

## Pastor's Desk

Ash Wednesday arrives on Wednesday, February 10, the beginning of Lent. Dating to the early church, Lent was a time of baptismal preparation for adults. For forty days (calling to mind the forty years of desert wanderings of the Children of Israel and Jesus' forty days in the wilderness) adults were immersed in the scriptures, shared the fellowship of other Christians and learned the lifestyle of the faith. The emphasis of this instruction was their radical transformation from their previous life to Christianity. Pagans would begin to worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Yahweh). Jews came to know the long-expected Savior, Jesus. The student's old ways, often characterized by all manner of immoral acts and idol worship, would be put to death with the baptismal act of dying to their old life and rising to the new life in Christ.

We Christians of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, raised in a land steeped in historically Christian institutions and cultural supports, cannot imagine the tremendous change for these early believers. The change was dramatic...as dramatic as night and day. We cannot begin to comprehend the transition. Before baptism, many of these pagans were part of the abusive and destructive Roman power structure and repressive institutions of the day that persecuted the Christian faithful. After their conversion and baptism, they moved from being the persecutors to the persecuted.

Each Lent, I often think of these early Christians. I think we need a transformation as dramatic as theirs. Too often we are so uncritically immersed in the culture around us that we are indistinguishable **from** the culture. We seem to buy into the dominant themes of power, materialism, sexual exploitation, and violence which flow over and around us all the time. I know that last sentence sounds trite and timeworn but I could "unpack" each of these four "themes" with multiple illustrations from television, movies, and observations of people in shopping centers, on the highways and public gatherings.

A major Lenten theme is repentance....an old, alienating word to today's ears which means stopping dead in our tracks, taking a good look at our behavior and attitudes, assessing them over against the faith we profess, then making a one-hundred-eighty degree about face when we realize that our behavior and attitudes do not reflect that faith. I make no apology for the word or the reality of the need for repentance in our private and public life. I do not think the use of that word needs to conjure up images of sour faced people with curmudgeonly attitudes about having fun or living the full life. I think we need repentance precisely in order to live a full and God-filled life.

If these ramblings at all intrigue you, be part of worship and Sunday school this Lent. Listen attentively as scripture engages us with a different vision of being fully human, a vision established on the bedrock of Jesus' person, his ministry, death and resurrection. Who knows, maybe we, like the catechumates of the early church, may also experience a transformation.

*All my love,  
Joe*

## TRINITY HI-LITES "ABOUT US"

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The following members and friends of Trinity were included in our prayer list during January:

Emily Saylor	Karen Saylor
Linda Lescaleet	April Ellis
Elouise Himes	Lorraine & Don Hair
Jean Carr	Esther Semler
Reese Burdette	Jean Lefler
Lisa Lewis	William Hopkins
Steve Riddle	Lucy Eshelman
Dorothy Prussuto	Joan Durand
Sarah Ellis	

### ATTENTION

Announcements for the bulletin must be submitted to the church office **NO LATER** than **9:00 Friday morning**.

Newsletter articles should be submitted into the church office **NO LATER** than the **15th of the month**.

### February Birthdays

Feb.	1	Karen Cunningham
	3	William Dellinger
	6	Robert Glausier
	6	Amy Landsman
	6	Elaine Scrivener
	7	Joseph Donovan
	10	Douglas May
	10	Jason McElroy
	10	Joseph O'Brien
	11	Matthew Bikle
	12	Larry Dalton
	13	Kenneth Hoffman
	14	Peggy Beeler
	14	Laura McElroy
	16	Lucy Eshelman
	17	Jean Bridges
	17	Stephanie Holder
	17	Julie Seabright
	18	Klaire Williams
	19	Margaret Bidle
	21	Tuba Greenfield
	21	Laurie Metz
	22	John Talley
	24	John Everline
	26	J. Gilbert Everline
	26	Jacob Rockwell
	26	Lisa Talley

### SECRETARY AND PASTOR OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday	9:00 AM – Noon
Friday	9:00 AM – Noon



We express our deepest sympathies to Kristy Smith at the death of her cousin, Susi Shaver. We pray that God would bless Kristy and her extended family with His peace.

We express our deepest sympathies to Susan Brown at the death of her mother, Joan Durand. We pray that God would bless Susan and her extended family with His peace.



#### FEBRUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb. 7	Cunningham
Feb. 14	Burkett
Feb. 21	Burkett
Feb. 28	

The above dates are open for flowers to be placed on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one. Flowers and appropriate greenery add a great deal to the beauty of our church.



The Men's Bible Study meets in the social room at 8:00 AM each month on the first and third Sundays. We meet on February 7 & 21. We always have room around the table for a few more men. Join us as we gather over pastries and coffee to discuss scripture.



#### NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR 10:15 WORSHIP

Feb 7	Julie Williams
Feb 14	Karen Cunningham
Feb 21	Jennifer Poffenberger
Feb 28	Theresa Foster

Please be considerate to others when placing your children in the nursery during worship time. The nursery is for children age infant to 4 years old. Older children 5 and older should not be in the nursery. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure our little ones are properly well cared for.



Our Children's Church Program at Trinity is a wonderful ministry to our young people ages 4 through grade 3. Children's church is offered the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's of the month as part of our 10:15 A.M. worship service. Below are listed the leaders for January through April:

Feb.	Karen Tribett
Mar.	Julie Williams
Apr.	Jen Poffenberger



### Joyful Noise Choir

Children ages 3 and older are encouraged to participate in the Joyful Noise choir. We practice the last 15 minutes of Sunday school and sing to the congregation on the 4th Sunday of each month. If you have any questions, please call Jen Poffenberger at 301-432-0456.



This is an invitation to anyone in the congregation to share their talents with us by offering to play and/or sing during the church year, not just for special services. Just let me know when you might like to present your prepared music as a part of the service and we will give you the opportunity to shine. You will have a rewarding experience as part of our worship. Thank you, Mike Beeler.

### NEW BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Donovan is offering a weekly Tuesday Bible study at 9:15 a.m. in the church lounge in the education wing. This study is for **women only**. The Bible study topics will vary depending upon the topics the group suggests. Please feel free to bring your Bible and join us!



### FEBRUARY FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Get out of the house! Come join us for First Friday Fellowship on **Friday, February 5th**. Doors open at 5:30 PM and dinner will be served at 5:45 PM. Enjoy a dinner of lasagna and salad and some conversation with friends new and old. A free will offering will help with costs.

RSVP to [kristyathome@hotmail.com](mailto:kristyathome@hotmail.com), or call Kristy Smith at 240-285-8894.

### The Gift of Water - Bookmark



*Dear Lord of all creation:*

*In the beginning, you tamed the dark, chaotic waters of creation. You gave birth to the land on which we live and the world on which we depend.*

*During Jesus' life, He commanded the stormy seas to obey him. He walked on water. He showed the disciples that God is more powerful than anything that may threaten us.*

*When we face personal difficulties such as temptation, sorrow, pain - other storms in life - help us trust you to get us through.*



*We depend on you each day to give us the things we need. Thank you for the gift of water, which is more necessary to our life than all of our earthly riches, and yet is given to us in such abundance.*

Wendy Zimmerman

### Water Challenge during Advent

Congratulations to all who took part in the water/fluid challenge during Advent:

Kristy, Mary Francis, Karen, Kimmarie, Theresa, Barb, Jean, Chip, Beth, JJ, Karen, Melissa, Chuck, Jane, Elaine, Edda, Woody, Martha, Joe, and Susan

### Infused Water Recipes

Choose one of the following flavors and mix the ingredients with 8 to 12 cups of water, refrigerate for at least 1 hour and then enjoy

#### Vanilla Orange -

1 thinly sliced orange and 1 tsp. vanilla extract

#### Apple Cinnamon -

1 thinly sliced apple and 1 cinnamon stick

#### Cucumber Mint -

1 small thinly sliced cucumber and 5 mint leaves

#### Strawberry Basil -

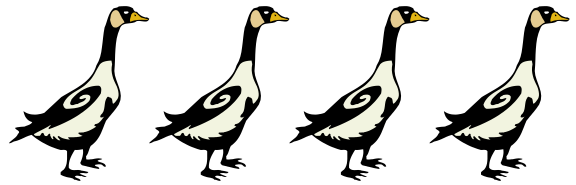
$\frac{1}{2}$  cup of sliced strawberries and 5 basil leaves



The February Prime Timers gathering is scheduled for 12 noon in **Trinity's social room on Wednesday, February 17**. The group will enjoy a lunch of soup, bread and dessert

followed by a speaker who will present interesting information about a little community in southern Washington County. Come join us if you are available that day!

Amen



### Gaggle Gathers to Giggle

If you are on Facebook and would like to be added to the Gaggle page, please let Kristy know. We would not want you to miss any scoop!



The South County Food Pantry is again hosting a PaintNite event to benefit the Micah's Backpack program on **Saturday, February 6, 2016** at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 64 South Main Street, Boonsboro, MD. It will begin at 2:00 pm. The price per ticket is \$45.00. Micah's Backpack of South Washington County is currently serving 98 students at 5 elementary schools and, with the uncertainty of the operations at the Maryland Food Bank-Western Branch, this fundraiser will help us continue to provide nutritious meals over the weekends. Please register at <http://paintnite.com/pages/events/view/northernmd/932755>. You may contact Lisha Bikle at 301-667-2406 or [goldenlover@myactv.net](mailto:goldenlover@myactv.net) if you have questions about this fun event. Thank you for your support!



Join us on **Tuesday, February 9** as we observe Shrove Tuesday with our annual all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage supper from **5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. A free will offering helps defray the expenses. If you can help with the supper, please call **Mark Poffenberger** at **301-988-6629**.



On **Wednesday, February 10**, we begin Lent with our Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. The service begins at **7:00 PM**. **Please join us!**



Trinity Youth Group  
Spaghetti Dinner  
**Sat. February 20<sup>th</sup> 5 – 7 pm**  
In Trinity's Social Room

\$7.00 per person, family rate of \$25  
Reservations encouraged by contacting  
Cindy Hutchinson, [cinhutch@aol.com](mailto:cinhutch@aol.com)  
or 301-432-2602

Dinner includes a delicious entrée of spaghetti with homemade sauce, crisp green salad with a choice of dressing, fresh bread, coffee, punch and a variety of cakes.



## Annual Meeting held on February 28

Trinity's **Annual Congregational Meeting and luncheon** follows the 10:15 worship service on **Sunday, February 28**. The Council will provide fried chicken for the luncheon. We ask you to bring a **salad, vegetable or dessert** to share when you come to church that morning. We will receive a free- will offering to help defray the cost of the chicken. This meeting, which follows the luncheon, is an opportunity to review the treasurer's reports and committee reports for 2015 and to discuss program ideas for this calendar year. Please come and be involved!



The Boonsboro Cemetery Association will hold its yearly meeting in the Social Room at **3:00 PM on Sunday, February 28**. The members of Trinity's Congregation Council are members of the Association and asked to make every effort to attend this important meeting.



Our annual chili cook off is slated for **Saturday, March 5th at 5:30 PM** in the social room. We need to know how you will participate. Let Kristy or Tom Smith know if you will be entering a chili recipe, or if you would like to do one of the following:

Open mic/talent show  
dessert or bread provider  
set up, clean up, ticket table  
Don't miss the fun!

### Cooking Class Take 2

On Tuesdays, beginning March 8th, a series of 4 weekly classes will focus on fast and furious family friendly meals. Up your culinary game with some new dishes, shopping hints and idea exchanges. The cost is \$75 and includes a tasting of the dishes, and nearly all of the ingredients to take home and make them yourself. Space is limited to 12, so register today. See Kristy Smith for more information.



## MAR-LU-RIDGE SUMMER CAMP

Come and join us this upcoming summer for a wonderful week of camp! The summer camp brochure with a full schedule and camp descriptions is available here at the church as well as online at [www.Mar-Lu-Ridge.org](http://www.Mar-Lu-Ridge.org).

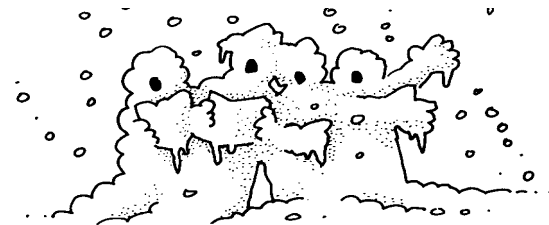
Mar-Lu-Ridge offers:

- a fun, small group, Christ-centered week in the woods
- affordable pricing starting at \$405 per week for overnight and \$165 for day camp
- friendships and memories that stay with your child
- camperships to ensure that all children can attend camp
- a wide variety of unique specialty programs for all ages!
- ACA certification means MLR meets the highest safety standards

Interested families may consider joining us at one of our open houses from 2:00 to 4:30 PM on Sundays March 20, April 24 and May 22.

If you have any questions, please contact MLR by e-mail at [MLR@Mar-Lu-Ridge.org](mailto:MLR@Mar-Lu-Ridge.org) or by phone at 301-874-5544.

Registration opens January 1, 2016!



### CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may learn of the cancellation of Sunday school and/or worship services due to snow or ice by calling the church office (301-432-2226) and listening to the outgoing message, by checking your email for an email blast or by tuning to the following local radio stations:

WCRH (90.5 FM)

WJEJ (1240 AM)



# The Bulletin Board

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