

# April Trinity Tower 2026

## Happy April Birthdays! Sponsored by Nancy MacMeekin

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

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### Sundays at Trinity

8:00am Worship  
9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Fellowship  
(Gathering Area)  
Choir Practice (Choir Room)  
10:30am Worship

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### A Message from Pastor Fred...



Sunday, April 5<sup>th</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. The prayer verse from Psalm 51, *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me*, reminds us that each new day provides opportunity for us to experience Christ's resurrection anew.

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!

As our journey through Lent moves us into Good Friday and eventually Easter Sunday, I invite you to think about how you will allow Christ into our life. What will need to change for you to truly live with a new and right spirit within you?

**May this Easter Season be full of joy, hope and love!**

Many Blessings!  
Pastor Fred

### Financial Report

Envelope Offering Needed: \$44,544.00  
Envelope Offering Received: \$40,011.82  
Property Fund Needed: \$4,620.00  
Property Fund Received: \$2,102.50

### 2026 One Service Sundays

April 5 - Easter Sunday - 9:00am  
May 24 - Pentecost Sunday - 9:00am  
July 26 - Outdoor Worship/Church Picnic - 10:30am  
October 4 - World Wide Communion - 9:00am  
November 1 - All Saints Sunday - 9:00am  
December 13 - Annual Congregational Meeting - 9:00am  
December 27 - First Sunday After Christmas - 9:00am

### POST TO TRINITY'S FACEBOOK!



- SEND AN EMAIL TO [TECHTUCC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TECHTUCC@GMAIL.COM)
- PUT [FACEBOOK](#) IN THE SUBJECT LINE
- ATTACH PHOTOS, SHORT VIDEOS, POSTERS, INFORMATION OR OTHER CONTENT
- LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT THE ITEM POSTED "AS IS" OR ENHANCED BY OUR TALENTED STAFF!



### Confirmation Schedule 2026

An Intergenerational Journey.

Final gathering following 10:30am worship services

May 3

May 24 – Pentecost Sunday 9:00am Worship  
Rite of Confirmation

### April 5 Easter

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

### April 12


Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

### April 19


Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

### April 26

Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
**Don Blevins**  
 April 29  
**Jane Eiker**  
 April 15  
**Marjorie Lyons**  
 April 29  
**Nancy MacMeekin**  
 April 5  
**Kenneth Mummert**  
 April 9  
**Barbara Spicer**  
 April 18  
**Ruby Warren**  
 April 29



**The Hilbert's**  
 Mary Jane & Harry  
 April 26



Our continued Prayers support  
 Ava Grace (Pastor Fred's and Kara's granddaughter), Sheila Bowmaster, Brayden Beamer, Don Blevins, Ashur Bowley, Tom Busche, Shirley Carlson, Kathy Ciolino, Sue Cline, Sonny Coble, Deb Crawford, Bill & Dee Duffy, Linda & Harold Heller (Sara Shank's parents), Harry Hilbert, Richard Hough, Connie Howe, Evelyn Kretz, MacKenzie Kretz, Josh Langley, Christopher Little, Bob Miller, Jane Miller, Kathy Murphy, Lenore O'Rourke, Brian Parker, Jo Ruse, Fischer Samuelson, Genevieve Shaffer, Ethan Shank, Betsy Dane Smith & Dusty Smith, Brea Thomas, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth & Sandy Topper, Mckenna Voss, Ruby Warren, and Teeyara Jo Weiant.  
*Please call the office to be removed from the list.*

*Thank you*  
**Dear Friends at TUCC,**  
 It is with full hearts that Marsha and I extend our deep gratitude to you for your kindness and hospitality by welcoming us so warmly to the Gettysburg Association March 1st. To high light the events, we enjoyed :  
*a lovely dinner,*  
*the reception hosted by Trinity,*  
*the beautiful wooden candleholder from Trinity that Harry presented to us.*  
 I look forward to continuing our work and service within the **Keystone Conference** and for the greater good in service to our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Blessings, David Ackerman**

***Christian Education and Faith Formation***

The Christian Education Team will be meeting on **April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6PM** to discuss educational opportunities and Sunday morning classes.

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**Bring games, cards and yourself.**  
**Hang Time is unscripted and full of surprises!**  
**YOU NEVER KNOW**  
**WHAT WILL HAPPEN!!**  
**Who doesn't love PIZZA!**  
**Sign up in the Gathering Area!**

**Pizza and Hang Time...**  
**April 26<sup>th</sup> 6-8PM**  
*Bring at least 1 friend*

# Mission Trip 2026

## Appalachian South Folklife Center, Pipestem, West Virginia

Join us for Trinity's very first Mission Trip!  
 You must be at least 13 years old to 99 years old.  
 There is no cost to this week of mission!  
 Financing will come from our New Mission Initiatives Fund.  
 We will be working with the Folklife Center's 55-year-old Workcamp Program while experiencing the cultural, historical, and recreational aspects of Appalachia!

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The *Appalachian South Folklife Center (ASFC)* is a progressive, nonprofit education organization dedicated to a mountain heritage of freedom and self-reliance; a peaceful place where people of all ages, races, faiths and origins can share community work and creativity. Each year we assist families in need through our Service Work program. College, church and civic groups come to the Folklife Center to learn about Appalachia while performing volunteer work for folks in our area facing hard times. This program helps people with their home repair needs and provides other community service to non-profit and grassroots organizations. The program also allows our volunteers to learn about Appalachian heritage and culture. They gain valuable teamwork and leadership skills at the same time.

Project/Focus: Work is mainly focused on home rehabilitation for people in need but also includes other community development work such as stream clean-up, helping other non-profits in the community and working around the center. Our home repair work is prescreened, and material and work needs are assessed by our staff. Work site supervision and guidance is provided as well as tools. Your fees include the materials provided to the homeowner.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Center staff will provide work in community and at Folklife Center, develop field trips, and evening cultural programming. Two Sessions on Appalachian culture are provided.

**Sign Up Sheet is in the Gathering Area!**

## ***Worship, Fun and Fellowship Happens at Trinity!***

In an effort to keep our members “in the know” the new communications committee will be writing articles for Trinity’s newsletter, ensuring information is added to our worship slides, and in some cases, communicating to the public beyond Trinity. This is the first in a series of communiques we hope you will find helpful.

### Holy Week starts the month of April:

**Maundy Thursday Service** of Tenebrae with Communion on April 2 at 7PM

**Good Friday Community Service** at the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church April 3 at 12PM

**Easter Sunday Sunrise Service** starts 6:30 AM, April 5 at Straban Township REC Park.

**Easter Sunday Traditional Service** begins 9AM, April 5 (*Note the time!*)

### Other dates of note:

**Soup and Sandwich Sunday** on April 19 after the 10:30 service

**Polish Pottery Bingo** on April 25, 5:00-9:00PM

**The Blessings Room** will be open April 27 from 10-11AM, with help needed to set up and tear down at 9AM and 11AM.

**Senior Fun and Fellowship** on April 28 at 1PM

### Did You Know...?

The **Adult Sunday School** will be discussing 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel.

**Trinity’s Choir** rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7PM. Consider joining us.

**Mission Trip planning** is ongoing. The first meeting was held on March 19. All are welcome.

**Trinity’s kitchen** is in the process of becoming a certified commercial kitchen.

Harry and Mary Jane Hilbert are currently building **models of our church building** from different time periods in our history. This is very exciting and we look forward to their presentation. They are so talented!

Trinity’s **stained-glass windows** are in much need of repair. Trinity has applied for a grant to help fund the repairs. We will find out in May if we have qualified. If you would like to contribute toward the repairs, please indicate on your contribution that it should go to the stained-glass window fund.

Trinity’s **Blessings Room** is open the last Monday of each month to offer free personal care items to those in need. Donations of personal care items are greatly appreciated.

Working alongside other areas churches who provide food, clothing, and shelter, we hope we can help to meet a community need.

### Give a big thank you to:

**Bruce Guiher** (*building and grounds*) for drilling the holes and hanging the big banner on the Stratton Street side of Trinity. Check it out. It looks great! We appreciate all the extras Bruce does around the church!

**In addition to** Bruce, the following staff at Trinity deserve many thanks for consistently going above and beyond ensuring Trinity is moving forward. We are **so, so** blessed! Let them know how much you appreciate them: **Sara Shank**, organist/choir director; **Deb Guiher**, administrative assistant; **Karen Lentz**, payroll/accounting manager

## **BLESSING ROOM**

**Monday, April 27th from 10:00am - 11:00am**

(Help needed to set-up 9am-10am /tear down 11am-12pm)

A list of items needed is in the Gathering Area. **REMEMBER**, if you use it, they use it!  
The Social Concerns Committee



### **SUNDAY, APRIL 19th COME TO WORSHIP, STAY FOR LUNCH**

**(Soup n’ Sandwich )** following 10:30am worship.

ON THE MENU: Crab Soup, BLT sandwich, assorted desserts.

Be certain to sign up to assure your seat at the table. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors. All are welcome. We just need to know how many lunches to prepare.

As always, your suggestions are welcome.



### **Trinity’s Reading Group is re-convening.**

We look forward to reading and discussing *Small Victories* by Anne Lamott during the month of May. We will meet on the **first and third Thursdays of May from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm** at the church. The book focuses on finding joy, hope and faith in the midst of both tough and easy times. One reviewer said it was both “profound and hilarious”.

If you wish to join us, please sign up in the Gathering Area. **If you wish to buy a book, please add that request to the sign-up sheet, and a book will be ordered for you. Readers will cover the cost of their book.**

**If you have any questions, please see Cathy Hammons or Jane Malone.**



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 8:00am Worship  
 9:00am Sunday School  
 10:00am Fellowship (Gathering Area)  
 Choir Practice (Choir Room)  
 10:30am Worship

# April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>NO Dinner Church</b> 7pm Choir	2 Maundy Thursday 7pm Worship w/ Communion	3 Good Friday 9:30am Flutes 6pm Community Worship	4 Holy Saturday
5 <b>EASTER</b> 6:30am Early Worship 9:00am Traditional Worship <b>BOTH</b> w/Communion	6 <u>Pastor Out</u>	7  2pm Outreach	8  6pm Christian Ed 7pm Choir	9 <u>Pastor Out</u>	10 <u>Pastor Out</u>  9:30am Flutes	11 <u>Pastor Out</u>  <b>PRIVATE EVENT IN KIT/FH</b>
12 <u>Pastor Out</u> Kara Young leading Worship 12:30pm MDANA	13 <u>Pastor Out</u>	14 <u>Pastor Out</u>	15 <u>Pastor Out</u>  7pm Choir	16 <u>Pastor Out</u>  <b>CONSISTORY REPORTS DUE</b>	17 <u>Pastor Out</u> 9:30am Flutes	18 <u>Pastor Out</u>
19 Soup 'n Sandwich  2pm Gburg Assoc. Spring Meeting	20	21 1:15pm Spiritual Council 2pm Consistory	22 <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>  7pm Choir	23 Deb/Bruce out 8:45a-10:15a	24 9:30am Flutes	25 6pm Polish Pottery Bingo Doors open at 5pm
26  6pm-8pm Youth Hang Time	27 10am-11am Blessing Room Open	28  1pm Senior Social Fun & Fellowship	29  7pm Choir	30		

DATE	ALTAR CARE	GREETERS	LAY READERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
April 5 <b>ONE SERVICE</b> 9:00am Easter Sunday Communion	<i>Nancy Macmeekin Cathy Hammons Pat Ziegler  Roberta Weiant - E Cindy Blevins - E</i>	9:00am <i>Neil Hollabaugh Terry Krietz</i>	8:00am NO SERVICE 9:00am <i>Ann Harvey</i>	8:00am NO SERVICE 9:00am	9:00am <i>Buck Harvey</i>
April 12	<i>Same as above</i>	10:30am <i>Mary Jane &amp; Harry Hilbert</i>	8:00am <i>Cindy Blevins</i> 10:30am <i>Ryland Weiant</i>	8:00am  10:30am	10:30am <i>Bonnie Smith</i>
April 19	<i>Same as above</i>	10:30am <i>Sandy Busche Suhua Dong</i>	8:00am <i>Jane Malone</i> 10:30am	8:00am  10:30am	10:30am <i>Bonnie Smith</i>
April 26	<i>Same as above</i>	10:30am <i>Janet &amp; Steve Sheely</i>	8:00am <i>Jen Mickelson</i> 10:30am <i>Suhua Dong</i>	8:00am  10:30am	10:30am <i>Janet Sheely</i>