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SPRING AHEAD! Set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed, Saturday night, March 12.



A new leaf is on the tree in the Gathering Room in memory of Vanessa Frahm, from her family.

Camp Michigamme has job openings for enthusiastic, attentive people to lead, support, and motivate campers as they enjoy all that Camp has to offer. Positions run from June 8 through August 14, and include counseling, lifeguarding, and cooking. A poster is on the bulletin board outside the church office. For more information, email Camp Director Kelsie Coccia at director@campmichigamme.org.

"PJ's for People is off to a great start. Forty sewing kits have been distributed to local individuals and sewing groups. The Caring House received three infant sleep sacks (buntings) and a few PJ pants. Thank you for your



donations of funds and fabric. I am in need of workers. Come join us the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 10 a.m. to noon to cut out more PJ pants." – Mary Yeadon

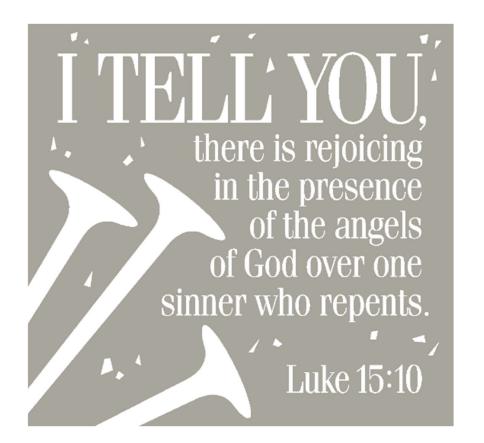
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Facebook Live Worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Go to https://www.facebook.com/imtrinityumc

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Lenten Order of Worship for March 2022 In Person and Facebook Live, 10:30 'Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith'*

Music for Gathering

Welcome and Calling On God

<u>The Children Lead Us</u> Our young Christians are invited forward for a lesson and then welcomed to Sunday School.

Sharing the Peace of the Lord Greet each other with love and kindness. Turn and wave to the camera!

Honest Questions, Compassionate Response

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness



Holy Readings

March 6 Luke 4: 1-13, Romans 10:8b - 13 March 13 Luke 13: 31 - 35, Psalm 27 March 20 Luke 13: 1-9, Isaiah 55: 1 - 9 March 27 Luke 15: 1 - 3, 11b - 32, 2 Cor. 5: 16 - 21

Thoughts about an Imperfect Life and Faith

March 6 "Ordinary lives can be holy." March 13 "So much is out of our control." March 20 "Lots of things can be medicine" March 27 "We often believe we are the problem."

<u>Prayers of the People</u> Communion will be served on March 6.

Offering/Praise God for Generosity

A Blessing for a Joyfully Mediocre Journey

Blessed are you who need a gentle reminder that even now, even today, God is here, and somehow, <u>that</u> is good enough.*

* A Worship Design Studio Lent Series based on the devotional book <u>Good Enough: 40-ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection</u> by Kate Bowler/Jessica Richie

Pastor's Ponderings

Our movement from February to March coincides with the Church seasons changing from Epiphany to Lent. During Epiphany, our time of worship centered on the idea of Jesus' Baby Book, as we reviewed his infancy, childhood, and transition as a twelve-year-old to adulthood. Now in Lent, we will undertake the self-examination that leads up to the sorrow of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection celebration of Easter.

None of us is perfect, and God knows that. Do we dare to be honest with ourselves? Do we trust that God will still love us if we admit to where and how we fall short? Is it possible that we are blessed, regardless of our shortcomings? What would it look like for us to lean into embracing our 'Good Enough' lives? We'll consider these questions during this season of Lent. Do join us for worship...online or in person.

In addition, Wednesday night Lenten services are being offered through partnership with the other UM Churches in Dickinson County. Soup & sandwich dinners at 6:00 on Wednesday nights in Lent will be followed by 7:00 worship. The worship at these evening services will focus our eyes of faith on the meaning behind God's mercy made manifest in Christ. This age-old focus on the richness of God's mercy will be a complement to our Sunday focus on affirming that we are 'Good Enough' to be loved by God, no matter what.

Other activities in March will serve to remind us that we are the beloved Children of God, no matter what! There's a lot of paper with this Trinity Times so here's a list to make it easy for you to find what might interest you. Come and feel the power of God's love in this place, with these people!

- * Information about people in our Church, including Bill Uren: Green insert
- Opportunities for additional generosity and remembrance of those we love:
 Purple insert, Paper Easter Flowers order form.
- * March Calendar: Blue insert with times, dates, and activities spelled out.
- Wednesday night joint Lenten services with our fellow UM friends and churches:
 Blue insert, on the other side of the Calendar.
- Information about the possible future directions of The UMC Denomination: Tan insert with additional resources listed on the back. March 19 event!
- Reminder of Trinity's trained people who stand ready to provide support should you find yourself confused or conflicted about what's going on at Church: The Matthew 18 process on the Cream insert.



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

- Mar. 1 Morgan Hilyard, Joe 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
 - 13 Brent Hostettler, Jonathan Ryan
 - 15 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
 - 25 Mario Santoni
 - 27 Henry Badini, Paul & Chris Langer
 - 28 Clairice Strehlow
 - 29 Carol Moore, Dennis Smart, Parker Summerfield

Hospitalized since last issue: Gary Davidson, Heather Hayes, Sarah Marshall, Derek Rose.

Committee Information

Engaged Ministry Team, Tuesday, March 8, 1:00 p.m., ZOOM **Finance Committee,** Thursday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., ZOOM **Trustees,** Monday, March 14, 6:00 p.m., in person **Church Council,** Monday, March 21, 6:30 p.m., ZOOM **Staff Parish Relations Committee,** Wednesday, April 6, 4:00 p.m., ZOOM

Our secretary Sally will have knee replacement surgery on April 14. She plans to be back in the office on May 26. Volunteers are needed, please, to keep the office open on Mondays, 9:00 to noon; Wednesdays, noon to 4:00; and Thursdays, 9:00 to noon. Sign-up sheets are on the counter in the office. Thank you!

The 2022 budget has been approved and is available to anyone who wants to see it. Call the office, (906)774-2545, and we can email or send it to you.





March's Mission of the Month is The United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The house has been providing expansive services for infants to senior citizens in a warm, inclusive, multi-cultural atmosphere since 1902. They recently received a grant to construct a new building for early childhood education and senior citizens. It will also include 100 affordable apartments.

Please prayerfully consider donating to this very worthy project.



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

Marie Uren and Marie Bleecker scholarship applications are on the wall across from the office or can be emailed to you. Please let us know if are interested. Completed applications should be returned to the church office in person or by email by Sunday, May 1.



Bill Uren was the husband of Marie Uren, and their family has started the Marie Uren Scholarship program (see above).

Bill became a member of Trinity UMC in 1960. He and Marie were married 62 years. When asked recently about how to stay married so long, Bill said something like, "When you have a disagreement, work things out before you go to bed, so you can wake up and start the next day in a good mood."



He's been slowing down now that he's 86 years old, but he says that he has a lot of good people helping to take care of him.

Bill worked for the State Highway Department for many years and knows a lot about the UP roads in Delta and Menominee Counties and west of there. Our church was fortunate to have Bill's involvement on the Board of Trustees for many years.

If you want to contact Bill, please call the church office, (906)774-2545, and we can get you in touch with him. Thanks, Bill, for all you have done for God through Trinity!



Community Chorus Holy Week Service: Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m., at American Martyrs Catholic Church, 908 W. Sagola Ave., Kingsford.

Good Friday Community Worship Service: Friday, April 15, 12:15-1:15 p.m., at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1210 S. Stephenson Ave., Iron Mountain.

A note of thanks...

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors at Catholic Social Services of the Upper Peninsula, thank you for your generous support of \$230 for the Alpha Omega House in Iron Mountain. –Kyle Rambo, Executive Director (*This was our April 2021 Mission of the Month.*)