to expect. We are pretty sure what is expected of us and how we think the day is going to go. Change brings the unexpected, unfamiliarity. When things are unfamiliar, and we don't know what is expected of us and we are not sure of the outcomes of the change, we become stressed. For most of us, "familiar", fits our comfort zones.

Yet, the realities of this world forces us to move to change and when that change fits the will of God, it brings the excitement of discovering what the unknown might bring. It also brings joy instead of stress. September is a witness to the truth declared by the Preacher of Ecclesiastes. Change is constant. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under the heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8) We live in a time when change is not only constant but seems to come quickly.

The biggest change we are expecting at Trinity UMC is the disaffiliation. As Trinity UMC is discerning on disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church, all the members need to meditate on these questions: What makes a good or bad church member? A good or bad sibling in Christ? How can we destroy the Church, rather than building it up? And what are the attitudes and practices we can commit ourselves to be Christ's faithful disciples, to build up the Body of Christ, to participate in the Kingdom of God?

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul outlines what a good "teammate" in Christ would look like...being honest, avoiding reactive behaviors, letting go of anger, building others up, and being compassionate. To learn more about these qualities, I graciously invite you to attend our Sunday Worship services as we will be reflecting on the following Scriptures and sermon titles:

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- September 04, 2022, Luke 14:25-33: The Cost of Discipleship.
- September 11, 2022, Luke 15:1-10: When Someone Gets Lost.

I will miss you the two last Sundays of September, I will be in South Africa and in the Congo for my vacation time.

Even we are expecting changes at Trinity UMC, we can rest in the One who does not change. As the letter of Hebrews declares, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever". (Hebrew 13:8) Jesus is always present. Jesus is always seeking you out. Jesus' love for you never wavers. Jesus declares to you, that the Father has given you into his hands and no one, no authority can ever take you out of his hands. (Read John 10:27-29) Jesus revealed God's grace and love that is constant never changing for you. Jesus' love for you is greater. Jesus' love for you is a sure foundation, that never changes. Find shelter and rest in Jesus' unchanging love for you.

**Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo**

**WELCOME BACK CHOIR!!!**

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful and fun filled Summer, as I have. I had my siblings together, with part of each family, for a very short time and, I'm also a first time Grandma!! My Summer was fun, crazy, noisy, way tooo short, but such a HUGE joy for me. I've missed you all, and am looking forward to getting back together, to worship our Lord in song!!

Our Choir practices are on Wednesday's @ 6:00pm, with our first practice on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00pm. I'll let you know of any changes, to our schedule. We sing on Sunday, September 18th at 9:00am, the song is "Sing to the Lord". We will also practice that morning before church, around 8:30am.

Please feel free, to reach out to anyone that you may know, who would be interested in singing with our fun choir crew. New voices are always welcome to join!!

See you soon!!  
Keep a song in your heart.  
Pam Hilker  
Adult Choir Director



# Understanding the Issues Dividing the United Methodist Church

Submitted by Kathy Drexler

There is a lot happening in the United Methodist Church. If you have not already done so, please read Pastor Mpoyo's August newsletter article and Pam Wellso's August article titled, "What's all the buzz about the United Methodist Church splitting?"

On July 19 the Trinity Church Council voted unanimously to start discussing possible disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. The following individuals have volunteered to serve on the Disaffiliation Task Force: Pastor Mpoyo, Bill Buske, Glen Wellso, Pam Wellso, John Muentner, Chuck Rhein, Gary Jesse, Lee Oestrich and Kathy Drexler. The Task Force knows that Trinity members will be looking for information so that they can make an informed decision when the time comes for all Trinity members to vote on the future of our church.

## **The Task Force is offering a number of ways for members of the congregation to become informed:**

1. Printed information will be available in the Connections Room. Task force members will be available on Sunday mornings, beginning Sept. 11th, to address questions.

2. A six part video series titled "Methodism's Division" will be shown in the Trinity Fellowship Hall at 10:15 starting on September 11. This video series is hosted by the Rev. Rob Renfroe, the president and publisher of Good News. Each video runs approximately 15 minutes long. Group discussion will follow the video. The discussion and Sunday School will both wrap up at 11:00. The video schedule is:

- September 11 - video #1 "The United Methodist Church is Divided and Dividing"
- September 18 - video #2 "Our Differences Regarding the Bible"
- September 25 - video #3 "Our Differences Regarding Jesus"
- October 2 - video #4 "Our Differences Regarding Sexuality"
- October 9 - video #5 "Why It's Time for Traditionalists to Leave the UMC"
- October 16 - video #6 "Where Should We Go?"

3. These six videos will also be shown and discussed at church on Wednesday nights at 7:00 for people unable to attend worship on a given Sunday morning. The schedule is:

- September 21 - videos #1 and #2
- October 5 - videos #3 and #4
- October 19 - videos #5 and #6

4. You can dedicate 90 minutes of your time to watch "Methodism's Division" six part video series on your own by going to [www.goodnewsmag.org](http://www.goodnewsmag.org). 10 DVD's of "Methodism's Division" will be available at church for you to borrow. Printed manuscripts will also be available.

5. You can search the following websites for information on the divisions within the United Methodist Church: [www.goodnewsmag.org](http://www.goodnewsmag.org), [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org), [www.globalmethodist.org](http://www.globalmethodist.org), [www.wesleyancovenant.org](http://www.wesleyancovenant.org). Finally, the website [www.peopleneedjesus.net](http://www.peopleneedjesus.net) claims to be the "only place on the internet that seeks to collect all the major news and opinions on the separation of the United Methodist Church (all perspectives)". Please take advantage of these opportunities to become informed on the issues that are dividing the United Methodist Church. If you choose to gather information on your own that's great, but, there will still be value in attending our "in church" video presentations. Individuals with extensive knowledge on UMC disaffiliation will be available after the videos to address all your questions. One of the Disaffiliation Task Force's main goals is to educate Trinity members. Then, through personal prayer and study, Trinity members will be fully prepared to cast their informed vote later in 2022 or early 2023.

# Stewardship and Finance Offering

A few weeks back Pastor Mpoyo preached on “The Danger of Self-Sufficiency” Luke12:13-21.

## **The Parable of the Rich Fool - Luke12:13-21**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

<sup>18</sup> “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

<sup>21</sup> “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.” – NIV

It really got me thinking about our church and the deficit we face. We seem to face it every year, some years more than others, like this year. Myself and SF team, keep trying to think of ways to encourage members to be faithful in their giving to God. We have around 130 families in our church and we have 30 giving consistently (weekly/monthly). How do we help the ones that are not giving? How can we trust to give to God first and be faithful that he will still provide for us. I often, like others forget that we are to be fulfilling Gods WILL not ours. Even though you and I may want success and riches (a house, a car, a vacation, a cottage, a night out, and the list goes on) we forget that sometimes God does not want those things for us or maybe he doesn’t want those things for us at this moment. We have to also think, what have we done for God; have we been trying to be good disciples? Have we been working towards tithing in an honoring way to God? Dallas Willard says [“God may not guide us in an obvious way because he wants us to make decisions based on faith and character.”](#) Have you and I been faithful to God honoring him by returning to him what he has already provided us. He gave us life, he gave us family, he gave us education, he gave us jobs, homes, transportation. He provides us daily with food and drink. If you truly believe God is the way to eternity than you truly know that those things did not happen without him. We must not take away from God what is his, for us to build up abundance of possessions...but give faithfully to him, and he will not let you fall, he will bless you with all the things you need in life and give us more than we can handle. I want to leave you with the 2 other scriptures that Pastor Mpoyo referenced during the “The Danger of Self-Sufficiency” sermon.

## **Deuteronomy 6:12**

<sup>10</sup> When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, <sup>11</sup> houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, <sup>12</sup> be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. – NIV

## **Matthew 6:31-33**

<sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. – NIV

We cannot forget God when it comes to our tithes and offerings, seek him and he will find you.

SF Committee Chair  
Josh Marschie





The Church Trustees are planning an all Church clean up day for Saturday, September 10th at 8:00 am to do a deep clean of the Church building. Men, Women and Youth group members are invited to help clean the Sunday school rooms, windows, hallways, sanctuary, connections room and fellowship hall. Please bring vacuums, brooms rags, pails, cleaning supplies and paper towel.

### Strike up the band at Trinity!

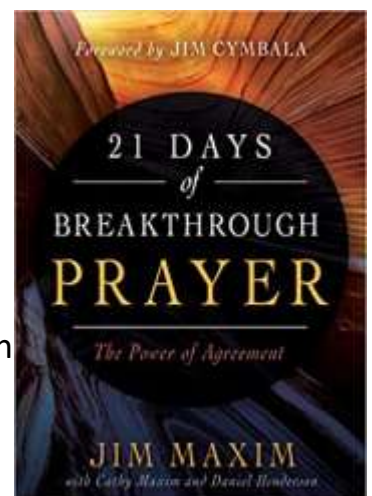
The Trinity band will once again play on September 11th. The band will play a patriotic theme for worship that morning. If you would like to participate please contact Jason Ehlert 920-922-0361



### **NEW: Prayer and Bible Study Group**

Pastor Mulongo will begin a Prayer and Bible Study group Tuesday nights starting in October. This new prayer group will begin the first 3 weeks by reading and discussing the book "21 Days of Breakthrough Prayer" by Jim Maxim. Please sign up in the connections room. The cost is \$5 to cover the book costs or you can order the book yourself on Amazon.

Hope to see you there!





**Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**



Coffee Connections will resume on September 11. Our plan is to have beverages ready by 8:45 so you can take a drink with you to enjoy during the service. Treats will be available when you leave the service.

We hope that each family can provide a treat at least once during the year; a signup sheet will be in the Connections Room. If you are ever available to assist with making coffee, serving & cleanup, this will be greatly appreciated. Questions? Call or text Patti Stuebs at 920-948-1329.

### ***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!



## Official Operation Christmas Child Project Leaders

Lisa Brown · 1h · 📷

Something that has been on my heart lately, is something that I heard Franklin Graham say in April. Our shoeboxes are not "aid" for "needy" children. Our shoeboxes are tickets for the gospel to go out. Period. We are all "needy". And we all need Jesus Christ. Let's realize that when we send our shoebox gifts, it is the pre-cursor to the greatest message in the world, and not "aid for someone in need".... It's a ticket to the message of Jesus Christ, and therefore, should reflect His goodness, His love, and somehow, His glory. ❤️ We are not on a mission to share a small box of aid. We are on mission to share the greatest story ever told. Perhaps a good thought to dwell on, and re-think your mission. It always makes me realize that I want to pack more, better, higher quality items in my ticket to the gospel box.<3



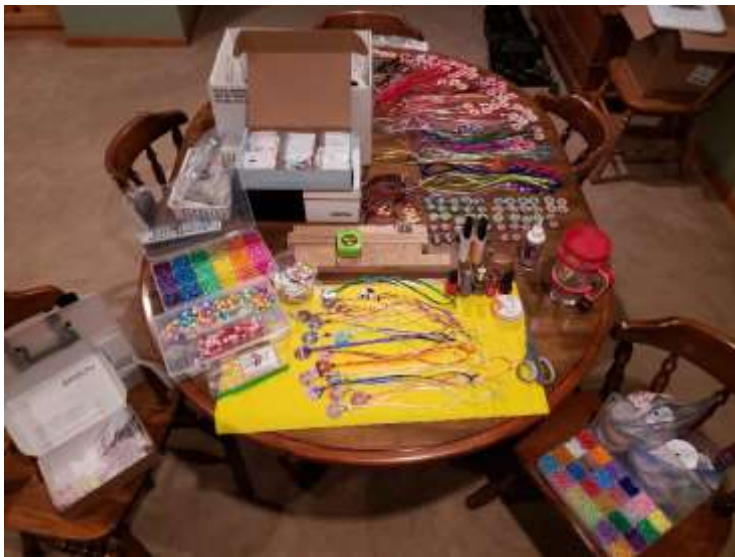
## Attention Shoebox Project TEAM!

The countdown to the Shoebox Collection Week has started!

Soon we'll need to take final inventory, assemble shoeboxes, finish projects, schedule packing events... all the little details.

If you have shoebox project gifts to donate, please bring them to church by **early October**.

Many thanks to all our generous crafters. We can't do what we do without all of you!



## Washer Necklaces!

Many thanks to Amy Unferth for crafting these necklaces for the 10-14 yr old girls using several different techniques. Also assembled were beaded bracelets as well as kits for the girls to explore their creativity.



Check out the Trinity Shoebox Project Facebook page for more project ideas





## **TUMC Prayer Concerns**

- **Pete Passon** (Lila's Son in Law) recovering from open heart surgery 8/29
- **Family of Jim Morris** (Jewson's Neighbor) 8/31
- **Carol Lieungh** (Augie and Andi's neighbor) brain cancer 8/21
- **Kathy Junger** (Gene and Marg's daughter in law) parkinson's 6/9
- **Ellen Doornbos** (fiancé of Jungers grandson) leukemia, starting chemo 5/25
- **Mary Brandt** bladder cancer 5/1
- **Evelyn Krug** 4/10
- **David Rinzel** recovering from open heart surgery 4/21
- **Howie Gilbert** had a few strokes, recovering 3/31
- **Sara Marschie** (Josh's Mom) Multiple Myeloma 3/28
- **Jim O'Connor** ALS 1/6

***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](http://www.trinitylomira.org)) or by phone.***

### **TUMC Budget Totals**

**Year to date needed to meet budget:**

**\$1160,335.00**

**Received through**

**8-28-2022: \$130,743.87**

**Budget Shortfall: \$29,591.13**



# Golden Club

Lois Jewson turns 82 on September 22nd

Lois Jewson

N4002 Hickory Rd.

Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Lets send her Happy Birthday wishes!

## September Anniversaries

- 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

## 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
- 9 Kirsten Kretschmer
- 10 Mark Wetzel
- 11 Craig Rosenkranz  
Johnathon Krueger
- 14 Ellen Leland
- 15 Quintin Graf
- 16 Jason Kuehl  
Justin Poetzel  
Cherie Reitz
- 17 Peter Jewson  
Clayton Marschie
- 18 Brooklyn Krueger
- 20 Barb Adelmeyer  
Patrice Burmeister  
Corinn Rhein  
Tammy Westphal
- 22 Lois Jewson
- 23 Betty Menzer
- 24 Cheyanne Renderman
- 25 Callen Mae Schaefer
- 26 Steve Janke
- 29 Kathy Drexler

**The October Newsletter Deadline is Sep. 22nd. Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day. Thank you!**



**TUMC will host the next blood bank on Monday  
September 26th 12:00-6:00 PM .**

# September 2022 TUMC-Lomira

## Worship Service 9:00 AM

## Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Communion	5 6:00 pm South Byron 4-H	6	7 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM AA & Al-Anon	8	9	10 10:00 am Food Pantry
11 First Day of Sunday School/ Youth Group	12	13	14 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM AA & Al-Anon	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM AA & Al-Anon 7:00 PM Church Wide Information Meeting	22	23	24 10:00 am Food Pantry
25	26 Blood Bank	27	28 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM AA & Al-Anon	29	30	



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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES  
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