



Trinity Light

The Monthly Newsletter of Trinity United Methodist Church
Port Clinton, Ohio



"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"
Pastor Warren Brown

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Parking Lot

March 2024

Wanderings.....

Do you notice the change of colors of the altar paraments throughout the year? If so, you can probably identify the colors of the Church seasons. (Lent-purple, Easter and Christmas – white, Advent-blue, Pentecost-red.) These seasons come with an increased focus on prayer and inner reflection. But what about the green paraments? Green is the color assigned to the days in the Church calendar designated as the “Ordinary Days.” These days compose the majority of the Church year.

Similarly, in our lives, the days of conflict, trouble, illness, etc., are, hopefully, the fewest of the days we experience. In those times, no doubt, we turn to God for comfort and strength. We become even more aware that our lives belong to God, and we lean heavily upon him.

Again, what about the green days? We need to fill our “Ordinary Days” with prayer and praise for God during that time also. We must continue thanking God for the times when things are going smoothly, thanking God for the times when family members are healthy, thanking God for the times when our Church family is there for support.

I hope when you see the green paraments in the future, you will remember to thank God for your blessings. God loves us every day - even on the “Ordinary Days.”

LOIS EVANS- GUEST AUTHOR

Passion Walk



A Port Clinton Passion Walk is scheduled for Good Friday, March 29th at 3:00 p.m. We will begin at Immaculate Conception Church.

The Passion Walk on Good Friday takes you on a spiritual journey as you walk with Jesus Christ to the Cross on His last day on Earth. We relive Jesus' suffering, passion, and death in exchange for our eternal life.

In the Passion Walk, we will relive historical events found in St. Matthew 26-27. On the day of Good Friday, Jesus is taken custody and has a trial. We relive Jesus' trial, His crucifixion, His suffering, and His death on his way to Calvary in which He defeats sin and He defeats death and wins victory for us all, freeing us from our sins so that we may have eternal life with Him.

Along the route, participants will stop and pray at 8 stations taking turns carrying a large wooden cross. Each station depicts events from Jesus Christ's last day on Earth.

While you walk along, we ask that you meditate on the road that Jesus took to Calvary sacrificing Himself for us.



The Real Meaning of Easter

Easter is about Jesus' triumphal entry on Palm Sunday and the crucifixion, the crucifixion and his resurrection. It's not about Easter bunnies or candy eggs. It's about Jesus being the sacrificial lamb for sin, for defeating death.

So, the meaning, in short, is that Jesus showed us, and the people that they were wrong about him. He was and is the King of the universe.

That's the real story! Happy Easter and happy resurrection day!
MAC GILLELAND, GUEST AUTHOR

Maundy Thursday Dinner



Trinity United Methodist Church will be hosting a Maundy Thursday Dinner on Thursday, March 28th. The dinner will be a symbolic experience for all attendees, as it is a recreation of

Christ's Last Supper with the Apostles. The meal will be served and eaten in silence ~ with the exception of scripture verses detailing the Last Supper throughout the evening.

Attendees can expect the symbolic meal to include stew, rice, olives, bitter herbs, dried fruits, bread and cheese. The entire event is designed to symbolize the atmosphere and experience of the Apostles during the Last Supper. The experience will conclude with Holy Communion. Again, the entire meal will be served and eaten in silence.

The Maundy Thursday Service will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28th at Trinity. The event and dinner is free and open to anyone wishing to attend. A goodwill donation opportunity will be offered.

Reservations are appreciated for planning purposes and must be sent to the Trinity Office no later than Friday, March 22. Please, call Heather at the church office at 419-732-3161 or email at:

tumcpc135@gmail.com

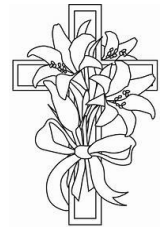
with your reservations. Please, tell Heather in the office if you are willing to help with preparation, serving or clean up for this.

Chancel Spring Garden

Potted spring plants of your choice are needed to transform our chancel area into a "Spring Garden" for Easter Sunday, March 31st. The plants may be in memory of or in honor of a loved one and may be taken home after the Easter service.

Please, call the Church office, 419-732-3161, or email tumcpc135@gmail.com with your dedications before Wednesday, March 27th. Thank you!

Easter Lily Cross



A special box will be in the Narthex before and after services for donations to cover the Easter Lily cross on Easter Sunday, March 31st. It takes approximately 70 lilies to cover the cross and each one costs \$5.00. The lily blooms are placed in individual water vials and will be delivered to shut-ins the day after Easter. Volunteers, both men and women, are needed at the Church at 10:00 a.m. on Monday morning, April 1st to make deliveries. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board.

Those of you who are currently members certainly remember the beauty of this special Trinity tradition. Those of you who are new to our church family are in for a lovely treat. Please help make this possible. Thank you!

You're invited!

A Ladies Style Show and Afternoon Tea will be held at Trinity on Sunday April 7th at 2:00 p.m. The Fabulous Female Boutique will provide lovely clothing, shoes, and jewelry which will be modeled as you sample dainty sandwiches and decadent desserts, and sip specialty teas from your own pretty teacups.



Please, contact the church office to make a reservation by **Monday April 1st**. We can arrange to reserve a table for 8 for you and your friends for a \$10 fee.

Dear Friends of Trinity United Methodist Church,

The time has come around again for the Board of Trinity Women to solicit your help and support. We are making our annual appeal to all of the people in the Church to donate financially so that we can continue to support our Global & local missions, as well as special projects that benefit our church and community. Our money now is earned from cheese sales, from Sarah Ladies, and your donations. So, that is why we need to again ask for direct help from you.

Sarah Ladies meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. They have refreshments, a brief business meeting, devotions, a program, and lots of camaraderie and fellowship. The Handmaidens (sewing group) meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in the sewing room. You are most welcome to join either group.

Please, mail your donations in the enclosed envelope (make your checks payable to Trinity Women) or drop them off in the church collection or to the church office. Any amount is gratefully appreciated. Thank you so much.

Trinity Women's Board:

Jeannette Crone, *Chairperson*, Lois Evans, *Treasurer*, Sue Blankenkemper, Karen Hull, and Mary Jane Gibson

Thank You

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, thank you for your donations of \$290 in 2023. It is your financial support that allows us to continue serving the community. For the year we spent \$48,381 on food and food certificates for our clients of need. This amount does not include the thousands of dollars in food provided to us by the Toledo Northwest Food Bank and Seagate Foodbank. Nor does it include the items of food we received from various local food drives. We are grateful to you and all those in our support network.

2023 was a year of change for us as we moved our pantry into retail space. This presents new challenges as we now pay for rent and utilities. Fortunately, donors continue to support financially or with services that allow us to maintain our direct client services. Plus, our terrific volunteers are vital to our success. Your continued support as we move into 2024 is vital. As government support has declined, and inflation has impacted family budgets, our client numbers are increasing. We thank you in advance for your future donations.

Thanks again for all you do for our food pantry and for the community!

James P. Boule

Treasurer of St. Vincent de Paul

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



We are looking for volunteers to help assist our fellow church congregation who need help or assistance getting to appointments. Please, let us know when you are available; mornings, afternoons, or evenings. If you are willing to help with transportation, please contact the church office by phone 419-732-3161 or email tumcpc135@gmail.com.

Thank you!

The Search for 2024 Graduates Begins...

It's that time of year - when Trinity asks for upcoming high school, college, and post-graduate graduation information. Are you - or someone you know - expecting to graduate from high school, college, or earn an advanced degree sometime in 2024? If so, the friends and members of Trinity United Methodist Church want to know!

Graduation recognition forms will be sent to known 2024 graduates soon. If you will be graduating in 2024, please let Lisa Underwood know or leave your information at the church office so a graduation form may be sent to you and you'll be recognized later this Spring 2024 for your achievement. Thanks.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Treasurer's Report

Repairs have cost the most so far this year. Boiler problems have cost \$2,871.15 so far. We still must replace one of our boilers as we are running on five at this time with one unrepairable. Even with these expenses we are holding our own.



The Bulletin Board

Please, note: If the weather is bad outside, please check channel 11-WTOL or channel 13ABC for closure announcements for Trinity.

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Sunday, March 10th - Pick up your cheese orders

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NOTE: Sarah Ladies Meeting, March 13th at 1 p.m. will begin at St. Vincent's de Paul Food Pantry, 126 Maple St., behind McDonald's. There will be a tour of the Pantry then we will go to the church for the Sarah Ladies meeting & refreshments.

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ROMEO will meet March 21 at 11:30 a.m. The place is to be determined. Watch the bulletin for the announcement.

March Birthdays

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| 1 Samuel Tyson | 15 Brenda Smith |
| 2 Caden Caldwell | 17 Nolan Chambers |
| 3 Megan Pollock | 18 Craig Borsk |
| 4 Sara Fisher | Stacie Gillum |
| Scott Jones | David Karshuk |
| 5 Conner Gillum | 19 Linda Alexander |
| Carol Williams | Laura Schultz |
| Melinda Fluckinger | 21 Daniel Oresco |
| Ashton Sanchez | 22 Samantha Riojas |
| 7 Cameron Renn | Nickolas Tusen |
| Julie Hutton | Payton Evans |
| 8 Keegan Lowe | 23 Beth Akins |
| Harper Chaffin | John Hull |
| 9 Sandy Gresh | Hunter Rofkar |
| Laura Tyson | 24 Scott Wilkins |
| 10 Polly Hagman | 26 Steve Fox |
| 11 Megan Adaleigh Botti | 27 Michael Riojas |
| Blake Stephenson | Susan Smith |
| 12 Brooke Hoffman | Andrew Szilagyi |
| 13 Andrew Stantz | 28 Bianca Rickel |
| 14 Hunter Bartow | 29 Marty Brown |
| Paul Batchelor-Glader | Janet Rhode |
| Bethany Stark | |

March Anniversaries

- 6 Jeff & Erin Baker
- 13 Todd & Lindi Finke
- 14 Richard & Margaret Baker
- 20 Ronald & Polly Stuckman
- James A. & Connie Gilleland
- 21 Thomas & Lisa Ervin

Port Clinton City Schools Kindergarten Kick-Off

Registration for Kindergarten 2024-2025 opens Feb. 1st

Kindergarten Kick-Off March 14 from 5:30-6:30 PM

Bataan Memorial Primary Elementary School

Advance registration for Kick-Off is required by March 8.

Please call the PC Board of Education Office at 419-732-2102

Children must be 5 years old by August 1, 2024

Join us at PC Schools for the 2024-2025 School Year!

Let Us Know.....

If you desire to have a pastoral visit, Pastor Warren is willing to fill that need. Anyone wanting to meet with him in the office or have him come to their home should feel free to contact the church office or email him at wbrown71439@woh.rr.com.

Keep in Touch




Remember to let us know if you are in the hospital, in a rehabilitation center or an assisted living facility. We want to keep in touch and give you the support you need, but if we don't know about you, we can't find you. HIPA rules require families to take the initiative with the church. Simply call the church office at 419-732-3161 and let us know.

**Sunday
March 10**



Trinity United Methodist Church welcomes and supports all who desire to worship, study, and grow in discipleship with Christ, including those of any race, gender, gender identity, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic position, because we believe that all people are children of God, and that the church should be a safe place for all people.

March 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p><i>May you experience hope and victory this Easter knowing Jesus died and rose for YOU.</i></p>						
3 10:30 a.m. Worship In sanctuary & Parking Lot	4	5 3:30 p.m. Ladies Fitness	6	7 3:30 p.m. Ladies Fitness 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	8 10:00 a.m. Handmaidens	9
10 10:30 a.m. Worship In sanctuary & Parking Lot Pick-up Cheese orders	11	12 3:30 p.m. Ladies Fitness 5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting	13 1:00 p.m. Sarah Ladies	14 3:30 p.m. Ladies Fitness 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	15 10:00 a.m. Handmaidens	16
17 10:30 a.m. Worship In sanctuary & Parking Lot St. Patrick's Day	18	19 3:30 p.m. Ladies Fitness 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting 7:00 p.m. Church Council	20	21 3:30 p.m. Ladies Fitness 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	22 10:00 a.m. Handmaidens	23
24 Palm Sunday  10:30 a.m. Worship In sanctuary & Parking Lot	25	26 Spring Begins! 3:30 p.m. Ladies Fitness	27	28 Maundy Thursday 3:30 p.m. Ladies Fitness 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Dinner	29 Good Friday  3:00 p.m. Passion Walk	30
31 Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship In sanctuary & Parking Lot	<p><i>Romans 10:9: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that</i></p>					

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**Deadline for
April 2024 Newsletter
March 15, 2024**

*Please, submit articles promptly to
martgene80@gmail.com*



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Worship 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Parking Lot
Ladies Fitness Fellowship Hall - Tuesdays & Thursdays - 3:30 p.m.
Handmaidens - every Friday at 10:00 a.m.
Chancel Choir - Thursdays - 7:00 p.m.
Every Third Sunday is food collection for St. Vincent de Paul

COMING EVENTS:

Sun.	Mar.	3	Service of Holy Communion
Sun.	Mar.	10	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Wed.	Mar.	13	Sarah Ladies - 1:00 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 126 Maple St.
Tue.	Mar.	19	Spring Begins
Sun.	Mar.	17	St. Patrick's Day
Sun.	Mar.	24	Palm Sunday
Thu.	Mar.	28	Maundy Thursday Maundy Thursday Dinner - 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
Fri.	Mar.	29	Good Friday Passion Walk - 3:00 p.m. - Begins at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Community Good Friday Service at St. John's Lutheran Church 6:30 p.m.
Sun.	Mar.	31	Easter Sunday
Mon.	Apr.	1	Office Closed