

# The Chronicles of Trinity and Quinnesec UMCs

*A tale of two churches intertwined by faith,  
community, and the pursuit of a greater purpose.*

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## Timeline: Methodism in Black and White

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1758: John Wesley baptizes two “Negro slaves,” at least one woman, thus setting the pattern for receiving people of color into the societies and the church. These two return to Antigua to start the Methodist society in the “new world.”

1760’S: Anne Schweitzer, a black woman, becomes a founding member of the first Methodist society in Maryland. Two years later, another black woman, known to us only as Bettye, is one of five persons to attend the Methodist services inaugurated by Philip Embury in New York City. When the John Street Church is built in 1768, the names of several black subscribers appear on its roster.

1784: The Christmas Conference in Baltimore founds the Methodist Episcopal Church. Among those riding out to issue the call for the conference is “Black Harry” Hosier. Born a slave about 1750, Hosier receives a license to preach in 1785 and becomes one of the best preachers and most effective early circuit riders.

1790: Drawn by the Methodist Episcopal Church’s anti-slavery stand, blacks (slave and free) make up 20 percent of the 57,631 American Methodists.

1791: John Wesley dies. His last letter is one written to anti-slavery crusader William Wilberforce, urging him to “Go on, in the name of God and in the power of his might, till even American slavery (the vilest that ever saw the sun) shall vanish away before it.”

1794: Increasing segregation within churches causes Richard Allen to form the Bethel African Methodist

Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. In 1796, blacks walk out of John Street Church in New York and eventually build the Zion Chapel. Similar movements occur in other communities.

1805: The African Union Church is formed.

1816: The African Methodist Episcopal church is formed in Philadelphia. Richard Allen becomes its first bishop.

1819: John Stewart is named as the first missionary to the Wyandot Indians. A black man converted in 1814, he was engaged in this ministry for several years before obtaining a license to preach in 1819.

1821: The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church is formed in New York. James Varick is elected as first general superintendent.

1844: Rising tensions over slavery come to a head in the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church when Bishop James O. Andrew of Georgia is told to desist from the exercise of his office until he frees slaves passed down from his wife's estate.

1845: In a break along regional lines, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is formed in Louisville, Ky.

1858: The Liberia Conference elects Francis Burns as bishop. The first missionary bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he had served as a missionary to Liberia for 24 years.

1866: A group of black Methodists within the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, petition the General Conference for their orderly dismissal from that church.

1870: Those former members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, found the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in Jackson, Tenn.

1902: Susan Collins goes as a missionary to Angola where she is welcomed as “one of us” and serves 29 years.

1920: The Methodist Episcopal Church elects Robert E. Jones and Matthew W. Clair Sr. as bishops.

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1939: The Methodist Episcopal Church; the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and the Methodist Protestant Church unite to form The

Methodist Church. Blacks are segregated into a separate Central Jurisdiction.

1956: The General Conference, meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., adopts Amendment IX, allowing transfers of churches and conferences out of the Central Jurisdiction into geographical jurisdictions.

1968: The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church unite to form The United Methodist Church. As part of the plan of union, the Central Jurisdiction is abolished and formal segregation ended. Roy C. Nichols becomes the first African American to be elected bishop by a regional jurisdictional conference in the new United Methodist Church. Black Methodists for Church Renewal is organized. The General Commission on Religion and Race is formed, with Woodie White as the first African-American to head a United Methodist general agency.

1976: Mai Gray becomes the first African-American president of the Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries.

1977: Trudie Kibbe Preciphs becomes the first African-American member of the secretariat of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

1984: Leontine T.C. Kelly becomes the first African-American woman to be elected bishop.

1990: Charlotte Ann Nichols (Peninsula-Delaware Conference) and Joethel Jeannette Cooper Dicks (West Ohio) become the first African-American women district superintendents.

2000: General Conference delegates participate in a service of repentance for racism within the denomination.

2004: General Conference delegates celebrate the African-American witness and presence within The United Methodist Church and recognize "those who stayed" in spite of racism.

2008: 16.6 percent of the U.S. delegation to the 2008 General Conference are African-American.

2009: African-American United Methodists speak at the inauguration of the first African-American U.S. president. —*This timeline first appeared in New World Outlook, May-June 1992. Adapted by permission and updated by United Methodist Communications. Photo courtesy of New World Outlook.*

**Trinity UMC's Mission of the Month for February is God's Country Community Ministries.** This mission is part of our Northern Skies District. GCCM provides a wide range of services to a 2,500 square mile area of the Upper Peninsula.

Their office is in the Dunlap Center in an old school building that has been modified to house many of their services. They have a large dormitory and shower area to house mission teams who come to the area to assist residents.

GCCM hosts a thrift store at this location and maintains a list of needed items on their website. GCCM provides a hub for monthly Feeding America distributions, as well as special holiday food baskets for Christmas. GCCM provides additional community service in offering home repair services such as building wheelchair ramps and railings, and repair of roofing and flooring for those in need. The list of requested items needed by GCCS will be posted in the Gathering Room, as well as a basket to receive donations.

Please make your check payable to Trinity UMC, and indicate that it's for the Mission of the Month. Thank you for your generous giving.

—Your TUMC Engage MI team

### ***Thank-you note...***

December 30, 2024

Dear Friends at Quinnesec United Methodist Church,  
We can't thank you enough for your donation. When people ask what we need, I tell them everything a family of five needs times 10. We are a family here at the Mission, and your help is so vital to us. God continues to send us His broken children, and because of your help we can lead them back to Him.

The saying is —"It takes a village to feed a child." We average 45-50 residents and staff here on any given day. So, the African proverb means it takes a community of people to provide a safe and healthy environment. That also involves feeding them. And your support is crucial.

We trust in Him to supply our needs, and we know that He uses amazing people like you — our faithful supporters. We could not do what we do without your help. It is invaluable. We get to watch lives change and families restored. It is such a wonderful thing to be able to watch the light come back in someone's eyes that have been dimmed by hopelessness for so long. This is what the Lord has done.

— In Jesus' Love, All Your Friends and Family at Mission Bible Training Center

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### **February Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Feb. 6 Moira Cowling

9 Drew Champagne, Bryan Rietveld

10 Jon Harry

11 Ward & Joyce Trevillian

12 Sue Saxon

14 Courtney Edlebeck

15 Joanne Barnes, Thomas Sandberg

Kirk & Laura Fortner

16 Matthew Mashak

17 Jim Talerico

18 Phyllis Noordhoff

19 Brandon Aman

20 Dacia Rose, Don Rowell, Devon Rushford

22 Arlo Hayes, Lukas Schalow (Q)

27 Margaret Phillips  
 28 Lee Hyrkas  
 29 Brian & Debi Tirschel

**Hospitalized since our last issue:** Moira Cowling, Carolyn Harry

**Those in nursing homes or shut-ins are...**

*Evergreen:* Larry Bonicatto (T), Ethel Kovala (Q)  
*Freeman's:* Allen Alleva (T)  
*Maryhill Manor:* Anne Hansen (Q)  
*Optalis:* Carol Annear (T), Bob Bubloni (Q)  
*Pinecrest:* Joyce Yuhasey (T)  
*At home:* Lorene Nelson (Q), Sue Youngberg (T)

**Please join us at Quinnesec UMC for Fellowship Sunday, February 16,** after worship. Coffee and snacks will be served downstairs as we enjoy fellowship time together. Fellowship Sunday is the third Sunday of each month.

**Quinnesec's Ad Council will meet on Sunday, February 16, following Fellowship Time.**



**Piano schedule for QUMC:**  
**February 2 - Maribelle Adams**  
**February 9 - Sandi Adams**

**Joy Crafters meet on Mondays at**

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TRINITY UMC

**MOVIE NIGHT**

FREE

WED FEB 12 5:30 PM

FREE FELLOWSHIP | FREE POP | FREE POPCORN

**HARRIET**

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THE EXTRAORDINARY TALE OF HARRIET TUBMAN'S ESCAPE FROM SLAVERY AND TRANSFORMATION INTO ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST HEROES, WHOSE COURAGE, INGENUITY, AND BRAVERY FREED HUNDREDS OF SLAVES AND CHANGED THE COURSE OF HISTORY.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 CONTACT: 906-774-2545  
 CARPENTER AVE. IRON MOUNTAIN

**10:00 a.m. at Trinity UMC.** Bring your own craft, coloring book, scrapbooking materials, or whatever else you enjoy doing, and join us.

**Annual Lake Lundgren Outing**

On Sunday, February 2, we will have our annual fun get-together at Lake Lundgren Bible Camp! Everyone from QUMC, TUMC, and First Global are invited! It is a fun-filled afternoon with outdoor winter activities (weather permitting), including tubing, ice skating, cross-country skiing, broomball, and so much more!

We are hoping for snow this year, but even without snow last year, we had a fantastic time hiking, basking in the warm sunshine, and enjoying fellowship together in the beautiful outdoors. For those who prefer to stay indoors, there are board games, ping-pong, carpet pool, and a warm fireplace.



After our time of recreation, we will enjoy a potluck meal together. We ask that each family/person bring a dish or snack to pass.

We will meet at QUMC at 1:00 p.m. to caravan to Lake Lundgren Bible Camp in Dunbar on Highway 8. You can also meet us there if you know the way. LLBC will provide us with everything we need; however, you can bring your own skates, cross-country skis, or broomball stick if you'd like. You can also bring your favorite inside games. LLBC even provides us with a host and hostess for the day. Cost for the day is \$2 per person for indoor activities only and \$8 per person for outdoor activities, with a maximum cost per family of \$21.

Please join us for this fun, relaxing getaway and enjoy fellowship together. A sign-up sheet is posted at each church.

**Quinnesec Women of the Church** will be putting fruit baskets together for their shut-ins, and cards for their college students on February 9 before church service at 8:30 a.m. Please join them if you'd like to help! The week of Valentine's Day is an excellent time to reach out to those who are unable to be with us on Sunday mornings and let them know they are being thought of and loved.



**Upcoming Feeding America trucks include:**

- Thursdays, Feb. 6 & April 3, at Grace Methodist Church, 130 Odill Dr., Norway. Check-in starts at 3 p.m.
- Wednesdays, Feb. 12 & March 12, at Redemption Hill Church, 332 S. Carpenter Ave., Kingsford. Check-in starts at 9 a.m.

**“Friends at Trinity United Methodist Church,** thank you for your very generous donation to our agency. We are blessed to be able to continue serving those in need because of your generosity! God bless you.” –The Salvation Army  
*(This was Trinity UMC’s November 2024 Mission of the Month.)*

**Trinity UMC thanks you** for continuing to turn in cash register tapes from Super One Foods and Tadych’s Market Place. 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.

**Noisy Offerings at Trinity UMC** are collected usually on the second Sunday of each month. Your coins go to the Mission of the Month. Thanks for your generosity!

*(Throughout this newsletter, (Q) stands for information related to Quinnesec UMC.)*



**Quinnesec UMC’s Mission Statement:**  
“The Mission of the Quinnesec United Methodist Church is to win persons to salvation in Jesus Christ by sharing God’s love, nurturing spiritual growth, caring for the needy, providing meaningful worship, praying, and participating in mission opportunities at home.”

**Trinity UMC’s Mission Statement:**  
“Sharing God’s Love with Those Who Hunger”

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