

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST

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Welcoming the Future

The year 2024 is in our past, and if you're like me, it can't come a moment too soon! This year has been months of difficulty on so many levels, for so many people.

As we enter another year, it is also time to give thanks to God for all the things he has done for us. It is time to focus on faith, and prayers. It is time to enter the New Year with confidence and assurance of God's infinite love. God gives us some guidance on how to face it.

First, we can face the future with the confidence that He claims us as his own and has a purpose for us. He says, "Fear not, I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine." If we belong to God, if we are members of his family, if he does claim us, then we do not have to be afraid, and we can face the future with the confidence that we belong to him. God has a good purpose for our lives.

Reminders

Brown Bag Sunday is the third Sunday of the month. We donate food and other non-perishable items to the Ballard Clothing Pantry. Please check with Kathy Parmenter or at the Pantry for a list of needed items.

Upcoming Events

- Did You know Sunday Jan 12th
- Noisy Offering and Brown Bag Sunday on Jan 19th
- Feb 8th Pancake Breakfast



Welcoming the Future continued

Secondly, we can face the future with God's promised presence and protection, "When you pass through the waters," he says, "I will be with you, you will not be swept away by the flood; if go through the fires, you will not be consumed." In other words, God assures his children that they can face whatever lies ahead in the future because he promised to be with us. He will protect us from any harm and danger.

Thirdly, we can face the future with a commitment to the mission God has for us in 2025. Jesus said, "You are my witnesses." If we are committed to being God's witnesses in the world, then we do not have to be afraid of the future, for God will indeed be with us. Thus, we recommit ourselves to being his witnesses, his representatives in the world.

Fourthly, the Bible tells us that we can face the future with hope because of his promise that he is doing something new in our lives. "See, I am doing a new thing," says God. The Bible tells us God is in the process of giving life-giving water which will make us fruitful and faithful. God will do something new in 2025. We can enter the New Year with the confidence that God loves and cares for us.

I wish you all good health, happiness, a deep sense of fulfillment in your relationships, and the continuing blessings of God in 2025. Happy New Year!

Pastor Dass

Epiphany Season

Epiphany is a word meaning, "manifestation." The manifestation refers to the appearance or revelation of God. It is celebrated on January 6 as an observance of the wise men coming to worship Jesus. This was the first manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles. Other manifestations were baptism of Jesus, the first miracle of Jesus performed at the Wedding of Cana when he turned water into wine. The season of Epiphany continues until Ash Wednesday which is the beginning of Lent.

Prayer Corner

- For our church family and church mission and ministries
- For those that are home-bound, their caregivers, and those we especially name in our hearts.
- For those actively serving in our military, their families, and our veterans
- Pray for smooth transition of power

Human Relations Offering

A special offering for Human Relations is to be taken on Sunday, 'anuorv 19. It is one of the seven special offerings of our denomination. The offering supports community development programs of the United Methodist Church.

Migrant Concern Book Study

JOIN Iowa UWFaith Migrant Concern Task Force for a Zoom book study on the book "Separated by the Border" by Gena Thomas. The book study is Feb. 1st from 10 - 11:30 AM. All Friends and family are welcome! Please register prior to the meeting using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?from=addon&url=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Fmeeting%2Fregister%2FtZAlcuigrjMsEtIWOmI6mTnBh6xJ9MXgVGCZ> or you can ask the church office to register you.

To obtain the book from your public library (frequently they will obtain it for you if you ask) or you can purchase it at: bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith (earns 10% back to UWFaith) or your local bookstore.

You can attend even if you have not read the book. See the flyer on the bulletin board! Contact Bobby Jo Paige at bjpdaisy@gmail.com with questions.

District Lay

District Lay Servant Trainings 2025 are held both In-person or Zoom. All of these courses will be taught by Rev. Bernie Colorado. In-person classes will be at: Linn Grove UMC, 7483 50th Ave, Prole, IA 50229-9026. The Basic Course– January 11, 18 & 25, 2025– 9:00 am to 12:30pm. Book: Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Book by Sandy Jackson. If you would like to attend, please let the church office know so you can be registered.

Worship On-line

So, you want to join us for worship, but it's too cold or snowy or you just don't want to get out of your pjs. Here are a couple options for you.

Watch us live on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HuxleyTUMC>.

Go to our website trinitymethodistinhuxley.org click on the Worship page. you will have to set up an account.

We witness the transforming power of Christ through our regular presence in worship. Invite a friend or a neighbor to come with you to worship services. "God has poured out his love into our hearts." (Romans 5:5)

Church Calendar

January 1 Feast of the Holy Family
 January 5 Epiphany Sunday Communion Sunday
 January 7 Taekwondo class 6:30 PM Fellowship hall
 January 9 Taekwondo class 6:30 PM Fellowship hall
 January 12 Did You Know Sunday
 January 14 Taekwondo class 6:30 PM Fellowship hall
 January 16 Taekwondo class 6:30 PM Fellowship hall
 January 19 Brown Bag Sunday/Noisy Offering/Human Rights Sunday
 January 21 Taekwondo class 6:30 PM Fellowship hall
 January 23 Taekwondo class 6:30 PM Fellowship hall
 January 26 Third Sunday of Epiphany
 January 28 Taekwondo class 6:30 PM Fellowship hall
 January 30 Taekwondo class 6:30 PM Fellowship hall
 February 2 Transfiguration of the Lord Communion Sunday

Puzzle

ACROSS

- 6 Thursday before Easter; remembers the Last Supper
- 7 Celebrates the magi's visit to see the newborn Christ
- 8 Remembers the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus
- 9 Forty day period of fasting and prayer before Easter

DOWN

- 1 Celebrates the birth of Jesus
- 2 Four weeks before Christmas; time of preparing for the birth of Christ
- 3 Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead
- 4 The time between holidays
- 5 Remembers the coming of the Holy Spirit; Fifty days after Easter

