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PASTOR'S CORNER

REV. TERESA KEEZEL

FROM THE OTHER SIDE

One of the interesting tidbits I learned is this: Tradition thinks it knows the location where Jesus was crucified because there was such an uproar in Jerusalem that Jesus had been crucified that to quell the popular unrest the Roman government agreed not to crucify anyone on that location anymore. This decision was documented. The site now identified as Golgotha is the site identified and abandoned by the Romans. Personally, I find great comfort in the knowledge that the Jews did really care about Jesus. They had just got caught in the moment and when they went back and collected themselves, they felt bad. Bad enough that their grief changed the Roman government.

LENT IS HERE

We enter the season of the Cross. The Cross....We remember that Jesus was willing to suffer for us. That God so loved us that he bore the punishment for us. Can you feel the love? Can you feel his kindness? He is not trying to punish us. He is not trying to make us feel unclean or beaten. He is not trying to shame us. He is trying to lift us up. He is trying to give us space to turn our lives around and to grow closer to him.

All the same, can you feel your unworthiness? We are not worthy to gather the crumbs from under Christ's table. But his property is always to have mercy. So in his mercy, we give thanks for his willingness to see our sin and to forgive us. We are not bold. We are not self-proud. We are humble and thankful.

"As I have loved you, love one another."

Jesus said so.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, March 23rd for inclusion in the April Newsletter. You can send items by email to trinity@trinity-umc.com or drop off in the "Church Secretary" hallway mailbox.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



Daylight Savings Time begins on

Sunday, March 9th.

Don't forget to set your clock FORWARD an hour before bed on Saturday the 8th!



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communication Committee is looking for volunteers to join the communications committee to assist with the church website. If interested, please call Keith Nowlin at 895-3225 or email: Keith.Nowlin@msn.com

ANGEL CHOIR MISSION PROJECT

Help our Angels with their March Mission Project! The children would like to help make the lives of the animals at Chesterfield Animal Shelter a bit brighter. We will be collecting for dogs and cats:



Bags of dry food • Toys • Treats

Clean blankets and towels for the animals to lie on

There will be a bin in the Narthex near Sherbourne food collection. Contact Deborah or Pat M with any questions.

SHERBOURNE MARCH FOOD FOCUS

The Sherbourne Food Focus for March is a pair of foods that go great together: Peanut Butter and Jelly. Your donations are vital to the monthly prepare food bags that feed 60 families.



Also, you can join us on the second Saturday of each month at 9 am at Sherbourne UMC to bag food. Contact Deborah Napolitano with any questions!

BOY SCOUT/YOUTH MULCH SALE



Get an order form on the church website and order by March 15.

Delivery/pickup will be March 22.

Proceeds are split between Boy Scout Troop 2886 and the Trinity UMC Youth Group.

MARCH MUSIC NOTES

PAT MADISON, MUSIC DIRECTOR

The annual talent show will be Friday, March 7th, beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The theme this year is "On the radio" and we have some great numbers to broadcast on Friday. Snow and ice have been a rehearsal problem but we have persevered and we hope you will come and enjoy our show. The dinner menu is ziti pasta with either marinara sauce or meat sauce, salad, bread, and assorted desserts. We will also have tea, coffee, lemonade, and water to drink. Donations will be taken and proceeds will go to the youth mission trip and music department. Please join us for fun, laughter, and fellowship!

We would like to borrow old radios for the stage set for the talent show on March 7th. If you have one you can loan, please put your name on it and leave it in Pat's office. Beth and I would appreciate your help.

In between snow storms, the Cherubs, Seraphims, and Angels have been studying the life of Joseph. We will begin this week studying the stories of Moses. Come join the learning and fun!

I am organizing a group from Trinity to go to Brandermill Church at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, April 13th, to see the Raleigh Ringers perform. They are an amazing handbell group that has performed in Europe as well as in many states in the US. If I have 15 or more going, tickets are \$15.00 each. Please e-mail me at piano4mom@gmail.com if you would like to go so that I can place the ticket order. Their concerts are always beautiful as well as entertaining. David Harris, the director, always add a bit of humor to his program. I know you would enjoy them.

Our children's choirs are learning songs that we can take to our next big event for spring- a trip to Lucy Corr. We had a great time when we went before so we will be travelling to Lucy Corr on Sunday, April 2nd at 2:00 p.m. We would love for all children to join us as we bring joy to some very special people. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons. New children are always welcome.

Thanks to those women who have volunteered to be a part of the "Twelve Other Disciples". We will have an organizational meeting at 3:00 on March 9th to present parts and look at costumes. Thanks again for being a part of this service.

Blessings, Pat

DUST AND ASHES

Brian Wren
Worship & Song # 3098

Dust and ashes touch our face,
mark our failure and our falling.

Holy Spirit, come,
walk with us tomorrow,
take us as disciples,
washed and wakened by your
calling.

Take us by the hand and lead us,
lead us through the desert sands,
bring us living water,
Holy Spirit, come.

Dust and ashes soil our hands
greed of market, pride of nation.

Holy Spirit, come,
walk with us tomorrow,
as we pray and struggle
through the meshes of oppression.
Take us by the hand and lead us,
lead us through the desert sands,
bring us living water,
Holy Spirit, come.

Dust and ashes choke our tongue
in the wasteland of depression.

Holy Spirit, come,
walk with us tomorrow,
through all gloom and grieving
to the paths of resurrection.
Take us by the hand and lead us,
lead us through the desert sands,
bring us living water,
Holy Spirit, come.



LENTEN SEASON WORSHIP

Lent and Holy Week, culminating in Easter, is a special time in the church calendar, and there are many opportunities for worship at Trinity during this period.

SHROVE TUESDAY – MARCH 4

Soup dinner at 6:30 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5

Services at noon and 7 pm

FIFTH SUNDAY – MARCH 30

Regularly scheduled Fifth Sunday Joint Service at 10 am, with Sunday School at 9 am.

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 13

Easter Egg Hunt and Family Luncheon following the 11 am service

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 17

Communion Services at noon and 7 pm

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 20

Sunrise Service at 6:30 am, Sunday School at 9:45 am, Traditional Service at 11 am



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The annual Children's Ministry luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt will be after church on Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

The United Methodist Church website – www.UMC.org – has devotions and resources for study, prayer and/or reflection in the Lenten Season. There is even a Weekly RETHinkChurch tumblr challenge. Find resources that fit you and grow you here:

<http://www.umc.org/resources/lent-and-easter-resources>





UMM BOSTON BUTT SALE

It's that time of year again! Come one, come all! Have you been pondering the wonderful taste of a Boston Butt?

Meaty, juicy, great for barbecue and just right for a family dinner or gathering of friends for the Big Game.

Boston Butts

Pre-cooked

8 to 9 pounds

Boneless

Only \$25.00

Last day to order is Sunday, March 9th. Order on clipboard in Narthex, see Maury Beck or phone (804) 393-1504.

Pick-Up will be at church at noon on Sunday, March 16th.

To pay by check: Make payable to TUMC and for UMM, Boston Butt Sale.

UMM plan to sell only 60, but more can be available with one week notice to supplier....order NOW!

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST MEN

The next meeting for UMM will be Saturday, March 1st at 8 am.

Please come join our group (we normally only have about 10 men present) and enjoy the fellowship and breakfast with hot coffee!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We at Trinity United Methodist Church have supported CCHASM each year with the Thanksgiving meal drive but are you aware of their activities the remainder of the year?

Come join TUMW Thursday March 13th at 7:00 pm as Bob Cassada, Chairman of the CCHASM Board informs us of their mission and activities. Light refreshments will follow.

TO THE TRINITY FAMILY: A STEWARDSHIP NOTE

MAURICE LINKOUS

The year 2013 is history and we are well into the New Year. There are two things on my mind and first of which I think it only fitting that I thank you for allowing me to have been the Stewardship Chairman for the past three years. Hopefully I didn't unnerve too many of you. As diverse as the Trinity Family is it's a great feeling to talk about the accomplishments of the church and its missions and believe that you are a servant of God and a part of the family.

Secondly, it was very pleasing to see your purchase interest in the Historical Society's ornament production of the original Trinity Sanctuary. Many of you did not have the opportunity to attend services in the original Sanctuary but your response to owning and feeling a part of the Trinity history was overwhelming. In the course of bringing the ornaments to you for purchase, we requested you consider a \$5 donation toward retiring the Trinity Church mortgage. I'm pleased to report that we realized a gain of \$560 on the sale of the ornaments and that amount has been applied as a principal curtailment to the mortgage. It further benefits the church with a potential interest savings of \$235 over the remaining life of the loan. We labored over how many ornaments should initially be ordered and started out thinking small only to increase the order three times. What a heartwarming surprise! Thank you for the support that you extended me over the past three years.

YOUTH UPDATES

KRYSTAL COFER

THANKS!

We would like to thank Pat Shrader for volunteering as our 3rd adult for Blackstone.

SIGN UP GENIUS . COM

We are using Sign Up Genius for anyone who would like to volunteer to be our 4th adult during our meetings 5-6:15 and for any youth parent who would like to volunteer for the meal that evening.

The site shows who is bringing food and what they are bringing.

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DADA829AAFE3-meeting

SUMMER MISSIONS

We are registered for Harrisburg, PA with Youth Works for our summer 2014 Missions June 15-20th. We are hoping to link up with a nearby Methodist Church to stay Friday night to have our usual Sun-Sat stay.

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

The boy scouts would like to link up again for mulch. The delivery date is set for March 22nd, rain or shine! All willing and able hands are asked to come and help with the youth's biggest fundraiser for our missions trip. Orders are due by March 15, and the order form is on the church website.

HELP NEEDED TO BRING NEW MISSION OPPORTUNITY

DEBORAH NAPOLITANO

The Missions Committee is researching the probability of bringing pre-packaged, pre-ordered boxes of food to our church once a month for distribution to individuals and families. The food in these boxes is of high quality and is affordable.



ONEHARVEST
FOOD MINISTRIES

www.oneharvest.com

Help would be needed to unload boxes off the tractor trailer or go to the partner site for boxes; organize them in the church; check in clients; hand them a brochure about our church; verify the correct box(es) go to the correct client; and help the client bring the boxes to their vehicle.

This has the potential to be a fantastic ministry for our church! In addition to helping to feed the hungry we have the opportunity to join the youth, parents, and grandparents; singles and married; early and late services and different Sunday School classes together in fellowship and ministry. It will bring families that normally would not walk through our doors and possibly bring them to Christ through our church. It would be a good idea to look at our brochures and insure they are current.

I urge you to go to ONEHARVEST.com and look at the value of the food boxes we could offer to church members and to other members of the community. Prayerfully consider if you would like to help with this ministry. It does not need to be once a month, it could be every other month or even once a quarter. The future of this ministry for our church depends on your taking the time to e-mail Deborah Napolitano at seven_naps@verizon.net or call her with your willingness to help.

“If Christ was sitting at our table, would we be proud to serve Him our food?” It is our duty to help feed the hungry as Christ called us in Matthew 25:34-35, “... Come you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,...”

BIRTHDAYS

Help us update our information; if your birthday is this month and you are not listed, please notify the office so we won't miss you again!

March 1 Les Morgan
Mabel Cassada

March 2 Lucy Shields
Matthew Saunders
Amber Schneider

March 5 Lurie Bailey

March 6 Gerald Moody

March 8 Lewis Cassada

March 9 Carolyn Wilson
Elizabeth Krump

March 10 Peggy Farrar

March 11 Corey Sapp

March 12 Hillary Shields
Emily Shields

March 14 Evelyn Cox

March 15 Jesse Balis

March 16 Guy Cash

March 17 Pat Trombley
Lynn Ellis
Alyssa Lively

March 21 Dylan Day
Catharine Galluzzo

March 23 William Gill
Caleb Krauchunas
James Miller

March 24 Peyton Roach

March 26 Joe Sellers

March 28 Angie Parrish

March 29 Bert Watson

March 30 Dorothy Taylor
Rachael Linkous

March 31 Bobby Farmer
Betty Adams
Madeline Sawyer

OFFERING TELLERS

March 2 Gary Potter & Maurice Linkous

March 9 & 16 Aubrey Tarkington & Dave Shaffer

March 23 & 30 Flo Gray & Ted Soto

NURSERY WORKERS

March 2 Janet Collins & Lana Lefferts

March 9 Jackie Sawyer (1 helper needed)

March 16 (helpers needed)

March 23 Jackie Sawyer (1 helper needed)

March 30 Steph & Boys (1 helper needed)

NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to all the church members for the caring phone calls, lovely cards and flowers, and the prayers that helped get John and I safely back to Kansas for the funeral of my brother, Keith Carlat. We felt it was all the prayers that gave us safe travels during the snow storms. Thank you all so much.

Sue Morris

NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks be to God!

I will be working part-time (24 hrs/week) at Martin's at Chippenham Crossing in the meat department. Martins' employees have been friendly and encouraging and I look forward to working with them. The work will be challenging, but learning new stuff keeps me young. I think I'm going to enjoy being semi-retired.

Darleen and I both want to thank all of you for your prayers, good thoughts, leads, gifts, cards, flowers, monetary support (known and anonymous), and caring. We are truly blessed.

God Bless All!

Les Morgan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> 3 pm Talent Show Rehearsal 4 pm Odyssey, Chimes 4 pm Disciple III 5 pm Youth Group 5 pm Treble Choir	3 6:30 pm Missions 7 pm Belles 7 pm Boy & Cub Scouts	4 SHROVE TUESDAY 6:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Potluck Dinner 6:45 pm Cub Scouts	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 12 pm Ash Wednesday Service 5:45 pm Children's Choirs 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service ~7:30 pm Choir	6 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm AA	7 6 pm "On the Radio" TUMC Annual Talent Show	1 8:00 am UMM _____
9 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS <i>Regular Morning Schedule</i> ~12pm Worship Committee 3 pm Women's Skit Mtg. 4 pm Odyssey, Chimes 4 pm Disciple III 5 pm Youth Group 5 pm Treble Choir	10 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy Scouts	11 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm Bible Study	12 5:45 pm Children's Choirs 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	13 6:30 pm UMW 7 pm Fun with Faith 7 pm AA	14	15
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