

# Messenger January 2021

## Notes from the Office:

*The Church staff wishes to thank all of you for your generosity this Christmas season with the gifts that were shared! We truly, truly, appreciate the kindness given to us. We look forward to 2021 and in our shared ministry together. Blessings!*

### 2021 Altar Flowers

Envelopes are available by the Outreach Bulletin Board across from the Church Office. Complete the information on the envelope with your name, date of the Sunday you want to reserve, and the name of the person to be honored by the flowers. The cost of the flowers is \$25. You can submit the completed envelope to the office. The office will put you on the schedule to be posted near the envelopes. Schedule pending depending on return to in person Worship. Questions? Call Natalie in the Church Office.

### THE REFUGE

Trinity's week to "host" The Refuge is February 28-March 6. "Hosting" looks a lot different this year. The guests will be staying at The Refuge Restoration Center on the corner of Saginaw and Oregon from 6:30-9:30 and then are being driven to the Michigan Christian Youth Camp off Imlay City Road to spend the night.

**How can you volunteer to help us in this ministry?** We need 2 adults (preferably a man and a woman) each night from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at the Center on Saginaw Street and 2 adults from 9:30-11:30 p.m. at the Youth Camp. You can volunteer to work both shifts or just work one that evening; however, we are trying to keep volunteers at a minimum. You will be responsible to drive yourself to the Camp. We have a volunteer who will be driving the clients from the Center to the Camp each night, and a volunteer to pick them up each morning and drive them back to the Center. Thank you Jim and Chuck.

Also, we need 7 nights of dinner prepared for the clients. If you volunteer to make dinner, come to Trinity to pick up take out containers for these dinners. They can be picked up from the church during office hours (Mon-Thurs. 9-3). You are to make 12 individual containers and they are to be delivered to the Center on Saginaw Street by 6:30 p.m.

Want to volunteer? Please call Kathy Dawley, Trinity's onsite coordinator at (810) 656-0964.

### THANK YOU!

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who donated this year to our two Christmas projects. Christmas Star received various gifts and \$1100. We were able to purchase many items (tool kits, sleds, art kits, hair dryers, games, pajamas, sweatshirts, and more...) that were requested by the program coordinators at Holiday Depot. These gifts were transferred to Holiday Depot which is located in downtown Lapeer. This community outreach allows parents of needy families to come to their "store" and select gifts for their children. We have been working with Holiday Depot for over 20 years now. Usually, we get assigned families and purchase the gifts for them. Due to Covid this year, we decided to donate items to their store. We also received gifts and money to be used for our shut-ins. We delivered 25 wonderful care packages bringing smiles to those who received. Thanks again for being the hands and feet of Jesus by making this Christmas brighter for others.

### **MEMORIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Memorial Committee purchased a life size, outdoor nativity set which was put out in front of the church for the Christmas season. It has been a blessing to see and has even made the newspaper twice!

Our prayers and condolences are sent to the following families:

The family of Donna Clasper.

Joan Borck, and Dave and Lynn Borck, following the death of Carl, husband and father.

Brian Wilson following the death of his father.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH NEWS**

Debbie Muldoon and Creg and Ann June wish all of you a Happy, healthy New Year and look forward to "seeing" the children and youth in the following weeks. Debbie and the Junes continue to offer ministry to them during the pandemic. Let's keep them in our prayers during 2021.

### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S NEWS**

The UMW continued with their disbursement of year end giving. Despite not having any fund raisers or meetings, they were still able to contribute \$1,200 to ministries at Trinity, Lapeer and around the world.

### **BARLING ESTATE**

Barling Estate funds were distributed in November to a number of ministries totaling over \$28,813: Fellowship of Jesus Christ Church, InterHope, World Vision, Foundation for His Ministry, Kukany'okuska Cares, Peak Potential Outreach, World Gospel Mission, Society of St. Andrew Potato Project, Mission of Hope Honduras, CRU Bridge International, Simpson Park Camp, Forgotten Man Ministries, Boy Scout Troop 127, Boy Scout Mackinac Troop MISST 127, WMPC Radio, Good Samaritans of Eastern MI, New Lyfe Restorations, Lapeer Co. Department of Veteran Affairs, The Journey Church, Carriage Town Ministries, TUMC Café, TUMC Camp, TUMC Kids Street, and TUMC Student Grants.

### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

The Outreach/Missions Committee was able to support the following ministries with gifts totalling \$4,200 = God's Country Cooperative Parish in the U.P., Imagine No Malaria in Africa, Heifer International Living Gifts, Baldwin Center Projects in Pontiac, Red Bird Mission in the Kentucky Mountains, Liberia's Ganta Medical Mission Station, Haiti's Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic, Liberian Pastor & District Superintendent Salary support, Michigan Area Disaster Response, the South Flint Soup Kitchen, the Blue Water United Methodist Free Store in Port Huron, and the Rev. Hyo-Won Park, who is planting/starting UM Churches in St. Petersburg, Russia.

### **THE MESSENGER**

We will resume "normal" Messengers starting in February. If you would like to have something included in the newsletter, please send it in an email to Debi: [lobbster@chartermi.net](mailto:lobbster@chartermi.net). Deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### **NEW WEBSITE!!**

Check out the new Church Website ~ [www.trinitylapeer.org](http://www.trinitylapeer.org)