

# The FORWARD

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# From the Pastor:

I want to know Christ and the power of his Resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. – Philippians 3:1-11

Easter is my favorite holiday of the year. It’s not because I get to eat a big ham dinner with my family, or even have chocolate again after fasting during Lent. It’s not because of cute bunnies or bright colored eggs. And it isn’t because I have an excuse to buy a new spring outfit. Those are all good things, but not the reason I love Easter.

It’s because of the promise of the Resurrection. Without it, our faith would have no meaning, no basis. It is through his Resurrection that we know Jesus Christ has power over sin and death. It is because of his Resurrection that believers can have hope for their own future, in this world and in the world to come.

It is the Resurrection which tells me that even in the most dreadful of circumstances we still have reason for hope. I may have times when it seems death and destruction are all around me, but I always have hope because of Easter. Jesus was arrested, deserted by his friends, mocked, beaten, stood trial, was falsely convicted, and finally suffered and died on the cross. But even though it appeared his enemies had won, he was never really defeated.

Jesus rose in victory from the grave! He appeared alive to over 500 of his followers. He spoke with them, ate with them, and taught them. He ascended to heaven before their very eyes, and will return some day in similar manner. We will see him face-to-face. This is why I love Easter!

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Palm Sunday – April 14th, Worship at 9:30am.

Holy Maundy Thursday – April 18th, Worship at 7pm

Good Friday – April 19th, Worship at noon, and Sanctuary open till 3pm for prayer.

Easter Sunday – April 21st, Resurrection Service at 9:30am.

## Missions and Outreach Team

The Missions and Outreach Team has been meeting monthly to plan ways we can reach out to our community with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. So far, we have offered 4 community meals which have been enjoyed by neighbors, friends and members of the church. We have averaged 35 people at each of these meals so far, and collected a total of \$345 in free-will offerings from those attending. This money is used to buy supplies and equipment for future missions events. It is only through the generous donations and hard work of our church members that we have been able to get these meals going. Dates for upcoming meals are:

- \* March 27th, Lunch at noon, soup and grilled cheese
- \* April 10th, Dinner at 5:30pm, ham & cabbage
- \* April 24th, Lunch at noon, menu TBD

Donations of ground beef, chicken, gravy, sauce, pasta, vegetables, and rice are always welcome. We also need paper plates, napkins, cups, and plastic containers such as Cool-Whip containers to store left-overs. Watch for our signup sheets in worship if you would like to know other ways you can help with these meals, and other missions and outreach efforts. Our next team meeting will be April 7th following worship.

## Safe Sanctuaries Training

It is the policy of our church, and the greater United Methodist Church, to protect children and vulnerable adults from sexual abuse. Therefore, we are offering training on keeping all people safe in our church. It will take place on Saturday, March 30th, 10am-1pm. There is no charge for this training, and all are welcome to attend. *Volunteers and staff who work with children or vulnerable adults are required to take this training.* Please contact Pastor Jean to confirm your attendance.

## Commitment to Church Membership

Do you want to make a deeper commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ? Are you longing to be Baptized? Are you interested in becoming a professing member of our church congregation? If you answered “Yes!” to any of these questions, then you are invited to attend an informational gathering with Pastor Jean in her office on Sunday, March 31st following worship. Please let her know by Wednesday, March 27th if you plan to attend.

## Trinity UMC Travel Club News

A bus trip to Washington, DC on May 13th -15th. We will be doing some sight-seeing, attend Shear Madness (an audience participation murder mystery) at the Kennedy Center, tour the new Museum of the Bible, and more. Cost of \$600 covers the bus, hotel, show, and most meals. A reservation of \$100 is due by ASAP. Final payment is due April 15th. Please contact Holly Brittain for more information: (716) 930-4661.

## Kids Fun Night

happens on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Activities include games, crafts, snacks, music, stories and more. All kids in Kindergarten and up are welcome!

As we move towards longer days and warmer weather, Trinity UMW has many events planned to bring us together in fellowship and open to our church friends and others who would like to join us.

First off, a big thank you to all who [participated in the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 1st. While it was a small crowd, I found it a meaningful service and would be happy to share the program with anyone interested.

Upcoming events include a Social Action presentation by Virginia Klauber at 10:30 AM in the Café on Thursday, March 21st. Please bring a bag lunch with dessert provided by Friendship Circle. Sunday, March 31st is UMW Sunday and the theme is UMCOR with a special collection for this worthwhile Methodist organization. We will be collecting needed items for Flood Buckets (now referred to as Cleaning Kits see list below). On Saturday, April 6th at noon we will have our second annual Salad Bar Luncheon. Admission is a salad to share or \$10. All guests are free. Please bring someone along. Watch for the sign up sheet on the UMW Bulletin Board. We have a special musical program for your entertainment, so be sure to put this date on your calendar.

There are a few District Events you might like to attend. Contact Ellen Klock if you are interested in attending any of these events. We are still looking for some suggestions for our Summer Field Trip. Any ideas? Let one of our Executive Board Members know if there is anything you’d really like to do (followed by lunch, of course).

Please note that the Mobile Food Pantry starts again in March on the third Monday of the month. The truck arrives about 10:00 and distribution is as soon as we can get the items organized (which requires quite a few workers to sort). We should be done about noon. Most volunteers should arrive about 9:45 and a few are needed for cleanup afterwards. Please consider participating in this neighborhood outreach. We need you.

Finally, Jane Olsen from the National Office of the United Methodist Women reminds us that no matter what the Methodist Church decides, we remain an open and welcoming group for all and continue our mission of survive for women, children, and youth.

District Events

Saturday, March 16 – Gift Day @ Grand Island UMC, registration at 9:30 am  
Saturday, April 13 – Communion Breakfast and Memorial Service @ Metropolitan UMC, registration at 9:30 am  
Saturday, May 4 – Day Apart (one-day retreat) @ Batavia UMC, registration at 9:30 am. Theme: Health With a Twist: Body, Mind, and Spirit

Circle Meetings

In March an offering for Call To Prayer and Self Denial will be collected in the circles.

**Friendship Circle** Monday, March 19th - 7:00 at Trinity Café, Hostess: Judy  
Monday, April 15th - 7:00, Hostess: Diane Stone  
**Rebecca Circle** Wednesday, April 10 - 10:00, Location TBA



Cleaning Kit Materials (each kit must contain all of the listed items)

- One five-gallon round bucket with re-sealable lid (14.35” h x 12.19” w x 12.19” d) \*One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent \*One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner \*One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap \*One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener (three solid, or three gel fresheners also acceptable. \*One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable) \*One scrub brush \*18 re-useable cleaning wipes \*Five scouring pads sponges (no soap) \*36-50 clothespins \*One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line) \*24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes) \*Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness) \*Two pairs kitchen gloves \*One pair work gloves Important Notes \*All items must be new with the exception of the bucket and lid. \*All cleaning agents must be liquid form. No powders are accepted. If items have been omitted, label bucket and indicate which items are missing.
- Sponges have been removed from the list of supplies due to the challenge of locating the non-cellulose sponges that prevent mildew. Non-cellulose sponges will be added to each bucket upon arrival at the affiliate warehouse. Do not include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits. Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.



**Your donation of bottles and cans goes to our commitment for Shared Ministries. PLEASE EMPTY AND RINSE BOTTLES AND CANS AND SEPARATE GLASS BOTTLES. We collect only “REFUNDABLE” bottles and cans. If you prefer to redeem the bottles yourself we will happily accept your \$\$\$ donation. Bottles such as Iced Tea, Gatorade, etc. are not refundable, and should be recycled as usual. Thanks and keep ‘em coming! Your nickels add up!! PLEASE DO NOT PUT TRASH/GARBAGE IN RECYCLING BIN.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS @ TRINITY



March 31 is our next Undie Sunday. Bring in your donation of NEW under garments of all kinds for men, women and children



### RUMMAGE SALE!

**Friday May 3 from 7-8:30 PM Saturday May 4 from 9-11:30 AM**

You may drop off your gently used treasures at church beginning Sunday May 5. We also need your help sorting and pricing items on Thursday evening May 2) from 6-8 PM and all day Friday beginning at 9 AM until the sale begins. Please contact Edie Weaver at 716-812-6073 with any questions



If you've ever thought about working with children then **The Christian Ed Department needs your help!** We are looking for volunteers to teach Sunday School, do an occasional craft, share their gift of music or any other talents or activity. We are currently working with only 2 teachers and according to the Safe Sanctuary policy, we are required to have 2 adults present at all times for all activities. Help build our church by helping build our Christian Ed Program. Please consider your time for either Sunday School, Kid Jam or both. Contact Edie Weaver for more information.  
716-812-6073

### MOBILE FOOD PANTRY DATES

March 18 ; April 15 ; May 20 ; June 17

If you know anyone who may need some extra groceries, please invite them to our Mobile Food Pantry. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 10am. You do not have to be a member of Trinity to get involved. Contact Ellen Klock 716-208-6802

### ONLINE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

**You now have access to the current membership list via our website. The directory is password protected and can only be viewed by church members. If you would like the password, please call or email the office.**