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

## Missions Committee:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Heifer International. We raised a total of \$1,024.73! The children in JAM decided to use the funds from the quarter tubes and their Christmas program offering to purchase chickens and a goat. At our next meeting on February 4th, we'll decide on additional items and share an update with you then.

A silver tree with paper ornaments located in the church hallway will be up through February 14th for anyone wishing to contribute clothing for the men at the Beacon of Hope.

A display for CWS Blankets of Hope will be set up through February. Every \$10 donated will purchase one blanket. There are two styles of blankets, one heavy and one lighter weight. Your donations provide comfort and warmth to people in need around the world.

Along with our regular Monday and Friday loom weaving sessions, we will also meet on Saturday, February 8th from 10 AM to noon, and Thursday, February 27th from 5 to 7 PM.

*Jayne Cassidy*



Saturday Worship– 5:30p

Sunday Worship– 9:30a

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## Dear Beloveds,

Every month, I meet with clergy and laity from our Cal Hamster Circuit, a name that combines the counties represented in our group. Last night was our latest meeting. After sharing our prayer joys and concerns, we divided into groups to brainstorm ideas for enhancing the growth of ministries across all our churches. The ministry areas we focused on included lay leadership, children and youth, and missions. There are about a dozen churches in our circuit, each varying in size and spread across several counties. The collective wisdom shared during our discussions was truly Spirit-driven! We found it difficult to conclude our group discussions and are looking forward to solidifying our plans at our next meeting.

It was a good reminder to me that in our diversity we can accomplish more than when we work in isolation. I think that's what the Apostle Paul was referring to when he wrote about the need for Christians to live and work together as the Body of Christ. All the members are necessary for the body to function well!

*Grace and Peace, Pastor Bobbie*



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## PRAYER LIST

Don & Elaine Cassady  
 Ralph Ewing  
 Terry Lee  
 Lois Martin  
 Katrina O'Brien  
 Linda Pingel  
 Steve Roe  
 Ilene Smith  
 Bill Cunningham brother of  
 Jean Warg  
 Joann Whittington  
 Gary Winkler

Sharon Perkins  
 Martina Hanselman  
 Bill Messerly  
 Norma Hughett  
 Ryan Bernie  
 Ernie & Cathy Jones

Please let 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

2	Ryan Moeller
2	Mark Wills
3	Elijah Yates
4	Danielle Rogers
6	David Kilian
6	Emma Totten
7	Eric Pratt
8	Gretta Pratt
8	Sabrynn Ulrich
10	Lane McIntyre
14	Ellie Doster
14	Joan Feddersen
14	Barb Smith
14	Joann Whittington
15	Jobina Kirby
21	Peggy Barkhaus
22	Taylor Chansler
24	Brett Friesth
27	Michael Harvey
28	Koen Netz

## February Anniversaries

3	Dean & Kandis Fryar
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## The Ministry of United Methodist Apportionments:

The main way we support the church ministries is through our apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the churchwide budget to conferences and local churches.

For United Methodists, this method of giving has become a strong, generous tradition.

Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district, or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. In this way, each individual, each family, and each congregation gives a fair share of the church's work. We combine our prayers, presence, gifts, and service to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people.

Contributions for apportionments is often misunderstood, simply because people don't know where the funds are allocated. So each newsletter will include a description of the apportionment programs. Let's start with three more of the 13 Conference Apportionment Ministries:

**Board of Camps, Conference and Retreat Ministries** apportioned funds subsidize the two United Methodist Church camps within Iowa. Without these funds the camps would need to generate more income, probably by charging higher registration fees.

**Board of Church and Society** strives to inform every United Methodist about the contents of the United Methodist Social Principles and seeks to educate Iowans about the issues of peace and justice.

**Board of Discipleship** is responsible for five specific core areas: Christian Education, Evangelism, Spiritual Formation, Stewardship and Worship. In addition, the Board provides support and resources to local churches and local church leaders through regional and conference-wide learning experiences. Check in March for more information!

## Finance

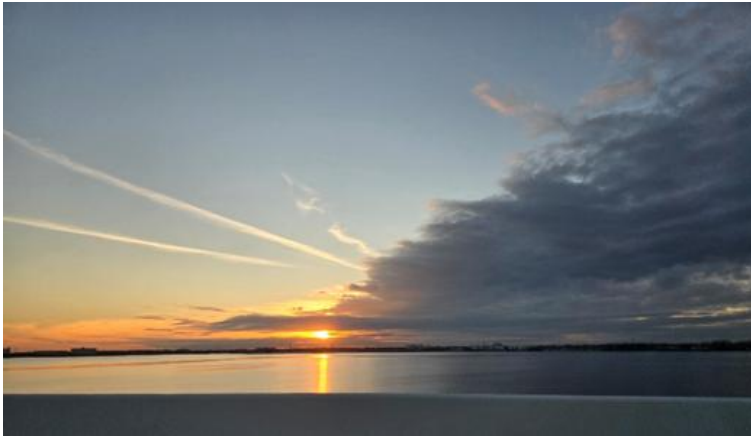
For the 2024 year we received \$222,597 for general fund expenses that were budgeted. We had general fund planned expenses of \$288,896 that was paid out in 2024 of which 97% of that amount paid out was towards: our apportionment obligation, salaries and wages as well as bookkeeping services, trustees' expenses for: insurance, property upkeep and maintenance, and then office supplies rounded out the 97% of our general planned expenses. We hope we are blessed again by our congregation in 2025 to meet our planned general fund expenses.

Feel free to check in with any of the Finance Committee members and feel free to attend any of our meetings if you have any questions.

Thank you, **Kraig Barber**  
 Finance Chair



## Shine Your Light! Highlights from Laura



I am so thankful for my time away in January. Spending time marveling God's creation from the Arizona deserts lined with purple mountains to the endless ocean waves in the Florida gulf. Wow! Our God is an AWE-some God. I was able to stay with dear friends and family sharing memories and making new ones filled with laughter and tears.

Loving the simple things of life that bring great joy.



The high school Bible study group recently selected a “**star word**” in a belated celebration of Epiphany. Each one chose a single, meaningful word that will serve as a guiding principle or intention throughout the coming year along with an accompanying Bible verse. Words like steadfast, integrity, growth, and optimism were carefully selected. These words mirror how the stars guided the Magi to the baby Jesus. Once chosen, the star word is meant to be contemplated and used as a focus for prayer and personal growth throughout the year. What is your star word for 2025?

JAM (Jesus and Me) began the new year celebrating the **most famous child** of the Bible, **Jesus, with a birthday party** for all the children.



Party hats, blowouts, balloons, birthday cake and a challenge to grow like Jesus did from Luke 2:52, “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” It was a great night to celebrate!



Happy Birthday to you.  
Remember Jesus loves you.  
May God's richest blessings  
Be always with you!

### WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT?

**FEBRUARY 2: YOUTH GROUP (6<sup>TH</sup> – 12 GRADERS)**  
It's LOVE YOUR FAMILY night. Parents and younger siblings are invited to attend from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### FEBRUARY 9: SOUPER BOWL LUNCH @ 11AM



The youth will host a 3rd **Annual SOUPER BOWL LUNCH** as a mission trip fundraiser on **Sunday, February 9th at 11 am** (following worship). **Sample or take it to go, a variety of homemade soups. Vote**

**with a dollar or more for your favorite kind.** 2024 favorites; Chicken Bacon Ranch, Tator Tot and Asian Dumpling. **Anyone can donate a crockpot of soup for the contest!** Let Laura know by February 7. M'm Good! M'm Good!

### FEBRUARY 17:

#### **RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY.**

Invite a friend to join you spreading kindness and good will. Help a neighbor, donate used items, share your skills, reach out to someone in need, care for the environment, etc.

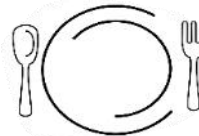
### FEBRUARY 21-23:

#### **TENTATIVE KC URBAN PLUNGE**

A High School youth mission trip weekend. Limit 10. Contact Laura for more info.

### FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19 & 26: STOP & GO SUPPER

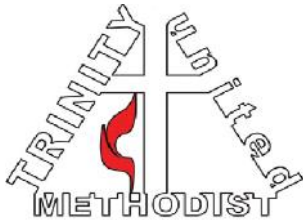
Serving from 5 – 5:45 pm. Fellowship Hall. Suggested offering: \$5 each or \$15 a family. Menu posted on Trinity's Facebook page on Tuesdays and emailed to members & friends Wed by noon.



### COMING LATE SPRING: THE 2025 GAB SALE

Church family and friends, once again the youth will host an annual Garage, Attic and Basement Sale to raise funds for the summer mission trips. As you sort through your treasures, we will gladly accept your donations. **NO ADULT CLOTHES.** Thank you!

Contact Laura if ?s.



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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Communion 5:30pm Worship - Casual
2 Communion Potluck 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream 6:00pm Youth Group	3 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 1:00pm RSVP BASE Fitness	4 9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:00pm Missions Committee Meeting	5 <b>Accountant Here</b> 10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:30pm JAM 3:45pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Stop & Go Supper 6:30pm Youth Bible Study	6 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 9:30am Community Bible Study 1:00pm RSVP Base Fitness 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm SPPRC Meeting	7 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	8 10:00am Missions Loom 5:30pm Worship - Casual
9 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream 11:00am Souper Bowl Lunch	10 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom 1:00pm RSVP BASE Fitness 5:30pm Outreach/ Evangelism Meeting	11 9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:45pm Finance Committee Meeting 6:00pm FD Quilters Guild 6:45pm Ad Council Meeting	12 10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:30pm JAM 3:45pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Stop & Go Supper 6:30pm Youth Bible Study	13 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 9:30am Community Bible Study 1:00pm RSVP Base Fitness 6:30pm Bible Study	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness 10:00am Missions Loom	15 5:30pm Worship - Casual
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