



Merry Christmas

12-04 ~ Worship Services

9:00 a.m. 12-11~ Worship Services

9:00 a.m.

12-18 ~ Worship Services

9:00 a.m.

(9 a.m. Children's Program)

12-24 Candlelight Services

3:00 & 5:00 p. m.

12-25 ~ Worship Service

Worship through Music

9:00 a.m.





Dear Siblings in Christ,

From my experience here in the United States, December is a busy, busy time of year. A really overwhelmingly busy time of year.

Presents to purchase for family and friends. Decorations to get up. Meals to prepare. Celebrations and parties to attend. Band and choral concerts, the Messiah, and other performances to enjoy. Basketball and Football games to go to.

Please take a moment and promise God and yourself that this year you will make time available to stay awake and be ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our incarnate God. The manger, the shepherds, the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes: each of

these give us a scene to ponder and for which we give thanks.

Advent, also, is a time to reflect on Christ's promise to return and rule over a new heaven and a new earth. So, we need to stay awake and be ready. As we are moving to the Christmas Day, watching carefully and waiting, I invite you and your loved ones to join us at each stage of our Advent journey as we consider what this Season has to teach us about God and ourselves.

Please, note the information about the scriptures and sermon titles we will explore this month:

- December 04, 2022, Matthew 3:1-12 Repentance
- December 11, 2022, Matthew 11:2-11: Are You the One Who is to Come?
- December 18, 2022, Matthew 1:18-25: Children Christmas Program.
- December 24, 2022, Matthew Luke 2:1-20: Let's Go Now To Bethlehem And See.
- December 25, 2022, Carrols and Scriptures.

December is a busy time. Make every effort to make sure that worshipping God is on your to do list. Maybe even at the very top!

Peace and Grace through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas!!

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo

Not everyone is able to make it to church. Please remember these Trinity friends this Christmas with cards and Christmas cheer.

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Stewardship and Finance Offering

Funding Comparisons between United Methodist and Global Methodist Churches

Local churches support the greater United Methodist Church by paying something called apportionments (a portion for others). This money is used to pay for support staff, buildings and programming of the UMC. The amount each church is requested to pay is arrived at by using a complicated formula based on the number of professing members in a local church along with the Salaries and benefits that the minister and paid staff receive. Roughly 1/3 of the obligation is based on how many members a church has and 2/3 is on staff salary and benefit totals. Our 2022 apportionment charge is just under \$40,000 or about 20% of our local church budget expenditures.

The Global Methodist Church source of funding is called Connectional Giving. Monies collected from local churches will be used to fund the support structure necessary for the GMC to operate. The obligation a local church gives in connectional funding is based on the giving or offerings that the local church receives from their members in the previous year. That amount is set at 6.5% of a churches giving. Our financial secretary, Deb Zinniel and I calculated that if Trinity was a member of the Global Methodist Church, our giving requirement for 2022 would be just over \$12,000.

People belong to Trinity for many reasons. Some members are active and support us financially; others just feel the need to belong, knowing that they still have a connection to Trinity while their relationship with God is on a personal level, still others are kept in church membership by a loved one in the hope that that person might return to church and God sometime in the future. Under the UMC system, there is a financial incentive for Trinity to remove any member who is not making a financial contribution to our church. If we were members of the GMC that incentive to remove members goes away.

One final note. Trinity has not made our budget for the last 10 years. At the end of the year the shortfall that is printed in our bulletin doesn't magically disappear. The amount of our shortfall is deducted from our apportionment payment to the conference. We have been fortunate that there haven't been any actions taken by the conference regarding our shortfalls. That will change in the future. At the last annual conference, it was announced that there will be an emphasis placed on bringing those churches that are paying

apportionments at a low rate back up to the same level of apportionment giving as the majority of churches in the Wisconsin conference. Because of our low apportionment payment rate in the past, we will be asked/encouraged/ordered to significantly increase our apportionment payment in the future if we should decide to remain in the United Methodist Church.

Blessings, Gary Jesse

























Trinity Shoebox Project Let the Shoebox journey begin!

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work with in us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever! Amen" Ephesians 3:20-21

Many Thanks to YOU---for Giving your Time and Gifts to God for the blessing of children around the world. What a privilege we have to serve and be a part in changing a life for eternity. These children will know there is Hope when they open their box. The thrill of knowing that God Loves them!

At the end of October, the Trinity Shoebox Project Team spent two nights packing shoeboxes from our accumulated inventory. On these nights, 456 shoeboxes were loaded with wonderful gifts. This means, that many children will hear of the love of Jesus and approximately 10 times that will be reached through one shoebox. The impact is Great!

As you reflect on this past year--*Pray* for safe travels for these boxes and the many people that handle them. *Pray* for the children, their families, and communities that millions of lives will be changed for the Glory of God, through His Son Jesus Christ, the best gift ever!

May God Bless you in this season of Thankfulness and Christmas Joy!























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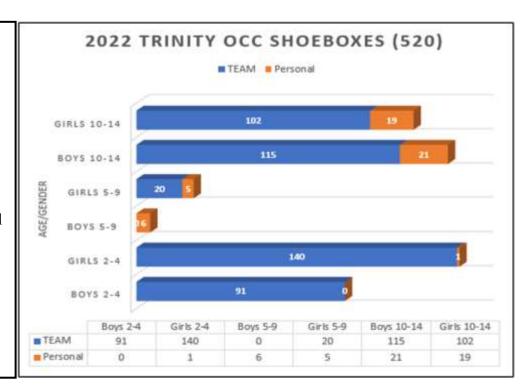


This graph represents our totals for 2022. Thanks to everyone who helped make all of this possible!!
Trinity OCC Shoebox totals from previous years:

2021 - 530

2020 - 423

2019 - 229







A special THANK YOU to our Trinity Shoebox Team who have dedicated their time and talents to prepare cards, sew dresses, pencil cases, blankets, sewing kits, tote bags, fleece bags, loom-knitted hats, crocheted purses, cut t-shirts and braided jump ropes, assembled fishing, sewing and bead kits, crafted girls head bands, tic-tac-toe bags, washer necklaces, handheld fishing "poles", wooden cars, peg-jump games... and SO much more!! Our appreciation also goes out to those who contributed money, bargain shopped, made bulk purchases, and kept this project in mind when purging

overstock at work and at home. We simply could NOT do this without you. What an amazing group of volunteers we have!! We are truly blessed.

Amy Unferth & Heidi Zingsheim

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16



































DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Janie Hodny
- 5 Amber Brown Adalyse Graf Chuck Rhein
- 7 Emmitt Todl
- 8 Jimmy Jewson Fred Menzer Prentice Reitz
- 10 Aiden Stoffel
- 11 Jackie Collier Robert Gudex Kathy Walker
- 13 Shirley Klein Katelynn Kretschmer
- 15 Tyler Michels
- 16 Pam Hilker Chuck Westphal
- 18 Pam Dewhurst
- 19 Molly Michels
- 21 Luke Reitz Katie Schwanke
- 23 Rich Cardenas
- 26 Diana Jewson
- 30 Bob Hesprich Logan Menzer

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Gerry & Cheryl Meyer
- 6 Kevin & Amanda Baker 11 Lee Oestreich &
- Debbie Bintzler-Oestreich
- 29 Dennis & Karvn Michels
 - Larry & Judy Schraufnagel
- 30 Richard & Sandy Zitlow

Golden Club

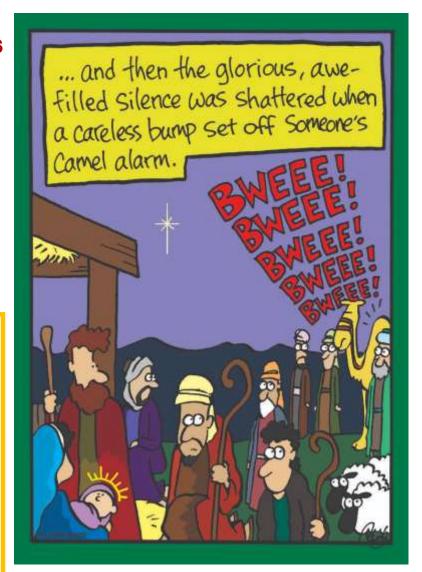
Shirley Klein turns 88 on

December 13th!

N11284 Butternut Rd

Lomira, WI 53048

Lets send her lots of Happy Birthday wishes!







Tea Mark your calendars, then invite your friends, neighbors and relatives! It's a special afternoon to kick off the Christmas season with a Christmas message, delicious food and special treats! To help with the planning process, please contact Pam Wellso if you wish to attend, 920-905-9511



We will once again have our Christmas Cookie Sunday on December 18th after the Children's Program service. Donations of Christmas cookies are appreciated. Please drop them off in the kitchen before service that day. Thank you!

TUMC Prayer Concerns

- Family of Marge Junger 11/23
- Family of Evelyn Krug 11/22
- Janice Volbright going through chemo, doing well 11/20
- **Kay Lindberg** in hospice care 11/20
- Oliver Kiehnau RSV, doing better 11/20
- Mike Skelton Parkinson's and other health issues 11/20
- **Hunter Sabel** recovering from a broken leg and surgery 10/21
- Carol Lieungh (Augie and Andi's neighbor) brain cancer 8/21
- Ellen Doornbos (fiancé of Jungers grandson) leukemia, starting chemo 5/25
- Mary Brandt bladder cancer 5/1
- 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) or by phone.

Thank You.

The January Newsletter Deadline is December 15th. Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day.

Thank you!

TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget: \$219,880.00 Received through 11-27-2022: \$186,849.31 Budget Shortfall: \$33,038.69



If you would like to share your musical talents this advent season or in the New Year, please reach out to Jason Ehlert 920-922-0361

Worship Services 9:00 AM Connections/Sunday School/Youth Group 10:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 1:00 pm Private Birthday Party
4 Communion Sunday 2:00 pm Christmas Tea	5	6 6:00 pm Bible Study	7 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA & Al- Anon	8	9	10 10-11:00 am Food Pantry 11:00 Marge Junger Visitation and Funeral
11	12	13	14 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA & Al- Anon	15	16	17 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
18 Children's Program	19	20	21 7:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA & Al- Anon	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	26	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed 6:30 pm AA & Al- Anon	29 Office Closed	WE WIS MEI Chris	31 H YOU A RRY TMAS EW YEAR

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WORSHIP SERVICES
First Service – 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School/Youth Group 10:00 AM
Coffee Connection 10:00 AM

Church Office Hours: Tues-Thur 9AM-1PM

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Return Service Requested