



THE TRINITY MESSENGER

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OWOSSO

PASTOR'S NOTES

Rev. Dr. Mona Joslyn

Pastor

- Mark Keesler
- Jasmine Kelley
- Janet Keesler
- Sandy Vore
- Jan Moberg
- Margaret Duntley
- Peggy Golab
- Rick Holzheuer
- Tom Moberg
- Carol Ray

Leadership Team

- Margaret Duntley
- Janet Keesler
- Prayer Chain

- Margaret Duntley
- UMW President

Jim Floate

UMM President

Jan Moberg

Membership

Janet Keesler

Administrative Assistant

Next Deadline

February 20th

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! The Christmas decorations at my house are put away, although there may be a couple of stragglers hanging around. It seems like Christmas was just last week, and now here we are preparing for Lent. Ash Wednesday is on February 14th this year which makes Easter March 31st. How can that be?!

Lent is a season that finds Christians taking the time to look inside themselves and find all the things that are getting in the way of having a true relationship with God. The Lenten tradition is to sacrifice something we normally do to spend that time with God. Things like turning the television off, even if our favorite show is on, or cutting our social media time, or other things that we enjoy so that we can pray, read Scripture, meditate, ponder our relationship with God. So, it often baffles me when people give up chocolate or caffeine for Lent, because I wonder how they use that time they would have eaten chocolate or drinking coffee or a pop to draw themselves closer to God. I'm not judging (not my place to judge), I just wonder.

This year, I am preaching a sermon series called "What R U Up 2?" It was put together by Dr. Marcia McFee who is the creator of The Worship Design Studio. In the overview of the series, she writes this, "***Lent is often known as a time of giving something up in order to make room in our lives for spiritual pursuits. Rather than just "giving up" in Lent, the scriptures ask us to consider all that Jesus is "up to" and all that he asks us to be up to in his name. Instead of bemoaning what we can't do, or used to do, in a culture where "measuring up" to external standards seems impossible, this Lent we will celebrate the small things that we can do right now to respond to God's call in our place, for our time.***"

Jesus calls us to "Go," to be "fishers of people" to offer hope, make people happy, be humble, be hungry for righteousness, show mercy, have pure hearts, be peacemakers, not to worry about being harassed, or insulted, instead be full of joy! All throughout his ministry, Jesus was going and teaching. Many times, that teaching was not with words, but with action. Feeding hungry people is one example of Jesus' words put into action. We are called to be of service to Jesus and to all who Jesus loves. When we take up the call to live by our actions more than our words, we are transformed and someone else might be transformed as well.

This Lent I pondered what kind of study we could do with small groups and some of the other ideas offered in this series. There will be a Daily Lenten Journal that you are encouraged to use as your time with God during this Lenten Season. We will gather on Thursday's at 1:00 to talk about what we discovered in that time of journaling.

As Methodists, we are called to live by the General Rule of Discipleship, "***To witness Jesus Christ to the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.***" This was gleaned from Wesley's General Rules.

John Wesley's interpretation of the call of Jesus Christ is that we are to have a relationship with God, through our acts of piety (worship, prayer, meditation, Scripture study, fasting), and our works of mercy (acts of compassion and justice). For Wesley faith and good works were united. James says it like this, "***What good is it, my brothers, and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead***" (James 2:14-17, NRSV).

So, this Lent when someone asks us what we are up to, let's tell them that we are up to something good! That we are living our faith by serving others. Shalom, Pastor Mona

Statistics on Our Father's Cupboard for 2023

Month	0-17	18-59	60+	Households	People
January	131	171	65	110	367
February	79	123	57	95	259
March	112	211	95	153	418
April	177	241	96	152	514
May	230	300	87	180	617
June	136	212	58	118	406
July	144	214	80	138	438
August	145	243	82	165	470
September	141	226	69	148	436
October	183	274	58	163	515
November	190	312	79	181	581
December	124	252	63	138	439
Totals for 2023	1792	2779	889	1741	5460

Pancake Luncheon

Jasmine Kelley would like to celebrate her birthday by putting on a pancake luncheon for the people of the church. The luncheon will take place after the church service at Trinity, on **Sunday, February 18, 2024**, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a freewill offering to cover expenses. Please sign up for the luncheon on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, so Jasmine can get an idea how many people to plan for.

UMW News

Making a difference is as close as the hand. Just as each of us has a unique fingerprint, we also have unique talents that can leave a mark where they are needed. This is the time we need refreshing moments from the cold winter days, but God tends to lead us in warmth and pleasure of a new day starting.

A great appreciation is given to our three fellow angels that took care of the Christmas decorations and so nicely packed them away. Thank you so very much. Pastor Mona even supplied treats for their generous duties.

Our ministry for missions will be done for January as we meet. We were blessed by donations from the Caramel Popcorn sale and other giving. Praise God for leading us.

We grieve for the passing of one of our Home Bound, Faye Wood, this past week. She was 85, always a delight to visit and take our gifts to her. I felt such warm friendship with her that she was a glow of sunshine each time we met. She will be missed. I had a chance to talk to her niece after her passing.

Until the weather is a good time to meet, we will keep in touch, thankful to God that provides for us. We leave you with blessings, good health, and prayers. *Isaiah 26:3, You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.*

Margaret Duntley

February 2024

					Janet Off Work	1		2	UMM Meeting 8:00am
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Communion	4	5	Women's Bible Study at Margaret's 10:00am	6		7		8	
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Noisy Coin	11	12	Women's Bible Study at Trinity 10:00am UMW Meeting 12:00pm	13	Valentine's Day	14		15	
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Pancake Luncheon After Service	18	19	President's Day Women's Bible Study at Margaret's 10:00am Newsletter Articles	20	Lenten Service at St. John's Church of Christ 7:00pm	21		22	
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								24	
								25	
Coffee Hour	25	26	Women's Bible Study at Margaret's	27	Lenten Service at The Assembly of God 7:00pm	28		29	

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,
Alice Braid, Vivian Breining,
Buryl Burgess,
Jim & Joyce Floate, Diann Gibbons,
June Helvie, Lois LeCureux,

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

Marion Louch, Waneta Malkaski,
Dawn Marsh, and Barbara Parcher.

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.



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.

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**

February Anniversaries

21 - Rick & Jean Holzheuer

February Birthdays

02 - Russ Wing

04 - Diann Gibbons

04 - Norm Campbell

14 - Amanda Chalupka

15 - Rick Holzheuer

19 - Jasmine Kelley

26 - Wesley Vore



**Yet O LORD, you are our
Father, we are the clay,
you are the potter; we are
all the work of Your hand.**

Isaiah 64:8



Here is the schedule for the Community Wednesday Lenten Services

Wednesday February 21 at St. Johns United Church of Christ

Wednesday, February 28 at The Assembly of God

Wednesday, March 6 at Owosso City Church

Wednesday, March 13 at First United Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 20 at Christ Episcopal Church

Services begin at 7:00pm

Good Friday Service is Friday, March 29 at First Congregational Church at 12:00pm



Serving the Congregation in February

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

	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25	
NURSERY					
LITURGIST	Carol	Terry	Carol	Terry	
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	Rick	Rick	Rick	Rick	

RESPIRE VOLUNTEERS OF SHIAWASSEE

Wish List

Sponsor a Respite Volunteer Family \$550

Annual membership

Help Cleaning our Office

Help with Snow Shoveling

Flash Drives 64GB or more

Postage stamps

Thank You, Blank & Sympathy Cards

Persons to apply for the Kroger Customer Rewards for Respite Volunteers

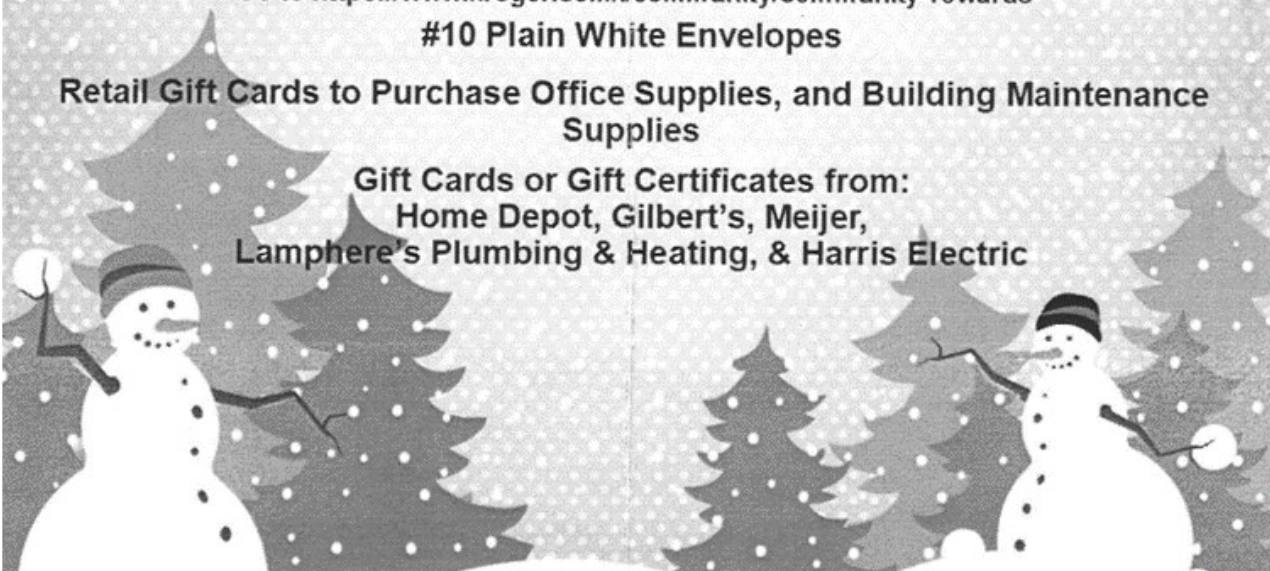
Go to <https://www.kroger.com/ii/community/community-rewards>

#10 Plain White Envelopes

Retail Gift Cards to Purchase Office Supplies, and Building Maintenance Supplies

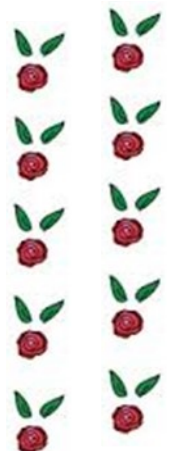
Gift Cards or Gift Certificates from:

Home Depot, Gilbert's, Meijer,
Lamphere's Plumbing & Heating, & Harris Electric



Mail donations to:

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



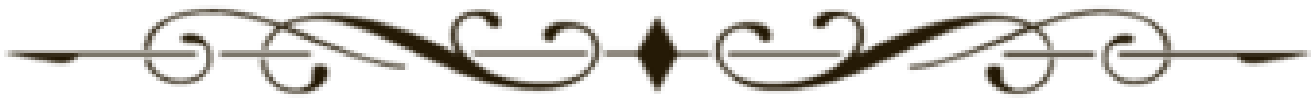
Our Dear Departed



Faye Arlene Wood

October 17, 1938 - January 20, 2024

Faye A. Wood age 85 of Owosso, passed away Saturday, January 20, 2024, at her home.



**Here is the bulletin board by the front door of the church.
The board was decorated by Jan Moberg.**



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 February

- **Sundays - Group Bible Study at 10:15am**
- **Tuesdays - Women's Bible Study at Margaret's House at 10:00am**
- **Thursday, February 1, 2024 - Janet Out of Office**
- **Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 8:00am - UMM Meeting**
- **Sunday, February 4, 2024 - Communion**
- **Sunday, February 11, 2024 - Noisy Coin**
- **Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 10:00am - Bible study at Trinity and at 12:00pm - UMW Meeting (Weather Permitting)**
- **Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - Valentine's Day, and at 7:00pm - Ash Wednesday Service at First UMC**
- **Sunday, February 18, 2024 - Pancake Luncheon After Service**
- **Monday, February 19, 2024 - President's Day**
- **Tuesday, February 20, 2024 - Newsletter Articles Due**
- **Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 7:00pm - Lenten Service at St. John's United Church of Christ**
- **Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 6:15pm - Leadership Team Meeting**
- **Sunday, February 25, 2024 - Coffee Hour Hosted by the Trustees**
- **Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00pm - Lenten Service at The Assembly of God**

Scripture Readings

February 4	Isaiah 40:21-31
February 11	2 Kings 2:1-12
February 18	Genesis 9:8-17
February 25	Mark 8:31-38

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

February: Trustees

March: Leadership Team

April: Staff Parish

May: UMM

June: Finance

July and August: None at this time

September: Liturgists