



# Faith & Fellowship

Trinity United Methodist Church

March, 2020

## A Note From The Pastor

Lent began with our Ash Wednesday Services on February 26. It continues for the next six weeks, leading up to Easter Sunday, April 12. It is the same duration and same destination (the Resurrection!), but Lent seems to me to have more significance this year. It may be because of the three session Study/Retreat we are planning for the first three Monday evenings in March. The fact that over 20 people have signed up to join in this study of “Surrender to Love” means that it holds lots of promise for us.



Beyond that, however, I feel that the Lord has something more in store for us in this Lent. I believe that as each of us follows Jesus’ direction to make special devoted efforts to deny ourselves, serve others, and pray, we are going to find God’s blessings touching us in new and exciting ways. Please take a moment to define (if you have not already done so) what you will do in self denial (giving up cake, pies, and cookies – at least), and in service to others, and in prayer (making new efforts at journaling or take a trip to the Labyrinth at Marriottsville). Write down what you will do – and do it!

Let’s look for God to make an impact in our life this Spring! Discover new ways to express our love for God. Open fresh paths to reach out to families and children in our community. Put a fresh physical appearance on our building and property. Bring some back to Worship who have not been here for a while. Cause someone to stand up in our worship on Sunday and say, “The Lord is leading me to.....say, do, pray, ask, right here at Trinity” (the Lord will fill in the blanks). It is difficult to express just what the Lord might do, but I hope you will join me in praying that during Lent 2020 we will find the Spirit of the living God moving among us in ways that bring new expressions of abundant and beautiful life to Trinity Church. I will tell you one thing: we will love it when it happens!

## PALM SUNDAY CONCERT

APRIL 5 at 3:00 pm

The Second Annual Palm Sunday Concert at Trinity Church will be held at 3:00 pm on April 5. A wonderful gathering of vocal and instrumental musicians will assemble at Trinity to present an hour of beautiful and inspiring music. Further details will be forthcoming, but plan now to attend and invite friends and neighbors to come with you. In music, we celebrate the joy of the season and indeed the joy of living with the love of God in our hearts.

### “SURRENDER TO LOVE”

#### STUDY/RETREAT AT TRINITY

6:30 – 8:00 pm MARCH 2, 9, 16

William Benner, the author of “Surrender to Love” says that “God is head over heels in love with us” and we should receive the gift of God’s Perfect Love and let it chase all the fear out of our life so we can live the full and wonderful life that God intends for us. And that is just the first two chapters of this book!

Whether you signed up on not, whether you have a copy of the book or not (we’ll get you one), meet us in the Chapel at 6:30 pm on the first Three Mondays of March and be a part of this Study/Retreat. We will not only review the contents of the book, we will also take time each week to explore what it is telling us can happen in our lives and in the life of Trinity when we “Surrender to Love”.

You will want to be a part of this!

### OUR MISSION TO THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS

Many, many thanks for all the contributions which the people of Trinity made to the Mission to Those without Homes. On Monday, we joined with members of John Wesley UMC to go out onto the streets of Baltimore and brought 100 bag lunches, dozens and dozens of coats and warm shirts, plenty of socks, hats, gloves, and toiletry items to combine with the nearly 100 blankets, bowls of hot soup and lots of other clothing items to bring warmth and blessing to over a hundred persons seeking just a little help to get through another day. We set up our table in two locations in the city and shared love

with all those who came to see us. It was a Beautiful Day!

Now that we know we can make 100 sandwiches in under 20 minutes, we will do it again...and again. Please be looking for our next Mission in early Spring, when we will be collecting socks and making sandwiches to bring a blessing to many on the streets.

And not only that, please know that our Thrift Shop is discovering ways to share any items of clothing which overflow its racks. It is very exciting to see how the Lord is providing the connections needed to get these needed clothing items out of the Shop and into helping people have a better look on life as they have better looking clothing to wear. We rejoice in our Thrift Shop Ministry!

### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

#### “GRACIOUS GIVERS”

“We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)

On Sunday, March 1, the first Sunday in Lent, we will celebrate the joy of our giving in “Pledge Sunday”. As we come to receive Communion, we will bring the card with our name on it expressing our pledged giving to the church for 2020. It will also have the opportunity to express other ways in which we would like to give our talents, time, service, and witness. As we all share in this act, we let our church know of the strength of support we can grow on in our work for this year. We also declare to ourselves and to our Lord how much it means to us that God’s love for us sent his Son for our forgiveness and eternal life.

It is truly wonderful to know, that even in these turbulent and sometimes troubling times, we can know that without a doubt Jesus is always reaching out to us in his love for us. May our lives and our stewardship in the church flow forth as our genuine reflection of his love.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT TRINITY

### April 5 – Palm Sunday

10:15 am – Celebrating Jesus Entry into Jerusalem  
Service of Holy Communion

3:00 pm – Palm Sunday Concert  
Organ, Piano, Guitar, and Voice giving praise!

### Thursday, April 9 – “Holy Thursday”

7:00 pm – Informal Worship and Foot Washing  
We gather in the Social Hall to remember the night of The Last Supper and participate in the Foot Washing. (*This special time may not be for everyone, but we invite any who would like to share in this act of Jesus, showing love through humble service.*)

### Friday, April – “Good Friday”

7:00-8:30 pm – Service of the Seven Last Words  
With Scripture, Hymns, Pictures, and Meditations we will hear and tremble before the words of Jesus from the Cross.

### April 12 – EASTER SUNDAY

10:15am – Celebrating the Glory of the Resurrection

Please remember to submit your orders for Easter Eggs! Copies of the order forms are in the Narthex and on the church's website.



#### NON-DESIGNATED FUNDS

General Fund	7,958.00
Hall Rentals	1,060.00
Memorials To General Fund	65.00
Fund Raisers	70.00
Thrift Shop	371.00
Overage	2.00
TOTAL NON-DESIGNATED FUNDS	9,526.00
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	1,019.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	10,545.00
LESS EXPENSES	-15,056.18
DEFICIT FOR JANUARY	(4,511.18)

## MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 10 Donna Gozik
- 13 Norman Wess, Jr.
- 21 Tom Edmonds
- 27 Bobbie Bien
- 28 Ann Mellinger
- 31 Michael Sheets
- 27 Sharon and Greg Kephart

*This Sunday, March 1st, is the last day to order Easter flowers! Order forms are available at the church.*



# MARCH 2020

Thrift Shop Hours: OPEN EVERY SATURDAY 9am - 1pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Surrender to Love 6:30 pm in the chapel	3 Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 pm	4 Isaiah Bible Study 10:00 am Panera's	5	6	7 1:00 Memorial Svc for Ralph Adams
8 <i>Time change - Spring Forward!</i>	9 UMW 11:30am Surrender to Love 6:30 pm in the chapel Discipleship Group 7:00	10	11	12	13	14 Private Birthday party
15	16 Surrender to Love 6:30 pm in the chapel	17 Pastor David Away	18 Pastor David Away	19 Pastor David Away	20 Pastor David Away	21 Pastor David Away  Making Easter Eggs!
22 Pastor David Away  Making Easter Eggs!	23 Westchester Condos Making Easter Eggs!	24 Pastor David Away Making Easter Eggs!	25 Pastor David Away Making Easter Eggs!	26 Pastor David Away	27 Pastor David Away	28
29	30 Music and Worship 7:00	31 -				



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***“To totally immerse ourselves in the Word of God and share it with others.”***



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