



Sunday Worship 9:00 am

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Kentland Trinity United Methodist Church Mission Statement

Know Christ as Savior
Transform Lives
Unite God's People
Missionary Outreach
Community Centered

VISION STATEMENT

KTUMC envisions to be the commons of Kentland offering unconditional love, friendship and fellowship to all.



FEBRUARY 2020

From the Hand of Dan



When I lived in New Orleans, I served in extension ministries as a chaplain for a large hospice there. The hospice I worked with didn't have a residence like some do. Some hospices have a home where people move into and live. The hospice I worked with didn't do that. People stayed in their own homes and were visited routinely by nurses, social workers, aides, housekeepers, and me, your loveable old chaplain Dan.

Because our hospice served people throughout southeastern Louisiana, this involved a great deal of driving from home to home. I would spend a good deal of my day simply driving from one patient to the next.

The most frustrating period of the year for me was during Mardi Gras season - and yes, it's referred to as a season in New Orleans. From Epiphany to Ash Wednesday, parades fill the streets. New Orleans is already famous for their habit of throwing a parade at the drop of a hat, but during the winter months of "Mardi Gras Season", it becomes almost unbearable! It's not that I'm a stick in the mud or an old fuddy duddy, either, it's that I need to get across that street and there's a parade in the way!

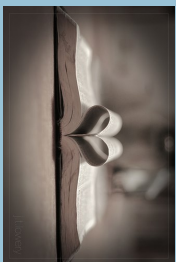
Mardi Gras itself is a day set aside for cleaning the house. Many people make Lenten sacrifices of sugars or sweets or coffee or what have you, Mardi Gras - French for Fat Tuesday - is a last-ditch effort to get rid of all the goodies so that they don't tempt you during Lent. In fact, it's traditional on Mardi Gras to eat pancakes, to use up all the eggs and sweet flour. Mardi Gras is an important part of the faith journey for many people, and I get that; I understand the reasoning behind it. But I need to get across the street and there's a parade in the way!! Mardi Gras this year is on Feb. 25, which is remarkably late. That means Easter will be late, too - clear up and gone in the middle of April! It all has to do with the lunar cycles. I look forward to spending Lent with you in the coming weeks. Lent is a time to contemplate our mutual humanity, how we are all finite creatures worshipping the infinite Creator. I look forward to sharing in these reflections with you.

Just please don't throw a parade in the middle of the street I need to cross!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We want to give a BIG thank you to the faithful who rang the bell for Salvation Army this past Christmas Season! Awesome job! We raised \$2539.63 with our bell ringing. The monies raised will be used to help people in Newton County. Most often the people who come to us for help are in need of funds to pay utilities, rent, or to buy gas for their vehicle or they might need a place to stay. Still others might need help with medication or otherwise. When people call for help we tell them to come to the church during office hours Mon.-Fri. 9 - 12. Since our Salvation Army funds are limited we try to spread them out over the year and we limit our assistance mostly to \$50.00 per instance. If funds are available we allow people to get help from the Salvation Army funds once every six months.

In addition to the Salvation Army funds, the church also has our own 'emergency fund'. The loose offering from each first Sunday of the month is used for it. This fund is used in addition to the Salvation Army fund with similar restrictions. When people ask the church for food, we refer them to the CFC food pantry which is open every first and third Monday of the month.



February 2020



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2 9am Worship/ Communion 10am Sunday School	3 6:30pm Dartball	4	5 8am Coffee Fellowship 2pm WILD Bible Study 5:30pm Finance Team 5:45pm Yoga Class 6:30 Admin Council 7pm A.A. Meeting	6	7	8
9 9am Worship 10am Missions Brunch	10 6:30pm Dartball	11	12 8am Coffee Fellowship 10am Worship Team 2pm WILD Bible Study 5:45pm Yoga Class 7pm A.A. Meeting	13 6:30pm After School Program Board	14	15
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FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

24 Charles & Maxine Dyer

LITURGIST

Feb 2 Russell Collins

Feb 9 Chris Knochel

Feb 16 John Blake

Feb 23 Mary Molter

NURSERY HELPERS

Feb 2 Loretta Wernert

Feb 9 Susan Knochel

Feb 16 Gloria Lohr

Feb 23 Kendra Fredrickson

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Gloria Lohr

5 Rosalie Mathis

8 David Hamilton

15 Jean Phillips

Laura Walker

16 Kyle Robinson

17 Kendra Fredrickson

21 Andrew Lohr

Camden Harris

27 Cheryl Hancock

Cory Groover

**GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY**

Wayne & Beth Turnpaugh

COMMUNION SERVERFebruary 5th

Mary Molter

Calling All Treasurers

It's that time of year, and the Audit Committee is requesting that all treasurers of any committee or group at KTUMC leave their books at the church office in February.

The following items should be included: ledger and/or checkbook register, receipts showing expenses, deposit slips, statements from any checking, savings, or CD accounts (statements for any account should include the last statement of 2018, all statements of 2019, and the first statement of 2020), and any other related financial reports for 2019.

KTUMC is required to file a financial report with the Indiana Conference summarizing all account balances each May. The Audit Committee will return your books as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance!

2019 Trinity Giving Summary

Happy New Year! The Finance Committee would like to say thank you for your generosity in support of Trinity's ministries this past year. Trinity was greatly blessed by your gifts in 2019!

In the General Fund account, all income totaled \$143,543 which was \$1,646 less than our expenses in 2019. This income total is an increase of 4.9% from our General Fund income in 2018. God is good!

In the Capital account, gifts were \$4,538 in 2019, which was \$20,973 less than 2018. This was below our annual total mortgage payment of \$13,248. 2019 was not a typical year for our Capital account support, so we believe this year the Capital account giving will be more representative of our loving congregation.

Our mortgage balance is currently \$189,704, and our Endowment Fund balance is \$381,499.

What an extraordinary family we have here at Trinity! 2020 is going to be a blessed year in the life of our congregation...and our community!

Thank you again for your generosity!

Yours in Christ,
Jay Brinkman, Finance Chairperson

FINANCE UPDATE FOR DECEMBER

	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSED	ENDING BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	(9908)	*26,596	**19,498	(2810)
CHILDRENS CTR	3060	400	791	2669
DESIGNATED FUNDS	4779	282	275	4786
TOTAL CHECKING	(2069)	27,278	20,564	4645

*Receipts include \$500 borrowed from Endowment Fund. **Disbursed include \$5500 repaid to Endowment Fund.

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THE FAMILY ALTAR

Are you remembering the church with your prayers?

Those in the Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Vi Curtis
(Hearth at Sycamore Village, Ft. Wayne)

Those with health concerns: Carol Meyer, Julie & Emma
Cirks, Jim Nugent

Expressions of Sympathy: To Becky Staton & family with
the loss of her brother Wib Franklin, To the family of our
former Bishop, Rev. Mike Coyner

Those Battling Difficult Circumstances: Those seeking
work and having financial problems, the hungry, the
homeless. Pray for our military.

Those in Leadership: Our President, Our Governor,
Bishop Julius Trimble, C.S. Lore Gibson, Our Local
Government, Our Pastor

As a reminder, if you or one of your family members is hospitalized
and wish to be prayed for and to receive visitation, please notify the
church office and / or instruct the hospital specifically to call the church
office (474-6225). We don't want anyone to be missed! If you wish
your hospitalization to be known only by the pastor, your
confidentiality will be secure as well.

the lectionary

February 5, 2020

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Eph 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

February 12, 2020

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17



February 19, 2020

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Cor 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

February 26, 2020

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

1 Cor 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23