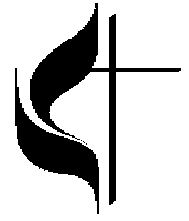




The Anchor



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

The Trinity Vision: To be an active church in ministry:

to each other, the community and the world.

Jan, Feb, March 2023

Trinity United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship Service 9:30 a.m.



Unexpected

One of the things I have learned over the years is that we are creatures of habit. We like the rhythms we develop in this life, and do not want anything to disrupt what makes us comfortable. And while the unexpected car repair, medical emergency, or leaking boiler pipe (like we recently discovered at church) never seem to bring any good to us, sometimes the unexpected is actually a blessing.

A few days ago, I came home to a wonderful surprise. The automotive repair industry has been a difficult place over the last few months. The days are long and stressful. Parts are hard to come by. And customers are becoming more and more impatient. It was "one of those days" and all I wanted to do was crawl into bed when I got home. As I walked in, there was a sign that said, "Welcome to Winter Wonderland" and I was greeted by an "Elf" who looked a lot like my daughter. I was informed that I needed to come to the basement for a surprise.

I came down the stairs to find a 15-year-old with tissue taped to his chin saying, "Ho, Ho, Ho, what would you like for Christmas this year?" He also told me that "she paid me to do this!" I laughed so hard, and I was so glad that my kids put this together. They had no idea how much I needed that in my life.

This got me thinking about how God works through the unexpected in our lives. When you look at how God has worked throughout history, we see examples, such as a small shepherd boy standing up to a giant, or a small group of fishermen leading the formation of the church. Nobody could have expected God to come in such a lowly way, as we just celebrated this Christmas. And we certainly could not have imagined that God's plan for our salvation would be completed through the death of His only Son. What I think we see in all of this is that God does not work through our expectations, but instead reveals himself in the most unexpected ways.

As we enter into a new year, full of new challenges, may we look for the ways that God is working in us and moving among us in the unexpected.

In Christ,

Pastor Chris



Be a Good Steward

Finance Committee

- The Finance committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of every

month at 8 am.

- All bills are paid to date.
- The 2023 proposed budget for Trinity voted & passed by the Charge Conference is \$121,693 per year, weekly average is \$2340.
- What would happen if we each tried to increase our giving by 1 cup of coffee per week?
- The Committee works diligently to keep the receipts and disbursements within the proposed budget.
- *We want to thank everyone who has committed to support Trinity with their Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service.*

Thank You,

Finance Committee Chair Marion Avers

4th Quarter averages

This includes Loose Change and special offerings; , Lawn Care, and Insurance, Licenses .

	Weekly	Monthly
Avg Rec'd 4 th Qtr.	\$1161	\$4901
Avg Dist. 4 th Qtr.	\$1527	\$6617
Avg Budgeted	\$2340	\$10,141

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee is taking a break.

Special Sundays and events will be planned through the Council Meetings.

Share your ideas with Judie Reams, Roberta Krause and/or Debby Moore.

Sunday School has been temporarily suspended pending the arrival of young children. There are a few "Busy Bags" at the door of the sanctuary for fidgety children (of all ages!). Please return everything at the end of the Worship Service.

We are still looking for someone to head & teach Sunday School program, as Debby and Roberta have both stepped down.



All those whose family members went to Glory recently including Donna Falls, Connie (Copp) Hagedon & MaryAnne Tiley.

If you have any updates, anyone you want added to the Prayer Request List. Please call the office and leave a message. 810-794-4379



Happy Anniversary

JANUARY

Pam & Mike Dooling 12

MARCH

Anita & John Rzeppa 13



Happy Birthday to:

JANUARY

Gwen Delonnay	4	Margie Arpan	12
Chari Lawton	12		

FEBRUARY

Connie Currie	1	Cali Reams	2
Samantha Ingles	4	Toni Laidley	4
Emily Heldt	7	Diane Viger	8
Lindsey Ingles	13	Yola Dawson	13
Kristin Reams	14	John Pajak	16
Edna Lazarz	29		

MARCH

Chuck Cameron	1	Sue Dentel	6
Carol Thiedeman	8	Heidi Theisen	13
Matt Costello	14	Jackie Brown	21
Carl Reams	22		



- Thank you to all who support the Food Pantry, it's greatly appreciated. Our numbers are gradually increasing.
- Our process is back to the way we did things before Covid, two years ago. We provide a grocery list for patrons, and the volunteers fill a cart based on the selections.
- *Thank you for your support. God bless,
Marion Avers & Volunteers*

The Food Pantry is open to residents of Algonac, and Clay & Ira, every Friday from 10 - 2 pm and the 3rd Tuesday of each Month from 6 - 7 pm. Each family can send a representative once per month at 4-week intervals.



Women's Christian Fellowship

It's been a wonderful year. It was a busy year. We're looking forward to another great year!

- The Bazaar is over with, earning a total close to \$900 dollars. We gave to 7 different charities and purchased 2 beautiful banners for the front of the sanctuary.
- Our Christmas Luncheon at Olive Garden was enjoyed by 6 ladies. We had a lot of fun enjoying a wonderful meal, each other's company and a very nice waiter.
- We are taking the Winter off until March when we will meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am.
- I would like to invite all ladies of the church. Please come and see what we are all about.
- Be thinking about fund-raising and fellowship ideas. We need Fresh Ideas.
- Keep saving those Campbell's soup labels.

*Have a Blessed New Year!
Carol Ann (President)*

Trustee Committee

- Welcome new trustee committee members; Rick Hofmann and Melissa Merkau! Thank you in advance for your service, looking forward to the extra help, input and ideas.
- We will be reviewing information and voting on the proposed "Paws Pantry" church mission project operation on the property. Ideas thus far are to collect donations of pet food/supplies and make them available during the food pantry hours and an outdoor station that will be available all hours. More info to follow
- Have had several recent boiler system repairs so wanting to schedule regular inspections as preventative maintenance. Also, looking to replace any dial style thermostats with more efficient digital models.
- Will be scheduling spring cleaning projects to clean out and organize cubby areas & closets in the building.
- We will do our best to maintain this beautiful old building. We welcome your feedback and value your opinions on these items or any other building/property related matters.

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Blessings, Peace & Joy

Charí Lawton

Trustee Committee,

Chairperson



PLEASE HAVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the next edition of the **ANCHOR** into the office by **March 15th** – Anything handed in after that date (LOL) may go into the following Anchor!!!

Coming Events

Sunday Jan 1st Communion

Sunday Jan 8th 9:30 am Sunday Worship
10:30 Trustees

Wednesday Jan 11th
8 am Finance Meeting
9 am Staff Parish Meeting
11:30 am Women's Fellowship

Sunday Jan 15th 9:30 am Worship Service

Tuesday Jan 17th 6 pm Food Pantry Eve Hr.

Wednesday Jan 18th 5 pm Community Dinner

Sunday Jan 22nd 9:30 Worship Committee

Sunday Jan 29th 9:30 Sunday Worship
Loose Change Offering
11 am Church Council

Sunday Feb 5th Communion

Wednesday Feb 8th
8 am Finance Meeting
9 am Staff Parish Meeting
11:30 am Women's Fellowship

Sunday Feb 12th 9:30 Sunday Worship
10:30 am Trustees

Wednesday Feb 15th 5 pm Community Dinner

Sunday Feb 19th 9:30 Sunday Worship

Tuesday Feb 21st 6 pm Food Pantry Eve Hr.

Wednesday Feb 22nd Noon Ash Wednesday

Sunday Feb 26th 9:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday March 5th Communion
9:30 Sunday Worship

Wednesday March 8th
8 am Finance Meeting
9 am Staff Parish Meeting
11:30 am Women's Fellowship

Saturday March 11th



Bedtime Spring Clock Forward

Sunday March 12th 9:30 Sunday Worship

10:30 am Trustees

Wednesday March 16th 5 pm Community Dinner

Sunday March 19th 9:30 Sunday Worship

Tuesday March 21st Food Pantry Eve Hr.

Sunday Dec 26th 9:30 Worship

11 am Church Council

On-Line Presence

We have a Facebook page and we use it: Trinity United Methodist Church, Algonac. Scriptures from the lectionary are posted Wednesday – Saturday for the coming Sunday Worship Service. The Sunday Worship Service is posted live (or pre-recorded) 9:30 am every Sunday! Stay connected with us.

You can become E-Missionaries by sharing our posts to your family/friends and in your groups! Please <Like>, <Join> and <Share>.

Our Web-site AlgonacTrinity.org is updated regularly with coming events.