



The Christian Flame

March-April 2023

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The mission of the United Methodist Church is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Grace, Peace, Hope, and Joy to you, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, at Trinity United Methodist Church – Brackenridge.

STATUS UPDATE: On Sunday, February 26, Mr. John Lutman, chair of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee, reported to the congregation, the serious financial concern that the church is several months behind in pastoral financial support, and could no longer afford a full-time fully ordained elder of the church to be pastor at Trinity.

On Sunday, March 5, at the end of our worship, I announced that Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, Bishop of the Western PA Annual Conference, is re-assigning me, to the Trinity Tower United Methodist Church in Penn Hills, PA, effective July 1, 2023.

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee will now be meeting with the District Superintendent, Rev. Ms. Deborah Ackley-Killian, to plan the best next steps for the church, within its current financial capabilities. In addition, I will be working with the Trustees, Treasurer, Pastor Parish Relations Committee, and the District Superintendent to apply for a financial grant to help the church in its emergency financial need.

THANK YOU: I want to thank the good people of Trinity for the privilege of serving the Lord with you for the past 7 years. We have made it through several challenging times together. (One of the important lessons Christians can teach is perseverance through adversity. We live by trust in God by faith, and always with hope!)

Thanks to the leadership for your growth in mutual support, vision, and high-quality service. Thanks to all the volunteers who have selflessly served in so many ways, always enjoying the experience, and sharing that joy, with all who have received your ministries.

Thank you for the opportunity to preach and teach the faith, and to reach out to the community. Ministry to and for others is our purpose and goal as Disciples of Jesus. The exciting thing is how we discover how much fun and fulfillment we gain by doing it!

BEST WISHES: I can assure you, every pastor who receives the privilege of serving a church is excited, hopeful, and eager to do their best for God, Christ, Church and Community. I urge you to welcome the new pastor, support your new pastor, and grow together in Faith, Hope, Love, and ministry to the community in joy. I love this church, it is a treasure, and I am sure that it can grow and continue for many years to come, as those who are seeking, the Lord helps to find, at Trinity. God bless, guide, nurture and multiply this ministry, being the light on the top of the hill, Shining forth with the “Good News” of Jesus Christ, always!

EASTER FLOWERS

Submitted by Karen Fazio



The decorating team welcomes everyone to help decorate the altar for Easter by purchasing beautiful spring flowers. You can purchase plants in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one.

In lieu of flowers you may donate to the Noah Fund (Rainy day) to meet unexpected and emergency needs.

Deadline for orders is Sunday, March 19th. Please include cash or checks made out to TUMC with your order form. Forms are available in the Narthex.

Flower Price

\$12 Easter Lilies

\$11 Mums - White, yellow, purple, or pink

\$10 Tulips – yellow, red, pink, orange

\$10 Hyacinths – purple, white, pink

\$10 Yellow Daffodils

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MAUDY THURSDAY

6:30 PM WORSHIP

GOOD FRIDAY 12:00-3:00 COMMUNITY WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 WORSHIP



Trinity UMC is looking for individuals interested in forming a Visitation Ministry. Those who would be recipients of the ministry would include shut-ins, hospitalized individuals, and care facility residents. Such a program within the church helps to ensure that all members and friends of the congregation who should receive phone calls, visits and postcards will get them from people who care enough to do it. If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or talk to Dale Cepull.

In the meantime, consider sending a card or making a phone call to one of our current shut-ins. Addresses and phone numbers can be found in the directory.

Ron & Linda Altany, Viola Bibza, Maxine Carnathan, Timothy & Mary Ann Cornuet, Beverly Frantz, Lucille Hoover, Donald & Ruth Ikenberg, Mary Jane Jack, James Lesky, Homer & Joan Logan, Kathryn Lydick, Janet Mack, Maureen Marianna, Eileen Reckhart, Bonita Robinson, Gwendoline Rose, Lois Scholl, Howard Stewart, Patricia Trettel, Donna Waltenbaugh, and Sandra Wilhelm.

ALTAR FLOWER NEWS

Submitted by Karen Fazio

TUMC welcomes **Lehman Flower Shop** to share the arrangements for the altar.



The price for a single vase is \$25.00. The price for two end vases is \$50.00. Flowers include mini and large carnations and daisies in your choice of colors along with baby's breath and greens.

Bailies Flower Shop price for a single vase is \$35 and \$60 for two end vases. Flowers include carnations, daisies, and mums in your choice of colors along with greens.

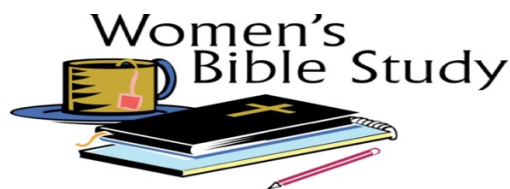
Karen Fazio is available to help with any questions. She can be reached at 412-266-5626.

You can sign up for flowers on the chart in the Narthex or call Karen. When signing up, please include the florist, name, phone number, name of person you are honoring or remembering, whether you want a single center or two end arrangements and choice of flower colors. Payment must be made by the Sunday of display. Checks made to TUMC or cash can be placed in the offering plate with your name, date of display and Flower Fund on the envelope.

You may also purchase flowers directly by calling Kathy Bailie 724-224-9557 or Joyce Lehman 724-224-3770 to order any other type of arrangement. For donation credit please submit a copy of the paid invoice.



The Trustees unanimously voted to dispose of the sanctuary tree due to missing parts, lack of working lights, and the fact that we no longer have able-bodied men to handle such a tall tree. We will need to replace it with something more workable for next year. *Submitted by Trustees*



Women's Bible Study: Any women who would be interested in meeting for a women's Bible study to grow in our faith, please reach out to Amanda Bartel after church, by phone or txt at 724-504-7876 or by email at bartelkaw@gmail.com



Submitted by Evey Callender

We will be taking orders for soup the first two Sundays in each month. Order forms can be picked up or called into Evelyn @724-353-9042 and leaving your name, telephone number and how many quarts you want. Soup will be made the second week of the month and available for pick up the third Sunday of the month. Stuffed Pepper Soup will be for sale in March and Broccoli Cheese Soup in April.

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FILE ON YOUR OWN You can file your own federal and state taxes for free online at MyFreeTaxes.com *Submitted By Chris Steele*



In Honor and Memory

The following donations to the General Fund have been received:

In Memory of:

Bernard Gaston from Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Dorsch
Chief Justin McIntire from Mary Jane Jack
Ted Carnathan from Bob & Linda Gibson

The following donations to the Noah Fund have been received:

In Memory of:

Ronald Reckert from Eileen Reckhart



Storytime in the Park

The Education Team is looking for volunteers to help restart Storytime in the Park. Held at Brackenridge Park during the summer months, Storytime in the Park is an outreach to local families. In the past, a story or two was shared with the children, followed by a craft and snack. If you are interested in reigniting this outreach, contact Amanda Bartel.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Submitted by John Lutman

PPRC has informed the District Office that Trinity UMC is unable to afford to support a Full Time Ordained Elder as minister. The PPRC will be working with the District Superintendent to explore options.

Newsletter Sponsors Needed

We are looking for sponsors for future issues of The Christian Flame.

For \$50 your business or your name can be displayed as sponsor of the newsletter.

Contact Chris Steele at 724-316-6122 or clsteele@gmail.com

United Methodists Helping Out

Mission Barn Finds New Home

Provides Relief after Train Derailment

Over 300 cleaning kits were recently provided to the East Palestine community after the train derailment. The Mission Barn, one of six UMCOR Relief Supply Network depots across the United States, relocated this past month to the former Praxair warehouse building at 181 Columbus Dr., New Castle, PA.

The Mission Barn will host an open house on March 26 from 2-5 p.m. to showcase the new location, and continued ministry. RSVPs with number of people attending is preferred by March 22 to missionbarn@gmail.com.

Taken from WPAUMC E-News



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4	Claudia Stewart	17	Jeanne McDonald	24	Trisha Denny
4	Howard Stewart	18	Alexandra Bonnett	24	Arlene Graham
7	Dara Nolen	18	Janice Cowan	25	Colleen Cousert
8	David Hazlett	19	Diane Blucher	26	Brian Bartrug
8	Erin Hepler	19	Kara Bowser	26	Nicolet Ruediger
8	Mary Jane Jack	19	Madyson Deyo	27	Tracy Tindall
10	Amy Helgert	19	Kierstin Howells	27	Suellen Faustin
11	Madelynn Callender	19	Loretta Null	27	Juanita Graham
11	Karen Fazio	20	Brenden Kovel	28	Kajsa Siewczak
13	Anthony Homa	21	Dawson DeAngelis	28	Lucas Bernstein
14	Denise Cousins	21	Lynette Deyo	28	Virginia Ross
14	Linda Jentgens	21	Jason Ruediger	28	Dawn Stobert
15	Madison McGough	23	Amy Hall	29	Donald Ikenberg
15	Roma Pilston	23	Lucille Hoover	29	Timothy Mackowski
15	Cory Sofaly	23	Deontae Lucas	29	Stephanie Rommes
15	Sarah Wagoner	23	Heather Slike	29	Betty Ruediger
16	Taylor Homa	24	Ronald Collins		

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3	William Kovel	8	Kathy Mrozinski	24	Casey Collins
4	Jamee Bonnett	9	Jaci Bowser	25	James Morris
4	Erica Mell	12	Elizabeth Buco	25	Kris Stover
4	Rosemary Tritschler	12	Dylan Eberle	25	Trevor Uhric
5	Christopher Freehling	14	Marion Mortimer	26	David Graham
5	Derek Ruediger	16	Lisa Gemperlein	26	Morgan McGough
6	Jonathan Alter	16	Casey Hemphill	28	Ray Miller
6	Letitia Kus	18	Sara Fisher	28	Oliveah Rae,
7	Aleczander Alter	18	Thomas Fisher	29	Allie Elizabeth Buco
7	Dustin Gentile	18	April Moore	30	Joseph Tritschler
7	Sandy Roberts	19	Theodore Tomson	30	Carol Wolfe
7	Jeffrey Vanderhoff	22	Jodi Bowser		
8	Joshua Mell	22	Jeane DeAngelis		

If we missed your birthday, please contact Colleen Rudolph at trinitybrackenridge@gmail.com

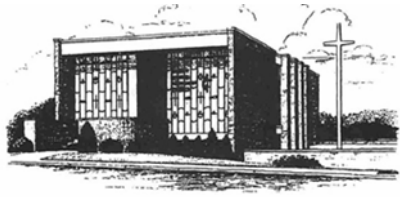
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9AM-12 Pastor's Office Hours 6PM Disciple I 8PM A.A./AI-Anon	2	3 9AM-12PM Pastor's Office Hours 6 PM Girl Scouts	4 10:00AM NA
5 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	6 6PM Disciple II 6PM Marital Arts	7 9AM Heavenly Craffers	8 9AM-12 Pastor's Office Hours 6PM Disciple I 8PM A.A./AI-Anon	9 9:00 AM Finance	10 9AM-12PM Pastor's Office Hours	11 10:00AM NA
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19 9:30 Worship SOUP PICKUP 10:30 Sunday School	20 6PM Disciple II 6PM Marital Arts 6:30PM Trustees meeting	21 9AM Heavenly Craffers	22 9AM-12 Pastor's Office Hours 6PM Disciple I 8PM A.A./AI-Anon	23	24 9AM-12PM Pastor's Office Hours	25 10:00AM NA
26 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 2:00 Autism Friendly Open Mic	27 6PM Disciple II 6PM Marital Arts Class	28 9AM Heavenly Craffers	29 9AM-12 Pastor's Office Hours 6PM Disciple I 8PM A.A./AI-Anon	30	31 6 PM Girl Scouts	Printablecalendarhub.com

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00AM NA
2 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	3 6PM Disciple II 6PM Martial Arts Class	4 9AM Heavenly Crafters	5 9AM-12 Pastor's Office Hours 6PM Disciple I 8PM A.A./AI-Anon	6 MAUDY THURSDAY 6:30PM Worship	7 GOOD FRIDAY 12-3PM Community Worship	8 10:00AM NA
9 EASTER 9:30 Worship	10 10AM PPRC 6PM Disciple II 6PM Martial Arts	11 9AM Heavenly Crafters	12 9AM-12 Pastor's Office Hours 6PM Disciple I 8PM A.A./AI-Anon	13 9:00 AM Finance 6:30 Autism Friendly Open Mic	14 9AM-12PM Pastor's Office Hours 9AM AVAC Board 6PM Girl Scouts	15 10:00AM NA
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Where does UMCOR's administrative cost come from?

Every year on the fourth Sunday in Lent, we celebrate UMCOR Sunday, a day when individual and local church gifts are received to support UMCOR's administrative costs.

Offerings received on this Special Sunday provide major support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which provides immediate assistance in the wake of disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health, and peace. **UMCOR Sunday** allows 100 percent of designated gifts to be used for specified disaster response or other ministry.

In 2023, UMCOR Sunday is **March 19**.