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Camp Michigamme Youth Camp Schedule for 2023

June 14-17	Elementary Camp, 3 rd -6 th grade
June 18-24	Senior High Camp, 10 th -12 th grade
June 25-July 1	Junior High Camp, 6 th -9 th grade
July 7-8	Teddy Bear Camp, age 4-2 nd grade
July 9-14	Disneyverse, 3 rd -9 th grade
July 15-22	Games Leadership Camp
July 16-21	Games Camp, 3 rd -9 th grade
July 23-29	Science and Music Camp, 6 th -12 th grade
July 30-Aug. 5	Water Games, 3 rd -9 th grade



Register by visiting CampMichigamme.org/Register. Please call the church office, (906)774-2545, if you've registered for Camp Michigamme; our Camp Scholarship Fund will cover half of your camp fees!

Camp Michigamme is hiring summer help from June 7 to August 6. Open positions include Program Director, Hospitality Manager, Head Lifeguard, and Cabin Counselors. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board outside the church office. Apply at CampMichigamme.org/Staff.

Facebook Live Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Go to <https://www.facebook.com/imtrinityumc>

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Pastor's Ponderings

2023 is moving through this winter season with windy snow storms followed by brilliant sunshine and blue skies. Here at Trinity, we continue to seek the movement of God's Holy Spirit in this community of faith. The financial challenges of 2022 have made it clear that the past is NOT necessarily the best predictor of the future. (Of course, there is a connecting thread of grace-filled generosity through the wonderful monetary gifts that are part of the this Church's history both past and recent!) At the same time, duplicating the past doesn't seem either possible or effective as a way forward.

Trinity has rich and vivid memories of Sunday School and Youth Groups and Women's Teas and potlucks. The Sanctuary is saturated with the fading vibrations of beautiful choir music and inspiring worship events and pews filled with families and their children. The excitement of building renovations and restoration of pews is part of our heritage. Many of you can probably name other events and experiences of God's love that you remember happening here at this church.

The challenge is that the world around us has changed. The peak era for Church attendance and involvement is, by now, several decades behind us. The aging of the congregation is almost in lock-step with the increasing demands on children and families to participate in so many optional activities outside the church. The pandemic has altered our lifestyle in subtle and significant ways in terms of a reluctance to gather with large groups and an emphasis on 'staying safe' over 'taking risks.'

So where does that leave Trinity? We find ourselves in a season of contemplation and prayer as we seek God's guidance for our next steps. What would God have us do and be in this Dickinson County area to share God's love? How can we serve each other and the community with meaningful service in such a time as this? How can we adapt our worship to the needs of those who still come faithfully on Sunday mornings to experience the presence of our Risen Lord and the fellowship of those we know and love and maybe are just meeting for the first time? How can we maintain financial stability?

The Daydream Believers group that met on January 22 did wonderful work in putting together ideas for 'Writing the Next Chapters' at Trinity. See the light green sheet in this mailing that lists more than 50 concepts, projects, directions for us to consider as we look ahead. Adapting to change is not easy, but it can be exciting and life-giving. That's what I saw as we ate pizza and imagined a future for Trinity within the context of this current day and age. It was fun! **And we're going to do it again!**

Please save the date, Sunday March 19, to join us after church for a potluck meal, further discussion, and decisions. Your prayers, ideas, thoughts are valuable and important to us and to God. We are God's people for this time and place, being led to Spring, to Easter, to New Life! Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Pastor Geri

Engaging Worship, March 2023 Lent **God's Love is Shown in Amazing Grace**

Opening Music

Welcoming Words and Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day and Hymn of Grace

March 5 Psalm 121

March 12 Psalm 95

March 19 Psalm 23

March 26 Psalm 130

Children's Time for Young Christians

Sharing the Peace of the Lord with Each Other

Special Music: The Trinity UMC Choir

Scripture Readings & Preaching

March 5 Matthew 7:21 – 27 'Steadfast Love' Holy Communion

March 12 John 4:31 – 38, Exodus 17: 1 – 7 'Enriching Love'

March 19 1 John 4: 7 - 12, John 9: 1 – 41 'Living Love'

March 26 John 11:1-45, Isaiah 6: 1 – 7 'Holy Love'

Offering Our Gifts to God followed by *Doxology #99 'My Tribute'

Dedication of the Offering

Opportunities for Growing in Discipleship

Pastor Prayer followed by The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn of Hope and Commitment and Exit Music



The Staff Parish Minute



Greetings, Trinity! The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to feature this brief update and short paragraph in the *Trinity Times*, and on our Facebook page and website! It is called ***The Staff Parish Minute***. We will provide a brief update on what the SPRC is working on, make any announcements, and provide a way to contact SPRC members. The SPRC members for 2023 are Dean Laitinen, Beth Clark, Jeremiah Garrigues-Cortelyou, Renee Grunewald, and Paul Grenier. We will also plan to host some future coffee times before and after service, and provide ways for the congregation to submit feedback to the SPRC, which will be announced in future newsletters. God's blessings and happy March!

Nurturing Community—continued



The **Marie Uren Scholarship** will be awarded in May this year for the second time. \$500 will be offered to those in our congregation who are going to school for any health-related profession. The applications are available in the Church office and need to be returned to the office by May 1.

The **Marie Bleecker Scholarship of \$500** is for graduating high school seniors who have participated in Trinity UMC activities through their High School years. Those applications are already available in the Church office and must be turned in by May 1.

Norway Blood Drive, Wednesday, March 8, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Norway High School gym. For an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org, or call the High School at (906)563-9542. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Every 30 donations raise \$250 in Scholarship Dollars for Norway students.

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. A collection box is on the bulletin board by the west door to the Sanctuary.

Daydream Believers: Writing the Next Chapter for Trinity UMC

Stay after Church—**Sunday, March 19**—for a potluck lunch and more

Daydreaming about how God wants us to write the next chapters for Trinity.

Our Mission is clear, our hopes are high for sharing God's love.

Now we just have to figure out:

Which of the many wonderful ideas from the last meeting shall we concentrate on?

Which ones will help us to be both faithful to God and financially responsible?

Come and help!

Remember: The dreamers are not necessarily the doers. But...now that we have the ideas...we need some planning and action steps that will help us be the hands and feet and heart of Jesus Christ at Trinity and in the Community.

Let's come together and **Dream Big, God-sized Dreams!**

“**Congregation** and friends at Trinity, thank you so much for the kind words and support that were sent after Jim's passing. Thank you also for the wooden pocket cross. I have been carrying it with me everywhere I go to remind me that I am never alone. Your thoughts and prayers mean so much, and God's love will carry me through this. Bless you all.”

—Sue Saxon

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Finance Committee, Thursday, March 9, 6:30 p.m., ZOOM

Trustees, Monday, March 13, 6:00 p.m., in person

Engaged Ministry Team, Tuesday, March 14, 10:00 a.m.

Church Council, Monday, March 20, 6:30 p.m., ZOOM

Staff Parish Relations Committee, Tuesday, March 21, 4:00 p.m., ZOOM

Nurturing Community

March Birthdays & Anniversaries *(Please pray for them on their special day.)*

Mar. 1 Morgan Hilyard, Joseph Rietveld, Abby Ruble

2 Marsha Olson

6 Robert Hostettler, Halle Maki, Brian & Celeste Bancroft

7 Joyce Yuhasey

8 Michael Uren

9 Brooks Edlebeck, Marchella Mariucci, Lizzy Ryan

11 Dan & Joella Lindlbauer, Ken & Deb Saul

12 Trinity Blagec, Krista Harry

13 Brent Hostettler, Jonathan Ryan

15 Jackson Grenier, Miles Mulka, Kevin Waldbillig, Bill & Wilma Verrette

17 Chuck Kuder

18 Jennifer Ahola, Maria Hyrkas, Ada Maki, Cindie Trevillian

20 Francis Marshall

21 Steve & Roxanne Hudson, Dean & Robin Rose

22 Ruth Ann Badini, Tobias Bancroft, Tracy Blagec, Tim & Renee Grunewald

24 Malia Sleik

27 Henry Badini, Paul & Chris Langer

28 Clairice Strehlow

29 Carol Moore, Dennis Smart, Parker Summerfield



Hospitalized since our last issue: Neil Annear, Bill Uren

Our condolences to Jenny Rietveld, whose sister Jill Smith died January 29.

Our condolences to Ed and Jane Patrick, whose son Joshua Patrick died February 3.

A new small stone is on the Living Tree in the Gathering Room in memory of Robert, Joyce, and Diane Winston, from Carol LaFave.

Thank you to everyone who gave money for a leaf in memory of Ted Mattson.

“**Thank you** for all of the prayers for Russell. He is doing well!”—Dayna & Steve Hodgins

Meaningful Service



Noisy Offerings are collected the second Sunday of each month. Your coins are appreciated and go toward the Mission of the Month. Thanks for your generosity!

“Calling all sewing artists! I thank all sewing artists who helped with the Autumn Market PJ production. The fellowship was great. I am now asking for a few committed folks to share their time and talents, I understand that people are busy. Somewhat like Community Meals which have four teams that serve once a month, I am seeking four or more persons to serve on the sewing ministry team once a month. Maybe, maybe? Yah, no? Hey. What do you say?” –Mary Yeadon



March’s Mission of the Month is the Society of St. Andrew, a harvest gleaner group in Virginia. The disciple Andrew brought forth the boy with two fishes and a few loaves of bread. A multitude was satisfied.

The Society of St. Andrew is a group that finds abundance where others see scarcity and uses that abundance to feed all who are hungry. This is enabled by a network of farmers, volunteer gleaners, and distributors. A multitude is satisfied. Here at Trinity, we are pleased to feed those who feed others. Please give to the March Mission of the Month.

“Dear Trinity UMC: Thank you, friends, for your gift of \$300. Your gifts and prayers for our ministry make a difference. And it was so good to see you this fall!”

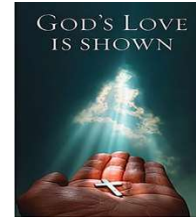
–Audra Hudson, Pastor and Director, Wesley Foundation at Central Michigan University
(*This was our July 2022 Mission of the Month.*)

“Thank you for your gift of \$335.25 for UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery. Since 1940, UMCOR has provided disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. 100% of your donation will go to those in need.”

– Grace and peace, Roland Fernandes, General Secretary, Global Ministries
(*This was our November 2022 Mission of the Month.*)



Spring Ahead! Turn your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed Saturday, March 11. Spring is coming!



Plan to attend 2023
Joint UMC Lenten Services

“God’s Love Is Shown”

Our worship series this year’s Lent and Holy Week delves into the rich and diverse aspects of our Lord’s love for us shown most clearly in the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Each service focuses specifically on a meaningful descriptor of God’s love and applies that description to the words and actions of our Lord who is God’s love incarnate come down to save.

Soup & Sandwich Dinner provided by host church at 6:00 p.m. Service at 7:00 p.m.

Date

Place & Speaker

Ash Wednesday, February 22

†REDEMPTIVE LOVE†

Norway Grace UMC

Rev. Jeff Gagne

Wednesday, March 1

†COMPASSIONATE LOVE†

Quinnesec UMC

Rev. Geri Hamlen

Wednesday, March 8

†STEADFAST LOVE†

Hermansville UMC

Rev. Walter Reichle

Wednesday, March 15

†ENRICHING LOVE†

Niagara Riverside UMC

Rev. Geri Hamlen

Wednesday, March 22

†LIVING LOVE†

Iron Mountain First UMC

Rev. Debra Spira

Wednesday, March 29

†HOLY LOVE†

Goodman UMC

Rev. Irene White

Maundy Thursday, April 6

†SELFLESS LOVE†

Faithorn UMC

Rev. Jeff Gagne

Celebration of Holy Communion

Jointly sponsored by:

Hermansville: First UMC (W5494 Second Street) – Rev. Jeff Gagne

Iron Mountain: First UMC (106 4th Street) & Quinnesec (677 Division) UMC – Rev. Walter Reichle

Iron Mountain: Trinity UMC (808 Carpenter) – Rev. Geri Hamlen

Niagara: Riverside UMC (1957 River Street) & Goodman (304 4th Street) – Rev. Debra Spira

Norway: Grace UMC (130 Odill Drive) & Faithorn UMC (County Road 577) – Rev. Irene White