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Trinity United Parish

The mission of Trinity United Parish is to be a loving community of faith. Our faith in Jesus Christ is expressed through learning, growing and caring together.

From the Pastor:

When I was 22, I moved to Baltimore to serve as a missionary for two years. I was assigned to do church and community Ministry at Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church. The church building is still there. It is beautiful, and is the most photographed structure in the State of Maryland, but one account. (see below)

The congregation is much diminished; when Marianne and I worshipped there a year ago, there were ten people attending in person and five people attending online. Still, the Holy Spirit is working in that church, and we experienced a love for God and a desire to be molded by God.

Because of that, I decided to attend Bible Study online with that church. In that Bible Study, I was recently challenged to memorize more Scripture verses (something I'm not very good at). We were told to just read a scripture verse twice a day for 30 days, and then it would be written upon our hearts.

The leader told us that even the shortest verse of the Bible, "Jesus Wept," could be powerful for us. What is Jesus weeping over right now? What are the harmful things in the world that Jesus does not want – and how can his tears motivate us to action?

Hebrews 4:12-13 reads: The word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account."

The scripture can get inside us, in our joints and our marrow, and it can work on us if we allow it. It may sometimes be uncomfortable, as we are reminded of how we fall short. In the long run, however, the Bible builds us up. By the grace of God, we are changed and made more whole.

I invite you to share with me your favorite Bible verse. Maybe we can share them with each other, and be mutually built up in love.

Pastor Jim



February 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 9:00 Worship Pancake Breakfast @ Briggsville Catholic Church 3:30 pm Youth Group MUMC 6:00 pm Worship Study	2 8:30 am Faithful Fellows	3	4 9:30 Yoga BUMC 1 pm Game Day	5	6	7 10:00 am Men's Cooking Class MUMC Soul Stories Unity Church Wauwatosa
Pastor Jim on Vacation						
8 9:00 Worship & Communion MUMC Worship Study 6 pm MUMC Joint Choir Practice	9 Heritage House Worship 10:30 am	10 Prayerful Stitchers 10:00-3:00 Parsonage	11 9:30 Yoga BUMC 1 pm Game Day	12 Missions 10:30 am BUMC	13	14 
15 9:00 Worship MUMC Worship Study 6 pm MUMC Joint Choir Practice 10:30 am MUMC	16 Food Ministry Meet- ing 10:00 am MUMC	17	18 9:30 Yoga BUMC 1 pm Game Day MUMC ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm MUMC	19	20	21
22 9:00 Worship MUMC Joint Choir Practice 10:30 am MUMC Worship Study 6 pm MUMC	23	24 Church Chix 8:30 am BUMC	25 9:30 Yoga BUMC 1 pm Game Day MUMC Wisconsin Cheese 4:30 pm BUMC	26	27	28 Ruby's Pop-up Pantry 8:00 am Montello UMC 1 Heart Women's Seminar 9-3:00 pm Wisconsin Dells Brancel Family B-day 10:30—5:00 BUMC

Date	Liturgists	Greeters
February 1	Cheri Gibeaut	Kathryn Moline/Linda Wade
February 8	Nora Coppernoll	Coppernoll Family
February 15	Linda Krueger	Wayne & Jean Edwards
February 18	Cheri Gibeaut	Laverne and Jordan
February 22	Jen Shier	Diane & Delmer Loveland

Lenten Schedule



February 18th Ash Wednesday 6:30pm
Moundville UMC

March 29th Palm Sunday 9am Moundville UMC
Special Multi generational worship

April 2nd Holy Thursday 6:00pm
Stone soup meal followed by worship and Holy
Communion Moundville UMC

April 3rd Good Friday Noon - 3pm
open house at Briggsville UMC
quiet worship stations focusing on Seven Last
Words of Christ

April 5th Easter
6:30am Sunrise service in Moundville
followed by Pancake Breakfast
9:00am Worship at Briggsville
followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Collection Stewards: Ben Brancel & Rodnie Miller



Friends in the Pantry

Wednesday January 14 Pie Crust workshop

4:30pm in Moundville bring pie pan if you wish
you will take home, made from scratch pie crust \$5

Monday January 26 Bread Bake

Moundville come between 2-6pm \$5 for three loaves you may bring your own pans

Saturday February 7 Men's Cooking class

10am simple easy to prepare meals FREE in Moundville

Wednesday February 25 Wisconsin Cheese

4:30pm Briggsville learn about and taste a variety of WI Cheeses FREE

Saturday March 14 Instant Pot Workshop

Moundville learn multiple recipes you can make in your Instant Pot \$10

Monday March 16 WI Beef Council

Briggsville 11:30am learn to make Corn Beef and cabbage egg rolls
be ready for St. Patrick's day FREE

Monday March 23 Bread Bake

Moundville come between 2-6pm \$5 for three loaves you may bring your own pans

Tuesday April 21 Homemade Dog Treats

1pm at Moundville \$5 you will make and take home some treats



Creating Friends thru Food

at Moundville and Briggsville

United Methodist Churches

to sign up call 608-981-2500 or

email: outreachtuparish@gmail.com



Bread Bake January 2026

We had a wonderful time at the Friends in the Pantry Pie Crust Workshop. Diane Chapman taught us how to make flaky melt in your mouth delicious Pie Crust! We had 12 attend this event. We had two winners go home with Brand New Pie pans that were given away as door prizes. Hope you can attend a future Friends in the Pantry event Please call or email to register if you can.

 Friends in the Pantry

FREE!

MEN'S COOKING CLASS

simple easy to prepare meals

10:00am | February 7, 2026

Moundville Church
W5501 CR-O, Endeavor, WI

email or call to sign up

outreachtuparish@gmail.com

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FRIENDS IN THE PANTRY

WISCONSIN CHEESE

February 25, 2026
4:30pm



Briggsville Methodist Church
W8608 State Road 23,

Learn about and taste
different Cheese's from
all around Wisconsin.



Free
workshop



Friends in the Pantry - Pie Crust Workshop







Ellie Kimberly Johnson was baptized at Briggsville UMC on January 18. Her parents are Daniel Johnson and Lindsey Johnson and her sponsors are Kasie Mateske and Andrew Pinion.

Worship Class
 Pastor Jim is holding a class on worship on Sunday nights at 6 p.m. at Moundville. If you can't make it on Sunday nights, he can schedule an additional time. While each session does build upon the last to some degree, you are welcome to any session whether or not you have attended the previous one.

I have been working on a banner for the Church of the Good Shepherd UMC here in Kearney Arizona. Bob has been working on sealing the roof of the fellowship hall around AC units etc and repairing and replacing bridges over washes on the walking paths.

message from our Methodist NOMADS
 Bob and Anne

Thank you, Anne Oelke for the update!



Bishops Convocation of Laity 2026

Saturday, March 7, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Portage UMC

Registration: \$10/person

Registration deadline Feb. 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Register at: <https://Wisconsin-reg.brapp.com/LaityConvo2026>

New Member Welcoming

Pastor Jim would like to welcome those who are interested in becoming members of either church to come to an hour-and-a-half session describing our churches' ministry, history and organization. There are several times being considered for the class. Please see Pastor Jim if you are interested.



It was pretty cold but warm hearts all around at the Winter Youth Retreat. Four of our youth attended this fun weekend event growing in friendship and faith!



The Prayerful Stitchers continue working diligently to carry on a mission started by Shirley Scherbert a few years ago. We have made and distributed 370 prayer quilts! While that is our main mission, we also continue to make baby afghans, pillow blankets for young children and pillowcases for teens. We have also completed 3 twin-size quilts to donate to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. If you'd like to join us, we will be meeting at the parsonage on February 10, from 10 am - 3 pm. A light lunch is included.

From the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

There's a quiet grace in realizing that much of what sustains us comes from the work we did not do. We eat fruit from orchards we didn't plant. We sit under shade trees someone else nurtured decades ago. We benefit from schools, churches, hospitals and ministries that were dreamed up and funded by people who never knew our names. Their generosity was never meant to circle back to them personally—it was offered for the sake of people they would never meet. That truth can be unsettling in a culture that often asks, "What' in it for me?" Yet scripture consistently points us toward a different way of living—one rooted in trust, hope and love for the generations yet to come. Generosity that only exists when there's a direct benefit attached is really just a transaction. But generosity rooted in faith books beyond immediate return. It plants seeds without demanding proof of harvest. It trusts that God will use our gifts—of time, money, energy and love—in ways we may never see. Many of the faithful choices we make today won't bear fruit tomorrow. They may not even bear fruit in our lifetime. But they matter. They shape communities. They strengthen ministries. They create possibilities for people we'll never know, just as others once did for us. Living generously is an act of hope. It's a declaration that God's story is bigger than our own chapter—and that we're willing to plant trees so others can eat, rest and thrive long after we're gone.

Ecumenical Pancake Breakfast hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Church Sunday, March 1, serving immediately after our service. As we did last year, we are to provide fruit. This can be taken to St. Mary's basement before our service starts at 9:00 a.m. There will be a good will offering to be divided between the two parishes for their chosen missions. We will have Holy Communion the following Sunday, March 8.

LOOKING AHEAD

Bulldog Run/Walk 2026

We are putting together a team to participate in the 2 mile walk at the 18th Annual Bulldog Stomp at Pardeeville on May 2. There is also a raffle and a silent auction. All proceeds raised go to the Carbone Cancer Center. The goal is \$50,000.

The theme for this year is a "Day in Las Vegas—One Day, One Cause, One Step Closer." Registration is \$25, which includes a T-shirt. Linda Krueger will register us all as one team.

If interested in joining, please let Linda know by APRIL 1. 608-697-5989 or email to lindakrueger37@gmail.com. Make sure to include t-shirt size. We've had so much much fun doing this the last couple of years and look forward to a fun time again this year, while supporting this well organized fundraiser.



Chuckle for the day:

While not found in Webster's dictionary, you may have heard this new word in our churches during the Lord's Prayer on Sunday mornings - "tressins". It is often said by someone who grew up saying "trespasses" but then remembers we are now using the word "sins".

One Heart Interdenominational Women's Seminar February 28
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
An annual Christian Women's Seminar with 3 speakers, live worship, morning refreshments and a complimentary lunch. Held at the Wisconsin Hotel (formerly the Wintergreen), Wisconsin Dells. Register online at www.oneheartseminar.com cost is \$49.



Tilly recently joined Church Chix as their new mascot.