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## March Trinity Tower Sponsored by Becky & Tim Woodward



*God, I am sorry I ran from you.  
I am still running, running from that knowledge,  
that eye, that love from which there is no refuge.  
For you meant only love, and I felt only fear, and pain.  
So once in Israel love came to us incarnate,  
stood in the doorway between two worlds,  
and we were all afraid.*

Annie Dillard

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### Happy Easter!

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, is a day of great celebration, joy and new beginnings! Easter is a day when we can live as if all that has happened before has been made fresh and new. Theologian, Annie Dillard in her words above, remind us that although Easter brings joy and wonder, the events leading up to it and the actual empty tomb, can also bring fear of the unknown. This past year has certainly presented us with many moments of fear and doubt. Yet our faith and belief in Christ's Resurrection provide hope that such uncertainty is nearing an end!

*Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old?*

*Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

**John 3:3-6**

As our journey through Lent moves us into Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and eventually Easter Sunday, I invite you to think about how you will allow Christ to live within you instead of running away in fear of what that might truly mean for your life. What will need to change or you to truly live in Christ? The Pharisee who came to Jesus under the cover of the night sky sought the answers to these questions too. Nicodemus argued with Jesus about the possibility of someone being born again. Perhaps when he finally understood this to mean that Christ would live within his heart and such love would radiate from him through his outward faith, he stopped running from such love.

*May you live life renewed this Easter Season with hearts of love and light!*

### March Special Worship Opportunities

**Dinner Church:** March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM at Trinity, Gettysburg

*Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Worship lasts about an hour.*

**Maundy Thursday Service 7PM** at Trinity UCC Gettysburg led by Pastor Fred

**Good Friday Service 7PM** at Grace UCC led by Pastor Fred

**Easter Sunday JOINT Sunrise Service: 6:30AM** Worship/Communion at Straban Township REC Park (behind the Royal Farms/Tractor Supply Stores on Route 30, Gettysburg)

**Easter Sunday Worship:**

**8AM** Worship/Communion at Trinity led by Pastor Fred

**10:30AM** Worship/Communion - Led by Kara Young and Rev. Peter Kuhn

**10AM** Worship/Communion at Grace UCC led by Pastor Fred, Patti Miller and Amy Fawks

*Blessings!  
Pastor Fred*

**MARCH 10TH**





**Dick Guise**  
March 30  
**Rheda Martin**  
March 11  
**Rev. Bill Swisher**  
March 23

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**The Millers**  
**Suzy & Bob**  
March 8



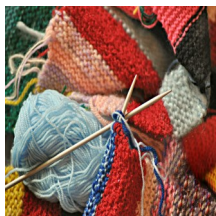
**Coffee w/Friends**  
**Friday, March 1st**  
**@ 10:00am**  
**Ragged Edge,**  
**Chambersburg Street**



**Misty Mountain Knitters**  
**Tuesday, March 12th**  
**3:30pm-5:30pm**  
**Gathering Area.**  
**Anyone is welcome!**



**Lunch w/Friends**  
**Friday,**  
**March 15th**  
**@ 11:30am**  
**Friendly's,**  
**Steinwehr Ave**



**Knitted/Crocheted**  
**Baby Blankets for Sale**  
**\$20.00 each.**  
**Perfect gift!**  
**Many colors available.**  
**Contact Suzy Miller**



**In our thoughts and prayers:** Ashur Bowley, Brayden Beamer, Kathy Ciolino, Sonny Coble, Dr. Douglas Eyer, Alice Fritz, Joyce Golden, Lois Grim, Linda & Harold Heller (Sara Shank's parents), Harry Hilbert, John Harrison Hoffman, Dan Irwin, Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Josh Langley, John Lucas, Nancye Marinos, Jen Mickelson, Bob Miller, Kathy Murphy, Lenore O'Rourke, Lisa Reinoehl, Fischer Samuelson, Bill Swisher, Brea Thomas, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, and Teeyara Jo Weiant.

**\*\* If you wish to keep your name on the prayer list, please notify the church office**



**A huge thank you to everyone for being a February Food Banker.** Once again, Trinity members arose to the occasion and made a difference. **Becky Woodward**

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**Dear Church Members,**

Please don't ever doubt that your funds for helping people are misplaced. Your generosity has helped me to get up each morning to carry on. Hope is a precious thing. Thank you for giving when I needed it most. I will pay it forward. **Sincerely, Jordan Austin**

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With heartfelt gratitude, the YWCA Hanover extends our sincerest thank to you for your generous donation which is instrumental in empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. **Thank you for being a valuable part of our journey.**

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**Dear Trinity United Church of Christ,**

We are very grateful for your donations, totaling \$395.00 to the **Adams Rescue Mission (ARM)**. We appreciate you! Your gift will help the ARM to meet the needs of the lost and homeless in our area. **Thank you! ARM Staff**

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**Dear Friends at Trinity United Church of Christ,**

We extend our deepest gratitude for your donation of \$130.00 to **South Central Community Program (SCCAP)**. Your support is a powerful force for positive change, and we are truly thankful for your commitment to our mission. Your contribution enables us to continue our vital work of providing basic necessities, ongoing support, and vital programming to those who need them most and is the foundation upon which we build a stronger, more resilient future all together, for all.

**With heartfelt appreciation, Megan Shreve, Chief Executive Officer.**

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**Dear Sandy and members of Trinity United Church of Christ,**

As we embark upon this new year it is with heartfelt thanks to you for caring for the men and women who come to **Mission of Mercy**. Your financial contributions provide the life-saving medical and dental care that they desire and truly need and is greatly appreciated. Please visit our website [www.aMissionOfMercy.org](http://www.aMissionOfMercy.org) for more information. Again, thank you for your support. **Linda M. Ryan, MS, Exec. Dir.**

**Aero Energy House of Worship Program:** If you get your fuel from Aero Energy, you can help Trinity. Members can enroll in *Our House of Worship Program* and Aero will donate \$0.04 cents for every gallon you purchase. They have also expanded their program to include HVAC and plumbing services! Customers enrolled in the *House of Worship Program* will receive a 10% (up to \$250.00/year) donation to their church for HVAC/Plumbing systems sales and service.

Flyers available in Gathering Area for more information or how to sign-up.

**Thank you to those who are participating in the program!**

#### **SPONSORS NEEDED 2024**

**Altar Flowers & Centerpieces:** \$35.00

**Newsletter:** \$50 per month  
August, October, December

***Call, stop by or email Deb***



#### **Used Ink Cartridges!**

**I am collecting used ink cartridges.**

As a business Staples allows us 20 used cartridges a month. Any shape, size, or brand! We can earn \$5 for the used ink cartridges and 5% Rewards back for every purchase at Staples. Please bring your used cartridges in anytime.

You can leave them on my desk. Thank you!

## FAITH & FELLOWSHIP (F & F)

Our Christian Education committee continues to think about ways to engage our members both young and old. We decided to consider revising our planning for Messy Church to include activities that focus on both faith and fellowship. We began planning those activities for the first half of 2024 in hopes of attracting a wider response.

The following is a list of **Faith and Fellowship (F & F)** plans:

**March 17 – 3:00 PM** – game/trivia day at Trinity. Please bring your favorite game to play.

If you would like to learn Mah Jongg, please join us.

**April 14** – trip to Sight and Sound to see Daniel

**May 19 – 3:00 PM** – trip to the Grotto in Emmitsburg

**June** – to be determined – possibilities are a trip to the World War II Museum or a special program at Trinity.

Some dates/times may be subject to change as availability changes.

Please plan to attend some/all of these opportunities. It's a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Trinity members just a little better.

## FROM THE OPEN AND AFFIRMING COMMITTEE (ONA):

**Ballots will be mailed soon.** Once you've voted yes or no, place it in the envelope that was enclosed with the ballot, seal the envelope and return it to the church office.

**Please do not sign your ballot or mark the return envelope in any manner that would identify you**  
Instructions will also be on the ballot.



## JOIN US IN SHARING THE LIGHT!

### One Great Hour of Sharing

This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). OGHS is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the UCC within Wider Church Ministries. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food education and health care, small business support, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries and organizations for disaster preparedness and response. Your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing provides for the relief and recovery of the most vulnerable – meeting needs and addressing the underlying causes of those needs.

There are several ways to give to One Great Hour of Sharing. You may donate by writing a check (made out to Trinity UCC with OGHS in the memo line) and enclosing it in the special envelopes located in the pews. These envelopes can then be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office at 60 High Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325. You may also donate directly online at UCC.org (search OGHS.) During this Lenten Season, please give generously to those in need. THANK YOU!

**Ministries and Missions thanks you for selecting local organizations as recipients of our 5th Sunday Special Collections.** Recall these special collections came about a few years ago when Consistory found it necessary to forgo donations to local charities in the yearly budget.

This year's four most popular local organizations receiving the 5th Sunday Special Collections are:

**Adams Rescue Mission,**

**Ruth's Harvest,**

**Adams County Office of Aging,**

**S.P.C.A.**

Look for a complete tally in the April newsletter.

# PALM SUNDAY DINNER MARCH 24

YES, Virginia, there is going to be a PALM SUNDY DINNER!

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee following the 10:30am service.

This has been a long-standing tradition for the Fellowship Committee, with a few changes over the years.

By popular request, you will be treated to a roast beef dinner.

A church member has suggested that folks bring something, so the committee is asking you to bring a dessert to share. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area to reserve your seat and to ensure we prepare enough.

SEE YOU AT DINNER!



**SPRING/SUMMER**

**Ministries & Missions**  
**is hosting a themed basket auction**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> during Palm Sunday Dinner**  
**through Easter Sunday**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



**BASKET AUCTION!**

**Ministries & Missions is hosting a themed basket auction beginning March 24<sup>th</sup>** and would like to extend a big *Thank You* to the Basket Team for running the auction this year. If you can, make a themed Basket for the silent auction. **Proceeds from the auction will go to the Mission of Mercy medical and dental mobile units that visit our community monthly.** Get together with your family, friends, church committees, your neighbors and use those talents to create a Silent Auction masterpiece! Does not have to be a basket .... could be a stuffed flowerpot, pretty spring or summer box, watering can, picnic basket, cloths basket, etc. The auction will begin at the Palm Sunday Church Dinner and bidding opportunities will continue through Easter Sunday. **You may drop your baskets off anytime at the church during office hours or Sundays during worship times.** Also, **2 or 3 people are needed to help set-up, registering bidders, and contacting winners.** Questions regarding the baskets can be directed to the team leader, Lucy Green. **Thank you!**

## PROPERTY

1. Heartfelt thanks to Sonny Coble for the new American flag in the sanctuary and appropriate disposal of the old one.
2. Sealing bricks and masonry repair at Trinity and replacement of the round window at UUG are awaiting appropriate weather.
3. Front window replacement at the parsonage will occur mid-April.
4. Remaining projects are exterior painting and replacement of UUG roof. We need to wait for funding (perhaps when investment funds recover) to finish these projects.

As always, thanks for your continued support of our property projects. We need to keep God's house shipshape.

As of February 25, 2024  
Envelope offering needed: \$29,368.00  
Offering rec'd to date: \$24,671.00  
Property Fund needed: \$3,392.00  
Property Fund rec'd to date: \$2,640.00



Scan your phone across  
the QR code  
to make a donation

Ways to continue to support the work of Trinity!  
E-Giving: Find instructions under either the Members tab;  
Missions in Giving tab on website (info available in office);  
Use the automatic bill paying service your bank provides you;  
Mail your offering envelope to the church by U.S. mail.



# HOLY WEEK

## Sundays at Trinity

8:00am Worship

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Fellowship (Gathering Area)

Choir Practice

10:30am Worship

**March 2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:30a Flutes 10a Coffee w/Friends	2
3 Communion 12:30p4p MDANA	4 2:30p Bazaar	5	6 7p Choir	7 5:30p Dinner Church	8 9:30a Flutes	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring forward	11	12 3:30p-5:30p Knitting Group 6p Worship-Zoom	13 7p Choir	14 Consistory Reports Due	15 9:30a Flutes 11:30am Lunch w/Friends	16 9a-1p Palm Sunday Dinner Prep
17 St. Patrick's Day F & F Game Night w/Pizza	18	19 Deb Out 6p Spiritual Council 6:45p Consistory	20 7p Choir	21 9:30-11 Deb out April Newsletter Articles Due	22 9:30a Flutes	23
24 Palm Sunday 11:30a Dinner & Silent Auction	25	26	27 7p Choir	28 7p Maundy Thursday Comm @ TUCC	29 9:30a Flutes 7p Good Friday @ Grace UCC	30 Holy Saturday
31 Easter 6:30a Sunrise 8a Early 10:30a Tradition						

DATE	ALTAR CARE	GREETERS	LAY READERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
March 3	Sandy Busche* Becky Woodward Roberta Weiant - E Audrey Blackstone - E	10:30am Ann & Buck Harvey	8am Elder 10:30am Joan Peck	8am Jen Mickelson 10:30am Lucy Greene George Steckert	10:30am Buck Harvey
March 10	Same as above	10:30am Mary Jane & Harry Hilbert	8am Cindy Blevins 10:30am Ann Harvey	8am Roberta Weiant 10:30am Buck Harvey Steve Sheely	10:30am Bonnie Smith
March 17	Same as above	10:30am Suzy Miller Neal Hollabaugh	8am Jen Mickelson 10:30am Catherine Hammons	8am Cindy Blevins 10:30am Lenora O'Rourke Janet Sheely	10:30am Bonnie Smith
March 24 Palm Sunday	Same as above	10:30am Janet & Steve Sheely	8am Dave Churchill 10:30am Julie Strickland	8am Ann Harner 10:30am Lenora O'Rourke Becky Woodward	10:30am Janet Sheely
March 28 Maundy Thur	Same as above	7pm	7pm	7pm Terry Krietz	7pm
March 31 Easter Sunday All services w/Comm	Same as above	10:30am Sandy Busche Suhua Dong	10:30am Jane Eiker	6:30am Nina & Russel Redding 8am Cindy Barley 10:30am Bonnie Smith George Steckert	10:30am

## Staff

**Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young**, Pastor

**Deb Guiher**, Admin. Assistant

**Karen Lentz**, Account/Payroll Mgr.

**John McKay**, Director Senior Choir

**Sara Shank**, Organist

**Deb & Bruce Guiher**, Housekeeping

**Bruce Guiher**, Bldg & Grounds Keeper

**Jane Malone**, Consistory Chair

**Lucy Greene**, Consistory Vice Chair



# March 2024

**8:00am Worship**  
**9:00 Adult Sunday School**  
**10:00am Fellowship Time**  
**Choir Practice**  
**10:30am Worship**

**Awakening  
joyful  
service  
guided by  
our still  
speaking  
God!**

### **March 3 - Third Sunday in Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

### **March 10 - Fourth Sunday in Lent**

#### **Daylight Savings Time Begins**

Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

### **March 17 - Fifth Sunday in Lent**

#### **St. Patrick's Day**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16  
Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33

### **March 24 - Palm / Passion Sunday**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Mark 11:1-11 Psalm 31:9-16  
John 12:12-16 Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47 or  
Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

### **March 28 - Maundy Thursday**

#### **7pm Worship with Communion at TUCC**

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### **March 29 - Good Friday**

#### **12pm Worship at Grace UCC**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42

### **March 31 - Easter**

#### **Holy Communion**

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

### **2024 Sunday Mornings - One Service - 10:30a**

#### **March 31st - Easter Sunday**

**6:30am Sunrise Worship Service**

**8am Easter Sunday Worship**

**10:30am Traditional Easter Sunday Worship**

**May 19 - Pentecost**

**July 28 - Outdoor Worship**

**October 6 - World Communion**

**November 3- All Saints Sunday**

**December 8 - Annual Church Meeting**

**December 29 - 1st Sunday after Christmas**

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**[www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org](http://www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org)**

**or our Facebook page:**

**[www.facebook.com/  
GettysburgTrinityUCC](https://www.facebook.com/GettysburgTrinityUCC)**