



THE TRINITY MESSENGER

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OWOSSO

PASTOR'S NOTES

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Margaret Duntley

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Jim Floate

UMM President

Janet Keesler

Finance Chair

Jan Moberg

Our Father's Cupboard

Janet Keesler

Administrative Assistant

Amy Nichols

Custodian

Next Deadline

December 21st

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School None
Worship Service 11:30

Hearing Assist units are available at each service, please see any usher. Recorded services are on <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUMCOwosso> go to Posts and scroll down.

Merry Christmas to My Trinity Church Family,

I am so happy that we will be able to spend the Advent Season together this year. Last year we were apart due to COVID, but this year, thankfully, we can celebrate the birth of Jesus together.

The following poem is one that we should all read and remember that we hold Christ is our hearts every single day of the year. Christmas is a time for family, friends, good food and presents. But we must never forget that "Jesus is the reason for the season."

It Isn't Far to Bethlehem

J. Harold Gwynne

It isn't far to Bethlehem
where lies the newborn King;
It isn't far to Bethlehem
where holy angels sing.

The Wise Men saw the guiding star
that led them where He lay;
the shepherds heard the heavenly song
that brought the better day.
We too may go to Bethlehem
and find the Savior Child;
we too may hear the angels sing
their hymns of mercy mild.

Our hearts are God's new Bethlehem,
Where Christ is born anew.
It isn't far to Bethlehem
If He is born in you.

May your Christmas be blessed with a heart full of blessings to last through the year,

Pastor Steffani

Update on Our Father's Cupboard

The food pantry at Trinity, Our Father's Cupboard, served a total of 156 people in October, 2021. A total of 74 families sought free food and personal items during our regularly scheduled drive-through food pantry at our church.

Jan Moberg

Missions for December - Trinity UMC Apportionments

The 2012 Book of Discipline provides that the General Council on Finance and Administration ("GCFA") will recommend the formulas by which all apportionments to the annual conferences shall be determined, subject to the approval of the General Conference (§ 806.1c). This report is therefore concerned with the provisions of the reports dealing with apportioned financial support for the following funds: World Service, Ministerial Education, Black College, Africa University, Episcopal, Interdenominational Cooperation, and General Administration.

News From UMW

The UMW November meeting was attended by 8 members with good intentions to serve our GOD and think of others as we note the condition of those amongst us. We learned that Mary S. was in the hospital with pneumonia and a viral cold, June H. tested positive for COVID, Dawn M. is in need of prayers, and Joan L. is trying to sell her home.

As is our usual practice, we opened with prayer. Kaye led in devotions and we included the members who need healing, and our future of our Nation in group prayers. The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were given and brought up to date. The "IN THE BOX" was won by Barbara H. and shared with Marion L. The prize was two glass Hobnail containers in blue.

An assembly line was spent for the four community cookie gifts for appreciation to those doing such honorable work in our city. We presented to the City Police, two groups of Firemen Department, City Manager, Mr. Henne, and the Red Cross, a plate of cookies. Our intentions were to the State Police, but we found they are not in a station in our area. We highly respect them and their work in our city. Kaye, Nellie and Margaret immediately delivered the cookies after the meeting. The women giving the cookies were met with much delight from the people, and the appreciation was a joy to our UMW. We need to do this more often.

On Sunday, November 21st, we gave a plate of cookies to Rick H. for all he does in the many jobs inside and out of the church, plus he is an usher every Sunday. He gives hugs of welcome and greeting.

During the December meeting, we will be wrapping our Christmas boxes for homebound friends that live alone. This created some spiritual Christmas shopping. The next meeting will be December 14th at noon, on the second Tuesday. Please mark your calendar with the date. Christmas lunch will be provided by Margaret and Kaye. Once again, our meeting is December 14th, the second Tuesday of December. Please come merrily with spirit.

Margaret Duntley

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



Barbara J. Babcock age 92 of Owosso passed away Friday, November 12, 2021, at the Hospice House of Shiawassee County.



December 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|--|---|
| | | | 1 Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm | 2 | 3 | 4 UMM Christmas at Big Boy 8:00am |
| 5 2 nd Sunday of Advent | 6 | 7 | 8 Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Roger Dedicating New Organ | | | | | | |
| 12 3 rd Sunday of Advent | 13 | 14 UMW Noon | 15 Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm | 16 | 17 | 18 Charles Wesley's Birthday (1707) |
| Noisy Coin | | 21 Newsletter Articles Due | | | | |
| 19 4 th Sunday of Advent | 20 | 22 Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm | | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve Service at Henderson UMC 7:00pm | 25 Christmas Day |
| Mission Sunday | | | No Trustee & Church Council | | | |
| 26 No Coffee Hour | 27 | 28 | 29 Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve | |

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:

Rheta Anderson, Vivian Breining,
Gladys Davis, Dorothy Davis-Drurey,
Diann Gibbons, June Helvie, Dawn Marsh,
Clarabelle Parker, Violet Splan,

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

Freda Van Fleteren,
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 Steffani 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.

Church Office Hours

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| Mondays | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Tuesdays | 10:00am-3:30pm |
| Wednesdays | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Thursdays | 10:00am-2:30pm |

These are the times that Janet Keesler, the Administrative Assistant, will be in the office.



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

- **CHOIR PRACTICE IS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



December Anniversaries

06 - Mark & Janet Keesler



December Birthdays

- 04 - Alice Braid
- 04 - Justin Wood
- 10 - Terri Duntley-Conrad
- 24 - Marion Louch
- 29 - James Floate
- 30 - Lois LeCureux



Sign up to be a greeter!

Pastor's Office Hours

- ◆ **Due to the fact that I have three churches it is best to make an appointment if you need to see me.**
- ◆ **In general I am in the office Tuesday through Friday. I may have to attend other functions at any given time. So, if you do drop by there may be a pending event that also requires my attention.**
- ◆ **You can also call to set up an appointment for times outside of office hours if needed.**
- ◆ **Monday is my day off, so outside of emergencies I will not be available.**

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

Habakkuk 3:18



Thank you to Jan Moberg for the lovely framing of the artwork in the Narthex. Pictured here is a beautiful picture stitched by Diann Gibbons.



Serving the Congregation in October

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

| | 12/5 | 12/12 | 12/19 | 12/26 | |
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| NURSERY | | | | | |
| LITURGIST | Jim | Janet | Barb | Stacy | |
| JR. CHURCH | | | | | |
| SOUND/CAMERA | Sandy & Mark | Sandy & Mark | Sandy & Mark | Sandy & Mark | |
| ELEVATOR | Tom | Al | Rick | Leo | |
| COUNTERS | Al & Sandy | Tom & Jan | Al & Sandy | Tom & Jan | |
| USHERS | Al Leo Mark Rick | Leo Tom Rick Russ | Al Leo Mark Rick | Leo Tom Rick Russ | |
| GREETERS | | | | | |



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 December

- **Wednesdays - Our Father's Cupboard Food Pantry at 5:00pm-6:00pm**
- **Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 8:00am at Big Boy in Owosso - UMM Christmas Meeting**
- **Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 5:00pm at United Church of Ovid - Roger is dedicating a new organ**
- **Sunday, December 12, 2021 - Noisy Coin Offering**
- **Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at Noon - UMW Meeting**
- **Tuesday, December 14, 2021 - Newsletter Articles Due**
- **Sunday, December 19, 2021 - Mission Sunday**
- **Friday, December 24, 2021 at 7:00pm - Christmas Eve Service at Henderson UMC**
- **Saturday, December 25, 2021 - Christmas**
- **Friday, December 31, 2021 - New Year's Eve**

Scripture Readings

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| December 5 | Luke 1:68-79 |
| December 12 | Zephaniah 3:14-20 |
| December 19 | Micah 5:2-5a |
| December 26 | Psalms 148 |

The Coffee Hour 2021/2022 schedule is as follows for the last Sunday of the month:

December: None

January: UMW

February: Trustees

March: Church Council

April: Staff Parish

May: UMM