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Pastor's Corner

Lent, 2017

"Savior, when in dust to you, low we bow in homage due; when, repentant, to the skies scarce we lift our weeping eyes; oh, by all your pains and woe suffered once for us below, bending from your throne on high, hear our penitential cry!"

(Robert Grant, "Savior, When in Dust to You" ELW #601)

Easter comes late this year (April 16, as compared to March 27 last year). Which means that Lent comes late this year (March 1, as compared to February 10 last year)

Late is better. It has given us time to put all those Advent preparations and Christmas festivities behind us. When Lent comes early, our bodies and spirits are still recuperating from the energies we expended in relation to the Christmas holiday (example – how many of us get sick or feel tired after Christmas?). But when Lent comes late, we have had more Epiphany time to ponder with Mary and the wise men some of the deeper meanings of Christ's arrival to our world. And we have started to feel a little more deeply than usual our need for God.

When Lent arrives late, we can appreciate it more for another reason. One of the meanings of Lent is "lengthening of days". We have all noticed the increased hours of sunlight as we mark the length of winter. And the increased sunlight we have witnessed only makes us long for more. That is so much of what Lent is about – yearning, longing, waiting for new birth. We celebrate that new birth on Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord.

A few months ago we reminded ourselves that "Jesus is the reason for the season". Lent however, says to us that "We are the reason for the season". This time of transition, from darkness to light, from cold to warm, is not without its difficulties and dangers. We have had extra time this year to think about our frailties, to feel our brokenness, to sense our need for God's forgiveness and transforming power. That is why I say that we are the reason for this season. Lent came into being as a response to our longing for God, and our longing for nothing less than God.

Wednesday, March 1 is Ash Wednesday. We will hold worship that evening at 7:00. We will offer the imposition of ashes – the rite in which we acknowledge death, brokenness, and powerlessness. We will confess our sins. We will hear the Word, meant to expand and give hope to our hearts. We will commune at the table of our Lord, being assured by God himself that he has taken our sin, our death and brokenness and defeated them by his power and love. And we will prepare our hearts and lives for Easter.

Consecration Sunday Is Coming March 26

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, March 26, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* (which will be handed out that day) does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Church Council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Susan Layos, Church Council President

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

Nancy Itnyre	Karen Saylor
Kristi Lescaleet	Leonard Summers
Dixie Patton	Jean Carr
J.J. Bain	Gene Walter Lewis
Peggy Costion	Rose Marie Ciprich
Jim Everline	Mary Wolfe
Al Fitch	Raymond Grove
Rose Sours	Barbara Douglas
Bill Hughes	Jeff Stewart
Lori McLaughlin	Laura McDermitt
Declan Bennett	Don Hair
Sarah Ellis	Levi Vance
Sandy Powell	Ross Cunningham
Dylan Starkey	Lucy Eshelman
Jean McCammon	Betty Swain
Chris Kalmasy	Angy Kalmasy
Katie Kalmasy	Mike Flores
Richard Bennett	Nancy Itnyre
Lauri Neubauer	



March Birthdays

Mar.	4	Kaitlyn Poffenberger
	4	Sharon Reeves
	4	Kristin Bowl
	6	Matthew DeBaugh
	7	Faith Hoffman
	7	Brianna Holder
	10	Joseph Layos
	13	Hannah Leizear
	13	Taylor Williams
	15	Cole Deater
	15	Heath Talhelm
	18	Aubrey Foster
	20	Judy Garrison
	20	Doris Hoffman
	24	Adam Dellinger
	26	J. Michael Beeler
	27	Cindy Hutchinson
	28	Ryan May
	28	Michele Proce
	29	Ailey Bodenheimer
	29	Grace Pippin
	31	Dillon Bodenheimer
	31	Jane Henry

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 **20th of the month**.

SECRETARY AND PASTOR OFFICE HOURS:

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



Jean McCammon wishes to thank everyone at Trinity for their concern and care expressed through prayers, cards, calls, food and visits. They have meant so much to her during her recent injuries and recovery. She has missed not being at Sunday School and worship services with the rest of us and is looking forward to being back soon.

Anna Burkett (sister of Patti Burkett) wishes to thank Trinity for helping her move from Hagerstown to Smithsburg recently. People of Trinity moved furniture, rented and drove the truck, took care of other arrangements and made it easier for Anna to cook meals in her own kitchen and navigate through every room in her new home (and she is able to visit her mother's grave now – in addition to being closer to Patti). She says, "Thank you again for all that you do and God bless you all".



MARCH ALTAR FLOWERS

- Mar. 5 taken
- Mar. 12
- Mar. 19 taken
- Mar. 26

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 parsonage at 8:00 AM each month on the first and third Sundays. We meet on March 5 & 19. We always have room around the table for a few more men. Join us as we gather over pastries and coffee to discuss scripture.



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. Any questions, please call **Jen Poffenberger** at **301-432-0456**.



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 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month as part of our worship service. Volunteers needed! Please consider leading two Sundays a month so that we are able to continue this ministry. Thanks so much!



NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

- Mar. 5 Lindsay & Mike Norris
- Mar. 12 Karen Cunningham
- Mar. 19 Laura Lager
- Mar. 26 Julie Williams

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. Children 5 and older should not be in the nursery. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure our little ones will be properly cared for.



On **Wednesday, March 1**, 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!**



THE KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP will be meeting on March 13 & 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the social room, any questions please contact Kim Nally, 301-432-4431 or email her at kimmyrt@myactv.net.

Family Fun Night Fundraiser Saturday March 4th

We're changing it up! Instead of a chili cook off, we'll hold a family fun night. Enjoy pulled pork barbecue and a potluck of the congregation's best comfort food. Live entertainment and an auction, too! Tickets will be \$5 each in advance and \$8 at the door.

Plan now to bring a dish, entertain the crowd, and/or donate a special item to the auction. Proceeds will support the purchase of portable sound equipment for our music ministries.



The Prime Timers will meet Wednesday, March 15, at noon for a St. Patrick's Day potluck. Bring something green to share. (Green Ham, Green Eggs, green beer and bring a friend.) There is a sing up sheet in the back of church call Larry Dalton 301-606-7739.



Mar Lu Ridge Annual Spring Work Day will be held **Saturday, April 18**. We begin with breakfast at 8 am in Agape Hall. All are welcome - we have jobs for all ages and abilities. Bring your work clothes and we'll see you there! Please let us know you are coming by contacting the camp office: mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org.



Council has approved the church directory being placed on the church web page with a pass code so only members can view it. It is available on the church website under the Member link at the top of the page. Please ask Kristin B. for the code to access the membership directory. Or, we can simply make you a paper copy of the latest update. Please just ask Cynthia Grills or Elaine Michaels.



CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement of the cancellation of Sunday school and/or worship services due to snow or ice can be heard on the following radio stations:

- WCRH (90.5 FM) WFRE (99.9 FM)
- WJEJ (1240 AM)



PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT

If a loved one is admitted to the hospital and you wish Pastor Ron to visit them, please let him know that your loved one is in the hospital. Call him on his cell phone at 304-561-4482. He would love to visit any patient in the hospital but needs to know they are there!



A Taize style prayer service will be held at St. James Catholic Church in Boonsboro on **Friday, March 24, at 7:00 PM**. This candlelit service is intended to help people calm the distractions in their minds so they can listen closely to the Holy Spirit. During the service, passages of scripture are read slowly, simple Christian songs are sung, periods of silence take place, and some prayers are said. It's a powerful way to pray corporately and privately at the same time. The service will be held on the fourth Friday of every month throughout the year. St James is located at **121 N. Main St. in Boonsboro.**



Facility Use Update

If you are interested in using the church for an activity or family function, it is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Please, review the updated, "Facility Use" info on the Web site. Review to see if the date you are requesting is available on the church calendar web page, as well as: the required deposit, rules, clean up, and other possible applicable fees.
2. Contact Steve Jamison@ 301-730-5062. He will review everything with you and have you sign the contract. He will then contact the person to place the info on the web calendar.
3. Double check the website calendar within the next 24 hours to verify that your activity, date, and location have been reserved on the web page church calendar.

(We are actively seeking a person to be the web page calendar entry person. If interested please let Pastor Ron know!)



MAR-LU-RIDGE SUMMER CAMP

Join us this summer for a Christ-centered camp experience at Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Retreat Center. Mar-Lu-Ridge is one of the greatest jewels in the crown of the Delaware Maryland Synod, and it is located only fourteen miles from Trinity! Did you know there are programs available for young people ages 6-17 and as well as programs for

families? We have traditional small group camping and we have what we call Adventure and Specialty programs available also. Visit the website to learn more and register today. Just go to www.mar-lu-ridge.org/camp. Remember – **Summer Camp Changes Lives. Join us today? Community – Service – Sanctuary!!!**

Open House Dates: A great way to see the camp and meet our staff! March 26, April 30, May 21. Agape Hall 2-4:30 pm

Visit their website to view the brochure and choose your camp today. www.mar-lu-ridge.org



We welcome Keith Lefler to the church council. He is replacing Gene Walkley, who resigned in January.



Upcoming Dates to Mark on your Calendar

Pack a Pew on *June 11th!* Most Winning pew sitters receive a prize! These must be **visitors** you have asked to attend. :)

A Community Ice Cream Social *July 9th.* Open invitation to Boonsboro and nearby residents to Ice Cream after church. 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Scoopers needed.

The Bulletin Board

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Ash Wednesday Service	2 1-3 PM Food Pantry & Micah's Backpack 6 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM AA Meeting	3	4 5:30 PM Family Fun Night
5 8 AM Men's Bible Study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Worship w/Communion – 11:30 AM	6	7 9:15 AM Ladies Bible Class	8 7 PM Contemporary Choir 7 PM Support Group	9 1-3 PM Food Pantry & Micah's Backpack 7 PM AA Meeting	10	11
12 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM Contemporary Worship	13 Knitting & Crochet Group 6:30 PM	14 9:15 AM Ladies Bible Class 7 PM Church Council	15 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group	16 1-3 PM Food Pantry & Micah's Backpack 6 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM AA Meeting	17	18
19 8 AM Men's Bible study 9 AM SCS 10:15 AM worship Children's Church.	20	21 9:15 AM Ladies Bible Class	22 7 PM Adult Choir 7 PM Support Group	23 1-3 PM Food Pantry & Micah's Backpack 7 PM AA Meeting	24	25
26 9 AM SCS - 10:15 AM Consecration Sunday Children's Church/ Joyful Noise Choir - Children's Church Noisy Change Offering	27 Knitting & Crochet Group 6:30 PM	28 9:15 AM Ladies Bible Class				

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