

# The Prayerside Times

Iron Mountain Trinity & Quinnesec United Methodist Churches  
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## October and God's Glory

By Pastor Brian R. Lightner

Greetings, Church! October has arrived and that means a couple of considerations for us, here in the beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Firstly, it means we are moving from warmer weather to chillier weather. October, much like May, transitions from one way of living in and around nature to another. Secondly, October brings with it the realization that a new year is approaching, but it is still a way off into the foreseeable distance. Likewise, this fall and the beginning of winter, we prepare ourselves for All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and the New Year. In many ways our faith journey with Christ can be understood in light of what it is to be like the month of October. Christians experience transitions in their faith walk. These transitions are much like the natural transitions that take place in autumn of any year. They are inevitable as faith matures and grows. Autumn and winter transitions are like spiritual transformations, they occur no matter what because time marches on.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NRSV) states, "(17) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (18) And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit." October is known as a month where all the leaves fall from the trees. In the October of our faith journeys, we are losing the leaves in our own lives. These leaves are places that dim our view of God. These leaves are the places in our lives that hide God's glory and keep us away from freedom that sees God's glory.

Here is a guiding prayer for you for the next few months. You can find it also in the United Methodist Hymnal #412. This prayer is known as the *Prayer of John Chrysostom*. This prayer captures that salvation is pardoning justification for us now and for everlasting life. In this life now we can only see a part of God's glory because of the limitedness of the world around us. However, salvation enables us to do good work because we know that we have been saved by

grace through faith alone. We do our good work as the seasons change. We remember that in Him, someday we will finally get to see God's full glory.

## Prayer of John Chrysostom (UMH #412)

*(The Book of Common Prayer/  
5<sup>th</sup> Century/Matthew 18:19-20)*

Almighty God,  
You have given us grace at this time.  
With one accord to make our supplication to you.  
And you have promised  
through your well-beloved Son.  
That when two or three are  
gathered together in his name,  
You will be in the midst of them.  
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires, and petitions.  
As may be best for us.  
Granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,  
And in the age to come life everlasting.  
In Jesus' Name. Amen.



**The 2023 Charge Conference for Quinnesec and Trinity UMCs, with Dist. Superintendent Rev. Scott Harmon, will be Saturday, October 21, at 1:30 p.m., at Quinnesec United Methodist Church, 677 Division St., Quinnesec.**

It's a time each year to highlight ways that we have grown as congregations and ministered to our communities. There are also business items that need to be voted on for 2024.

Everyone is welcome. All professing members can vote. If you have business to bring to the Charge Conference, please call (906)774-2545, so it can be added to the agenda.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet with the District Superintendent at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom on Wednesday, October 18.

## Quinnesec UMC's information...

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Oct. 4 Robert & Janet Nanninga  
19 Mary Crankshaw  
22 Corey Jenness  
31 David Soderbloom, Beverly Soderbloom
- Nov. 2 Mike Cronick  
12 Mary Tachick  
26 Louisa Schalow (Hansen)  
28 Virginia Yarck
- Dec. 12 Loren Potter  
25 Larry Yarck

**Please join us for Fellowship Sunday** on the third Sunday of every month (October 15, November 19, and December 17). Coffee and snacks will be served downstairs as we enjoy fellowship time together.

**Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed, Saturday, November 4!**



**Hanging of the Greens** will be Sunday, November 26, after church. All are welcome to stay and help decorate the sanctuary! We will enjoy soup and sandwiches downstairs after decorating.



### Jean's Little Library

By Julie Cootware

"Jean's Little Library" has been placed in front of Quinnesec United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Division and River Streets in Quinnesec, in memory of Jean Rose.

The free library contains bibles and devotionals, as well as a variety of books for children and adults. Anyone may take a book free of charge or bring a book to share. Books do not have to be returned.

Jean loved her church and her community and cared deeply for others. We hope to encourage reading by offering the free library in our community and carry on Jean's legacy of love and caring for others. All are welcome to stop by at any time, take a book to enjoy, or leave a book to share.



## Trinity UMC's information...

### Nurturing Community

#### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Oct. 3 Michael Hunt  
4 Graham Harry  
6 Zola Hilyard  
8 Scott Trevillian, Tony & Megan Flaminio  
10 Ezra Hilyard, Sue Paternoster, Tim Swanson  
Beverly Wright  
11 Kayle & Jen Ahola, John & Joyce Erickson  
12 Tim Driscoll, Karen Paupore, Monica Thoney  
13 Stephen Hodgins  
14 Matt & Jen Gauthier  
15 Vincent Cavalieri  
16 Zoe Reddinger  
17 Chris Summerfield  
19 Tony Flaminio, Brigid Kennedy, Pam Smart  
20 Alan Moore  
22 Peter Daugherty, Debra Grailer  
Steve & Jan Davidson  
23 Laura Fortner  
24 Patty Rose  
28 Raeanne Wilcox  
30 Tom Slagle  
31 Derek Fortner

- Nov. 1 Denise DeLano, Sarah Marshall  
2 Pat Barbeau  
3 Cliff Schaut, Dustin Schaut  
Brad & Krista Harry  
6 Carol Calcari  
Drew & Mary Heather Champagne  
9 Erika Mattson  
10 Suzanne Harry  
11 Brad Strehlow  
14 Bob Peterson  
16 Joyce Erickson, Boyd Thomas  
17 Michael Grailer  
20 Greta Betti, Mary Heather Champagne  
22 Brian Tirschel  
23 Mark Uren  
24 Sam Bilgreen  
25 Carol Pezzullo  
26 Mike Bruns  
28 Bob & Moira Cowling  
29 Bruce & Beth Clark  
30 Dean Laitinen

- Dec. 1 Bob Bowman  
2 Hope Ann Blagec, Casey Hansley  
Heidi Harwell, Ariciana Paupore  
Joyce Trevillian  
4 Gracie Hilyard  
5 Lucy Shampo  
6 Delaney Fortner  
7 Deb Saul  
8 Kim Mashak  
12 Cassidy Schaut  
13 Mary Yeadon  
14 Dayna Hodgins, Carol LaFave, Adam Ryan  
17 Jim & Bonnie Talerico  
19 Lauren Smart, Frank Trumbell  
21 Celeste Bancroft, Daniel Kuder  
Jerry & Heidi Harwell  
22 Ron Deloria, Holland Maki  
23 Noelle Champagne, Jon Harry  
27 Don Richards Jr.  
29 Sophia Hayes, Paul & Kim Mariucci  
29 Riley Gauthier, Kim Wilcox

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**Hospitalized since our last issue:** Larry Bonicatto, Gretchen Bowers, Jon Harry, Suzanne Harry, Ken Saul.

**Longtime Trinity member Pauline Hill** died September 7. Her funeral will be November 18.

**Ken Saul** is now at Freeman's Nursing Home in Kingsford.

**Best wishes** to Chris and Sarah Cavalieri, who were married June 23 in Marquette.

**Congratulations** to Brad and Krista Harry on the birth of a son, Aiden Jay, on May 23. Grandparents are Jay and Kerri Harry. Great-grandparents are Marvin and Carolyn Harry.

**Congratulations** to Jerry and Heidi Reddinger, who have a new grandson. Rylan Thomas Reddinger was born June 3 to Andy and Julie Reddinger.

**Congratulations** to Jon and Suzanne Harry, who have a new grandson. Benson Jon George was born July 28 to Dan and Tressa George. Great-grandparents are Marvin and Carolyn Harry.



**Our Autumn Market event** is Saturday, October 21, from 10 to 1. Enjoy a slice of pie and coffee. Also for sale will be baked goods, soup, cheese ravioli, pecans, cashews, knitted and crocheted items, jewelry, crafts, and Rada knives.



## ***Trinity UMC's information...***

**“Trinity UMC’s Vacation Bible School 2023 was a success!** A huge thank you to all the volunteers. We had 21 children participating. I am already looking forward to next year!” –Lea Varda

**All Saints Sunday is November 5.** We’ll honor the members of our church who have died since last year’s All Saints Sunday. They are Shirley Allen, Tammy Barnes, Ellsworth Carlson, Mike Clark, Mary Ann Harding, and Dolly Richards.

And we’ll remember these friends of the church—James Byrne, Bob Giombetti, Kevin Johnson, Ted Mattson, Jim Saxon, and Louis Walters.

Are there others you’d like us to honor? Please call the office, (906)774-2545.

**Movie Nights are the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.** Come watch a great movie and enjoy free pop and popcorn. The October 10 movie is I’ve Heard the Bells; the November 14 one is Jesus Revolution; and the December 12 movie is God’s Not Dead.



**Trinity’s Hanging of the Greens** is Saturday, November 25, at 10:00 a.m. Come and help decorate the church for Advent.

**“Dear TUMC and the Marie Uren family:** Thank you for choosing me as a recipient of the 2023 Marie Uren/TUMC scholarship. I am truly blessed. I am excited to start my senior year and 13-month internship in July. With the completion, I will graduate with a BS Radiation Technology Therapist degree. Thank you again.” –Mary Slagle

**“Thank you** so much for selecting me for the Marie Bleecker scholarship. I feel so lucky to be a part of such a supportive congregation. This generous scholarship will help me greatly in the future. I will use it to build my education and help others. God bless, and thank you again.”—Baylee Koski

**“Thank you** very much for selecting me for the Marie Uren Scholarship. The donations given to the church every year for this scholarship are so generous, and I feel so blessed to be awarded the scholarship. This congregation has been so welcoming and supportive throughout the years, and this church is so important to me. Thank you and God bless.”—Baylee Koski

## **Thank-you note from Pastor Geri Hamlen, June 26, 2023**

Greetings to the faithful Trinity people. It has taken me this long to get wi-fi set up, and now I want to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who:

- helped me pack boxes. I rejoice as I recognize your handwriting on the boxes!
- sent me cards, gave me gifts, took me out to eat, brought me food. You are truly a nurturing community!
- put together the Open House, which was wonderful!
- called, prayed, spoke, and wished me well...even if we didn’t have a chance to talk!
- cared deeply about my Kamali kitty cat who is having an adventure without me...*sigh*. A special shout out to John and Bonnie for going above and beyond with breaking open ductwork and contacting the animal shelter. So much drama!
- served God faithfully side by side with me all of those nine years.

In all of this I see meaningful service lived out by the beautiful, beloved children of God at Trinity UMC. A thousand thank yous are not enough for the gratitude I feel. And I have a new email address you can reach me at: [revgerigh@gmail.com](mailto:revgerigh@gmail.com). I’ve stopped using the [pastorimtrinity@gmail.com](mailto:pastorimtrinity@gmail.com) one. Blessings to all...God’s peace as you too journey into your next adventure with Pastor Brian.

## ***Financial Stability***

*Goal: The current congregation provides offerings sufficient to meet current costs/expenses.*

**Thank you** for continuing to turn in cash register tapes from Tadych’s Market Place and Super One Foods. Money that we receive for the tapes goes to the General Fund. Collection boxes are at the Carpenter Ave. entrance and on the bulletin board by the west door to the Sanctuary.



## Trinity UMC's information...

### Meaningful Service



Noisy Offerings at Trinity UMC are collected the second Sunday of each month.

Your coins go to the Mission of the Month. Thanks for your generosity!

**A special thank you** to Blair Daugherty and John Erickson for changing the oil in the elevator, which saved the church more than \$10,000.

### **October's Mission of the Month is World**

**Communion Sunday.** Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of Communion with God and one another. On World Communion Sunday, United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in Communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday.

Your donation supports racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities. People in the United States and internationally benefit. Scholarships, grants, and training helps seminary students, graduate students, clergy leadership, and in-service training.

– Mary Yeadon

### **November's Mission of the Month is The Salvation**

**Army.** It's a Protestant Christian church of Methodist origin and an international charitable organization headquartered in London, England. Worldwide membership is over 1.7 million. Its founders sought to bring salvation to the poor, destitute, and hungry by meeting both their physical and spiritual needs.

The Salvation Army provides many services to the needy, including rent, mortgage, and utility assistance; homeless shelters; rehabilitation; human trafficking solutions; services for veterans and the aging; domestic abuse help; summer camps; food pantries; disaster relief; spiritual healing; job training; grassroots services; life skills training; and after-school programs. – Mary Yeadon

**December's Mission of the Month** is the Global Reconciliation Center, headquartered in Beaverton, Oregon. Their ministry consists of missions-based work in and around New Delhi, India, and their focus is breaking through the casteism that has overtaken the lives of people, leaving them feeling hopeless.

This breakthrough is the beginning of a new life with hope in Christ. One such effort is teaching women how to sew, with the goal of gaining long-term employment. Many of the people whose lives are being impacted by the Gospel are people who have gone their entire life without the hope that carries a believer. GCR's goal is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing hope and salvation to those who do not have it.

– Mary Yeadon

**“Thank you** for your gift of \$103.91 to the Society of St. Andrew, which finds abundance where others see scarcity and uses that abundance to feed all who are hungry.” –Roland Fernandes, General Secretary, General Board of Global Ministries  
*(This was our March 2023 Mission of the Month.*

### **Feeding America trucks** this fall include:

- Thursday, October 5, 3 p.m., at Grace United Methodist Church, 130 Odill Dr., Norway.
- Wednesday, November 29, 9 a.m., at Ever After Event Center, 420 N. Hooper St., Kingsford.
- Thursday, December 7, 3 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 130 Odill Dr., Norway.

### **Sewing Ministry**

PJ's for People completed 2022 by sewing 250 pairs of pajama pants that were shared with Dickinson County charities. Their needs were satisfied.



We initiated a sewing class for junior high students. They completed a lovely tote bag. The 4-H coordinator was approached, and we were accepted as the “Sew Fun Club.” This summer, a third student and Joyce Erickson joined. We made decorative pillowcases. One student entered these items in the county fair.

This fall, we will learn how to follow a sewing pattern and make PJ pants (of course). A skirt may follow. During the transition, we began making banners on behalf of the Worship Committee. The topics are the Trinity and the Methodist Church logo. These may be completed before the holiday season. Lesser banners were also made for the 4-H county fair events. – Mary Yeadon

**Information on both churches...**

**Quinnesec United Methodist Church**

Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m., (906)774-7971  
677 Division St., P.O. Box 28, Quinnesec, MI 49876  
Pastor Brian's office hours: Thursdays, 9 to noon  
Organist/pianist: Lois Outcalt  
Technology: Jim Nelson, Steve Phare



**Trinity United Methodist Church**

Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m., (906)774-2545  
808 Carpenter Ave., Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
imtrinity.org [imtrinityumc@gmail.com](mailto:imtrinityumc@gmail.com),  
facebook.com/imtrinityumc  
Pastor Brian's office hours: Monday, message-writing at  
the parsonage (feel free to call); Tuesday & Wednesday,  
9 to 2 at the church  
Secretary: Sally Verley  
Custodian: Larry Marlett  
Choir Director: Jeremiah Garrigues-Cortelyou  
Organist/pianist: Boyd Thomas  
Praise Band: Gretchen Bowers, Drew Champagne,  
Jerry Harwell  
Movie Night: Jerry Harwell & Bob Peterson  
Technology: Kathryn Bilgreen, Jeremiah Garrigues-  
Cortelyou, Dean Laitinen

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**Christmas Eve** falls on Sunday,  
December 24, 2023.

We will celebrate the Fourth  
Sunday of Advent in the morning  
(9 a.m. at Quinnesec UMC, and 10:30 a.m.  
at Trinity UMC).

Later that day, we will  
celebrate Christmas Eve  
(4 p.m. at Quinnesec, and  
6 p.m. at Trinity UMC).



*“For all those who  
exalt themselves  
will be humbled,  
and those who  
humble themselves  
will be exalted.”*



LUKE 18:14, NIV

*The deadline to turn in items for Sunday  
bulletins is Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Please call  
Sally at (906)774-2545, or email them to  
[imtrinityumc@gmail.com](mailto:imtrinityumc@gmail.com).*