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

Mission Committee

A huge Thank You to those who donated items for Cooper and Duncombe Schools. Some of the blankets have been taken to Cooper School and some of the gloves, shoes and underwear have been delivered to Duncombe School. Both of the school nurses were grateful for the donations and very thankful.

Thanks to those who have contributed to the Heifer International Project to purchase animals. Currently \$1,567 has been received. The children, who attend JAM, want the money in the quarter tubes to go toward purchasing chickens.



Presently we are finishing up weaving our 12th sleeping mat for homeless people. Ten mats have been distributed through The Salt Center, Salvation Army, Community Health Clinic, Beacon of Hope, and Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Jefferson, IA. We will continue to work on the plastic mats from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Monday and Friday, except not on Monday, January 11 when we will work on making them from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, January 20th from 10:00 a.m. to noon, we will also work on weaving the mats.

At the wrap-up zoom session for the Iowa Ingathering, we learned that the student kits from our church will be shipped to Peru and Jamaica soon. Our committee voted again to host the Ingathering on November 2, 2024. Please mark that day on your 2024 calendars.

Our next Mission Committee meeting will be Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Jayne Cassidy and Carol Etzel, Co-chairs



Saturday Worship– **5:30p**
Sunday Worship– **9:30a**
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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.



Jared, Ryan, and Marty
 Your caroling was a total surprise. I love male voices and appreciated yours very much. Thanks to Ruth and Mark for the cookies—lots of them. Yum.
Blessings, Miriam

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

2	Mitch Sadler	18	Norma Hughett
3	Ted Dubois	18	Alan Lacina
3	Lawrence Hartley	19	Mallory Smith
3	Jenni Yenger	20	Amberly Habhab
4	Dave Anderson	22	Karen Nelson
4	Tillie Barber	23	Darin Larson
4	Ray Martin	23	Bob Menzel
5	Roberta Seil	24	Lynette Nielson
6	Jesse Dopita	25	Marie Feddersen
6	Jason Laird	25	Charles Shelton
7	Pat Lohmeier	25	Taylor Siems
9	Charlotte Breeser	25	Travis Thompson
9	Linda Lasher	26	Ralph Ewing
10	Deb Andersen	26	Earl Herndon
10	Ryan Rippentrop	27	Alyssa Faiferlick
11	Karen Hilpipre	27	Scott Kehrberg
11	Jamie Hynes	28	Jayne Cassidy
11	Tabitha Johnson	28	Keith Hanselman
11	Keagan Swenson	28	Terry Lee
12	Lisa Moeller	28	Matthew Oberhelman
13	Kathy Arends	29	Robert Jasper
14	Brian Murman	29	Alexander Kitterman
15	Grant Barber	29	Staci Laird
15	Bob Irwin	30	Ralph Bryan
15	Rhonda Olson	30	Kennedy Jo Kuhn
15	Amelia Pratt	30	Bob Ropte
17	Andrew Arends	31	DJ Campney
17	Drew Arends		

10	David & Elaine Kilian
21	Adam & Kimberly McCrady

Memorial Committee

Happy New Year
 I know the school year is only half over but I am sure you Seniors are starting to make your plans for next year. If you have plans for continuing your education by attending college, remember Trinity offers scholarships. If you are interested, please visit the office and ask Madeline for a form to fill out. All scholarships must be submitted by March 31st. Have a great second semester.

Patsy Pukacz



The Church is no longer collecting pop/beer cans. We kindly ask that you refrain from bringing them to the church. We appreciate your understanding.

Trinity Women's Missions

It is hard to believe another year draws to a close. In reflection of 2023, I think of the following verse:

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any virtue and if there is anything worthy of praise—dwell on these things.

We were blessed with another great year. December found us serving the Retired School Personnel Luncheon on December 4th and we had 33 ladies attending our Christmas Brunch on December 9th, enjoying the fellowship of the season. And many thanks to all of TUMC women's hard work in 2023. We will have over \$3,500 to donate to causes and projects in our community at this Christmas time. This is in addition to the \$1021. which was donated earlier.

May God's Peace be with all!
Skip Campney

Finance Committee

Today, Friday December 29th is the last day that the church office is open to make any contributions to 2023. Ask your tax advisor if they can be mailed if post marked the 29th or 30th to count for 2023 if received in the church office after January 1st. The office staff opening any mail immediately into the new year will watch for checks dated before the end of 2023 and post marked in 2023. Your accountant is the best source to verify with, but time is about out (or time is out if you receive this in 2024). There is a service on Saturday the 30th and Sunday the 31st that contributions can be brought to count for 2023. Thank you for your past commitment and we look forward to seeing you in 2024! Happy New Year!



The Finance Committee

Leadership Training Workshop

Our circuit will host a Leadership Training workshop for any United Methodist Church. You don't have to be a part of our circuit to participate. The Leadership Training will be on Saturday, January 13, from 9a-2p, right here at Trinity UMC. Each participant can attend up to 2 sessions led by one of our ordained elders. Each session will be approximately 45 minutes, and you will have 15 minutes to find the next session, use the restroom, grab a cinnamon roll, chat with a friend, etc.

Our current leadership list needs to fill a few vacancies, so this would be an excellent opportunity to hear about what each team does to see if it is for you! If you are planning to attend, please let the office know. It would be embarrassing to run out of cinnamon rolls! Thank you!

"Sneak Preview" Fresh Expressions Training

We will have an opportunity for a "Sneak Preview" Fresh Expressions Training on Thursday, January 18, 2024 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This will be held at Algona UMC, 201 E Nebraska, Algona, Iowa.

Our presenter, Rev. Dr. Russ Jacobsen is a working pastor presenting this as a practitioner aiming to get his own congregation on board with Fresh Expressions. Clergy and key lay leaders are invited to attend and the training is free, but registration is required. You can register online at <https://iaumc-reg.brtapp.com/SneakPreviewFreshExpressionsTraining>.

Epiphany Service at First United Methodist Church with Bishop Kennetha

Friends, the culmination of our Unrelenting Grace at this study will be an Epiphany Service of Commitment and Healing where we will come together for worship and to recognize the coming of the light of Christ into the world.

The service will be held at First United Methodist Church in Fort Dodge on January 7th at 3 p.m. Join us for this time of connection and commitment as we focus on the ways in which the light of Jesus Christ can be a healing balm for us and for the world.

Bishop Kennetha



NEW YEAR THOUGHTS! :) Laura

Read this prayer written by Paul for the people in Ephesus. It is a perfect written prayer for us as we begin a new year. "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe." Ephesians 1:18-19a

As a believer, we are always in need of the Holy Spirit to enlighten the eyes of our heart to the great truths of the Bible. We don't want to be ignorant of God's word but rather as we study the Bible be praying, "Lord, enlighten the eyes of my heart so that I may know, love and obey your better!"

Where can you find hope? Without Jesus there is no hope. We are called according to God's purpose, so we know that He is actively working all things together for our good, both in time and in eternity (Romans 8:28) So even in the most difficult trials, we can be filled with hope.

God wants you to know what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. Paul wants us to get a glimpse of our glorious future so that we will live in light of it now. This great power God offers us as believers has many properties. This power saves us. It enables us to persevere through trials. It allows us to overcome temptation and live in holiness. This power helps us serve him faithfully, strengthens us for what he has called us to do, and to keep us to the end! Ask, believe, and receive this power. ***Blessings, Laura***

WHAT'S COMING NEXT!

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES RESUME ON JANUARY 31st. Pastor Jena and I are taking vacation days in January so the regular Wednesday night schedule; JAM and More JAM, Stop & Go Supper, and Youth Bible studies will officially **resume on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.** Reminder texts will be sent to keep you up to date.

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

The youth group tied 5 new fleece blankets for Cooper Elementary students in need. The church family added at least 40 more for especially 3rd graders. Our youth also prepared and delivered a meal to The Beacon for our monthly challenge to Shine our Light Bright in the community. The annual Christmas party with a gift exchange included the game of Checkers and shaving cream. It is safe to say everyone had a frosty good time!

The JAM and More JAM students shared "The Christmas Story According to Us" on December 20th. A great crowd of parents, church members and friends filled the sanctuary as they literally saw the last practice of the Christmas program as the program. Chili and Cinnamon rolls were served after the drama. Here are a few "angelic" pictures to capture the kids' Christmas joy!



(L) Ava Marie, (R) Maiya



The JAM kids end with "What a Mighty God we Serve"!



Youth group made and delivered a meal to The Beacon.

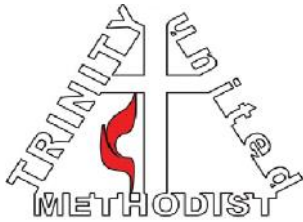
Teagan designs a shaving cream crown for Ella.



Archie hangs his ornament made during JAM for the Happy Birthday Jesus tree.

January 2024

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:00pm Missions Committee	3 10:00am Coffee with Friends	4 8:30am Trinity Bible Study	5 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness	6 Communion Epiphany 5:30pm Worship - Casual
7	Communion 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream 3:00pm Epiphany Service at First UMC with Bishop Kennetha	8 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness	9 9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:30pm PD Quilters Guild 5:30pm SPPRC Meeting	10 Accountant Here 10:00am Coffee with Friends	11 8:30am Trinity Bible Study 5:00pm Mission Committee Loom	12 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness	13 5:30pm Worship - Casual
14	9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream	15 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness	16 9:00am Trinity Quilters	17 10:00am Coffee with Friends	18 8:30am Trinity Bible Study	19 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness	20 Newsletter Articles DUE Blood Pressure Checks 10:00am Mission Committee Loom 5:30pm Worship - Casual
21	Blood Pressure Checks 9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream	22 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness	23 9:00am Trinity Quilters	24 Accountant Here	25 8:30am Community Bible Study 8:30am Trinity Bible Study	26 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness	27 5:30pm Worship - Casual
28	9:30am Worship - Blended / Livestream	29 9:00am RSVP BASE Fitness	30 9:00am Trinity Quilters 5:30pm Finance Committee 6:45pm Ad Council	31 10:00am Coffee with Friends 3:30pm JAM 3:30pm More JAM 5:00pm Stop-Go Supper 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 8:10pm High School 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
1	Rom 1-2	Gen 1-3	Josh 1-5	Ps 1-2	Job 1-2	Isa 1-6	Matt 1-2
2	Rom 3-4	Gen 4-7	Josh 6-10	Ps 3-5	Job 3-4	Isa 7-11	Matt 3-4
3	Rom 5-6	Gen 8-11	Josh 11-15	Ps 6-8	Job 5-6	Isa 12-17	Matt 5-7
4	Rom 7-8	Gen 12-15	Josh 16-20	Ps 9-11	Job 7-8	Isa 18-22	Matt 8-10
5	Rom 9-10	Gen 16-19	Josh 21-24	Ps 12-14	Job 9-10	Isa 23-28	Matt 11-13
6	Rom 11-12	Gen 20-23	Judg 1-6	Ps 15-17	Job 11-12	Isa 29-33	Matt 14-16