



THE MESSENGER

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Growing in love and service through relationships with God and community

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Newsletter

MARCH 2024

Easter AT TRINITY



WORSHIP WITH US THIS EASTER SUNDAY

Easter is on Sunday, March 31 and Trinity is excited to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior at our 10:30 a.m. worship service featuring the musical talents of Trinity's Easter choir.

Before our service, join us for Easter Breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Great Room. This meal will be potluck style, so bring a dish to share with everyone. Need help figuring out what to bring? Go by last name:

- **Last Names A-G:** Bring a potato and/or meat dish.
- **Last Names H-S:** Bring an egg dish.
- **Last Names T-Z:** Bring a fruit or pastry dish.

To help us plan for Easter breakfast, sign-up with the dish you will bring in the sanctuary or notify the church office.

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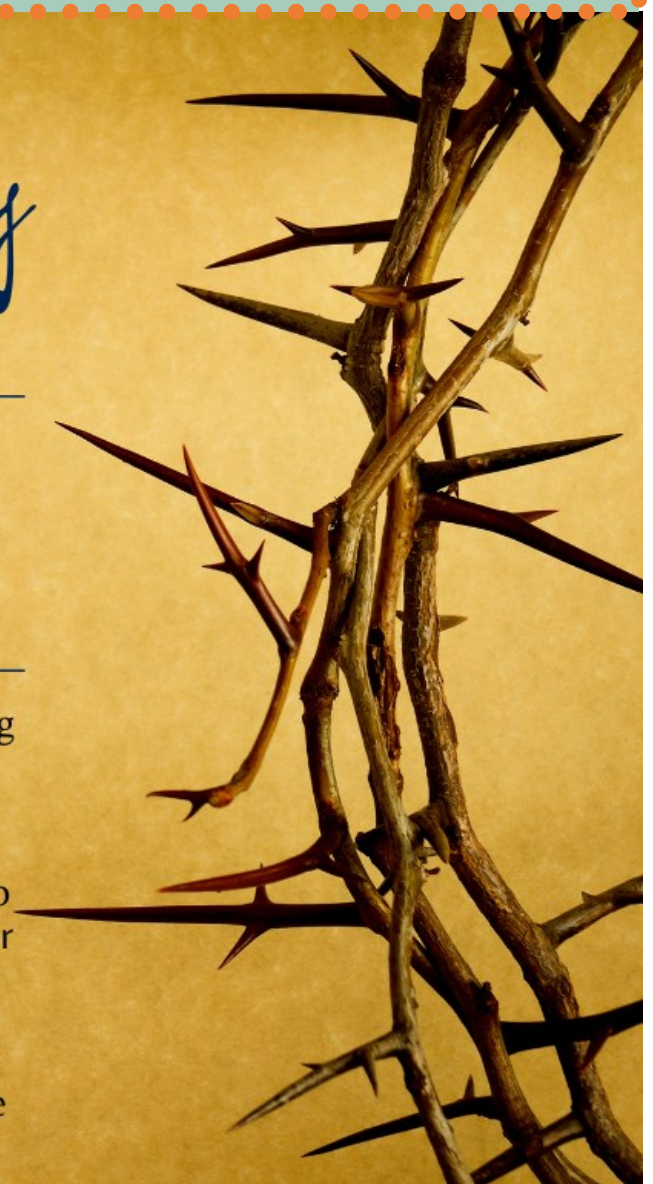
Good Friday AT TRINITY UMC

Friday, March 29
6 p.m. - Trinity's Sanctuary

Pastors Ben and Mack are teaming up to bring us our Good Friday service this year.

The service will begin with Pastor Mack's famous interactive prayer stations designed to engage multiple senses in prayer. Then, Pastor Ben will lead participants in a traditional Tenebrae service.

All are welcome to join us as we close out the Lenten season and welcome Easter.



MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Have you been attending Trinity UMC and wish to explore becoming a member of the church?

Are you curious about the history and beliefs of the United Methodist Church?

Join Pastor Ben following worship the first three Sundays in March (3, 10, and 17) for a new members class! Classes will be held in the Great Room, and lunch will be provided. New members will be recognized on March 31, Easter Sunday! Please let Pastor Ben know you would like to join by signing up on the sign up sheet in the sanctuary or sending an email as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.



CARING MINISTRY & MISSIONS

MARCH MISSIONS SUPPORTS UNITED METHODIST RELIEF

Did you know that the United Methodist Church has one of the most respected and highly rated humanitarian relief efforts in the world? UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee on Relief) is recognized globally for the relief the UMC provides globally in response to natural or human-caused disasters. UMCOR is on the ground all over the world, alleviating suffering and providing emergency and long-term recovery in overwhelmed communities. Last fall, many at Trinity desired to respond to the need in Hawaii after the devastating wildfires. Through UMCOR, we donated \$2,185 for Hawaii wildfire relief.

Every year in March, UMCOR raises funds specifically for administrative costs. This effort allows UMCOR to spend the rest of the year raising funds that go directly to relief efforts. When you give in March, that means that throughout the rest of the year, about 98% of giving goes straight to communities in need.

Trinity's missions offering in March will go toward UMCOR's administrative needs. **And, this month, Trinity is requesting that you include your UMCOR giving in your regular giving.** Trinity will be donating \$1,000 to UMCOR from our operating budget. Placing some of our missions in our operating budget signals that missions is a core value and part of our planned giving, not simply an additional gift. Please give generously, so that Trinity can provide support locally and globally to our neighbors in need. If you have questions about missions giving, please reach out to Kathy Manwaring, Betty Ruth Jackson, or Pastor Suzanne.



TRINITY'S FOWLER PARTNERSHIP

What a joy to deliver some of our missions items for the Fowler Apartments pantry on Feb. 20! On the left is Phyllis Merrell, who has worked in the Fowler office for over 30 years.

Would YOU like to go with Pastor Suzanne to Fowler Bible study one Tuesday at 11:15 am? Reach out and let her know.

CARING MINISTRY & MISSIONS CONT.

CARING MINISTRY CONNECTS WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

If you've been at Trinity for a while, it should come as no surprise that there is a housing crisis in our community. Pastor Suzanne has mentioned this several times. Our community, like many other areas in our nation, simply does not have enough affordable housing, and that means that individuals and families are suffering. Last year, Lafayette Urban Ministry and the Salvation Army collaborated to bring together churches and other agencies in our community to respond to folks in need through a bimonthly network gathering. Pastor Suzanne is part of this network, and this past month, she was able to reach out to this group and pool resources together for a single mother who was about to receive an eviction notice. Thanks to our community collaboration, this mother and her 8-yr-old daughter were able to pay their rent on time and avoid eviction. Pastor Suzanne continues to administer our existing caring fund, even as our assistance offering now goes directly to Lafayette Urban Ministry. Pastor Suzanne is looking forward to increasing collaboration with our community partners as we work to serve our neighbors in need together.

EASTER TULIP ORDERS

This Easter, potted tulips will decorate the sanctuary.
To purchase tulips, you can use the order form below or you can purchase online through our digital giving platform by going to trinitylafayette.org/give

Easter Tulip Orders

PHYSICAL ORDERS DUE SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

ONLINE ORDERS DUE THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH

Orders submitted after these deadlines will not be able to be processed and refunds will have to be issued.

If you would like to order a tulip to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter, fill out the order form below and return it to the office with cash or check payment by the deadline for physical orders. Order forms can be placed in the offering plate, or dropped off/mailed to the office. For online orders using credit/debit, visit trinitylafayette.org/give OR scan the QR code below. **Note:** The deadline for online orders is earlier than physical orders due to processing time.

Cost for tulips is \$10. We kindly ask that you make arrangements to have any tulips you purchase picked up following our worship service ON Easter Sunday.

Purchased In Honor Of... OR In Memory Of (Circle One):

Purchased By: _____

Purchaser's Phone Number: _____

Purchased In Honor Of... OR In Memory Of (Circle One):

Purchased By: _____

Purchaser's Phone Number: _____



Scan the QR code at left with your phone to access our online giving platform to make an online tulip order.



MUSIC MINISTRY



YOUNG ADULTS

A NOTE FROM EMILY SHEETZ, YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COORDINATOR

My name is Emily Sheetz and I am the new young adult ministry coordinator for Trinity. One of the main reasons why I started attending Trinity in February 2022 is because I saw the devoted young adult presence and a church that was wanting to embrace young adults for who they are. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, I moved to the Greater Lafayette area in August 2021 for a job at Purdue. Two and a half years later, I am finding myself putting down roots here in this area and Trinity is a big part of that. There is a lot to come from the young adults at Trinity, so stay tuned!

Young adults, you are invited to join us after church on Sunday, March 24th in the Great Room to do some visioning, brainstorming, and fellowship as we look towards the future of this ministry at Trinity! Lunch will be provided! You can contact Emily at emsheetz10@gmail.com!



COMMUNITY NEWS

WE'VE GOT TALENT: EVENT BENEFITTING LAFAYETTE URBAN MINISTRY

Join us for ***We've Got Talent*** — an amateur talent competition judged by a panel of local experts. The event features a live show plus refreshments & other surprises.

The best part is that 100% of the proceeds from this event go to LUM'S Good Samaritan Fund, an emergency financial assistance fund that supports local families & individuals in need.

Details are as follows:

- **DATE:** Friday, April 12
- **TIME:** Doors open – 5:30, show starts 6:30
- **PLACE:** St. Andrew United Methodist Church, West Lafayette, Indiana
- **DONATION:** \$35 per person; \$280 per table (max. 8)



For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the event's page on LUM's website: www.lumserve.org/programs/events/weve-got-talent/

CALLING ALL COOKS: CONTRIBUTE TO A SPECIAL COOKBOOK

Since Trinity has many amazing cooks, Laura Stevens is seeking recipes for a special cookbook, *Recipes for Low Vision and Blind Cooks*. She would greatly appreciate one or more of your favorite recipes for any of these categories: Soups, Salads & Dressings, Beverages, Casseroles, Meats, Snacks, and Desserts.

Since Laura has low vision herself, she would appreciate if you could use a simple font like Arial, Roboto, or Tahoma in size 16 for any recipe you send her. She asks that you keep in mind if your recipe would be relatively easy to prepare for someone with low vision or for the blind to have it read aloud.

Because of copyright concerns she also asks that your recipes not be copied from a cookbook unless altered. Laura will publish her book on Amazon Books Publishing with all proceeds going to charity. Please send your favorite recipes to Laura at lsteven@nlci.com



FAT TUESDAY PHOTO RECAP

On Tuesday, February 13, Trinity hosted a Fat Tuesday potluck featuring decadent dishes, fellowship, and a brief Ash Wednesday meditation to help us enter into the Lenten season.



ONLINE GIVING



Looking to contribute to our offering, missions campaign, etc. but need to do so via card?

Use the QR Code provided to access our online giving platform! Our online giving platform can also be found on our website:

trinitylafayette.org/give

STAINED GLASS RESTORATION FUND



Our ongoing restoration project for our stained glass windows continues. The six stained glass windows on the south side of the Sanctuary are completely restored. Check out the dramatic improvement in appearance of these windows from the outside, which is very close to what they looked like when installed about 1920 by Edna Browning Ruby.

The final step for the south side windows is the placing of internal acrylic glazing for thermal insulation of the Sanctuary, which will occur this winter. The first window of the North side of the sanctuary has been removed and is being rebuilt at this time. By spring, six windows on this side will be rebuilt and reinstalled.

Your contributions help to fund this project alongside grant funding that we receive through the Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology within the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To learn more about this project and the history of our windows, check out our website trinitylafayette.org/history. You can donate to this project through this website. Thank you for your ongoing support of this once-in-a century project.

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

MARCH OPENERS:

Mar. 3 — Mack Owings
Mar. 10 — Cullen Oakes
Mar. 17 — Nate Yoran
Mar. 24 — Emily Spilker
Mar. 31 — Ryan Wynkoop

MARCH USHERS:

Mar. 3 — Chris Erwin
Mar. 10 — Cullen Oakes
Mar. 17 — Kay Franscoviak
Mar. 24 — Emily Spilker
Mar. 31 — Ryan Wynkoop

MARCH GREETERS:

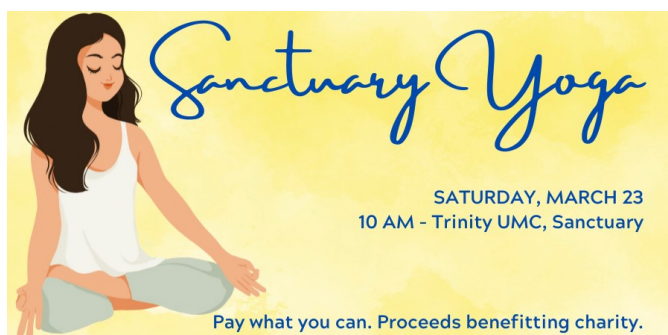
Mar. 3 — Jenny Taylor
Mar. 10 — Kay Franscoviak & Norma Singley
Mar. 17 — Jeff Caster
Mar. 24 — Kay Franscoviak & Norma Singley
Mar. 31 — Judy Robbins & Jenny Taylor



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Is your birthday missing? Let us know!

Brian Dalder	March 2
Jamie Volom	March 2
Chris Jewell	March 4
Jennifer Gray	March 14
Susie Riley	March 14
Matthew Yoran	March 15
George Morgan	March 17
Brooke Cederquist Galema	March 24
Chris Lilly	March 28
Donna Pusey	March 28



FUSION THIS MARCH

*Monday, March 18 at 6 p.m.
Great Room - Trinity UMC*

BRING YOU AND BRING YOUR STORY!

TRINITY'S BOARD

Chairperson: Dinah Dalder

Vice Chair: Kathy Manwaring

Treasurer: Claudia Alenduff

Lay Leader: Kay Franscoviak

Finance: Emily Spilker

Trustees: Steve Ash

Staff Parish: Larry Fraser

Secretary: Emily Sheetz

Endowment: Ryan Wynkoop

Discipleship Team Leader: Kay Franscoviak

Missions/Outreach: Kathy Manwaring & Betty Jackson

At Large Member: Brooks Leftwich

COMMUNICATIONS

Have pictures from church events or a story to share? Send them to Monica in the office at info@trinitylafayette.org.

Website: www.trinitylafayette.org

Facebook: [Trinity United Methodist Church, Lafayette, IN](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUnitedMethodistChurchLafayetteIN)

Be sure to like us on Facebook and share posts and events on your own wall and invite your friends! This is a great way to spread the word about our outreach events.



OFFICE INFO

Trinity's office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. During office hours the inner office door will be locked to better manage visitors and ensure safety for office staff.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:15 Connect (Zoom) 10:30 Worship (Sanc) Noon Member Class (GR)	4	5 9:30 Staff Meeting (Office) 11:15 Bible Study (Fowler)	6 6P Choir (Choir Rm) 6P Prism Youth Group (GR)	7 5P Lent Study (GR)	8	9
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17 9:15 Connect (Zoom) 10:30 Worship (Sanc) Noon Member	18 6P Fusion (GR)	19 9:30 Staff Meeting (Office) 11:15 Bible Study (Fowler)	20 6P Choir (Choir Rm) 6P Prism Youth Group (GR)	21 5P Lent Study (GR)	22	23 10 Yoga (Sanc)
24 9:15 Connect (Zoom) 10:30 Worship (Sanc)	25	26	27 6P Choir (Choir Rm) 6P Prism (GR)	28 6:30P Gov. Board (GR)	29 6P Good Friday (Sanc)	30
31 9 Easter Breakfast (GR) 10:30 Worship (Sanc)						

Changes in Office Hours:
Thursday, 3/7: Open Noon to 3
Monday, 3/11: Open 9 to Noon
Monday, 4/1: Closed (All Staff Vacation)



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Sunday Worship Services

Trinity Connect (Zoom) at 9:15 a.m.

In-Person Worship (Sanctuary) at 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Church Office Contact

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Trinity's Mission Statement:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Trinity's Vision Statement:

Growing in love and service through relationships with God and community.

Our Team

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