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# The Good News



January/February 2020

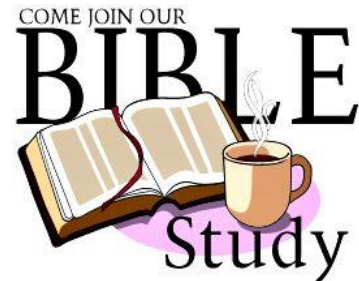
...Rule Our Hearts and Guide Our Footsteps.



## UMWF Soup Supper

The UMWF will be serving a Soup Supper on Saturday, March 14, 5 – 6:30 pm. The menu includes: chicken noodle, chili and vegetable soups, desserts and beverages. They are accepting a free will offering.

Money raised will help toward their 2020 budget which includes Milan Christian Food Pantry, The Place 2B, Rock Island Christian Care and Cops With Kids.



## New Tuesday Bible Study Starting – January 14, 2020

There will be a new bible study on Witnessing beginning on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. The six-week bible study will be offered at 5:30 pm and we'll close with a social evening on the 7<sup>th</sup> week before we start our next study. Everyone is welcome to attend and join a great group of people as we seek to learn more about the Bible and God. We had some great bible studies during the course of 2019 and we look forward to continuing that trend in the coming year!

## Monthly Meetings

- **The Nurture Committee** meets Thursdays, Jan. 9 and Feb. 6 at 5:00.
- **Men's Club** will meet Mondays, Jan. 20 and Feb. 17 at 6:30.
- **The Methodist Women** will not meet in January. Meet Feb. 25 at 6:00.
- **The Finance Committee** will meet Wednesdays, Jan. 15 & Feb. 19, 5:00.
- **The Church Council** meets Wednesdays, Jan. 15 & Feb. 19, 6:00.
- **The Trustees** will meet Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7:00.

## Offering Envelopes for 2020

If you would like offering envelopes for 2020, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office at 787-1362.

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### **January Birthdays**

1/12 Pam Gauley  
1/17 Barb Downs

### **February Birthdays**

2/12 Terry Moore  
2/17 Sandy Mallder  
2/17 Steve Gotthardt  
2/19 Carol Muilenburg  
2/28 Pearl Smith

### **Acolytes**

1/5 Kari Nicoletto & Ruth Smock  
1/12 Deb & Gary Howe  
1/19 Terry Moore & Jill Mueller  
1/26 Barb Downs & Barb Lee

2/2 Deb & Gary Howe  
2/9 Pam & Bob Gauley  
2/16 Jill Mueller & Terry Moore  
2/23 Kari, Ruth Smock & Barb M.

### **Ushers**

Willy Mallder  
Fred Flickinger  
John Wilson  
Louise Colby-Dean

### **Greeters**

1/5 Barb Mallder & Kari Nicoletto  
1/12 Phyllis & Jerry Wilson  
1/19 Sally Fuhr  
1/26 Janet Smithson & Rita Taber

2/2 Mary & Ed Templeton  
2/9 Pam & Bob Gauley  
2/16 Cece & John Wilson  
2/23 Kari Nicoletto



### **Bell Ringer**

Jerry Wilson

### **Coffee Helpers**

1/5 Rose, Karen & Eloise  
1/12 Deb & Gary Howe  
1/19 Rose, Karen & Eloise  
1/26 Terry, Dave & Barb M.

2/2 Deb & Gary Howe  
2/9 Pam & Bob Gauley  
2/16 Sandy, Barb & Dave  
2/23 Terry Krueger & Dave Tighe

## **UNDER CONSTRUCTION – Church improvements we've completed!**

In 2019, we replaced the floors in the Pre-School areas, the nursery and the bathrooms. We do have some potential projects we are looking at for 2020 – painting of the Fellowship Hall and replacing the tile in the Church Kitchen. Thanks to all the folks who have supported our past activities, we appreciate your efforts in helping to keep our church looking good and working well!

### **Knitters, crocheters, quilters and crafters!**

Come and join our Wednesday Morning Craft Ministry team. We have folks who are making the prayer blankets and shawls. We want to encourage you to come and join them for an hour of fellowship and service on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am.

### **Let your voice be heard!**

Want to be a part of what's going on in the church? Have suggestions or comments about ways we might be able to improve things? Have a concern you'd like to see addressed? I would like to invite you to come and be a part of the committee meetings (**We won't make you become a member! Honest!**) or give us some written comments we can discuss at those meetings if you cannot attend. We do want your voice to be heard. All committee meetings are listed in the newsletter and in the bulletins a week or two before each meeting. You can also send in comments to the Pastor or to Jody and they will make sure they are received by the appropriate people.

## **Milan Christian Food Pantry News**

Donations from Trinity

October \$115 November \$130

You may include a pantry donation with your regular offering. Just make a note on the offering envelope.

In October we served 312 families, helping 1,107 people including 488 children. In November we served 269 families, helping 836 people including 333 children.

Our new building renovations are coming right along. Our current plan is to move in March. All flooring is completed. Painting left only in the large room. Roofing is done. Now waiting on siding. We will need lots of prayers as the move will be interesting.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes were very appreciated by our clients. I had a lady tell me she was not planning on having a Thanksgiving dinner for her family because she did not have enough food. After winning a holiday box, she touched my hand and said she will make her family a great meal.

A huge thank you to all of our Trinity volunteers and donors. We are so thankful for each and every one of you!



### **Liturgists**

1/5 Karen Beaupre  
1/12 Pam Versluys  
1/19 Katie Gillispie  
1/26 Barbara Warren

2/2 Julie Derrer  
2/9 Barbara Warren  
2/16 Kari Nicoletto  
2/23 Pam Versluys

### **We want you as a Church Prayer Warrior**

The Trinity and Green River UMCs have a team of folks who are willing to pray for those in need as the need arises. If you would like to be a member of this Prayer Team, please contact Jody or Pastor Jon so we can add you to the Prayer Team Call-Em-All list. Please let us know if you are willing to pray for any concerns that come in, no matter the source, or if you would prefer to just be a part of those prayer requests for the Trinity UMC church family and friends.

### **Call-Em-All Telephone Information System**

We use the Call-Em-All telephone information system to notify church members with information on events, prayer requests, funerals and other activities. If you are not on the roster to receive these calls at your home or cell phone and would like to be, please call us at the church office at (309) 787-1362 and we'll add you to the list!

### **Celebration of Successful Mission Outreach Opportunities – The Giving Tree, Shop with a Cop, and the Christmas Offering**

What a joy it was to see our congregation support the Shop With A Cop program, where local police officers take young children out shopping for Christmas gifts. We also gave quite a number of scarves, mittens, gloves, and hats to the Giving Tree, making Christmas warmer for a number of school children of all ages. On Christmas Eve, we came together and donated over \$800 which was split between three mission programs that impact children: Chaddock Children's Home, QC Haven of Hope, and the IGRC "Our Conference, Our Kids" initiative. It was a generous and wonderful act of sharing and Christian love during the Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas season joyous to those in need.

### **Attendance & Offerings**



November 3	63	\$3,306
November 10	58	\$1,562
November 17	56	\$1,813
November 24	54	\$1,758
December 1	48	\$1,905
December 8	60	\$4,889
December 15	54	\$2,517
December 22	63	\$2,024
December 29	38	\$919

## Daily Church Prayer Warrior Team News

We have a group of individuals who are part of a daily prayer team to support the church, the pastor, the congregation, and the community. In January and February I'm asking that the members pray for our country and its leaders, our greater United Methodist Church, the Trinity United Methodist Church and our community, asking for ways and ideas for us to reach out into the community and help bring people to God for the first time, or to bring back those who have gone astray.

### **Fellowship Hall Rentals are available!**

Do you have a special occasion like a wedding reception, birthday, anniversary or other gathering coming up and wonder how you'll be able to fit everyone in one place? The Trinity UMC Fellowship Hall is available for rent at reasonable rates, and church members get the first 2 hours free! Use of the Fellowship Hall also includes use of the kitchen facilities as well, if needed.

Contact Jody in the church office if you're interested and book your event today!

### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH?**

If you are interested in becoming a member of this church, or in transferring membership from another church to this church, please contact Pastor Jon, or Jody in the Church office.

## Nurture News

The Safe Sanctuary training was a success. We had several who attended from Trinity and some from area churches. It was a good training. Thank you to Pastor Jon for providing the lunch.

We will continue to host Bingo at Heritage Woods. Watch the bulletin for the January date. Any items you would like to donate for prizes would still be gratefully accepted by anyone on the nurture committee.

A huge thank you for all the items brought in for the Blessing Tree. We collected more than 14 bags! 10 bags were taken to Rock Island High School for students. The remaining bags were delivered to Christian Care and The Wardrobe.

If you have any ideas for community outreach or mission opportunities, please let someone on the nurture committee know. We praise God for our wonderful, supportive and hard-working church family.





## **UMWF News**

The United Methodist Women's Fellowship will meet every other month this year, starting with the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. They welcome all ladies to join them at the 6:30 meetings.



## **Mission Focus for January and February**

Each month we're going to focus on a mission area to support that provides services or programs to people in need. Some of these programs will be local, but we will also select some programs or organizations from outside our area, or even country. This will help us remember that God is worldwide!

The Pennies for Missions January and February collections will go to Rock Island High School "Keep the Kids in school" program. The program provides personal care items to students in need.

In addition, in February we will also be supporting Pregnancy Resources. They provide health services and counseling for men and women with regards to choices about pregnancy and parenting issues. We will be passing out baby bottles in February to support their efforts and the Women's group will have a representative addressing their meeting in February.

## **Pastors Hours**

Tuesdays 8:30 – 12:00

Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 – 2:30  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 12:00

Thursdays 8:30 – 12:00

Fridays 8:30 – 12:00

Other hours are available by appointment.

If the church office is closed, please leave a message and Pastor Jon or Jody will return your call. If you have an urgent issue, you may call or text Pastor Jon on his cell phone at 309-337-1988.

## **Giving through Estate Planning – Bequests and Memorials**

During the course of 2017 Trinity UMC was the recipient of several generous bequests from past members or people who had been associated with the church. It is heartwarming to know that the church had made such a difference in someone's life that they wanted to remember the church as part of their estate. In the last few months alone, these bequests have made possible the purchase of a new heating and air conditioning system for much of the church, new flooring in the walkways and narthex, added giving for mission activities and other improvements for the church are being planned and implemented as the New Year begins.

We'd like to ask you to consider remembering the Milan Trinity UMC as part of your own estate or memorial planning, to help this church continue to do God's work in the Milan and surrounding communities in the future. If you have any questions, please contact the church office, Pastor Jon Warren, or we can connect you with the estate planning folks at the conference offices.

## **Tithing in 2020 – An Opportunity to put God First**

We'd like to challenge everyone this year to consider their tithes and gifts to the Church in the coming year and look at the possibility of increasing giving by 1% of your income if you're not currently tithing 10%. God called on the Israelites to give of their first fruits of the harvest, and I am asking you to consider doing the same thing. Our tithes and gifts, and I include myself as a part of this church and community of faith, make it possible for us to reach out and do more for our community in spreading God's work and serving those less fortunate than ourselves. For those whose financial situations preclude tithing, consider other ways in which you might help both your church and those around you. For those already tithing 10% or beyond, I thank you for your faithfulness and ask for your continued support and generosity.

## **New Ushers and Liturgists Opportunities Available**

As part of our worship service each week, we have opportunities for additional ushers, liturgists and assistants for communion. We have a great group of people who are serving in those positions now, but I would like to invite more people to share in these services to the church. If you're interested in the possibility of serving in this way, please drop a note in the offering, drop by the office or give Pastor Jon a call at 309 337-1988.

## **Church Wedding Assistants Wanted!**

We currently had two weddings booked in 2019, and one wedding scheduled in 2020. In the past, we used to have several people who would help out with wedding parties here at the church. They would be available to help out with making sure the basics were all in place to assist the wedding party, be available to help with minor things and know where things were that might be needed in a pinch like extra extension cords, power strips, and even bobby pins and hair spray. If you might be interested in helping out in this way, call us at the church office and let us know!

I know we have had several people do this in the past, and if you would be willing to give us the benefit of your experience in things we might need to have, or to know, it would be appreciated as well!







### **Milan Christian Assistance Alliance Information**

You might not be aware that in addition to the Milan Christian Food Pantry, Trinity UMC is also involved in other mission outreach work with other Milan Christian churches. One of these areas is the Milan Christian Assistance Fund, which is operated in conjunction with Blackhawk Township. Through this ministry program, we are able to consolidate our assistance efforts in one place, increasing accountability as well as providing combined financial support for those in need. Funding is provided through individual church donations and through joint fund raisers like the June 1 Pork Chop Sandwich Fund Raiser.

Churches currently involved in the MCAA are First Presbyterian Church, S.t Ambrose Catholic Church, St. Matthews Lutheran Church, St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Trinity United Methodist Church.