

Trinity Tidings

Newsletter of Trinity United Methodist Church
January 2009

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2008 was a great year at Trinity Church and I'm already looking forward to another one in 2009. We're excited about our three goals for the year and ask that you pray for our ministry:

Expanding mission –

- Out soon- a new annual calendar for Trinity missions
- Youth are making plans for an intergenerational listening project
- The “Know the Heart” delegation to Guatemala 6/26-7/5/2009

Broadening worship experiences –

- Experimenting with new music genres and video
- Continuing plans for a second worship service for fall '09

Securing financial solvency –

- Striving in our planning and giving to balance the budget
- Continue making payments on our Capital Campaign debt

May God bless us with another wonderful year! Thanks for all you do, friends. – Pastor Amanda

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Food pantry use is up as the economy turns down. In thinking of those who are hungry this winter, we are asking that all kinds of food and toiletry items be brought to church during the month of January. Our “peak” pushes for food will be January 4 (first Sunday of the month) and February 1 (first Sunday of the month and also “Souper Bowl Sunday”—please bring lots of canned soup that day). Checks made out to Trinity (St. Mark's Food Pantry in memo line) are also welcomed, as the pantries can often buy more in bulk than we can as individuals at the stores. *Remember—FOOD, FOOD, FOOD—for our January mission.* Thanks!

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Pastor Amanda will be preaching a 3-part sermon series called “RESET” in January. The New Year is a good time to reset our priorities after weeks of excess during the holidays. Visit our website for a video clip of Pastor Amanda talking about the sermon series at www.tumcmadison.org. As part of the series, Pastor Amanda will be referring to the book 1-2-3 Magic for Christian Parents, Effective Discipline for Children 2-12. We'll use the book for discussion following worship on those Sundays. Copies will be available for \$10. Invite your friends with kids to join us!

Jan. 4 – Kids' Epiphany Pageant and communion

Jan. 11, 18, 25 – RESET and parent conversation circle following worship, childcare provided

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
-Philippians 3:13-14

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*Trinity United Methodist Church is to live out God's hospitality
by welcoming and loving all people.
We are to be a home of spiritual renewal
and a source for Christian transformation.*

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FIRST HISPANIC RELOCATES

After years of desiring to have their own worship space, First Hispanic has moved to a new location off of Fish Hatchery Road. Trinity is currently in negotiation with another congregation to use the office space in our building. First Hispanic's new address is:

Iglesia Metodista Unida Monte Zoar
995 Applegate Rd.
Madison, WI – 53713
(608) 217-3725

DECEMBER MISSION A BLESSING!

Thank you, friends, for bringing the bountiful goodies (and art!) to include in the bags to our homebound members. Your many hands were appreciated in preparing the bags, and the caroling that afternoon was amazing! About 20 folks showed up to sing—what a wonderful ministry. Thank you!

SLEIGH RIDE

Sunday, January 4, following a wonderful worship with our kids, there will be a group of us headed out to Lake Mills for a sleigh ride. Want to join us? Please let Pastor Amanda know ASAP—cost will be approximately \$10 a person (limit 20 folks) and the ride will begin at 3pm in Lake Mills. There'll be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Fun!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Sylvia Schoff
- 02 Marilyn Wendland
- 03 Rowan Murphy
- 04 Dennis Brager
- 09 Lydia Stangel
- 13 Linda Brager
- 17 Akira Toki
- 19 David Hutchinson
- 20 James Crandall
- 21 Mary Moore
Susan Pearsall
Tara Adams
- 25 Dave Buege
- 27 Gerry Crawford

Have we missed your birthday? Let the office know so we can update our list!

Thank You...

Thank you to all who bought and/or sold Wreathes and Roping this past Christmas season. We made \$289.35 on this project and donated two small wreathes to the Neighborhood House for their fund-raiser auction. A 'Thank you' also to Marge Clark for her bookkeeping and record-keeping skills. Everyone got what they ordered, thanks to her. – Eileen Tifft

I choose Trinity United Methodist Church because it reminded me of the small church I grew up in with the beautiful stained glass windows of the Lord. I have been truly blessed with a pastor who has compassion when you are in need and you feel so helpless. Pastor Amanda you are my angel and so is your Mother Sharon for helping me to the Cardiology Dr. and staying with me to support me.

I am truly blessed, as I had church members call and stop by with food for my mother and daughter, while I was in the hospital. My mind was eased, and I was trying to get better. I had no worries with so many people helping on my home front.

The 2nd time when I was in the hospital was much intense. But I am blessed, as they found out the problem and are taking care of it. I had church members bring in food again for mom and Alicia and check on them. Co-workers brought in food when I came home with no energy and on oxygen for a week. Thank you so much Trinity Family for all your support and prayers. – Diana Thomas

Thoughts & Prayers



Diana Thomas – gaining strength

Fern Baard – new address:

Sterling House of Sun Prairie
650 Broadway Dr
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
(608) 825-9300

James Fountain – health concerns

Steven Mayeshiba – suffering from shingles

Kathy Stewart and family – hardship after loss

Caitlin LaClair – got the PhD!

Rev. Lucretia Fehrmann – Anita M. Fehrmann, mother of Rev. Lucretia A. Fehrmann, Pastor of New London United Methodist Church, died on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. Condolences may be sent to Rev. Lucretia Fehrmann at:

709 W. Pine Street
New London, WI - 54961

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Dave Hutchinson

The following was a fun and appreciative response by Dave, giving thanks for the beautiful harp and cello music shared by Liz Weamer and Cheryl Saltzman on Dec. 7 in worship.

This morning's music has been which? :

- a.) Such a gift to all who hear
- b.) An audible elixir to soothe the savage beast
- c.) A reason to be thankful that you have an ear
- d.) Dining at an aural feast
- e.) Proof that music can indeed grease the gears of love
- f.) There are indeed more choices by far, so I'd say – ALL of the above.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are Trinity at its very best. They give one the opportunity to learn from other Christians and enrich one's relationship with Christ and each other. The multi-generational perspectives as well as the coming together of many backgrounds and ideas are opportunities to be treasured.

We are now planning a new line-up of classes for the spring Lenten season. One of the classes we are already looking forward to is a short-term Disciple study on the New Testament. If you missed out on the study of the Hebrew Scriptures this fall—you missed a GREAT class. Paul Ketterer is a tremendous teacher and his students have given rave reviews, so don't miss out this new class! They'll be kicking it off in February.

If you have new ideas for classes in which you would like to participate or classes you would like to lead, please let Elizabeth Bolstad or Pastor Amanda know. As a congregation we'll also be studying a book called Good Goats- Healing Our Image of God for Lent in worship, so we'll all be "Forever in Formation" together!

TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR THE "KNOW THE HEART" DELEGATION TO GUATEMALA

June 26-July 5, 2009

Trinity is a community of hospitality. As a people of faith we are to welcome and love all people. The "Know the Heart" delegation will be a 10-day educational delegation that will help us deepen this understanding. This trip will examine what it means for us to be strangers in a new land and receive hospitality from different Guatemalan communities. We will learn about our hosts—their history, struggles and joys as people of the developing world and the issues that affect them, including poverty, emigration, and basic human rights. At the same time we will also learn about ourselves and build on our experience to deepen our faith and broaden our hospitality to others. Join us as we learn together what it means to know the heart of the sojourner.

June 26 - Fly from Chicago, arrive in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Travel to and overnight at mission of San Lucas Toliman on Lake Atitlan.

June 27 - Learn about the mission's land for the landless program, sustainable coffee project, and programs for health and education. Travel across Lake Atitlan to stay overnight at Casa del Mundo.

June 28 - Travel to city of Huehuetenango, Department of Huehuetenango. Visit Mayan ruins of Zaculeu and overnight in Huehuetenango.

June 29 - Depart from Huehuetenango and travel by "chicken bus" to returned refugee village of Chacula "Nueva Esperanza."

June 30-July 3 - Talk to local community leaders, women's group, teachers, health promoters. Topics will include political history, native spirituality, restorative justice, the concept of accompaniment. Possible walking tours include local Mayan ruins, waterfalls, and sunken forest.

July 4 - Travel back to Guatemala City from Chacula

July 5 - Fly from Guatemala City and return to Chicago

Cost: Approximately \$1,500 (\$800 flight; \$700 room, board, fees)

*Please contact Pastor Amanda if you are interested in participating in this delegation. Plans are to book tickets by the end of February 2009.

*"You know the heart of a sojourner,
for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt."*

– Exodus 23:9

The deadline for the February issue of the Tidings is:
Monday, January 19th

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