

Trinity Tidings

Roaring Spring, PA 16673

February/March 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

January has crept past – somehow, it felt like a very long month to me! For now, we will continue to live stream the worship service. We talked about this at the Administrative Council meeting in January and, the consensus of the group is to follow the County positivity ratings. Our Bishop and Cabinet will be providing more guidelines in the coming week, but, for now, tune in to our Facebook page at 9:30 AM on Sunday or, later in the day, look for the video at our website.

Be sure to check out our new website: trinityumofrs.org.

We will be entering the season of Lent this month. It is a special season, a time to reflect on our faith, on the journey of Jesus to the Cross, to ponder how we respond to such an act of humble obedience on his part. We are preparing our hearts to celebrate, once again, the Resurrection.

For many people, Lent is a season of fasting, whether that is fasting from a particular food or activity, the purpose of fasting is to spend that time with God, not what we are 'giving up.' If you choose to fast, then you need to fast *from* something that you will miss!! So, is that a particular TV program? A specific food? A meal during the week? Whatever you choose, it needs to be something you will *miss enough* that you are reminded, "Oh, I am choosing to spend this time with God." For others, Lent is a season in which to begin something new: volunteering at the church or with a community group; devoting a specific time of day to prayer; giving to a particular benevolence. We can think of many things to add to our lives that will draw our attention to God!

It is traditional to read Matthew 6:1-5, 16-20. as a part of the Ash Wednesday service. In this lesson, Jesus talks about giving, praying, and fasting. These three spiritual disciplines are at the heart of our practices during Lent. I encourage you to pray about these three practices and choose one as your focus this year.

On Ash Wednesday, I will have morning prayer at 7 AM, prayer at noon, and vespers at 7 PM. Each of these services will last only 20-25 minutes. No sermon – just a time of prayer together. While I will not be doing imposition of ashes, ashes will be available for families or individuals to use. We will post a virtual Ash Wednesday service on both our Facebook and website. This service is being prepared by pastors from around the District. Take time on Ash Wednesday to join in a time of prayer and worship, whether here at the church or in your home.

On Wednesdays during Lent, I will hold prayer services at 7 AM and 7 PM. You are welcome to join me in the Sanctuary at either time. Again, these are not lengthy services, but anyone present is allowed to remain in prayer as long as they choose.

How will you use this special season as a time to renew your relationship with God?

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS: Linda Acker, Lois Adams, Richard Butler, Lorie Davis, Doris Ferry, Nancy Hamil, Ruth Imler, Bob & Doris Musselman, Connie Musselman, Ron & Pat Muthler, Bob Teeter Family, Ted Treese Family, Bob & Dorothy VanNatta, Sally Weicht, Tom Zeak, Sarah Zeak, Family and friends affected by Covid,



February 4th – Dave Wineland

February 10th – Nancy Hamil

February 18th – Ionne Hammaker

March 2nd – Michael Weicht

March 4th – Jalen Goins

March 7th – Jane Smith

March 14th – Fred Hetrick

March 16th – LaRue Holt

March 21st – JoEllen Mingle

March 26th – Donna Pote

March 30th – Louis Hostetter

March 31st – Linda Felton



February 8th - Barry & Connie Musselman



**American
Red Cross**

BLOOD DRIVE

February 3rd

12:30-6:00

Fellowship Hall

All blood donations are currently being tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Donations collected at your upcoming drive may now help current coronavirus patients battling the virus.



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

A video service has been prepared by the District and will be posted.
Pastor Evie will hold in-person services of
prayer at 7 AM, Noon, and 7 PM
Containers of ashes are available, one per family.
Imposition of ashes as a part of a worship service has been discouraged
due to social distancing.
But, family members can offer these to one another.

Lenten Devotionals are available.
During Lent, Pastor Evie plans to hold morning and evening
prayer services on Wednesdays.

Manna on Main Street

Manna will be held on Saturday, February 13th from 5:00-6:30. Due to Covid restrictions this will be a drive thru pick up. The Manna meal will be hosted by Gary & Sandy Polchito. They will be serving rigatoni, a vegetable, a side salad, a roll and cake for dessert. Would anyone consider baking a cake to help them out? We are also asking for King's Hawaiian Sweet Rolls (10 packages). If you can help with either, please call the church office.

(Looking for a March, Manna host or hostess. Please let us know if you are interested.)

Manna on Monday

We are looking for folks to help prepare and serve lunch on February 22. Please let us know if you can volunteer.

Pastor Evie and I have been working on our new website. We think it looks pretty good. It is much easier to work with and is more up to date. You can check out the new website at www.trinityumofrs.org



Finance Audit: February 21st at 1:15

ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEMBERS NEEDED

Lay Members at Large needed for Annual Conference

Each district may recruit 36 lay members at large for participation in Annual Conference. This number is needed for lay/clergy equalization. Please advertise and recruit from your congregations! To register, contact the District Office no later than February 26, 2021 with name, address, phone number, email address and church/charge name.

Youth Lay Members needed for Annual Conference

Young people, ages 12 – 18, are needed to serve as a lay member at large to Annual Conference 2021. Register by Monday, February 1, 2021 using the form at the SUS website.

See <https://susumc.org/annual-conference/>

for more information on both lay members at large and youth lay members.



Summer is coming, and plans for Summer Camp are underway!

Camp and Retreat Ministries is releasing the schedule for summer camps.

Safety protocols will be in place to keep campers and staff safe.

Registrations will be accepted with the understanding that if we cannot meet due to the pandemic, registrations monies will be returned. Let's pray that this camping season can happen! As we make preparations for this summer we are full of anticipation and hope! We also recognize the challenges of planning for anything during COVID. We continue to be in conversation with experts who give guidance on providing a meaningful camp experience in the midst of a health pandemic. We are planning for significant social gathering and group safety policies and practices to be in place this summer, so that we can honor and care for our beloved community each week while still being together and experiencing the joy of camp! Specific guidelines and practices to help you envision what camp will look like will be coming in the near future. **For more information, contact the Church Office. We have copies of the "Save the Dates" flyers.**

Valentine's Day

word scramble

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Trinity United Methodist Church
434 East Main Street
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Trinity United Methodist Church
Worship each Sunday, Virtually at 9:30a.m.;
NEW WEBSITE: www.trinityumofrs.org
Rev. Evelyn Madison, pastor
Church office 224-2815