

# The Tower

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## Pastor's Ponderings

Over the years, I have collected little sayings and quotes about faith. I have one written on a post-it note on my desk at the parsonage. I hope it's anonymous, because I didn't write down an author or speaker. If any of you have heard it before and can fill me in on the source, please do!

'Faith is a mystery of the heart that the mind can spend a lifetime trying to solve.'

As I type those words, I wonder if I heard someone on a TV show say that? Maybe on 'The Closer'—a detective show where Deputy Chief Brenda Leigh Johnson (fictional) solves mysteries and obtains confessions which result in convictions...closing the case. She isn't a woman of faith, but as I recall, she had an encounter with a social justice priest who was maybe trying to reach her using a metaphor that a detective could understand. (I'm not going to go back and watch seven seasons to see if I'm right about this!)

The topic of faith keeps popping up in various TV shows and movies...Have you ever watched 'The Good Place' or 'God Friended Me'? There are TV stations and movie companies that specialize in faith-based movies and entertainment.

And here we are, at Trinity UMC in Iron Mountain. Nowhere near as glamorous or profitable as the entertainment industry. But certainly...we are the keepers of the faith in this time and this place as we read our Bibles, pray for our friends, feed our neighbors, honor our history, and worship God...gracious, merciful, and loving beyond all measure.

As I look ahead into 2019, I have paused to look back at the Jubilee Year of 2018. We really did focus our energies on these practices of faith...prayers, Bible-reading, and digging into the history of our church...I hope that those activities helped you to

grow in your faith and have enriched your spiritual life.

But the Jubilee Year was never intended to go on forever, so we move forward...one day at a time. One month at a time. One worship event at a time. This year, we are moving faithfully into the 65<sup>th</sup> year of our time together in this building on Carpenter Avenue.

Yes, 2019 is the 65<sup>th</sup>-year anniversary of Trinity UMC. In 1954, February 7...people who had faith in God's power, people who trusted each other, people who worked together all came to worship here in this building, for the very first time. What a lot of faith it must have taken to get them to that point in time. These are our spiritual grand and great-grandparents I'm talking about. Their faith is made real in the bricks and mortar of this building we call our church home.

I like to think that they are smiling down on us as we continue growing in our faith, as we make time to read the Bible, pray, worship, and yes, tend to this beautiful building. I want to invite each of you to participate in your own personal way...in saying Happy 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Trinity UMC.

There are articles in this Tower, as there have been over the last year, that share the memories of people who love this church. Maybe you have a memory that you would like to write up and send in?

There are opportunities to gather again this year for Bible study and a prayer workshop and special worship events. And on Sunday, February 10, we will have special Founders' Day worship, followed by an All-Church Birthday Party. Everyone is invited to the party. We all know that Jesus loves parties and will be there, in faith, as we share our love for each other. It's God's party. Come and be blessed!

God's peace to all.

Pastor Geri

## Founders' Day Memories

I went to the groundbreaking in 1953, the year that I graduated from high school. In February 1954 or February 1955, the church had a week of the grand opening. My mother, Elizabeth Anderson, was president of the General Circle, so she was in charge of all the banquets. She worked from early morning until late at night. She went to the chef at the Dickinson Hotel for help and ideas for making large amounts of food.

When the church opened, it had a chartreuse curtain hanging behind the cross and bronze and red brocade side drapes. Oh, did the people complain! They soon came down. I was about the only one who thought they were sharp.—Greta Betti

I remember attending Sunday school on Carpenter and Brown Streets at the Trinity UMC about four or five years of age. It might have been earlier, but I cannot recall. I did remember enjoying to attend; they had great Christmas programs. I have great friends that attended with me. When I was between five and six years old, I recall hearing the news that we were building a new church. Everyone was excited. The day came when the new church was going to open; it was very exciting. The first time I got to see the new church, I can remember thinking how beautiful it was and how large. As a six-year-old, I thought I could get lost in this building. In 1953, we had quite a large number of attendees in Sunday school and church. Great memories.

When I was old enough, I got into confirmation classes. They were great! After learning about the beliefs of the Methodist Church, Rev. Colby took the class to other churches in our community so other ministers could explain the difference in their beliefs and ways of their churches. Our minister wanted each student to have some knowledge of other religions before being confirmed to Methodist. I always appreciated that about the Methodists. They went the extra mile, in my book. We had a large confirmation class, May 3, 1959.

In 1967, I was married to my present wife. I asked her to marry me and if we could get married in my church. She said yes. It made me very happy and proud to be able to get married in the church I grew up in and love so much. We have been married for 51 years in August. The pastor did a good job!

Even though I moved to different parts of the country, I always attended a Methodist church. Today I am living in my home town, and I am attending the same Trinity church it all started with. This church will always be home for me. These are my fondest memories of this church.

I remember the day I joined the church. It was the youth group came forward, and my brother-in-law joined, also.

This was our family church. My folks and brothers and sister and their families came here, and we all loved this church.

I remember the special Sunday School teachers I had, like Elizabeth Anderson. Hank also worked for the Andersons doing odd jobs.

The wonderful memories of singing in the choir and all the different directors we had.

We talk about all the things we shared in the choir and the love we had for each other.

We are so blessed to have this church and Pastor Geri. We feel so loved by everyone to have all these Christian friends. Thank you.

—Joyce London

I always felt welcome and that I belonged. My mom was in the choir and my dad sat in this row. I was thrilled when the new church was built.

In the summers growing up, we came to Iron Mountain to visit our grandmother. We moved here and became part of the church (Trinity) that our grandmother and mother attended. We were welcomed as kids and welcomed as adults!

So many wonderful memories in this church. I remember my grandpa being the 'handyman,' and I still picture my grandma sitting in the pew. I have fond memories of Sunday School and the teachers and friends I grew up with. Then, of course, my wedding and the baptisms of my children. Trinity is major part of my life!

I remember when some teenagers and some adults would go to Appalachia every summer! They would have such great experiences in mission, socialization, and travel! The Langers and the Daughertys put so much work into it. Praise them and the experience they gave so many people.

—Joyce Erickson

*(Look throughout this Tower for more Founders' Day Memories.)*



**Vacation Bible School Planning Session, Sunday, February 3, between the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services.** It'll be an informal

gathering for anyone interested in planning or helping with VBS this summer. No date has been set yet for VBS. We hope to have monthly gatherings as planning moves along! See or contact Lea Varda, 774-9569, for more information.

**All-Church Birthday Party Potluck**

**Celebration, Sunday, February 10,** following the 10:30 worship service, as part of our Founders' Day celebration. Chicken and beverages will be provided.



**Please bring a dish to pass.**

A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Room for cakes and table decorations. The general idea is to have 12 cakes on the cake table to represent the 12 months of the year. It's not necessary to be really fancy, and it's a great opportunity to try a new recipe!

Table decorations can be something as simple as a centerpiece or seasonal decorations. It's not necessary to purchase decorations. Use something from home. Be creative and have fun! Paper plates, cups, and utensils will be provided. Call Lea Varda, 774-9569, with any questions.

**Thank you** for turning in cash register tapes from Super One Foods and Econo Foods, and UPCs from Our Family brand products. In 2018, we received \$945.54 from Super One Foods, and \$681.37 from Econo Foods for the cash register tapes, and \$25 for the Our Family UPCs that you turned in. The grand total is \$1,651.91. Thank you!

Please continue to turn in cash register tapes from Super One Foods and Econo Foods, and UPCs from Our Family brand products. The money we receive goes to the General Fund. Collection boxes are in the narthex by the Carpenter Ave. entrance and on the bulletin board by the west door to the Sanctuary.

**Lay Servant Classes Being Offered**

A basic Lay Servant class will be held in February.

February 9 and 16, the basic course will be offered at Central UMC in Escanaba. It will be led by Pastors Ryan and Elise Low Edwardson.

If you're interested in this class, please tell Pastor Geri. Registration forms are on the counter in the office.

**Opportunities to Grow in Faith**

As a community of faith, we at Trinity provide opportunities...on different days, at different times, with different topics...for people to come and grow in their faith. God has given us a huge, maybe even unlimited capacity for identifying and sorting out and figuring out what it means to be faithful. Full of faith. Aware of God's presence in all the areas of our lives. Convinced of God's intention to include everyone in a circle of love and care and justice.

It's easy to be distracted. It's popular to be busy. It's possible to be overwhelmed and in need of break, but God planted a seed of faith in each of us long before we were born and is providing us with the sunlight, the water, the nourishment that helps us to grow.

During these first four months of 2019, Trinity is offering a variety of opportunities for you to experience spiritual growth. Isn't that what churches are supposed to do?!?! Please consider participating in one of the following activities as a way of drawing closer to God. See page four for additional worship opportunities that are designed with those same thoughts in mind.

**Tuesdays at 6:00**, small group Bible study with Pastor Geri. Bring the Bible that you are reading and share insights and inspirations with others! Pastor is using The One-Year Bible, NIV and will bring resources and additional materials to help us figure out what the Word of God is all about. All are welcome. Come when you can, and share what you experience!

**Wednesdays at 5:30**, book study: 'Make Jesus Your Best Friend Forever,' February 6, 13, and 20 from 5:30 to 6:30 and beyond! We are using a booklet by Norman Vincent Peale that encourages a variety of actions on our part, to draw closer and closer to Jesus. The chapters stand on their own, so come when you can, and you will fit right in!

**Saturday, February 9, 9:00 to 10:30**, Feed Your Faith Workshop: '**Prayer Practices.**' Many of us wonder if we are praying right. Often enough? Effectively? We will take this 90-minute stretch to discuss, affirm, and practice faithful prayers so that you can be assured that God loves to hear from you and...Prayer is the glue that binds us together in the name of Jesus. A simple breakfast/brunch will be offered with plenty of coffee! Come and fuel your faith with others who are doing the same.

These workshops are sponsored by your Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee.



## Serving in February

### Offering Counters:

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| February 3  |  |
| February 10 |  |
| February 17 |  |
| February 24 | Tami & Mary Slagle, & Joyce Trevillian |

|             |       | <u>Liturgists</u> | <u>Ushers</u>      | <u>Projection System Operators</u> |
|-------------|-------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| February 3  | 10:30 | Jill Noyce        | <i>Opportunity</i> | Kyle Shemanski                     |
| February 10 | 10:30 | TBD               | “                  | Riley Gauthier                     |
| February 17 | 10:30 | Kyle Shemanski    | “                  | Dean Laitinen                      |
| February 24 | 10:30 | Mark Shemanski    | ”                  | Charlotte Ryan                     |

**Junior Worship Leaders:** Please see the sign-up sheet by the door of the Junior Worship room.

### **Preacher's Corner**

#### **The Party Goes On...**

We started the calendar year in the Season of Epiphany, focusing on how our growth as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ is kind of, sort of like a party. God's party...Jesus encourages this image in the way he lives...going to weddings, dinner parties, creating picnics spontaneously on hillsides. He also uses parties and celebrations as the setting for his parables and teachings about lost coins, lost sheep, lost sons. It is good for us to consider: What do we bring to the party? What's the miracle at our party? Who will we bring to the party?

The preaching in February will continue along those lines with the added bonus of our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary Worship Celebration of Founders' Day on Sunday, February 10, followed by an All-Church Birthday Party luncheon.

Do come to Sunday worship and give yourself the chance to be nourished by the words of God for the people of God. And if you can't be here with us, take some time to consider the words of the Psalmist ('The Message').

Psalm 5:11-12

But you, God, will welcome us with open arms  
when we run for cover to you.

Let the party last all night!

Stand guard over our celebration.

You are famous, God, for welcoming God-  
seekers, for decking us out in delight.

February 3, **'Who Will You Bring to the Party?'**

Luke 14:16-24, 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

February 10, **Founders' Day.** We are going to celebrate the first worship service in our building back in 1954. Scriptures and songs will be taken from the bulletin for our very first worship service.

February 17, **'Party Favors?'** Luke 6:17-26,  
Jeremiah 17:5-10

February 24, **'Living the Party.'** Luke 6:27-38,  
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (UMH 772)

**Tender Hearts Worship, Saturday, February 16, at 4:00 p.m.** for those whose hearts are heavy with grief, sadness, worry.

**Evergreen Worship event, Sunday, February 17, at 3:30 p.m.** on behalf of the various Trinity members who have moved into the Evergreen Apartments. All are welcome, and Communion will be served.

**What in the World is Happening in The United Methodist Church?** There is going to be a Special General Conference in St. Louis starting at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, February 23 through 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 26. The questions at hand about the inclusion or not of LGBTQ persons in the full life of our churches and how we understand God's word to us through Scriptures are of critical importance to all of us. The decisions at the Conference will have an impact of some kind on each of us. Please take time this month (and always!) to pray for our United Methodist denomination...if you would like more information and guidance in your prayer life, please go to [www.umcprays.org](http://www.umcprays.org) It's the website for Praying Our Way Forward: We Are One in Christ.

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Please pray for them on their special day.*

- Feb. 3 Dick Allen, Marie Uren  
5 Kim Thiry  
6 Moira Cowling, Brynn Santoni  
9 Drew Champagne, Bryan Rietveld  
10 Jay Harry  
11 Ward & Joyce Trevillian  
12 Sue Saxon  
13 Georgia Mundy  
14 Courtney Edlebeck  
15 Joanne Barnes, Tom Sandberg  
Kirk & Laura Fortner  
16 Matthew Mashak  
18 Gary Davidson, Phyllis Noordhoff  
19 Brandon Aman  
20 Dacia Rose, Don Rowell, Devon Rushford  
25 Adrienne Laurila  
26 Ilah Bancroft  
27 Mason Mundy, Myles Mundy  
Margaret Phillips  
28 Lee Hyrkas  
29 Brian & Debi Tirschel

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**Hospitalized since our last issue:** Jill Baciak

**Our condolences** to Kim Thiry, whose sister Susan Larson died December 20.

**Congratulations** to Greta Betti, who has a new great-granddaughter. Norah Jo Werner was born January 1 to Erica (Ebertsch) and David Werner.

### **Thank-You Notes...**

“Dear Friends: Thank you for your continued support and dedication to community. Your recent donation of \$215.25 will make a real and tangible difference in the lives of those we are called to serve. Thank you for caring.”—Tara Blagec, Director, The Salvation Army  
*(The Salvation Army was our November 2018 Mission of the Month.)*

“We thank you so very much for your monetary gift to help us pay for the repairs to make our church building safe. It is through the kindness and generosity of people like you that we are now worshipping again in our own sanctuary. May God richly bless each of you.

Sincerely, the Congregation of the Ironwood Wesley United Methodist Church

*(This was our July 2018 Mission of the Month, and also the 2018 Marquette District Mission of the Year.)*

## **Brother's Keeper Fund 2018 Year-End Report**

Many thanks to those of you who gave to the December Mission of the Month for the Brother's Keeper Fund. December's generosity came to \$430 (deposited in January)...with a special gift from the Martha's Circle. Your generosity is a blessing to the people of this community who have special needs and circumstances. I consider it an honor to have this money available when people call or come to the church looking for assistance.

I use certain criteria as consistently as possible, i.e. verification of need with landlords, utilities etc.

- ◆ Assistance once a year for each family.
- ◆ Verification of driver's license and auto insurance.
- ◆ Encouragement to consider this a loan.
- ◆ Reimbursing us will create the opportunity to help others who fall on hard times.

In talking with people, I look for those little openings that allow the light of God's love to shine on the family. Always, people need to be reminded that God loves them and that they can experience that love most strongly within the congregational life of a group of disciples who know each other and care about what happens to their brothers and sisters. Yes, I invite them to come to church! And to our Community Meal. Pray God they accept the invitation! I pray that they will find the healing and help that God intends for them, in and through and with those of us who follow Jesus. Amen!...

*Pastor Geri*

### **Brother's Keeper Fund Accounting, January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018**

|                              |        |      |
|------------------------------|--------|------|
| <b>Balance Jan. 1, 2018</b>  | \$237  |      |
| <b>Dollars received</b>      | \$969  |      |
| <b>Dollars spent</b>         | \$1060 |      |
| <b>Balance Dec. 31, 2018</b> | \$147  |      |
| <b>Reimbursed</b>            |        | \$88 |

*Thank you again for your generosity to this special mission of the church.*

### **Presenting Needs and Distributions:**

19 families approached me. Not all of them received assistance.

There are some gas cards that haven't yet been used.  
Housing, 2 families, \$300 distributed  
Utilities, 2 families, \$161 distributed  
Gas cards, 5 families, \$195 distributed  
Food cards, 4 families, \$125 distributed  
Furniture, 1 family, \$50  
Auto repair, 1 family, \$204

## Bay Cliff Health Camp is February's Mission of the Month

By Nathan Ruble

The Mission of the Month for February is Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay, Michigan. Bay Cliff is a world for special children between the ages of three and 18, and there you'll find children laughing and playing, while facing life with wheelchairs, leg braces, and hearing aids. You'll find children with cardiac problems, diabetes, speech and hearing deficiencies, and other handicaps.

Since its beginning in 1933, Bay Cliff Health Camp has promoted the health, welfare, happiness, and development of the children in the Upper Peninsula.

All children receive daily therapy while participating in a variety of outdoor activities. Their special needs are met through programs approved by their doctors. These include reading; swimming; and speech, physical, and occupational therapy. College students from around the U.S., as well as other countries, seek employment at the camp to find practical application for the things they have learned in the classroom. And now Bay Cliff has expanded its capabilities for year-round use.

People of the Upper Peninsula continue to make certain that the Bay Cliff tradition lives on. Funding efforts continue throughout the year, from the annual Fourth of July Polka Fest in Ontonagon to the Business and Professional Women's Club auction at Sault Ste. Marie. The Menominee Kiwanis Club holds a "Run for Bay Cliff." Other communities hold dances, bake sales, and fairs. Donations come from corporations, trade unions, college fraternities, and private citizens.

Again this year, we would like to join in to help support Bay Cliff Health Camp. Thank you for your support.



### *A note from one of our neighbors...*

"Thank you for allowing me to be able to park by my house."—Sincerely, Janice Martinson

### **Coming up...Lenten Luncheon,**

Sunday, March 24 following the 10:30 worship service. Sign up to bring soup, salads, or sandwiches, & desserts. There will be a children's corner with a make-&-take craft.



## Life in Christ... A Journey, an Adventure, a Party!

### Save the Dates!

**Sunday, February 10,**

**Founders Day, after worship.**

All-Church Birthday Party, as we celebrate the first worship in this building back in 1954. Chicken will be provided as the meat dish, with potluck sharing of food and cake!

**Sunday, March 24, Lenten Luncheon, after worship.** Soup, salad, and sandwiches, as we keep it simple for Lent.

**Sunday, April 28, Ladies Luncheon for Women—Young and Old.** More details to follow.

**Sunday, June 9, Guys and Grills.**

Parking lot cuisine. More details to follow.

### *More Founders' Day Memories...*

Our Endowment Committee at the beginning of its organization. Watching our sons grow in the church with baptism, confirmation, and singing in the junior choir and loving it. Taking our son to Camp Michigamme and listening to all the wonderful stories he shared with us and friends he made. Attending our twin grandchildren's baptism. Later attending our grandson's baptism at Lake Antoine. Enjoyed being a member of Lydia Circle for so many years. Those old friends made me feel welcome—always. Working on the Mini Fair. —Vance & Dorleen Uhazie

Greatest time was in '98 when we came back from Madison and Pastor Rupe invited me to work with the AIDS Quilt. Barb Sandberg and I chaired the program. It was so rewarding and so wonderful. God was surely present in every moment. Barb and I always agreed it was our greatest reward.

—Ruth Ann Badini



## **Minutes of the Church Council Meeting, January 21, 2019**

Roll Call: Dean Laitinen, Ruth Carlson, Adam Ryan, Kristy Ryan, Jack Noyce, Frank Trumbell, Pastor Geri Hamlen, Cindi Strehlow, Emily Ritsema, and Lea Varda.

Pastor Geri began devotions by lighting a candle and offering up the Light of Christ for tonight's meeting. She also had available copies of the books used from the Vital Church Initiative that are free for those wanting to read them. Pastor did a little review of 2018, and the Council answered collectively on our 2018 Jubilee Year experience. 1- Was our focus on God enriched by reading the Bible in a Year? The general response was yes. Pastor encourages everyone to continue to read the Bible in any way that we can. 2- Have we been inspired and refreshed by the Jubilee Prayers? Yes! The prayers were meaningful and a reminder that prayer binds us together. 3- Did the History focus help remind us of how God works through our church? The Church history is being presented in many ways by setting up History Tables with photos and booklets, the sharing of written church memories by members, and the process of collecting and scanning to preserve photos to share electronically at church. It is agreed that history is useful to see growth and to look forward to the future. Pastor closed with a Prayer for the New Year.

The December minutes were reviewed. The minutes were amended to clarify how much money would come from the Bleecker fund to pay an additional 2% salary for the Sunday School Superintendent position. Jack motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Emily seconded. December minutes accepted. The January Agenda was set by the Council members.

### **Nurture –**

Vacation Bible School is going to happen in 2019, and there was discussion about financing it. Lea anticipates an initial \$300 to get the kit and decide what else needs to be bought. She will work with the Finance Committee to identify the best way to pay for it. There is still money in the Christian Education designated fund.

### **Resource and Leadership Development**

**Treasurer's Report** - Jack presented and reviewed the report with the Council. December General Fund balance ended with a positive balance of \$213.33. Marie Bleecker distribution balance is \$28,200.62. The Revolving Line of Credit loan balance is \$0. The November balance of \$8,716.00 was reduced by \$4,800.00 from the general fund and \$3,916.00 from the Marie Bleecker Fund. With the changes in the Endowment document, we had enough money to take care of year-end expenses. We are reminded that our

monthly giving is not keeping up with monthly expenditures. If we are continually not meeting budgeted expenses, Bleecker funds will be used instead of the Revolving Line of Credit.

The Finance Committee is waiting to see what happens this year before setting up guidelines for the use of the Bleecker money.

### **Finance Committee-**

**Frank motioned by recommendation of the Finance Committee that the undesignated gifts totaling \$1,150.00 at the end of December be deposited in the General Fund. Jack seconded. Motion passed.**

**Frank motioned by recommendation of the Finance Committee to use Marie Bleecker funds to match and increase the budgeted Hospitality/Coffee Time Funds for 2019. Jack seconded. Motion passed.**

**Frank motioned by recommendation of the Finance Committee to the Council to fund \$600.00 from the 10% of Bleecker funds for Missions, to help cover the cost of Reggie Dabbs' motivational and inspirational speaking presentation at Kingsford schools. Emily seconded. Motion passed.**

**Frank motioned by recommendation of the Finance Committee to use \$2,740.86 of Marie Bleecker funds to replace the water heater at the church. Jack seconded. Motion passed.**

### **Trustees-**

Pastor has received an email from Kristen Summerfield, Director of DICSA, for a request to use the Trinity kitchen to prepare the Meals on Wheels program. The current facility is unfit to prepare and provide meals for the elderly and disabled people in our community. DICSA is seeking alternative options in the community. The Council and various committees are still in the discussion phase at this time.

### **Pastor's Report-**

All who need to submit statistical reports are reminded they are due by January 24, 2019, if possible.

Heidi Harwell was applauded for her time and talent for giving the bathrooms a fresh, new look.

Patty Ronan is working with Missions World Wide. She has plans to include the youth in learning more about Mission opportunities.

Confirmation class continues with six youth.

February 2 is the 65th anniversary of the first worship at Trinity.

There are many people showing new interest in participating in activities at Trinity. We are reminded to introduce ourselves to those people we may not know or haven't seen in a while.

Minutes submitted by Lea Varda

## **Minutes of the Trustees Meeting, January 14, 2019**

Blair called the meeting to order.

Present: Blair Daugherty, Pastor Geri Hamlen, Marsha Bonicatto, Betsy Trumbell, John Erickson, Brad Strehlow

Pastor Geri led with a prayer.

The agenda was reviewed.

There were two corrections to the 12/10/18 minutes. Change "Blair replaced the parsonage kitchen faucet" to "Blair and John replaced the parsonage kitchen faucet." Change "John will e-mail the preventative maintenance schedule to Sally" to "Jon Harry will e-mail the preventative maintenance schedule to Sally".

John moved to approve the amended minutes from 12/10/18. Marsha seconded. Motion carried.

Frank Trumbell cleaned the faucet screen in the kitchenette off the overflow room. It is now flowing well. Cleaning the screens in the faucets once a year will be added to the scheduled maintenance.

John adjusted the drinking fountain by the Sunday School rooms.

Marsha, Heidi Harwell and Betsy cleaned the old office. An old futon and two chairs were put in the Gathering Room and labeled "FREE".

Marsha asked the Trustees to think about how the many rooms in the Church building could be put to better use. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

We were charged \$155 for permits involved in replacing the Church water heater. Betsy will check with the city of Iron Mountain to see if that fee could be waived.

Marsha moved to take to the Finance Committee a request for \$2,740 to cover the cost of the new water heater. Brad seconded. Motion carried.

The hot water in the choir bathroom is not working well. The women's bathroom off the Fellowship Hall is leaking hot water and has been shut off. Blair and John will look into both problems.

After freezing rain, the parking lots were salted and sanded at a cost of \$45. When at least two Trustees deem it necessary this will be done.

John replaced the paper towel holder in the kitchen.

The heat in the Fellowship Hall has been left at 72 when no one is present. A sign will be placed by the thermostat to remind people to turn the heat down to 64 when they leave.

The choir room bathroom needs painting.

Four or five ceiling tiles in the Fellowship Hall need painting or replacing.

There is a gouge in the wood in the Sanctuary on the west side.

New Trustee officers for 2019 were voted on.

Marsha nominated Blair as Chair and John as Co-Chair and Betsy as Secretary.

Betsy nominated Marsha as the Trustee Rep to the Finance Committee and John as the Trustee Rep to the Endowment Committee.

Marsha moved to approve the slate of officers for 2019. Brad supported. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Time**

Pastor Geri has found someone interested in helping with the meal program.

The light over the cross in the Sanctuary is flickering. A box from the Mini Fair trash and treasure has been put in the old office.

Pastor welcomed all of the Trustees to participate in the upcoming opportunities at Trinity including the Feed Your Faith Workshop, Bible study, Tender Heart Workshop and the Make Jesus Your Best Friend book study.

John moved to adjourn. Blair supported. Motion carried.

Submitted by Betsy Trumbell, Trustee Secretary.

### ***More Founders' Day Memories...***

Trinity has given me so many wonderful memories. First of all, the church is my home-away-from-home. Whenever I am troubled, I come into the Sanctuary and feel the presence of God. I talk with him extensively and leave with a sense of peace and love.

I have memories of attending 12 years of Sunday School, summer Bible School, junior choir, senior choir, confirmation, graduation breakfast, getting married in our beautiful Sanctuary, and visiting with my favorite members of the church. I remember going to the opera in Chicago and being surprised to learn how much I loved it—thank you, Laura Deming!

I sit in the pew on Sundays, close my eyes, and reflect on all the events that have happened in my church and how I was a part of some of them. With my eyes closed, I see those wonderful members who have passed on, and I smile because I know that they are still with us in spirit.

My whole life has been connected to Trinity. I am very proud to be a member of a church that has given me so much comfort and joy. I thank God that I was lucky enough to have the church in my life—thanks to my mother, Evelyn Strong.

—Sue Youngberg



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Pianist..... Jean Larson

Custodian.....Larry Marlett

Nursery Attendants.....

Sally Verley, Kane Driscoll, & Emma Bilgreen

Secretary.....Sally Verley

Sunday Worship.....8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School classes for age 3 to adult.....9:00 a.m.

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**Men of Prayer meet on the last Monday of the month.** Our next meeting will be Monday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. We'll compare notes on life and where God is working things out. Come and see what it's all about. For more information, please call Mark Shemanski, (906)396-6828.

