



# THE TRINITY MESSENGER

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OWOSSO

## PASTOR'S NOTES

Rev. Dr. Mona Joslyn

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**Our Father's Cupboard**

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**Next Deadline**

**November 22nd**

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Bible Study 10:15

Worship Service 11:30

Hearing Assist units are available at each service, please see any usher. Recorded

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Greetings! I have been watching the Fall colors burst out in all their glory this year. The Maple tree on the south side of the parsonage was extremely beautiful this year, I have truly enjoyed gazing at its beauty both with the sun shining on it and on the cloudy days, the red leaves were brilliant throughout the season! Now November is upon us and the cloudy days will likely increase and the rain will fall and the temperatures will cool and scent of pumpkin spice is filling many homes.

There are special days all through November, Veteran's Day and opportunity to thank those who have served this country proudly. Thanksgiving, a day when family and friends gather together and give thanks for a bountiful harvest. In my family, Thanksgiving weekend has become our traditional "cookie day". When my nieces and nephews were little, they would come and we would bake Christmas cut-out sugar and Gingerbread family cookies and then decorate them all. Now that they have all gotten older, our cookie day is mostly decorating the cookies that I have baked. Regardless of whether we bake and decorate or just decorate, it is one of my favorite days of the year! We spend our time remembering cookie days past and we share stories of the family members who had left this world and are now part of the "Great Cloud of Witnesses."

All Saints Day is a special day for me. I know for people who are mourning friends and loved ones who have joined that heavenly throng, it can be a difficult service, I appreciate the opportunity to gaze on each candle light and give thanks for the life that it represents and the light that shined from them as they offered Christ to the world, and how they affected the life of those who remember them. It also affords me moments to remember and give thanks for those in my life who have formed me into the person I have become. These saints of light let their lights shine into the lives of others and igniting lights in so many other people.

I have to say that I didn't really think about the flickering of the candle flames much, until after walking through the Children's Memorial at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem. It is a short walk through the memorial, yet it can take a long time to get from the entrance to the exit. The memorial is hollowed out from an underground cavern, it is a dark and somber space. There are panels of mirrors that hang from the ceiling to reflect the light of five candles. The flame from the candle light looks like millions of stars flickering in the dark sky, honoring the 1.5 million Jewish children who were murdered during the Holocaust. As you walk through the names of each child are spoken and you gaze at the "star lights", and if you look, you can see yourself in the mirrors among the lights. Seeing myself in the midst of those lights caused me to think of a lot of things, I am a child of Abraham, and I have had the opportunity by the grace of God to live a longer life than these children whose names were being read. I am called to be a light to the world. Being in the midst of the memorial of This "Great Cloud of Witnesses", I realized that I am part of a world that needs more light.

Hebrews tells us: ***"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus as the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God"*** (Hebrews 12:1-2). That Great Cloud of Witnesses surrounds us as we walk our faith journey each and every day. And because we have that gift, we should light our wicks and let our lights shine!

In a world that is filled with darkness, the light of God still shines! It shines in you and in me and as we follow Jesus, we will carry the light of God into a world that will be lit up by the love of Jesus that we share with others. So let your lights shine, the darkness cannot and will not overcome it!

Shalom, Pastor Mona

## Update on Our Father's Cupboard

The food pantry at Trinity, Our Father's Cupboard, served a total of 245 people in October 2022. A total of 87 families sought free food and personal care items during our regularly scheduled drive-through food pantry at our church during the month of October this year. We are running low on food, and we will need to place another order with the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

Jan Moberg

## Mission for November

The United Way of Genesee (Shiawassee) County is the mission for November. United Way seeks to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities around the world to advance the common good.



### Shelter needs list

Gas/gift cards for: Wal-Mart, Meijer, Gas, etc. \$10, \$20

SATA Bus Passes

#### Personal needs

Lotion	Body wash	Shampoo
Conditioner	Pregnancy Tests	Brushes
Diapers size 4 and up	Pull-ups/Overnights	
Razors	Male hygiene items	

#### Household

Plastic Totes	Plastic drawer sets	Brooms/mops/dustpans
Laundry baskets	Spray disinfectant	Disinfecting wipes
Bleach	Floor cleaners	Toilet tissue
Paper towels	Dishwasher detergent	Dish soap
White vinegar	Fabric softener	Laundry detergent
Twin bedding	Bath towels	Dryer sheets
Kitchen towels	Rubbing alcohol-91%	Trash Bags
Wash cloths	Kitchen sponges	

#### Clothing

Adult Women & Men – (All sizes S – 5X)

-Gently Used: sweatpants, sweatshirts,

-New: bras, socks, undergarments

Children:

-Sweatpants, sweatshirts, slippers, pajamas, shoes & boots

#### Miscellaneous

Address labels	Stamps	Pocket folders
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Shiawassee County \* 1300 N. Hickory Street, Owosso, MI 48867  
989.723.9716/877.952.7283 \* Fax: 989.723.3822

Clinton County \* 323 N. Clinton Avenue, St. Johns, MI 48879  
989.723.9716/877.952.7283 \* Fax: 989.224.6947

[www.thesafecenter.org](http://www.thesafecenter.org)/Facebook: TheSafeCenter

## UMW News

The November meeting was in good attendance, and it was joyful to be together for our usual warm camaraderie. Devotions were with the 23rd Psalm, with thankfulness and quoting scripture together. It was a wonderful Psalm day. It was a delight to have library chairs all clean and sparkled for comfort. Thank you to the Trustees, as they care for our church so well.

We had a lunch together and a well-done dessert of apple crisp, that was enjoyable. Margaret likes to sweeten the crew!!! No one ever falls asleep at the meetings. Our schedule was to attend to our Christmas gifts for the homebound residents. Peggy so graciously made all the bows for the boxes. On December 6, 2022, we will be packing the gifts. We are excited to do this for our residents for the holidays. The helpers are the faithful ladies that are always willing to give in UMW! We plan pizza and Nellie Lab has an exciting dessert of creamy, yummy ice cream.!!! Nellie loves many hearts.

The latter part of our meeting was planning for our schedule. We do have great ideas and some special speakers to the events we donate to. We have the annual Christmas Tree for the Humane Society. You can donate products of your choice, as we all love God's animals. Other plans will be in the newsletter as we go into December. We make our regular gifts to the community and involve the needs as we usually do. Please remember the military. If you know of someone in the military, please let Janet, the secretary, know. We only have two, affiliated with the church, with addresses at this time.

Thanksgiving cards can be sent from throughout the church to those again homebound. Remember to write notes inside the cards to give some happiness. Mail is a wonderful gift!

A new item in our society, is our donation to the Our Father's Cupboard food pantry, as our blessings flow into the group. No doubt we love the Lord and giving is a great gift of love.

Praise God, the church quilt is heading to near completion, as Janet has reported, The top quilting is being done, and then the binding is the next step to be done. Maybe a Christmas showing if it is finished by then. Thank you, ladies for all your goodness, and kindness for others, and love. They are appreciated!

Margaret

# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Saints Day	2 Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm	3 Janet Out of Office	4	5 UMM Meeting 8:00am
6 All Saints Sunday	7	8 Election Day	9 UMW Meeting 12:00pm	10	11 Veterans Day	12
Confirmation & Communion			Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm			
Daylight Savings Time Ends	13	14	15	16 Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm	17	18
Noisy Coin Offering						19
	20	21	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23 Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm	24 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	25
Mission Offering						26
Hanging of the Greens & Potluck						
	27	28	29	30		
First Sunday of Advent			Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm			
			Trustee & Church Council Meeting 6-15pm			

### Serving Our Military

- Kimberly Swenor (Granddaughter of Bobbie Bennett)
- We do not have any other addresses at this time. If you know of one, please let the church office know.



May God's love and protection surround our loved ones serving in our Military.

### Please Pray for our Sick or Homebound:

Allison Anderson, Jean Anderson, Rheta Anderson, Shirley Badgero, Alice Braid, Vivian Breining, Gladys Davis, Dorothy Davis-Drurey, Joyce Floate, Diann Gibbons,

Take a treat... Send a card... Make a Call... Plan a visit

June Helvie, Gwen Lab, Waneta Malkaski, Dawn Marsh, Barb Parcher, Violet Splan, Faye Wood, Russ Wing, & Birdie Wright.

**Our Church Family:**  
Information for this page is provided by you!  
Please contact the office if you know any members who need to be included here.  
Please contact Pastor Mona if someone you know is hospitalized so that she can make a pastoral call or visit.  
We have no way of knowing unless we are specifically notified.



### GOT PRAYER NEEDS?

Please contact either Margaret Duntley, 989-723-4514, Mcduntley@charter.net or Janet Keesler, 989-277-0959, jmkeesler1970@gmail.com and unleash the power of God through our prayer warriors. You may also call or email the church office at 989-723-2664 or trinityumc@michonline.net

### Church Office Hours

The Trinity UMC office hours have changed. These are the times when Janet Keesler is in the church office, minus days with doctor's appointments, etc.

**Monday-Thursday 11:00am-4:00pm**

You can call the church office at 989-723-2664. if no answer on the phone, please leave a message.

Pastor Mona is usually in the Trinity UMC office on Tuesdays. The times may vary. If you need to get ahold of Pastor Mona any other time, please call First UMC at 989-725-2201.

You may leave a message at both phones. If this is an emergency, please state that in your message or phone call.

### November Anniversaries

- 02 - Scott & Sharry Little
- 06 - Tom & Paulette Duntley
- 12 - Marty & Patty Vondrasek

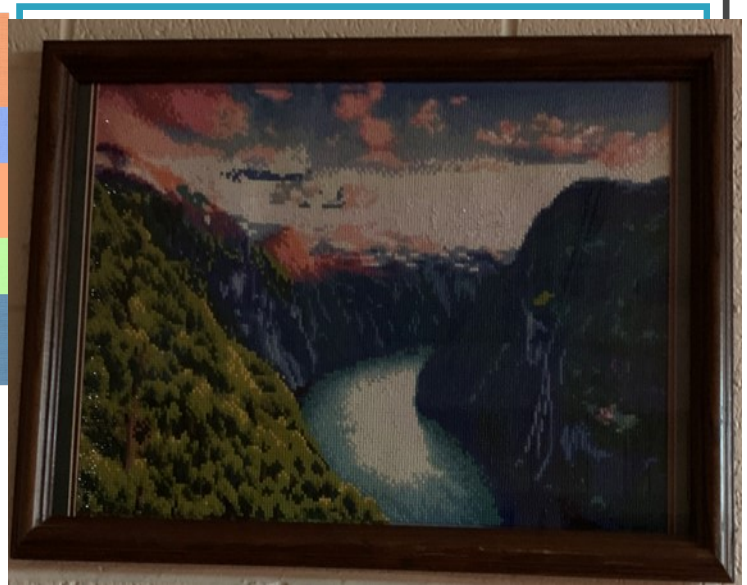
### November Birthdays

- 04 - Marty Vondrasek
- 11 - Barbara Parcher
- 18 - Waneta Malkaski
- 18 - Matthew Chalupka
- 25 - Ed Braid
- 27 - Tom Duntley
- 28 - Sandy Vore

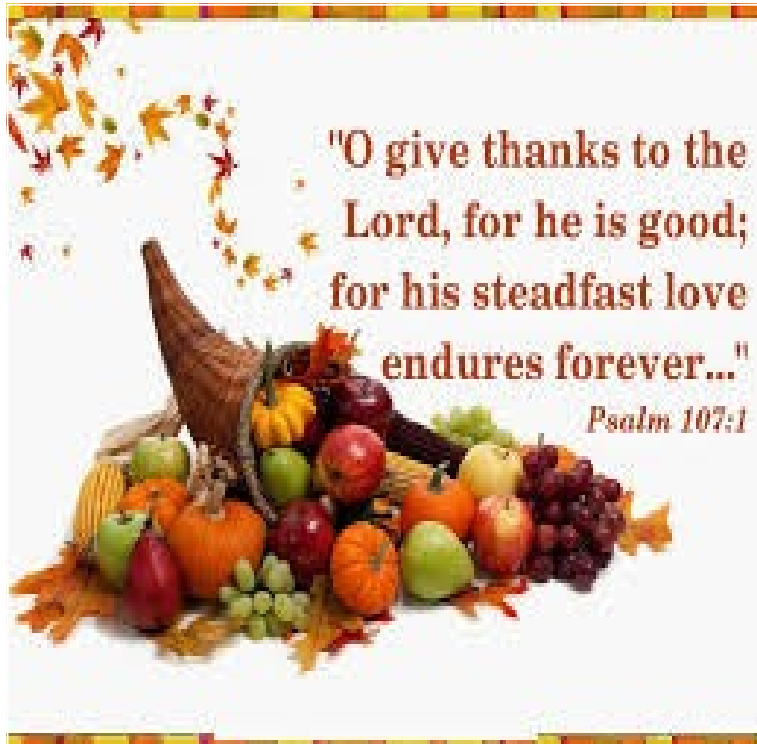


**I have come into the world  
as a light, so that no one  
who believes in Me should  
stay in darkness.**

**John 12:46**



Thank you to Jan Moberg for the lovely framing of the artwork in the Narthex. Pictured here is Diamond Dots picture done by Carol Ray.



**Serving the Congregation in November**

If you cannot make your commitment for any reason, please find your replacement. Thank you.

	11/6	11/13	11/20	11/27	
NURSERY		Janet	Janet	Janet	
LITURGIST	Janet	Stacy	Jim	barb	
JR. CHURCH	Jasmine	Jasmine	Jasmine	Jasmine	
SOUND/CAMERA	Sandy & Mark	Sandy & Mark	Sandy & Mark	Sandy & Mark	
ELEVATOR	Tom	Leo	Rick	Leo	
COUNTERS	Sandy & Peggy	Tom & Jan	Sandy & Peggy	Tom & Jan	
USHERS	Jasmine Leo Mark Rick	Leo Tom Rick Jasmine	Jasmine Leo Mark Rick	Leo Tom Rick Jasmine	
GREETERS					



Bulletin Board designed and created by Jan Moberg.  
This is just inside the front door to our church.





Mail donations to:

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee  
P.O. box 1777  
Owosso, MI 48867  
989-725-1127



## **WISH LIST**

Sponsor a Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee family- \$500

8 1/2 x 11 plain white copy paper and colored paper 20#

8 1/2 x 11 colored paper in card stock 25#

Annual membership

Postage stamps, paper products

#10, #9 and #6 3/4 plain white envelopes

AA batteries and 9V batteries

Book "Humanizing Healthcare" by Summer Knight MD MBA and

Canopy/Awning for Events

Retail gift cards to purchase office and building maintenance supplies;

Gift cards or gift certificates from: Home Depot, Gilberts, Springrove, Walmart, Meijer, Lamphere's

Help with our building maintenance

Need help cleaning out roof valleys, gutters and downspouts

Help cleaning the office, sweeping off the deck, sidewalks and driveways

Persons to apply/reapply for Kroger Customer Rewards for Respite Volunteers

Persons to donate Spartan Stores receipts, VG's in Owosso

## **Hygiene Products Needed:**

Shampoo

Conditioner

Body wash/Bar Soap

Deodorant(men/women)

Tooth Brushes

Razors(men/women)

Shaving Cream(men/women)

Pads/Tampons

Lotion

Dish Soap

Laundry Soap

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

Cleaning Supplies

Hand Soap

Baby Items

Diapers

Wipes

**The Salvation Army Owosso Citadel**



### Mission Statement

Trinity United Methodist Church invites all people to a transforming faith: by knowing and worshipping God through Jesus Christ; claiming and living God's promises; growing and sharing the good news; and serving together in love.

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### Events for November

- **Wednesdays - Our Father's Cupboard Food Pantry at 5:00pm-6:00pm**
- **Tuesday, November 1, 2022 - All Saints Day**
- **Thursday, November 3, 2022 - Janet Out of Office**
- **Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 8:00am - UMM Meeting**
- **Sunday, November 6, 2022 - All Saints Sunday, Confirmation & Communion, and Daylight Saving Time Ends**
- **Tuesday, November 8, 2022 - Election Day**
- **Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 12:00pm - UMW Meeting**
- **Friday, November 11, 2022 - Veterans Day**
- **Sunday, November 13, 2022 - Noisy Coin Offering**
- **Sunday, November 20, 2022 - Mission Offering, Hanging of the Greens & Potluck**
- **Thursday, November 24, 2022 - Thanksgiving**
- **Sunday, November 27, 2022 - First Sunday in Advent**
- **Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 6:15pm - Trustee & Church Council Meeting**

### Scripture Readings

<b>November 6</b>	<b>Job 19:23-27a</b>
<b>November 13</b>	<b>Isaiah 65:17-25</b>
<b>November 20</b>	<b>Jeremiah 23:1-6</b>
<b>November 27</b>	<b>Romans 13:11-14</b>

The Coffee Hour 2022/2023 schedule is as follows for the last Sunday of the month:

November: Potluck/Hanging of the Greens

December : None

January: UMW

February: Trustees

March: Church Council