

# THE MESSENGER

Trinity United Methodist Church, Lapeer

December 2021

## THE LOBBSTER TALE

The song says: *"It's the most wonderful time of the year!"*

The reality for many of us is this: *"It's the most stressful time of the year!"*

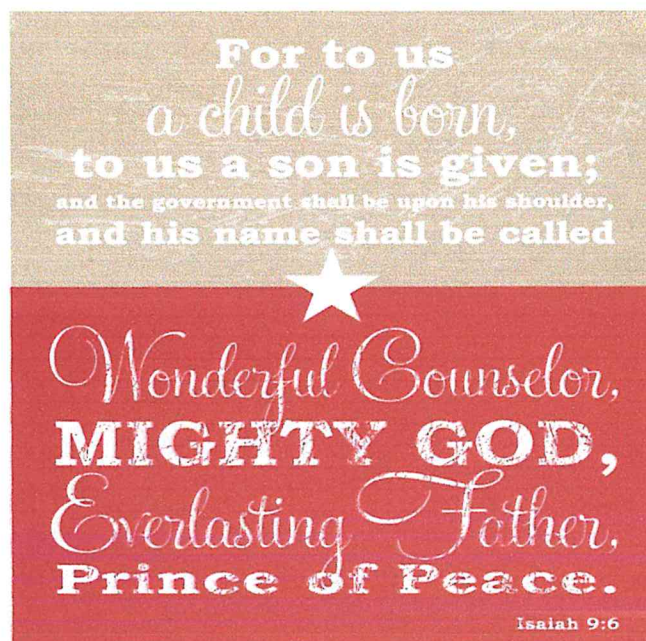
The month of December brings added activities and responsibilities to our schedules which result in stress. Trying to purchase just the right Christmas present for a loved one can bring stress. Preparing to host a Christmas dinner or party can cause stress. Braving the malls and/or surfing the web can bring stress if we cannot find what we want or need! Attending Christmas concerts and getting our kids ready (and ourselves ready!) can bring stress. Making travel plans and then being on the road (or dealing with a crowded airport) to be with loved ones for the holidays can cause stress. Participating in special events and worship experiences here at Trinity church can add to the stress level. All of this with Covid continuing to raise up its ugly head and differences in how to handle the situation just adds to the stress. STRESS!

All of this "stuff" has evolved from the desire to honor the birth of Jesus, who has been referred to in the Bible as the "Prince of Peace." My hope for all of us is that somehow, in the midst of being busy and frustrated we can somehow bring ourselves back to a focus on the birth of our Savior, and in doing so, we may just find ourselves experiencing a little bit of His Peace in our hearts. If we can do that, we may just find the first phrase of that song to be true for us:

It IS the most wonderful time of the year!

See you in church,

*Pastor Grant*





**Christian  
Education**

It's that time of year again (and what a year it has been) when the hustle and bustle sometimes cause us to forget why we celebrate Christmas. This year lets remember why we celebrate this holiday—by attending church either in person or by zoom. We can even do children's Sunday school by zoom if that makes you more comfortable. Just give me a call.

Kid Street has been meeting again after a long time off and I would like to thank all the volunteers who make the program run smoothly. We could not do it without all of you. It has been great so far. We currently have 65 kids enrolled. Our last meeting this year is December 15th and we start back up on January 12, 2022.

Debbie Muldoon, Christian Education Director



The youth would like to thank all of you for your donations supporting the Harvest Dinner in November. Donations totaled \$5,600! What a great response!! We served over 450 take out dinners. Monies raised will help send our youth on their summer mission trip!

They will also be having their FREE Christmas Eve dinner on Christmas Eve starting at 4:30. Again, this is a take out dinner. Blankets and winter coats, gloves, hats, will be given out FREE to those in need. Blankets are needed if you can donate.



The UMM will meet for dinner on MONDAY, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at LEO'S RESTAURANT and we invite **men and women** to be in attendance. Our guest speaker will be Glenda Brady, the new Director of Love, INC. Come and hear what's happening with this vital ministry in Lapeer County.

### CHRISTMAS STAR AND CHRISTMAS SHUT IN BOXES

All items should be turned in by December 3rd—so there is still time! The barrel for gifts is in the Lobby. Monetary donations are also welcome! Mark sure you mark any donations of money for these projects. Any questions, call Pam Siivola at 678-2147.



Thank you for  
your support!

### UNDECORATING THE CHURCH

It seems like we just decorated the church for Christmas—but we need to also schedule the taking down the decorations! Join us on **Saturday morning, January 8 at 9:00 a.m.** to help us pack away until next year our decorations. Many hands make light work!!







We invite all of you to attend the **HOBBY AUCTION on Thursday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Chapel as we raise monies for missions.

Our next meeting will be Monday, **December 13 @ 1:00 p.m.** North Parlor. Light refreshments will be served and we will share in "Christmas Memories" and a White Elephant Gift Exchange

We are beginning to work on programming for 2022. If you have an idea of a program you would like to see happen, please let Shirley Terbruggen or Debi Lobb know soon. We look forward to a more "normal" 2022.



### Notes from the Office:

Just a reminder that the finance books will be closing for the year on Sunday, December 26, 2021 after the second service. Donations received after Sunday's service will be credited to your 2022 offering statement. Any questions, please contact Natalie Morey at [business\\_mgr@trinitylapeer.org](mailto:business_mgr@trinitylapeer.org) or 810-664-9941 ext. 102.

2021 Offering Statements will be mailed to your home by the end of January 2022. If you are not sure if the office has your correct home address, please contact us at 810-664-9941 or email [trinumc@trinitylapeer.org](mailto:trinumc@trinitylapeer.org).

**2022 Altar Flowers:** You can now reserve 2022 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 with payment to the office or place it in an offering box. The office will put you on the schedule to be posted near the envelopes. Just a reminder - Part of our agreement with the floral shop is that we return the vases to be used again. If you are able, please return your vases to the church office after you have enjoyed your beautiful bouquet. Questions? Call Natalie in the Church Office.

**Holiday Office Closures:** The church office will close for the Christmas and New Year holidays on Thursday, December 23rd at 3pm. Normal office hours will resume Monday, January 3, 2022.

**Reminder! Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy:** The church office will be closed and all other activities and meetings cancelled whenever the Lapeer Community Schools are closed for any type of inclement weather: (temperature, snow and/or ice).

**The staff wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!**





### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

12/02 Ron Best  
 12/02 Wanda Harrand  
 12/03 Sally Gillies  
 12/03 Michelle Rasnick  
 12/07 Lexie McCreedy  
 12/08 Gordon Archer  
 12/08 Doris Gross  
 12/09 Jason Louwaert  
 12/11 Joe Richard  
 12/12 Kaleb June  
 12/12 Barbara Niesen  
 12/12 Cora Oextra  
 12/14 Mary Kay Krozek  
 12/16 Bayleigh Boose  
 12/16 Mary Pieper  
 12/17 Janet Dye  
 12/18 Ann June  
 12/18 Sandy Noel  
 12/19 Carol Cliff  
 12/19 Sheila Smith  
 12/20 Cynthia Olson  
 12/20 Joyce Adams  
 12/20 Sue Daveluy  
 12/20 Heidi Matheny  
 12/23 Dyle Henning  
 12/23 Dale June  
 12/23 Pam Siivola  
 12/24 Gordon Bade  
 12/24 Joyce Carr  
 12/25 Nancy Brinker  
 12/25 Gail Orris  
 12/25 Tom Terbrueggen  
 12/25 Timothy Zeeman  
 12/27 Sam Williams  
 12/29 Rod McEachern  
 12/30 Gracie Wilson

### CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

12/19 Samuel & Charlotte Williams  
 12/20 Andrew & Olga Barnard  
 12/20 Michael & Jennifer Nolan  
 12/27 Thomas & Barbara Coon  
 12/27 James & Carolyn Elzerman  
 12/28 Jeanne & Steven McCorkle  
 12/28 Dale & Mary Parsons

Pray for the family of Rev. Gerald Mumford following his recent passing.

Pray for the missionaries kidnapped in Haiti.

Continue to pray for friends and families who are experiencing COVID.

Pray for those recovering from surgeries, health crises and those experiencing grief.







# December 2021

Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 9 - 3 p.m.

Preaching Schedule: December 5, 12, 19, 26—Rev. Grant R. Lobb

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>5 8:45a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship</p>	<p>6 9:00a UMW Executive Board Meeting 10:00a Pantry Activities 4:00p Food for Families</p>	<p>7 9:00a MOPS 5:30p Peace of Mind Financial Management 6:00p Trustees Meeting 6:30p Handbells</p>	<p>1 10:00a Bible Study 1:00p UMW Card Recycling 3:30p Kids Street 5:45p Night Time @ Kids Street 6:00p Youth Group 7:00p Choir Practice</p>	<p>2 7:00p Hobby Auction</p>	<p>3 8:00a LCC OMNI Council Leadership Forum 9:00a In Stitches</p>	<p>4</p>
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<p>26 10:00a ONE Worship NO Sunday School</p>	<p>27 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>22 10:00a Bible Study 1:00p UMW Card Recycling 7:00p Choir Practice  <i>No Kids Street or Youth</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30p Christmas Eve Dinner—Take Out 7:00p Candlelight Service 8:30p Caroling out front 11:00p Candlelight Service</p>	<p>25 CHRISTMAS</p> 
			<p>29 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00a Bible Study 1:00p UMW Card Recycling  <i>No Kids Street or Youth No Choir Practices</i></p>	<p>30 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>31 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	

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