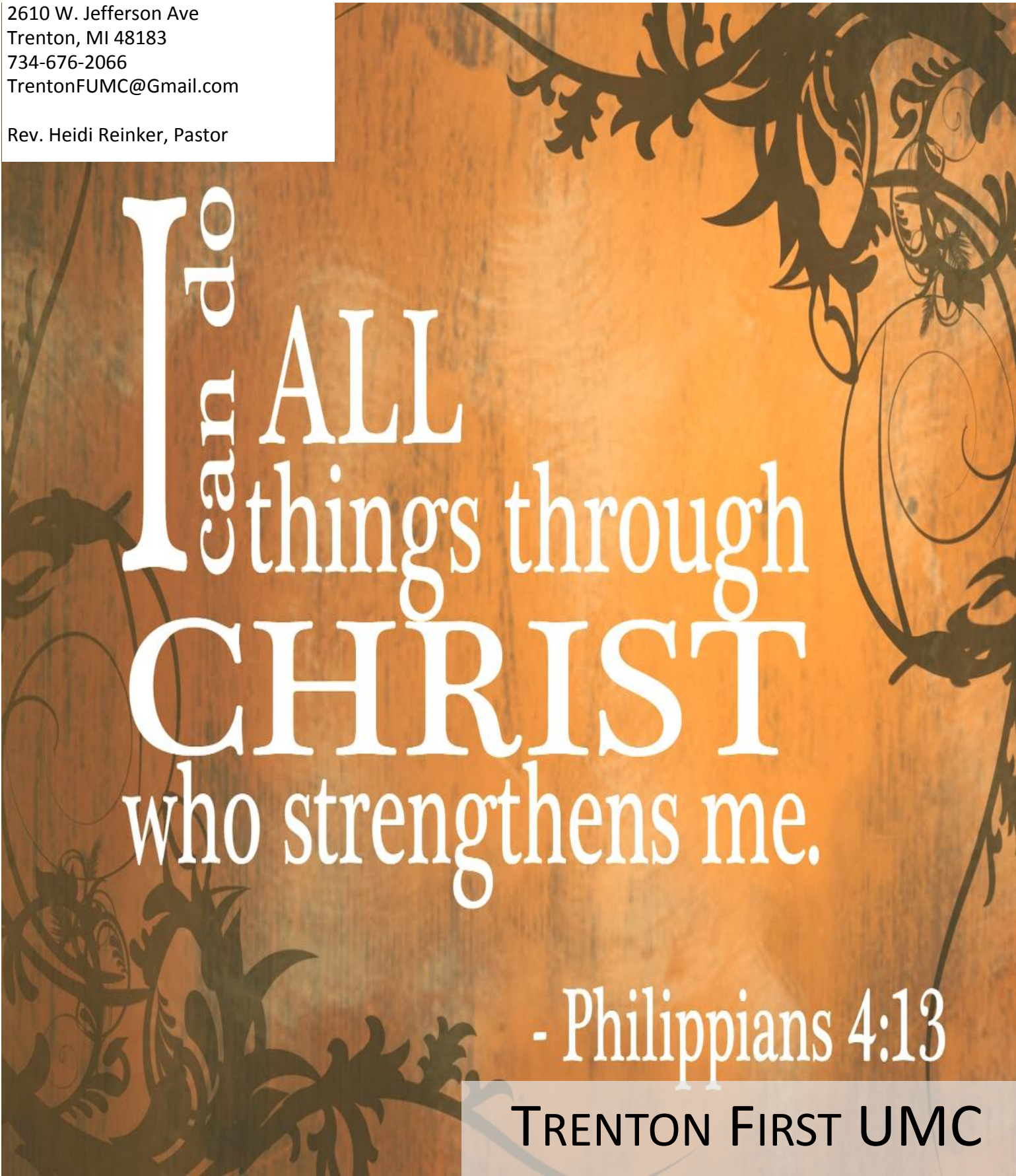


First United Methodist Church
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I can do ALL things through CHRIST who strengthens me.

- Philippians 4:13

TRENTON FIRST UMC

WINTER 2017

JANUARY

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Worship Services begin at 10am every Sunday.

Communion is served on the first Sunday.

Children's Sunday School and Nursery Care are available.





January 2, 2017

Dear First United Methodist Church of Trenton family and friends,

Happy New Year to you all! I want to begin by thanking you for your generous Christmas gift and the big container of delicious truffles. Jim and I have made a serious dent in them, and I used the gift card in preparing for the open house at the parsonage that Jim and I hosted on Friday, December 30th. We were really pleased that 30 of you were able to attend and spend some time with us enjoying food and fellowship. Thank you for providing such a charming parsonage for us to live in. We truly appreciate it, and all of you-our new church family!

I think we had a nice Advent season and Christmas together. Attendance was good, and, of course, the church was beautifully decorated. We will take the decorations at church down this Sunday, January 8th after worship, so please stay if you can to help out. Karen Roberts will be making sloppy joes once again to feed us when our work is done!

I want to thank our music team for their musical contributions over the past year. Jeff Burke's organ and piano music lifts our hearts and minds God-ward, and helps us to connect emotionally and spiritually with God, as does our dedicated choir and praise band members. Thank you to Praise Band members: Jeff Burke, Margaret Creekmore, Diane Hiddleston, Ira Nebauer, and Todd Southers. (I'm Diane's back-up singer.) Thank you to our dedicated choir members for all their efforts, including: Cheryl Byrd, Margaret Creekmore, Judy Howells, Pat McCall, Sally Okerstrom, Todd Southers, Tim Whalen, and Joe Wilson, and Jan Wynn. A special thanks to our choir/music director Diane Hiddleston who sang a beautiful solo of "O Holy Night" on Christmas Eve. Thanks also to Sabrina Byrd -home from college for Christmas break-for her sweet solo of "Away in the Manger" on Christmas morning. May God bless you!

We are all grateful to our financial team for all their hard work in 2016 including our treasurer Ira Nebauer and Financial Secretary/Assistant Treasurer Cheryl Bryd-- and to all our counters on Sunday morning. I don't know who you all are since you are locked away on Sunday mornings! A very special thanks to our audio crew on Sunday mornings- Jackie Hull, Ira Nebauer and Paulette Wilson. Of course, our administrative assistant Ramona Moysi is responsible for getting the content loaded for the screen and has been doing all the visuals as part of her work.

And we cannot fail to be grateful for all Karen Robert's labor in keeping the church clean, and to those who assist her inside, as well as to those who have helped keep the grounds clean including Todd Southers and Faith Cookson.

As we move forward into the new year of 2017, let us be asking God what direction he would have us go in ministry to our community and the world. We could use everyone's input and ideas to discern what God would have us do as a church. We stopped doing the Taize services on Wednesdays once a month, but it might be good to try an alternative Wednesday evening prayer or worship opportunity once a month for those who find Sunday mornings difficult to attend, or would like extra worship/prayer time. We'll schedule another Idea Team meeting soon, so be thinking about what you would like to see new or different in our church's programming and outreach.

In the meantime, I encourage you to share your faith with your family and friends. When's the last time you asked someone to come to church with you? When's the last time you offered to pray for someone? What's the worst that could happen? Would it be so devastating to hear 'no'? I don't think so. We need to stand up for Christ and share our faith in him with others. I just read that in 2016 almost 90,000 Christians were martyred for their faith. That's about one every 6 minutes. That makes Christians the most persecuted (and most populous) religious group in the world. About 70% of that violence is occurring in Africa, but we are all well aware of increased threats at home. Let us pray and work for peace and justice in our homes, our community, and in the world.

One my favorite Bible passages from the Advent and Christmas season is Isaiah 9: 6 which reads: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had Jesus running our government and the governments of the world? Let us pray for our own government in this transition year that God would give our new officials the wisdom and discernment and ethical/moral guidance that they so desperately need in order to be able govern us well.

And may we remember that no matter what, God is in control somehow, and He loves us dearly. Let us cling to that truth, and follow in Christ's footsteps in the New Year as closely as possible.

With love in Christ,

Pastor Heidi

P.S. I am happy to inform you that my husband Jim Reinker transferred his membership to First UMC Trenton last November. Copies of our November church conference booklet are available at church.

MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR CHURCH COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO SERVED IN 2016!!

HAPPY New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face
shine upon you, And be gracious to you...



ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

We gather after worship to look at the scriptures from worship that week to dig deeper into their meaning and how they connect to our lives as disciples. We gather in the meeting room after folks have gotten a chance to grab a few refreshments .

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We gather Tuesdays from 1- 2 p.m. or so to study the scriptures together with Pastor Heidi. We read sections of the scriptures and then discuss them, so there is no homework, and you can jump in and join us anytime. So just bring your Bible and join us in the meeting room for this study. All are invited to attend. We will finish Titus on Jan. 10th and then decide on a longer book to study next- perhaps Exodus or Second Corinthians. Bring your suggestions.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

BREAKFAST CLUB

If you're looking for a way to start the week with some devotionals, good food, and great company, then come join the Breakfast Club. The next Breakfast Club will be **Monday, January 16, at 8 a.m.** at Mom's Diner. Join us every other Monday, or [check the calendar for dates](#).



CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

01/01 - Dorothy Gordon
 01/06— Jim Reinker
01/08 - Faith Cookson
01/10 - Scarlett Brianey
01/11 - Robert Neubauer
01/12 - Norman Barnsdale
01/13 - Richard Guerra
01/14 - Virginia Peck
01/17 - Lee Wynn
01/19 - Madison Loomis
01/20 - Allison Wynn
01/21 - Austin Robinson
01/22 - Shawn Lewis-Lakin
01/22 - Janet Wolfe
01/28 - Robert Mynster
01/31 - George Mans Jr.

FEBRUARY

02/?? - Barbara Olsen
02/01 - Robert Neubauer II
02/02 - Hilda Ross
 - Jill Weller
02/03 - Mardell Hull
02/08 - Yuill Kampschoer
02/11 - Evelyn Burt
02/13 - Jim Creekmore
02/14 - Ruth Kasenow
 - Jeffrey Leedy
02/18 - Michael Menna
 - Travis Wolfe
02/22 - Katie Keim
02/24 - Shannon Prater

MARCH

03/07 - Brienna Haack
03/09 - Donna Haack
 - Brian Voss
03/10 - Carol Mans
 - Wayne Nowland
03/21 - Ben Lash
03/23 - Lily Davis
03/24 - Parker Roberts
03/25 - Paulette Wilson
03/30 - Janis Sash
03/31 - Lillian Treadwell

ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY

02/28- REV. HEIDI & JIM REINKER

MARCH

03/04 - Wayne & Theresa Nowland (39 yrs)

03/18 - Elizabeth Davis & Paul Reynolds (9yrs)

03/22 - Steven & Christina Voss (19yrs)

03/24 - Jim & Caroline Leedy (60 years)

FLOWERS

JANUARY

01/01 – Open

01/8– Open

01/15– Open

01/22– Faith Cookson

01/29 - Jackie Hull

FEBRUARY

02/05 - Open

02/12- Open

02/19 - Open

02/26 - Open

MARCH

03/05 - Open

03/12 -Ruth Ann Brewer

03/19- Open

03/26 - Open

To order flowers for the altar and/or organ: Sign-up by date on the “Flowers Chart” near the office, or contact the Flower Chair of the Month.

January - Carol Pettitt 675-4306

February - Melda Neubauer 675-0252

March - Dorothy Gordon 676-3359

PRAYER CHAIN

If you want to add a name to the prayer chain, you may call Dorothy Gordon, 734-676-3359, or our office administrator at 734-676-2066

COFFEE HOUR HOST/ESS

JANUARY

08– Melda Neubauer

15 - Betty Miller

22 - Cheryl Byrd

***29** - Karen Roberts

MARCH

05– Cheryl Byrd

12 - Karen Roberts

19- Betty Lozo

***26** - Judy Howells

FEBRUARY

05 -Bette Lozo

12- Judy Howells

19 -Melda Neubauer

***26** -Betty Miller

* Birthday Sunday -
Primary persons serve on
a rotating basis. Each
server is responsible for
her own replacement.

CHRISTNET WARMING CENTER

TRENTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 19 – FEBRUARY 26, 2017



Trenton First United Methodist Church will again be hosting the CHRISTNET WARMING Center for one week beginning 2/19/2017 thru 2/26/2017. With assistance from several other local area churches and civic organizations, this will be the 21th consecutive year our church family will be providing a safe, secure and warm shelter for many homeless people from the downriver area.

WHAT IS THE CHRISTNET MINISTRY?

ChristNet is a downriver organization providing basic, needed services to people who need safe, secure, temporary overnight shelter during the cold winter months. The ChristNet program maintains a weekly rotating shelter involving the cooperation of over fifty churches and numerous civic organizations in the downriver area. The shelter program starts the 1st week of October each year, and runs to June the following year. The following brief summary on the homeless problem in our country, and in our state, is provided for your information. With our current economic environment, the situation is not expected to improve in the near future

HOW DO WE KNOW WHOM WE WILL GET?

The registration process for guests takes place

at the ChristNet downriver intake center located in Taylor. Guests are screened and evaluated each

night before they are allowed to enter the program. Typically, we will have approximately 25 – 30 guests (men, women and families with children are the possible make-up of guests). Guests are transported to the host site for the evening, and picked up the following morning for return to the intake center area.

HOW LONG WILL OUR GUESTS BE WITH US EACH DAY?

They will arrive about 6:30 p.m. and will depart from our building at about 6:30 a.m. the following morning. Most of the time our guests will be sleeping, but your help is needed in “behind

the scenes” activities like preparing a food dish, assisting in serving meals, spending the night as hosts to supervise and assist our guests, etc.

“I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me... I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me!” (Matthew 25:35-36, 40)

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING FOR OUR GUESTS?

The goal of CHRISTNET is to provide a safe, secure overnight shelter for those in need. We'll serve a hot evening meal, provide a safe night of rest, give them a simple early morning breakfast, and a sack lunch. We'll also be a friend to them and share Christ's love with them in a tangible way.

WHO CAN YOU CONTACT ABOUT FIRST CHURCH'S INVOLVEMENT?

The [Church Office](#) (734)-676-2066

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Volunteers are needed to assist in the following capacities:

- To spend all, or part, of a night at the church (teams of two or three people are needed to serve as hosts for our guests in the building during the hours of 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.).
- To assist in serving and/or preparing dishes (either at church or at home) for evening meals (Menu suggestions will be provided.)
- To prepare and set out a simple, nourishing breakfast in the mornings.
- To prepare appetizing bag lunches for guests.
- To assist in early morning cleanup.
- To provide laundry service during the week and at week's end.
- Site preparation of the area for guests on Sunday, February 19th; and - - take-down and transport of supplies to next host site on the following Sunday, February 26th, 2017).
- Monetary contributions are always welcome to help cover church expenditures for this ministry.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

I just wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for the birthday wishes, Christmas goodies / presents, for thinking of Rob and I, but mostly for welcoming me with such warmth and open arms. It really touches me how each of you each of you have showed me that I am welcomed. I am truly blessed to have such a great family here .

My wish for each of you is to have a very healthy, blessed and prosperous New Year, and may all of your wants and desires come true. Not one of us knows what the future holds, but it makes it a lot easier to know that I/we have such a great support and family behind us—that is how I feel about my family here. You all are very special , and I hold each of you dear to my heart. So thank you again!

With much love,

Ramona

This newsletter is a special edition for January,
a quarterly newsletter for February and March,
will be out at the end of January or first part of February.

January 2017

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