



THE TRINITY MESSENGER

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OWOSSO

PASTOR'S NOTES

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Next Deadline
March 14th

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Bible Study 10:15

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.

Greetings!

March is here, will it be like a lion or a lamb? It seemed like there were days in February that felt more like March or April than they did February! Regardless of whether March comes in like a lion or a lamb, Lent has begun, and we are on our way to celebrating resurrection. But before we get to the celebration of resurrection, we have to walk through Lent. We walk alongside Jesus as he makes his way to Jerusalem and the cross.

For most of us Lent is a time of "giving up" something, making a sacrifice of something we enjoy for the forty-day journey (remember Sundays are not counted in the forty days, since Sunday is always a celebration of Jesus). That sacrifice is made so that we can spend that time with Jesus. Prayer, scripture study, fasting are all things that we encounter on this Lenten journey. Lent is a time when we work on our relationship with the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is longing for us to draw closer to him. The Prophet Joel writes, **"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love"** (Joel 2:12-23).

Tearing/rending your clothes for the ancient Israelites was a sign of repentance. And God is telling them through the prophets that God doesn't want a show sign, God doesn't want earthly treasures, what God wants is their heart. God's desire of humanity hasn't changed over the centuries, God still wants our hearts.

As we enter the Lenten season and contemplate what we will sacrifice for forty days, we might want to thank about how we will give our hearts to God, after all that's what he really wants, and has always wanted. Moses in Deuteronomy says, **"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart"** (Deuteronomy 6:4-6). These are words that every Jewish person knows by heart and learned when they were children, even to this day. These that are words that are always close to them physically, (on their heads and arms, and on the doorpost of their home) as well as spiritually. They are words that Jesus calls us to live out as well, **"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself"** (Matthew 22:37-39).

The Forty days of Lent is a great time to take a look at our hearts. Are we offering our hearts to God, loving God and all that God loves with heart, mind, body, and soul? Or are we thinking that God wants us to give a big financial gift to the church or talk about what we have done for the church, or how many church offices we have held, and the leadership we have offered, so God will see how devoted you are? Do we stop to think about what we offer to God at all? God appreciates all that we bring and sit at his feet as our offerings, but if they are not done out of love for God and love for others, then we have missed the whole point of giving our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Our hearts are God's greatest treasures. Is God our greatest treasure? Jesus tells us, **"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"** (Matthew 6:21). Where is our heart?

A blessed Lent to you all.
Shalom,
Pastor Mona

Update on Our Father's Cupboard

The food pantry at Trinity, Our Father's Cupboard, served a total of 259 people in the month of February. A total of 95 families sought free food and personal care items during our regularly scheduled drive-through food pantry at our church during the month of February. We run through the food quickly, and we need to place more orders with the Greater Lansing Food Bank. We also need personal care items and plastic grocery bags to be donated.

Jan Moberg

Mission for March

The mission for March is Heifer International, who provides animals that give much-needed wool, milk and/or eggs, or other sustainable livestock, so people can be self-sufficient and healthy. Heifer International is a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, values-based holistic community development.



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/Facebook: TheSafeCenter

UMW News

Today is another day closer to spring as we wait for recent snow days yet to fall. Just thanking God for HIS love and presence that he gives us daily.

From the Kentucky Revival, which is published for all to know about, it gives us a great time to pray for our world as to what can happen. Prayers are inspiring. One thing I read was enticing to me, was as we go to church to touch the pews and pray for those to come back to church. Our pastor, Rev. Mona, gives such inspiring messages, and her presence is delightful to enjoy before and after church. Praise God for our church. It is well situated to see, at the intersection of M-52 and Stewart Street in Owosso.

As for The UMW, we have resting time to do many things we can do or plan, as we wait for winter to do its thing, there is much talent, and we need to pray our time with God and be inspired with his spirit. Remember the Home Bound and seek a new friend for a visiting chat and well wishes. It is nice to have the phone ring and hear a friendly voice.

How happy to see the finished quilt and find your name. Thank you, Janet, for the time and work, and finishing detail for completion on display. So appreciated by all. God Bless all precious ones. Thou wilt keep him IN PERFECT PEACE whose mind is stayed ON THEE. (Isaiah 26:3)

Margaret



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm	2	3	4 UMM Meeting 8:00am
5 Second Sunday in Lent	6	7	8 Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm	9	10	11
Communion						
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins	13	14 UMM Meeting 12:00pm	15 Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
Third Sunday in Lent		Newsletter Articles Due				
Noisy Coin						
19 Fourth Sunday in Lent	20	21	22 Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm	23	24	25
Mission Offering			Charge Conference 6:00pm at Trinity			
26 Fifth Sunday in Lent	27	28	29 Food Pantry 5:00pm-6:00pm	30	31	
Coffee Hour			Trustee & Church Council Meeting			

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, Shirley Badgero, Alice Braid, Vivian Breining, Gladys Davis, Dorothy Davis-Drurey, Margaret Dunbley, Jim & 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 and sometimes Thursday afternoons. The times may vary. If you need to get ahold of Pastor Mona any other time, please call First UMC at 989-725-2201.

Pastor Mona's cell number is 269-484-4060.

March Anniversaries

None

March Birthdays

- 06 - Leo Nickels
- 07 - Jean Holzheuer
- 08 - Kaye Newton
- 21 - Dawn Marsh

1/26/2023 Donation Statement \$100.00

Trinity United Methodist Church

As the New Year dawns I would like to thank you for your commitment to LIFE. Because of your partnership we were able to offer prenatal and parenting classes, pregnancy tests, referrals, and words of hope to our clients. This year I believe that we can accomplish even more.

As most of you already know, we are in the process of converting to a medical center to be able to offer limited OB ultrasounds to new clients. Much has been done to our facility to prepare for that. We are also working through the legal and medical processes to get everything we need in order.

We appreciate your prayers and your financial support at this very critical time! **Pregnancy Resource Center of Shiawassee County**



And He said unto me, “My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

2 Corinthians 12:9

February 6, 2023

Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

As we embark on a new year full of new hope, it’s comforting to know we can count on friends like you to help us LOVE BEYOND hunger, homelessness, poverty and more as the year ends.

Here at the Salvation Army, we are guided by the belief that if someone comes to us for help - all they need to do is ask - and where possible, help will be provided.

Because of your generosity, we can continue to put love above all else for those who need it most. May God’s blessings be with you and your loved ones, now and throughout the year.

Blessings,
Lieutenant Justin Steckbauer
Corps Officer

Your Contribution \$167.00



Thank you to Jan Moberg for the lovely framing of the artwork in the Narthex. Pictured here is painting done by Janet Keesler.

Serving the Congregation in March

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

	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26	
NURSERY					
LITURGIST	Janet	Kaye	Carol	Janet	
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					



The church quilt is finished and is now hanging on the back wall in the Narthex of the church.



Our Dear Departed



Ervin J. Davis
 Age 86 passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at Memorial Health Care.



Heaven welcomed a beloved child of God Wednesday, February 22, 2023 when Christina "Chris" Lee Beckwith left this earth.



Mail donations to:

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



WISH LIST

- Sponsor a Respite Family \$550
 - Need help cleaning out roof valleys and gutters
 - Help Cleaning our Office
 - Postage stamps
 - Canopy/Awning for Outdoor Events
 - Greeting Cards, especially Birthday, Thinking of you, blank & Sympathy Cards
 - Persons to apply for the Kroger Customer Rewards for Respite Volunteers
 - Persons to donate the Spartan Stores, VG's Grocery Store receipts
 - Plain White Copy
 - #10 & # 9 Plain White Envelopes
 - Books:**
 - Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World
by Dr. Vivek Murthy
 - Team Genius-The New Science of High Perfomering Organizations
by Karlguard & Malone
 - Long-Term Care-How to Plan & Pay for It
by The Editors of Nolo
 - Never Eat Alone & Other Secrets to Success One Relationship at a Time
By Keith Ferrazzi
 - Paper products, standard or energy efficient light bulbs
 - Retail Gift Cards to Purchase Office Supplies, and Building Maintenance Supplies;
 - Gift Cards or Gift Certificates from:**
 - Home Depot, Gilbert's, Springrove, Meijer,
Lamphere's Plumbing & Heating, & Harris Electric
- office@respitevolunteers.org www.respitevolunteers.org

January 13, 2023

Trinity United Methodist Church

On behalf of the Homeless Angels, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for your donation of \$35.00. Your generous donation will be used to provide service to those at our Owosso Campus.

The Homeless Angels has received IRS recognition of its exemption from federal income tax pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the Homeless Angels are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Sincerely,

Shelly Ochodnický, Homeless Angels

November 21, 2022

Several Boxes of Items Donated

Dear Friend and Supporter of SafeCenter,

I would like to first extend a sincere and heart-felt "thank you" to you for your support over the past fiscal year. In Fiscal Year 2021-2022, SafeCenter was able to meet and exceed our fundraising goal for the third year in a row. **In the past fiscal year, SafeCenter served roughly 350 children and adults across all programs.** Thank you for being part of a solution to end domestic and sexual violence, and helping further our mission to Empower, Advocate, Educate and Prevent in the new year. With Sincere Gratitude and Appreciation,

Hannah L. Gottschalk, Executive Director



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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Check us out on Facebook!

Events for March

- **Wednesdays - Our Father's Cupboard Food Pantry at 5:00pm-6:00pm**
- **Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 8:00am - UMM Meeting**
- **Sunday, March 5, 2023 - Communion**
- **Sunday, March 12, 2023 - Noisy Coin Offering**
- **Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 12:00pm - UMW Meeting (weather permitting)**
- **Tuesday, March 14, 2023 - Newsletter Articles Due**
- **Sunday, March 19, 2023 - Mission Offering**
- **Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 6:00pm - Charge Conference at Trinity UMC**
- **Sunday, March 26, 2023 - Coffee Hour immediately after service hosted by the Church Council**
- **Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6:15pm - Trustee and Church Council Meeting**

Scripture Readings

March 5	Psalm 121
March 12	Exodus 17:1-7
March 19	I Samuel 16:1-13
March 26	Psalm 130

The Coffee Hour 2023/2024 schedule is as follows for the last Sunday of the month:

March: Church Council

April: Staff Parish

May: UMM

June: Nurturing Ministry

July and August: None at this time