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A PLACE TO... BELONG. BELIEVE. BECOME.

## From Lament to Hope: A Lenten Study with Bishop Kennetha of the Psalms of Lament

The psalms were Israel's hymnbook. And psalms of lament were Israel's expression of grief in the midst of trial. For this season of Lent, Bishop Kennetha invites you to join her for a conference-wide online study that will explore both personal and communal psalms as we focus on events impacting our world and our lives.

In particular, we will pray for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and our own nation. As we move from Lent to Easter, we will see how the psalms can lead us to hope.

This Lenten study will give us the opportunity to strengthen our relationships with each other and with our worldwide United Methodist connection as we invite special guests to share on the topics we address. We will conclude with an annual conference-wide opportunity to worship together and take action for peace.

Sessions will be held over four Tuesday nights (February 27, March 5, March 12, and March 19 ) on Zoom beginning at 7:00 pm. Participants will have an opportunity for conversation and prayer in breakout rooms. You can register on the Iowa Conference website.

If you are interested in zooming from the church, please contact the church office so that we can pick a space that will be quiet, yet accommodate everyone interested in participating.  
Thank you!



Saturday Worship– **5:30p**  
Sunday Worship– **9:30a**  
Sunday Livestream on  
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# PRAYER LIST

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 Miriam Hoskins  
 Terry Lee  
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 Linda Pingel  
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 James & Amy Smith  
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 Carole Walrod  
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     Bill Cunningham  
 Joann Whittington  
 Gary Winkler  
 Amy Pedersen

Please let Pastor Jena or the office know if you want to be added or removed from this prayer list. We want to respect your privacy, but let our prayer warriors know that you desire inclusion.



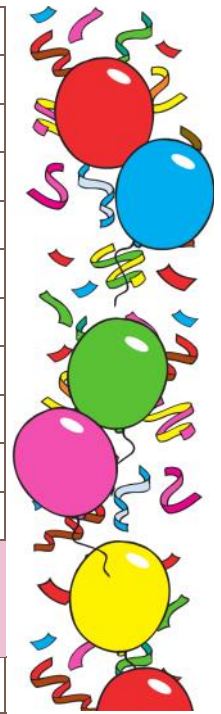
## February Birthdays

1	Brenda Smith
2	Ryan Moeller
2	Alyssa Tornabane
2	Mark Wills
3	Rhonda Frazee
3	Krista Wineinger
3	Elijah Yates
4	Danielle Rogers
6	David Kilian
6	Emma Totten
7	Kathryn Marner
7	Eric Pratt
8	Vickey Groat
8	Gretta Pratt
8	Sabrynn Ulrich
9	Joshua Dopita
9	Chris Hoff
10	Lane McIntyre
10	Lexie Stevens
11	Kay Schnurr
11	Rick Waggoner
12	Charlie Harbaugh
12	Matthew Pollock
13	Karen Kockorsky
14	Ellie Doster
14	Joan Feddersen
14	Deandre Harvey
14	Nicholas Reese
14	Barb Smith
14	Gavin Swenson
14	Joann Whittington
15	Jobina Kirby
15	Amber Kocour
16	Stan Galbraith
16	Kristy Shelton
19	Nathan Cassady
21	Peggy Barkhaus
21	Curt Dielschneider
21	Bev Nitzke

21	Chris Parker
22	Taylor Chansler
22	Mackenzie Lande
22	Angela Piper
24	Brett Friesth
24	Scott Williamson
25	Alea Smith
26	Lori Ann McLoud
27	Hilton Bock
27	Michael Harvey
28	Koen Netz

## February Anniversaries

3	Dean & Kandis Fryar
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Advanced Lay Servant Training will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3 at First UMC in Fort Dodge. The class is on Spiritual Gifts. The book *Each One a Minister: Using God's Gifts for Ministry* will be used in this class. Contact Luke Fillmore at FUMC for more info.

Mark your calendar ... District Town Hall meeting with Bishop Kennetha in the Camp Clear Lake District will be April 7. Location to be determined.



**Ash Wednesday** worship service will be held at **Trinity UMC at 6:15 pm.** This will not be a joint service as in the past, yet all are welcome. So, come early for pancakes (5-6) and stay for worship.

Pastor Jena has decided to seek a new appointment. June is the month for pastors to move. The SPPRC is working with the District Superintendent to find the best pastor for Trinity UMC.

## IS IT SPRING YET? Highlights from Laura



While we wait, patiently? for Spring why not select a STAR word for the new year. I wrote a devotion about this prayer practice in January.

The idea is that a list of 120 intentional words, or guiding words, can be written or printed on paper stars. You select a random number and that word is yours. Place your star word somewhere you will see it regularly to allow reflection on how God has moved through, around or in connection to that word.

Throughout history stars have been used as navigational tools. Scripture gives us powerful examples of how stars move us closer to Jesus. The Magi followed the star and it guided them to Bethlehem. Stars show God's power, wisdom, and His faithfulness. God uses multiple ways to guide us and speak to us. Star words invite us to connect with God.

There are other ways to use your star word, including look up the definition of your word, even if it is a word, you know well. You could look into the etymology of the word and how its meaning has changed throughout history. What does this word remind you of? Does it recall any memories or experiences? How might God be speaking to you through this word? See if you can find your word—or a synonym – in the Bible. What scripture passages can you find? How is the word used in these passages? Write or speak aloud a prayer using your word. Invite your family and friends to join you on this journey. You can even select your own word by reading scripture, praying, and listening for God to reveal a word that is just right for you. For example, I have two words, “creativity” and “sunrise”, I wonder how these words will draw me closer to God. I am not an early riser but maybe God is leading me toward a new routine.

Are you interested in trying this? Pick up the phone and call the church office (9a to 3p weekdays) or email the church, [office@trinityumcfd.org](mailto:office@trinityumcfd.org) or [laurastover21@gmail.com](mailto:laurastover21@gmail.com). Let us “**shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firm to the word of life.**” Philippians 2:15-15 Blessings, Laura

### WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT?

After a six-week hiatus **ALL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES RESUME JANUARY 31, 2024!** Can't wait to see everyone.

**The JAM and More JAM kids** will kick off the new year learning about Moses receiving the 10 commandments, with the 2-word phrase Tablets Guided!

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** continues for senior high every Wednesday Night at 6:30p for 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grades and 8:10p for juniors and seniors. This month's study is the book of James.

**YOUTH GROUP** (for grades 6 – 12) resumes on Sunday evenings twice a month, usually the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. Mark your calendar for **February 4 and 18<sup>th</sup>**. Watch for text messages from Laura.

**WEDNESDAY STOP and GO SUPPER** start up again on January 31<sup>st</sup> and will continue every Wednesday through April except for March 27<sup>th</sup> which is Spring/Easter break.

The meal is served from 5 to 6p in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend especially our JAM kids and their families. It is a relaxing time to STOP, enjoy a meal, catch up with church family and friends, and then GO to your next event. A free will donation is appreciated to cover the costs of the meal. The menu is posted on Trinity United Methodist's Face Book page on Tuesdays by noon or you can call the church office. If you would like to volunteer to serve the meal let Laura Stover know.



The youth plan to offer a **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SOUPER BOWL LUNCH** as a mission trip fundraiser on **Sunday, February 11th at 11 am** (following worship). You will have a chance to sample a variety of soups and vote with a dollar or more for your favorite. Lilly Johnson's Taco Soup won last year. **Anyone can donate a crockpot of soup for the contest!** Let Laura know by February 9. M'm Good! M'm Good!

Our annual “Shrove Tuesday” on Ash Wednesday **PANCAKE SUPPER is February 14<sup>th</sup>** which is a Stop and Go supper. Pancakes, sausage, toppings and juice will be served to ready ourselves for the beginning of the Lenten season. The pancakes will be served from 5- 6p with a worship service to follow at Trinity at 6:15 pm. Bring your sweetheart or a friend and fall in love with Jesus together!



## Memorial Committee

Attention Seniors!

It may be cold and there may be snow in the air, but the school year is flying by and it will soon be March.

Don't forget, if you are interested in receiving a scholarship from Trinity, you have to pick up a form from Madeline in the office.

The completed scholarship requests are due back at the office by March 31st.

Enjoy your second semester.

*Patsy Pukacz*



## Outreach Committee

Outreach Committee took a couple of months off and will resume reaching out in full force. The verb form of "outreach" means to "reach further than." Our goal is to reach further than our current congregation to grow Trinity United Methodist Church. If you have an idea of how we can reach out to the community please contact Katrina O'Brien at 515-571-8864.



## Finance Committee

The 2023 Giving Statements have been mailed out and should be in your mailboxes by now. Please review them for accuracy and let the church office know if you have a discrepancy and we can investigate it. If inclement weather prevents you from making it to church or you are somewhere warm, keep in mind that we still need to keep the lights on at the church and your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you need offering envelopes, we have several boxes at the church!

Thank you,

*Finance Committee*



## Missions Committee

### Duncombe/Cooper School Project:

All items that have been received so far have been delivered to the schools. Our youth group tied 5 blankets which were also donated to the schools. Donations may be made through January 31, 2024.

### Heifer International Donations:

The children's Christmas Program and the quarter tubes brought in \$308.83. The JAM Kids decided to buy flocks of chickens with these funds. \$1,560 was otherwise donated, and the committee will decide in the next few weeks which animals will be purchased. Thank you to all who contributed.

### Mana Meal:

Trinity United Methodist congregation will be hosting the Manna Meal at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 27, 2024. We will need volunteers to help with this mission project. Sign up sheets will be available close to the date.

### Weaving Loom:

Weaving loom times are Monday and Friday mornings 10am-11am, unless otherwise announced. 13 mats have been completed. 10 mats have been distributed. Plastic scraps leftover from the plastic bags have been delivered to Jefferson Midwest Missions to be made into benches.

### Ingathering:


An ingathering zoom meeting was held between the 5 designated Ingathering sites. The next Ingathering date for 2024 will be November 2nd. Trinity UMC has volunteered again to be the designated site for 2024.

Thank you!

Trinity UMC is no longer collecting pop/beer cans. Please do not drop them off at the church. Instead may we suggest that you take them to Almost Home Animal Shelter. If you need the address, please contact the church office. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you!



# February 2024

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	Youth Group 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream 11:00am Potluck	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	Transfiguration Sunday 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream 11:00am Souper Bowl Lunch 	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	Youth Group 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream	26	27	28	29		

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday


Saturday

1  
8:30am Community Bible Study  
8:30am Trinity Bible Study

2  
9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness

3  
5:30pm Worship - Casual

Accountant Here  
10:00am Coffee with Friends  
3:30pm JAM & More Jam  
5:00pm Stop+Go Supper  
6:30pm Youth Bible Study  
8:10pm High School Bible Study

Ash Wednesday  
Valentine's Day  
10:00am Coffee with Friends  
3:30pm JAM & More Jam  
5:00pm Pancake Supper  
6:15pm Ash Wednesday Service at Trinity  
6:30pm Youth Bible Study  
8:10pm High School Bible Study  


Blood Pressure Checks  
10:00am Mission Loom  
5:30pm Worship - Casual

Accountant Here  
10:00am Coffee with Friends  
3:30pm JAM & More Jam  
5:00pm Stop+Go Supper  
6:30pm Youth Bible Study  
8:10pm High School Bible Study

8:30am Community Bible Study  
8:30am Trinity Bible Study

9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness

5:30pm Worship - Casual

9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness  
9:30am ISSP Board Meeting  
10:00am Mission Loom  
6:30pm Bible Study

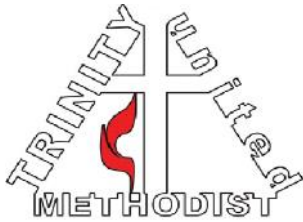
**Newsletter Articles DUE**  
9:00am Trinity Quilters  
5:30pm Finance Committee  
6:45pm Administrative Council

9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness  
10:00am Mission Loom  
6:30pm Bible Study

9:00am Trinity Quilters  
7:00pm Bishops Lenten Study

10:00am Coffee with Friends  
3:30pm JAM & More Jam  
5:00pm Stop+Go Supper  
6:30pm Youth Bible Study  
8:10pm High School Bible Study

8:30am Community Bible Study  
8:30am Trinity Bible Study



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# 2024 Bible Reading Plan

	Epistles	The Law	History	Psalms	Poetry	Prophecy	Gospels
Wk.	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
6	Rom 11-12	Gen 20-23	Judg 1-6	Ps 15-17	Job 11-12	Isa 29-33	Matt 14-16
7	Rom 13-14	Gen 24-27	Judg 7-11	Ps 18-20	Job 13-14	Isa 34-39	Matt 17-19
8	Rom 15-16	Gen 28-31	Judg 12-16	Ps 21-23	Job 15-16	Isa 40-44	Matt 20-22
9	1 Cor 1-2	Gen 32-35	Judg 17-21	Ps 24-26	Job 17-18	Isa 45-50	Matt 23-25
10	1 Cor 3-4	Gen 36-39	Ruth	Ps 27-29	Job 19-20	Isa 51-55	Matt 26-28
11	1 Cor 5-6	Gen 40-43	1 Sam 1-5	Ps 30-32	Job 21-22	Isa 56-61	Mark 1-2

**Outreach Committee** is collecting food for the Fort Dodge Senior High food pantry on the 3rd Sunday of every month (drop it off anytime). Staci Laird is a member of Trinity UMC and is the FDSH principal and has requested these items: toothpaste, floss, deodorant, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, mac n cheese, cereal, pasta and sauce, hamburger helper, canned veggies, jelly, ravioli, SpaghettiOs, etc. No snacky things. Some high schoolers will not eat if there is nothing in the FDSH food pantry.