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THE TRINITY MESSENGER

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OWOSSO

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Next Deadline

May 21st

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Prayer & Meditation 9:15
Sunday School 9:45
Worship Service 11:00

Hearing Assist units are available at each service, please see any usher. DVD recordings of the Sunday morning worship are available for our shut-ins.

One evening an old Cherokee chief told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people.

He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves. One is Evil. It is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego."

"The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked, "Grandfather, which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee chief simply replied, "The one you feed."

I share this story with you because even in this joyful season of Easter, we know that we still live in challenging times, and in challenging times I think it is especially important for us to guard our hearts. It is so easy in times like these to fall into apathy on the one hand, or anger on the other.

It is important to stand up for what you believe, to work for what you think is right, to avoid the apathy that our confusing, polarized politics can so easily bring on. Even when problems seem overwhelming to us, we need to celebrate that even one person can make a difference, and remember that nearly every great achievement in history was accomplished by regular people, who decided to step out in faith that their efforts would make a difference.

At the same time, we need to be careful that our anxiety doesn't shift to anger or resentment. Such feelings are normal, surely, but if we focus only on them we find ourselves making rash choices and errors in judgment. Worse yet, if our hearts are filled with anger and resentment, there is little room for the openness and creativity that so often is needed to address the roots of our circumstances.

In challenging times, we need to guard our hearts against apathy and anger... we need to feed the good wolf, so that we can find the courage and strength to work for what is good. That's the advice we find in Paul's letter to the Romans, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." With that as our commitment and our focus, God will surely be at work through us even in our most challenging moments. That's my prayer for each of us!

Serving Our Military

- William Horton
- Shawn Litchfield
- Shawn Pendergast
- Kimberly Swenor
- Tristan Sutton
- Falcon Wilson

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



Please Pray for our Sick or Homebound:

Ken and Rheta Anderson, Barb Babcock, Vivian Breining, Lois Carr, Muriel Clark, Lelabelle Coon, Virginia Duntley, June Helvie, Gertrude Holzheuer, Harold Miller, Bev Miner, Violet and Lyle Splan, Clarence Weller, Gwen Weller, Faye Wood, & Birdie Wright

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

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 Rev. Carman if someone you know is hospitalized so that he can make a pastoral call or visit. We have no way of knowing unless we are specifically notified.
Thank You!

To my dear TUMC friends: Thanks for welcoming me back and for tolerating my many unforced errors! Thanks also for keeping my mom in your prayers. She got the go ahead on April 29th to put full weight on her leg and this has caused her to increase doing things for herself. Merwin will be having shoulder surgery next week on May 7th and will be home recuperating for a couple months or more. Hoping I'll lose some weight as he won't be baking cookies for awhile! Radar was a tiny little thing 11 years ago when he had his last shoulder surgery. Perhaps a new puppy is the answer to healing?! Radar turns 11 on May 8th. He now likes to have his bed on top of my desk so he can watch me and watch for you to come in the door!

Laurie & Radar

GOT PRAYER NEEDS?

Please contact either Margaret Duntley, 743-4514, Mcduntley@charter.net or William Vore, 277-4345, wrvore@gmail.com and unleash the power of God through the our prayer warriors. (or call the church office at 989-723-2664)

Trinity United Methodist Men meetings
on the first Saturday of each month.
May 4, 2019
Meeting begins at 8 a.m.

Trinity United Methodist Women will meet on May 21st at Abiding In the Vine at 12:00 noon. Please RSVP to Margaret at 743-4514 or the Office at 723-2664. All the women of the church are welcome to join in the lunch and meeting.

Terri Duntley Conrad wishes to thank everyone for the kindness and care given her and her family as she recovers from her fall. Special thanks to Ada who has been her primary caregiver and has hung in there through it all. Please keep Terri, Ada, Ginny and all of her family in your prayers.

Pastor's Office Hours

- ♦ I set aside Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings for office hours.
 - ♦ I generally arrive before 9:00am, and am there until sometime between 11:00am and noon.
 - ♦ If you want to stop in for conversation during those times, I'd love to see you (that's why I'm there, after all). Please keep in mind, however, that a Pastor's schedule is always uncertain, since emergencies might arise at any time and morning meetings might call me away. So, if you want to be sure I will be in the office, call ahead.
 - ♦ You can also call to set up an appointment for times outside of office hours if needed.
- Friday is my day off, so outside of emergencies I will not be available on Fridays.
- ♦ In case of emergencies on any day, I can be reached at the church number (989-723-2664) or the parsonage number (989-472-3205). The parsonage number also forwards to my cell phone if I am not home when you call.



May Birthdays

03 - Virginia Duntley
03 - Jacob Vondrasek
08 - Chris Marshall
08 - Gladys Davis
09 - Barbara Hackett
10 - Stacy Floate
16 - Patty Vondrasek
24 - Birdie Wright
28 - Joan Lemaster

There are no May anniversaries on record!



The landscaping around the outside of the church looks very spring-like. It is beautiful and turns our hearts and minds toward spiritual renewal. Thanks to those who have given their time to beautify our church corner. The interior, especially the fellowship hall has been painted and refreshed which also renews our spirits. Thanks to those who volunteered their time to getting this done! **YOU ARE TERRIFIC!**

There were supposed to be pictures here but my phone and this computer are not playing nice with each other! Best way to view our beautiful landscaping is to join us Sunday mornings! Radar enjoyed inspecting the landscaping!

We are in need of janitorial services at the church as the Marshall family has decided there are too many items on their to-do lists this coming year that they no longer have the time to do the church justice. We thank them for their devotion caring for OUR church for the past several years. We wish them many blessings with all they have to do in the year ahead.

Does anyone know someone who would be interested in cleaning the church or is there any offers to fill their shoes? The church building always needs to stay beautiful and respectful.

Several thoughts have come our way to keep Trinity active and in the community's eye and to increase funds to keep us afloat and vibrant. We will be acting on these ideas at the May council meeting is on the 21st. Any more suggestions you may have are welcome to be included in this discussion. Please call the office if you have any ideas to contribute

Marty Stinson is learning the ins and outs of the treasurer's position with the intention of taking over for Rebecca Marshall. Rebecca had to resign due to health issues. Thank you Rebecca for serving our church in this capacity. Bless you Marty!

If we are to host a VBS this summer, we need to gear up NOW! We need to begin with a volunteer to lead. Is this you? Please call the office or Jan Moberg if interested.

Recent pleas for help in funding our Wednesday evening food pantry were answered. Thanks so very much to all the generous hearts that donated.

Stacy Floate is working on the bell choir. Please call Stacy if you have any questions.

We need more entries for our Art Wall. Call Jan Moberg with any questions.

We are still working on establishing a youth group. We need any suggestions you may have. Things to Ponder:

- ♦ Any ideas for drawing new members;
- ♦ Any ideas for drawing children and youth;
- ♦ Any ideas for increasing funds/income;
- ♦ Any ideas to create excitement;
- ♦ Any Thing?

We NEED your ideas! We NEED your participation!

Please be an active participant... your participation and suggestions...there are no bad ideas!

After all... **I am the Church! You are the Church! We are the church together!**

989-723-2664

In Christ's love, Your Church Council

Your Article Could be here!
Next Newsletter Articles due on Tuesday, May 21st

UMW News and Activities

The UMW joined for the April meeting to continue their outline for our subjects to promote during the year. The interest is highly favored and we need to promote ourselves with team work. Ideas and materials are always excepted. Check with each other and the officers as we are mingled here and there. It is God we are eager to work for as servants. Our commitments are all paid. We were so pleased to do the funeral luncheons for Louch Family and Helvie Family. the meal and companionship was a delight to serve and meet each other.

The May meeting has been changed to. May 21st. on a Tuesday and will gather at the Tea House. {Abiding in the Vine}. Reservation has been place for 12PM noon. Please respond of your going . Calling :723-4514 or church :723-2664. PS 23, The Lord Is My Shepherd.

Rada Cutlery

Thank you for your participation with the Rada Cutlery fundraiser. This is a continuous sale opportunity, so anytime, you have a gift need or think of something that would be handy in your own home, please contact Marty Stinson (home phone 989-725-7226) and we'll get it ordered for you. It takes about a week for the item(s) to come in. The soups are delish, so keep the orders coming in and help the church occasionally. Thanks! Marty

Serving the Congregation in May

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

	5/05	5/12	5/19	5/26	
NURSERY	Sandy	Pam	Rick	Stacy	
SONG LEADER	Mary	Jim	Freda	Diann	
JR. CHURCH	Casie	Alice	Danielle	Diane	
SOUND/CAMERA	William	William	William	William	
ELEVATOR	Bob	Bob	Bob	Bob	
COUNTERS	Leo/Diane	Leo/Diane	Leo/Dianne		
USHERS	Bob Al Norm Christopher	Leo Tom Rick Russ	Bob Al Norm Christopher	Leo Tom Rick Russ	
GREETERS	Al & Kaye	Bill	Barb & Marcia	Deanne & Nellie	



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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Worship Themes for May 2019

Sunday Services at 11 AM

- 5/05 Luke 7:36-8:3 Lavish Forgiveness**
Jesus' forgiveness ignores all rules but love.
- 5/12 Romans 15:1-6 Stone Soup**
Using the book by the same name, reminding us that it takes all of us to make a church.
- 5/19 Ephesians 4:29-5:2 Feathers**
Using the book by the same name, reminding us that we need to take care with our words
- 5/26 Mark 8:34-38 Follow Me**
Using the book by the same name, reminding us that Jesus alone can lead us in the right path.



Many of our TUMC Members have served in the armed forces throughout the history of TUMC's existence.

Please keep all of our veterans and active military members in your thoughts and prayers.