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THE TRINITY MESSENGER

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OWOSSO

PASTOR'S NOTES

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Next Deadline

May 23rd

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!

May is here! Hopefully we will get into a more normal weather system. It seems that the late winter and early spring both trying to be in charge. As I have always heard, if want to know what the weather is going to be in Michigan, stick around for ten minutes and it will change!

It seems as if our climate is enjoying playing tricks on us. My Spiritual Director sent me a book titled, *Church of the Wild, How Nature Invites Us into the Sacred*, by Victoria Loorz. The title alone got me thinking about my need to stop and smell the roses so to speak. To take the time to ponder the blooming flowers, the brightness of the moon, the veins of a leaf on the tree, the colors on the wings of a butterfly. I marvel at the intricacies in the lacy looking wings of a Dragonfly, the grandeur of the mountains and waterfalls, which calls me to ponder my place in God's amazing creation.

I think sometimes we get so wrapped up in our modern way of living that we don't leave the air conditioned house in the summer or the warm heat in our homes in the winter. Yet there is so very much to learn from all that God created. ***"But ask the animals, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being"*** (Job 12:7-10). Jesus tells us, ***"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these"*** (Matthew 6:25-29).

How often do we sit and listen to the breeze rustle the leaves on the tree? Or the water as it slaps against the beach? I have to admit, that as much as I enjoyed being out in God's creation, I didn't always take the time to just sit for a few moments and listen. Maybe you have done it as well, you take a trip and see some beautiful sights and comment on how amazing the site is and then get back in the car and move on to the next sight to see. Then, when I was really struggling and didn't know where to go to listen for God. One day I was at a friend's home which happened to be on a lake. I went and sat on the dock and asked God to show up. As I listened to the water, and wondered if God would speak, God did indeed show up. I didn't hear a booming voice, just the sound of the water as it gently slapped the beach. It took a while, but that was when I realized that God showed up! God was there in the water and the breeze. I didn't hear words spoken, but I did experience the Holy. Peace. Peace that I had not felt at any point in time during this struggle was filling my spirit.

In the book, the author shares the journal entry of a young girl. In 1902, Opal Whiteley was five years old and living in a logging town in Oregon. She kept a journal filled with old-soul intimacy with the natural world. And she knew this intimacy as Holy Presence, ***"Morning is glad on the hills. The sky sings in blue tones. Little blue fliers are early blooming now. I do so like blue. It is glad everywhere...The earth sings in green...I did stop by some grand fir trees to pray. When one does look looks up at the grand trees growing up almost to the sky, one does always have longings to pray."*** (*Church of the Wild, How Nature Invites us into the Sacred*, Victoria Loorz, Broadleaf Books, Minneapolis, MN, 2021, page 12).

Could it be that God does want to teach us through the songs of the birds and the scent of the roses? Stopping and taking time to listen to creation, might just help us listen to God, and what a change that can bring to our lives!

"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming." (Psalm 96:11-12).

Shalom,
Pastor Mona

UMW News

United Methodist Women joined together to celebrate a Birthday Month with a joyful Group of 12. All were happy and with joyful faces made the celebration so enjoyable. June Helvie also came with her daughter-in-law, Mary. It was a delight to meet her with also Charlotte Kirk and a daughter-in-law met at Bob Evans, and we had a comfortable gathering together.

The May meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14 at noon. Please bring a sack lunch and dessert will be furnished. Bring your thoughts and ideas, too. Our donation was \$50.00 to Owosso Hospice on Copas Road.

There is no power in all the earth to match the power of Jesus, and there is no life without Him. May God bless each of you as we serve our Lord and love each other, and please remember our home bound that are living alone.

God Bless
Margaret D.

Our Dear Departed



Barbara Grace Parcher, age 92 of Owosso passed away Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at Durand Senior Care. She was Jean Holzheuer's mother, and will be dearly missed.

**REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS. I WILL SAY IT AGAIN:
REJOICE!**

**LET YOUR GENTLENESS BE EVIDENT TO ALL. THE LORD IS
NEAR. DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERY
SITUATION, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING,
PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD.**

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-6



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pastor on Vacation All Month	2 National Day of Prayer	3	4 UMM Meeting 8:00am
5 Communion	6	7 Women's Bible Study at Margaret's 10:00am	8	9 Ascension of the Lord	10	11 Craft-May Fund Raiser 10:00am-5:00pm
Rev. Terry Euper Doing Service						
12 Noisy Coin	13	14 Women's Bible Study and UMW at Margaret's 10:00am & 12:00pm	15	16	17	18
Mark Keesler Doing Service						
19 Pentecost	20	21 Women's Bible Study at Margaret's 10:00am	22	23 Leadership Team Meeting 6:15pm	24	25 Gaming Event Fund Raiser 10:00am-5:00pm
Janet Keesler Doing Service		Newsletter Articles Due				
26 Terry Mowen Doing Service	27 Memorial Day	28 Women's Bible Study at Margaret's 10:00am	29	30	31	
Coffee Hour	Church Office Closed					

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, Shirley Badgero,
Ed & Alice Braid, Buryl Burgess,
Vivian Breining, Dorothy Davis-Drurey,
Jim & Joyce Floate, Diann Gibbons,
June Helvie, Marion Louch,

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

Lois LeCureux, Waneta Malkaski,
Dawn Marsh, Leo Nickels,
& Mary Spencer.



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.

May Anniversaries

None

May Birthdays

01 - Maicyn Berndt

09 - Barbara Hackett

10 - Stacy Floate

16 - Patty Vondrasek

28 - Joan Lemaster



**Therefore I will look to the
LORD; I will wait for the
God of my salvation; my
God will hear me.**

Micah 7:7





Pictures of the birthday cake and birthday ladies, Pastor Mona and Nellie, who were honored on April 21, 2024, after the Sunday service during coffee hour.

Serving the Congregation in May

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

	5/5	5/12	5/19	5/26	
PASTOR/LAY SERVANT	Rev. Terry Euper	Mark Keesler	Janet Keesler	Terry Mowen	
LITURGIST	Terry	Carol	Terry	Carol	
JR. CHURCH	Jasmine	Jasmine	Jasmine	Jasmine	
SOUND/CAMERA	Sandy & Mark	Sandy & Mark	Sandy & Mark	Sandy & Mark	
ELEVATOR	Tom	Mark	Rick	Mark	
COUNTERS	Sandy & Peggy	Tom & Jan	Sandy & Peggy	Tom & Jan	
USHERS	Jasmine Rick	Jasmine Rick	Jasmine Rick	Jasmine Rick	
GREETERS	Rick	Rick	Rick	Rick	

MAY 25TH

GAMING



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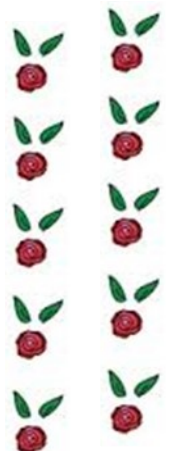
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10:00am-5:00pm

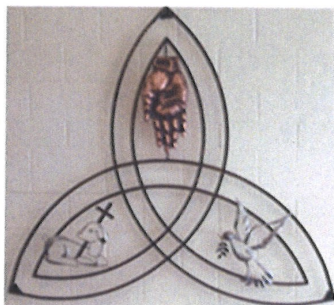


Mail donations to:

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



Trinity United Methodist Craft-May Fund Raiser



Come Craft with Us!

Saturday, May 11, 2024

10:00am – 5:00pm

Trinity Fellowship Hall

Downstairs (Elevator Available)

**720 S. Shiawassee Street
Owosso, Michigan 48867
(M-52 & Stewart St.)**



**\$20.00 per person
Free Stuff
Make 'n Take Crafts
Bring Your Craft Supplies
Snacks included
Learn a New Craft**



**Bring cash or check payable to:
Trinity United Methodist Church**

For more information call Janet Keesler at 989-723-2664.

Therefore we do not lose heart, though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17



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 May

- Sundays - Group Bible Study at 10:15am
- Tuesdays - Women's Bible Study at Margaret's House at 10:00am
- Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 8:00am - UMM Meeting
- Sunday, May 5, 2024 - Communion
- Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 10:00am-5:00pm - Trinity Craft-May Fund Raiser
- Sunday, May 12, 2024 - Noisy Coin Offering & Mother's Day
- Tuesday, May 14, 2024 - UMW Meeting at Margaret's House
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024 - Newsletter Articles Due
- Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:15pm - Leadership Team Meeting
- Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 10:00am-5:00pm - Gaming Event Fund Raiser
- Sunday, May 26, 2024 - Coffee Hour Hosted by the UMM

Scripture Readings

May 5	John 15:9-17
May 12	Acts 1:1-11
May 19	Acts 2:1-21
May 26	John 3:1-17

The Coffee Hour 2024/2025 schedule is as follows for the last Sunday of the month:

May: UMM

June: Finance

July and August: None at this time

September: Liturgists

October: Trustees