

Hospitalized since our last issue: Donna Bailey, Pat Barbeau, Francis Marshall, Jack Nord

Committee Information

Finance Committee, Thursday, March 11, 6:30 p.m., ZOOM

Church Council, Monday, March 15, 6:30 p.m., ZOOM

Staff Parish Relations Committee, Thursday, March 18, 6:00 p.m., ZOOM

Dear TUMC: Thank you so much for the card and gift. It means so much to know everyone is thinking of me. I am very glad to be back at school. This semester is already going by so fast. Thank you again. – Love, Mary Slagle

Dear Pastor Geri Hamlen: Feeding America West Michigan is very grateful for your partnership! Your hard work ensured countless neighbors had the food they needed during this incredibly challenging year, and we are grateful to have played a role in your efforts.

We know your agency is doing everything it can to meet the increased need caused by the pandemic. We also know your efforts take funds, so we hope you'll continue to count on the food bank as an economical source of food and other necessities for your clients. Our goal is to do all we can to help you to serve those in need—and, in doing so, further our mission to relieve hunger and increase food security in the 40 counties we serve.

Last year, your agency sourced 36,449 pounds of product from us. Based on the estimated market value of the products we provide—\$2.28 per pound—your agency has saved around \$83,090 by sourcing these products from us, instead of purchasing them elsewhere. Please share these numbers with your board, staff, volunteers, and supporters to highlight how cost-effective it was for your agency to source product from the food bank. Based on the number of pounds received from Feeding America West Michigan, you provided 30,380 meals.

Thank you again for choosing Feeding America West Michigan. Without you, our mission would not be possible! – Gratefully, Kenneth Estelle, CEO

Dear Trinity UMC: We are so grateful for your generous gift of \$365. It is because of supporters like you that Justice for Our Neighbors Michigan is able to provide free immigration legal services to low-income immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers living in Michigan. – Sincerely, Alline Beutler, Development & Communications Manager & Regional Liaison, Justice for Our Neighbors Michigan (*Justice for Our Neighbors Michigan was our August 2020 Mission of the Month.*)

**Facebook Live Worship on Sundays
at 10:30. Go to
<https://www.facebook.com/imtrinityumc>**



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**“Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord!”**

Mark 11:9

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Order of Worship for March 14, 21, & 28, 2021
The Fourth & Fifth Sundays in Lent, & Palm Sunday
10:30 Facebook Live

Lenten Theme is ‘Streams of Living Water: Wash us Clean’

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Lenten Prayer Lord God, you have brought us in safety to this new day.

Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin
or be overcome by adversity.

Graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong.

Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so we can truly be instruments of your
redeeming love in this troubled world. We look to you, in all we do. Amen.

Children’s Time 3/14 ‘M’ is for ‘Messy’
3/21 Rev. Chris Bergquist while Pastor is on vacation
3/28 ‘N’ and ‘O’ are for ‘Noble’ and ‘Obedience’

Generosity Gem What kind of Generosity have YOU seen this week?

Doxology ‘For the Beauty of the Earth’ #92 UMH Folliot Pierpoint, 1864

Scripture 3/14 Luke 23: 32–43, 2 Corinthians 5: 14–19
3/21 John 12: 20–27
3/28 Mark 11: 1–11, Isaiah 58: 6–12

Message 3/14 ‘I Chose Love: Communities of Forgiveness’
3/21 Rev. Chris Bergquist
3/28 ‘The Day is Coming: The Lord Will Guide Us’

Music for Reflection Praise Team and Choir

Benediction God created the darkness and then commanded the light to come forth.
Jesus rose from death to pour mercy upon us. The Spirit offers holiness to guide us through
our days. Go forth from this time and place as those who have been lightened, cleansed,
and empowered by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. Amen.

In the last few days, there has been a hint of spring in the air. Sunday, March 14 we will turn the clocks forward, and there will be more daylight hours in the evening. The Pandemic news has been very promising. I am even working with some families towards Baptisms for little ones and several couples are getting ready for weddings. So here we are in mid-Lent with a sense of better days ahead! Hosanna, indeed!

God has seen us through some pretty long and dark days, months even. There has been no doubt in my heart and mind that the Holy Spirit has moved among us, gently and lovingly planting seeds of hope and strengthening our faith. Now, as we move with Jesus through Lent to his tragedy on the cross...keep your head up and your heart open for the continued signs of new life. Renewed life. Resurrection life. God’s bias is always for creation, beauty, movement and, of course, love for us all.

*Check out the box below for upcoming special worship events and Methodist activities. God is good...all the time! All the time...God is good! **Pastor Geri***



Activities Coming Soon

(All worship services will be Facebook Live and in-person with masks and social distancing.)

- March 21** 5th Sunday of Lent, 10:30 a.m., Rev. Christine Bergquist will be the guest preacher while Pastor Geri is on vacation.
- March 28** Palm Sunday with real live palms! 10:30 a.m. You are invited to stop by the church to pick one up for yourself.
- April 1** Maundy Thursday worship at 6:30 p.m. Communion will be served.
- April 2** Good Friday worship at noon. Readings and songs of the Crucifixion.
- April 4** Easter Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.
- May 8** Special gathering for one day only of the General Conference of The UMC. Business decisions exclusively...NOT organizational structure decisions.
- Thursday, June 3—Sunday, June 6**, Michigan UMC Virtual Annual Conference
- Monday, July 5—Thursday, July 8**, North Central Jurisdiction Historical Convocation in the UP.
- Tuesday, July 6**, there will be a presentation (and lunch?) at Trinity UMC.
- August 29—September 7, 2021**, General Conference has been cancelled due to the challenge of the pandemic.
- August 29—September 6, 2022**, General Conference rescheduled for Minneapolis, Minnesota.